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some traffic or an absence or something else, you are not going to be penalized. We'll stand at ease if we have to, or we'll adjourn early. So I'm trying to take stress out of others' lives with regard to tomorrow. We will begin committee first priority bill debate next week, and I'm...it will not be Monday morning at 10:00. That's not the style I'm trying to develop. But we will begin committee first priority bill debate next week and we will have no Select File prior to the week following. Thank you for your time. I'll try to keep these brief. I'm trying to pass along information so you can plan your lives. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Speaker Brashear. We appreciate your comments. On with discussion of the committee amendments to LB 54. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I just wanted to speak once on this bill, because I do have feelings about it. I am a veteran. I spent my time in Thailand. Nobody ever shot at me. But I've met a lot of people who were shot at, and most all those people...I wasn't here for the first part of the debate, but I thought it might be worth reminding you that an awful lot of people who have discharges of any type were people who came into the service very young, 18, 19, 20 years old. Many of them had come from totally undisciplined environments, feeling the freedom of youth. Many of them may not have adapted easily to the harsh discipline of an army at war; may not have adapted easily to the authority of a commanding officer; may not have adapted easily to abrupt variations in family life; may not have made good judgments, perfect judgments. But they served and, if the organization they served for determined that they served in an honorable way, whether that discharge was general or whether it was identified as honorable I think is enough. Many of these people didn't even want to serve, and that, too, I think should be taken into consideration. Having said that, Senator Schimek, I did want to ask for one clarification on the committee amendment. In lines 18 through 23, you indicate that all members of the veterans service committee and all personnel, except--and here are the words that I want to ask you about--"certain special and clerical help," shall have all of the qualifications described.