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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Janssen, would you yield?

SENATOR JANSSEN: I believe that by raising this to 100 percent, we are going to quite possibly be a little bit on the short side on our figures. But if we have \$900,000, or if we have \$1,200,000, the reimbursement is going to be for that amount. You're not going to be able to go over that cap. So you're going...the amount of people that are eligible for that tuition will have to fall under that amount.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: If you have more people that are asking for this than you have funds available, what happens?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, with the way the bill is now, it would say up to 100 percent. It would be on a sliding scale, the money that's available, what the percentage would be. If it comes out to be 75 percent with the money that's available, then you'd be at 75 percent. Or if it was a 62 percent, the money available for...and the amount of people you had.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Well, I think we're in the position, as a Legislature, that we don't want to do anything that in any way negates the efforts of our soldiers. But on the other hand, I think that we should be realistic, and I think that what is being proposed, candidly, doesn't accomplish anything. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Don Pederson. Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you. I think what this is coming down to is a benefit versus...I mean, we're mixing it up with what we do with scholarships. And the scholarships of the state are need-based, or merit-based. This is a pure benefit. It is not need-based, although we hear from the people who are pushing the bill that a lot of people who join the Guard don't have resources for education, and this is a draw for them. So this is a benefit we're talking about here. My concern with going to 100 percent...and I think we've started there this morning, talking about what that benefit should be. Should it be