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number of permits purchased by armed forces members who live in Nebraska. Such an increase could offset any decrease in the cash fund. Major General Lempke testified at the bill's hearing that armed forces members, such as those at Offutt Air Force Base, will be more inclined to purchase permits if there is a mechanism to apply for a discounted permit to replace one that couldn't be used. Even if the bill did not increase purchases, I believe that the fiscal note's estimate is a small amount to restore a benefit that members of the military given up they paid for but could not use because they fulfilled their obligation to serve their country. This legislation is a small way that we can help military veterans return and continue with their life. I believe that Senator Schrock will be discussing the Natural Resource Committee's amendments to LB 121, and then an amendment that he also has to introduce on the bill. I support his amendments, and will be happy to answer any questions following Senator Schrock's introduction of the committee amendments. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Loudon. We'll now move to committee amendment AM0046 by the Natural Resources Committee. Senator Schrock, you're recognized.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Lieutenant Governor and members of the Legislature, listen up. We need to do this right. Because of a drafting error, I'm going to ask you to vote against this amendment, and then we'll have the proper one up in the proper sequence. So please vote red on this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Chambers, you're recognized.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I want to ask Senator Schrock a question. Senator...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Schrock, would you yield?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes.

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