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who have a general discharge under honorable conditions, would, I think, be sent the wrong message that we don't really respect what they have done. That's not going to encourage them to want to stay involved. We need more involvement by more people if things are going to actually get accomplished. And as our pool of available resources gets diminished, we get less done. We're stronger when we're united. We're stronger when we have more people putting their efforts forward. I think to limit and to send the message that people who have served honorably but got a general discharge is really not a good message to send. But the additional message is, we really don't think we want you serving again. And by doing so, those people and others just pull out of that reserve of volunteers who would be available. So I think that's an important reason to vote against Senator Cunningham's amendment. Senator Cunningham is doing something to represent constituents, and I respect that. They asked him to bring this amendment. He has done so. He now has a couple of options. One, he can withdraw the amendment, and he has good justification to those constituents to say, this would have made the bill controversial, it would have bogged it down, it would have defeated the purpose, and I made a judgment call and I just withdrew it. That's an honorable way to do it. He could take it to a vote and tell those folks he kept his commitment, he held the line and he did what he said he was going to do. That kind of hard-line approach I could still respect. Then two things could happen--we could vote it up, or we could vote it down. If it gets attached, I think that's the wrong message that we send and I've outlined my reasons why. If it gets voted down, then we move on and we go to the committee amendments. Voting it down, I think, would be the best course of action, if it does go to a vote. It would be easier and, in my view, make it straightforward if it were withdrawn, but that's not my call. And, Senator Cunningham, if you would like the remainder of my time, I would certainly yield it to you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Cunningham, about 1, 32.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Yes, thank you, Senator Cudaback. Thank you, Senator Preister. I have been up front looking at the lights that are pushed to talk, and it doesn't appear to me that there's anybody willing to talk that's in favor of this