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child won't do it. That's the way the Legislature is. Senator Janssen ordinarily doesn't have strings pulled on him from outside, but that no longer is the case. The National Guard has him jumping through a hoop. It has a majority of my colleagues supporting a bill which makes no sense at all. I don't know how many people are even aware of the statutes that govern the Military Department in the state of Nebraska. I have read all of those statutes and what called them to my attention was the attempted lynching of a black Nebraska National Guardsman in Alabama at one of their summer camps. And after I dealt with the issue, Nebraska did not go there anymore. And at the time all of this was going on, people were telling me I couldn't get anything done;...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that the National Guard was too big and that then Governor Jim Exon was not going to fold. That's the way they considered his cooperating with what it was I thought ought to be done. Well, he didn't fold. He did the right thing. He said the National Guard is not going down there anymore. And there was correspondence, communication between him and the Governor of Mississippi, which was the state that sent those guardsmen to that camp, and they went through the motions of stringing this young black National Guardsman up. I do not view the National Guard or anything else that pertains to America and this state exactly the way my white colleagues would view them. I do not trust an adjutant general with this kind of authority. I would not trust the administrator of a university, or a college,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...or an agency with this kind of discretion. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion? Senator Thompson, on the motion to reconsider.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Just wanted to comment on Senator Chambers' analysis of