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SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Senator Cornett, if I could ask you just one question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Cornett.

SENATOR CORNETT: Yes, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: If it were helpful, for purposes of further avoiding equal protection arguments, is there...and since there's such a small number apparently, is there any reason not to include civilian retirees, federal or civilian retirees, as beneficiaries of this bill?

SENATOR CORNETT: Do you mean DOD retirees?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Pardon me? They might be DOD, they might be other agencies of government, but...

SENATOR CORNETT: Since it's such a limited...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...probably most of them would be DOD.

SENATOR CORNETT: I was going to say, mostly DOD. It's DOD employees and military employees that these companies hire.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'm sorry?

SENATOR CORNETT: I said it's DOD employees and military contractors...or I mean military retirees that these companies hire.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So you intend to include DOD civilian employees?

SENATOR CORNETT: No, that's was not the original intent. Since it is such a limited number, I would not have...I personally would not have any objections to that.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Thank you. I appreciate the information from both of you.