

take care of those people who need help immediately. But we let it lay there and we don't do a thing about it, and the purpose of this first is to establish the policy. If this is the policy of the state of Nebraska and it is important. Let me again say, for example, we did have problems in this state in the area of disturbance throughout the state on any area depending upon the situation and Civil Defense is a prime responsibility. Now, the National Guard by itself is limited now because there are about eight or nine hundred men short of their needs because of the lack of interest or desire or the opportunity to get people to join the National Guard. So, all we have got left now, really, is the Highway Patrol, a partially dismantled National Guard which is not their fault, a Civil Defense which is not operating except in one or two areas of this state. I think it is a sad and deplorable condition. All this bill does, this amendment does is to establish a policy of the state. If later, you want to appropriate the money, then, you can be confronted with that at the time it is presented to you. I move for the adoption of the amendment. Now, there may be other people here more knowledgeable in this field than I am. I think Senator Anderson, for example, is very much interested in National Guard and I would presume this and if there are others who have a like interest or an objection I hope they would speak so. I don't think the thing ought to be controversial but if anyone has any more information to add I hope they will add to it.

SPEAKER: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I think probably what Senator Carpenter is saying here is tying in with a couple of bills we still have over in Government Committee which I am in hopes of being able to amend and that is, in your Civil Air Patrol, these are people who are really dedicated in, especially in search and rescue mission and they keep themselves available seven days a week to do this and in return for it, they do get a little more reasonable flying time than the other people, but if you haven't got an aircraft to fly, it doesn't make any difference and if you don't have the gasoline to put in it, it doesn't make any difference. So, the state has been sadly neglecting these people but in conjunction with this, we have a number of the National Guard people who belong to this Highway. I mean to the Civil Air Patrol because it sort of works hand in hand. And with these two bills that we have over in Government Committee, if we can get them out of there amended so that we can give a hundred dollar a year bonus to the ones who enlist in the National Guard for six whole years, and then if we can give them a little bit of remuneration for those times that they are taken away on floods and rescue mission for the time that they loose on their jobs, we will be in pretty good shape. So, I would ask for adoption of this amendment and support for the two bills that are coming out of the Government Committee to enhance our National Guard to the place where we can have some actual help in case of emergency in the state of Nebraska because I know that Civil Defense at this particular state of the game is sadly handicapped because of the lack of people and material.

SPEAKER: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I don't want to do anything to impede the progress of this bill because I think that the Civil Defense structure in the state of Nebraska definitely needs some improvement. I think I said this before on this floor that if we really had a disaster in this state, the biggest disaster would be the operation of the state Civil Defense system because you are not going to get much help. You never have and you will not unless you strengthen the thing and put some teeth into it.