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SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They joined to get that money and some benefits...

SENATOR CUDABACK: I did, Senator. Thank you. Senator Janssen, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Getting back to the basic bill itself, you know, and the program that has been in place for quite a few years now. It's given a lot of young men and women a chance to get an education that they probably wouldn't have had before this was initiated. It's a struggle. It's a struggle for them, like any other young man or young woman has when he's going through school. Now, that doesn't mean that everyone...this tuition program doesn't mean that everyone who joins the National Guard is going to take advantage of this. There are some of the members who have gotten their education before and then decided to join the National Guard. So we're looking at an institution that has been around a long time. The National Guard has been here for a long time. And, of course, 50, 60, 70 years ago, an education wasn't quite as necessary as it is now. Now young people have to pursue a higher education for their own good. Because what you used to could get with a high school degree isn't that available anymore. You're going to have to get higher education. And if you don't have the monetary means, then you have to go somewhere like this program. I'm sure that the people who are in the Guard now probably had no intention, when they were in high school, of joining the National Guard. But when they did find out what it was going to cost them to go to college, they thought, well, you know, if I can give the military four years of my life, or six, or whatever the enlistment is for, that's an avenue they can pursue. Most of us here have probably been in the military service, most of the males anyway, and some of the female senators probably have, too. You know, it's an experience. I believe Senator Chambers was in the Army at one time, like so many of our colleagues. It's an experience that I think everyone should have a little touch of, to find out what