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SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Okay. I just wanted to clarify that, that it is a measure, at this point, that simply financially benefits funding for the Air National Guard, and the Army National Guard is being paid for by federal funds. I think that needed to be clarified at this time. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Chambers, you're recognized.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Picking up where I left off, what to their wondering eyes should appear but this strangely attired individual, walking down the street, all of the rats following him. And he had a smile on his face. He didn't even look like he was built like human beings, the ordinary human beings. It didn't look like, where joints are found in other people, that joints were found with this person. It looked like little springs were there, because he moved with such fluidity that nobody had ever seen such a thing before. Others began to think that maybe he was an apparition, not a human being at all. But he marched and came to the sea. And the rats took the signal, and the music caused those rats to go into the sea, and all were drowned. The Pied Piper came back to the politicians. The Pied Piper said, we struck a deal; I've delivered on mine, now you deliver on your end. And they responded as the dancers had to the fiddler: We got what we wanted. The rats are gone. You cannot bring them back. We're not going to give you anything. Beat it, buster. And if you don't, we have a contract with the Omaha Police, and we'll bring them in here and they will mistake your flute for a long rifle and they will blow you away. Now, what do you want to do? So he turned away, and his smile never faded. He just stepped out into the street, put his flute to his lips, and played a different tune. And this time, no rats were there to respond. But there were little children, and they responded. And the townspeople noted that all of their children were leaving their homes, they were leaving the playground, they were even leaving the Class I schools, those homes where they were being homeschooled, they left the homeschools. Here come the little children, from wherever they were. Little toddlers who kind of stumbled along when they walked suddenly stood upright and