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military life is really like. Up until two years ago, or whenever we started our actions over in Iraq, the most that could be expected of the National Guard members probably was, you know, doing things here in the state, being called out in storms and so on, so forth. But that didn't mean that they couldn't be called up by the federal government, which did happen. So I think that some of the people who haven't taken advantage of the tuition program, when they come back from over there, they probably will. It will give them an opportunity to better themselves and to keep our strength in the National Guard here in Nebraska at a level which it should be. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Chambers, on the Thompson amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, much of what is said in defense of Senator Janssen's bill, in defense of it, is irrelevant. First of all, I can concede everything he's saying--that people want to have assistance when they go to school. I'd venture to say the young people sitting in the front of the room right now would like to have some assistance in going to school. I have spent decades trying to get assistance for university athletes to go to school, and I haven't always had support on this floor. Yet, they bring millions of dollars to the state, and many hours of entertainment and delight to the citizens of the state. But the citizens are not willing to see them compensated at all. I keep in my mind the way we deal on other issues that come before us. This one takes high priority now, because of Iraq. Some people, as Senator Schimek pointed out has been her experience, have gone to some of these activities when people are leaving to go to Iraq or when they're coming back. But there are others who don't need to go to those gatherings or activities to understand what a terrible thing war is. It is unjust. I don't know of any other person in Nebraska, besides myself, who is in public life, who condemned the policy of your President and your Pentagon, who imposed a rule that the media cannot be present to record the homecoming of these young people in the flag-draped coffins. That's what lets you see the price of the war in human terms. Why don't people get up on this floor and talk about