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SENATOR CARPENTER: The next amendment has to do with the formation and the beginning of the echelons and the companies of the home guard, which is for all practical purposes the National Guard. As I attempted to explain the other day, if and when our National Guard is called up, we have rating such as we would expect to be called among one of the few insofar as the top is concerned. And by that I mean we are completely capable and qualified in the area of the military expertise in the field that the National Guard has the prime responsibility. But bear in mind that if and when that happens, then the National Guard would take out of the armories everything except the armories themselves. By that I mean, they would take out all the equipment and all the uniforms and everything else. And what this appropriation does is \$105,000 to give them the money in order to start organizing on the local, the companies in order to build from the standpoint of the officers, that compose basically of those men because of age have left the National Guard and still want to be affiliated with the military. And also it

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says that there is included within the amount shown 87,000 for clerical help and provide for 25% of the cost of operating and maintaining National Air Guard. And which amount shall not be expended for anyother purpose. Now, I don't know how many of the people are familiar with the National Air Guard. Senator Schmit is not here. Is Senator Schmit around here. Well anyway so far as I'm concerned the National Air Guard is somewhat of a step-child. And we have for example in my area I don't know how many pilots, but there are thirty or forty or something around that, they don't have any airplanes to fly, they have no duties to perform, they are ready to operate, but they don't have anything to operate on. And I would presume that is also true in the other parts of the state. Now all this does is to activate them to a point of recognize their importance and give them a sufficient amount of money in order to get stabilized and take care of the duty and when they happen. You will also have to realize tht in the case of flood that might happen, or anyother national or state catastrophe, these people are really our first line of defense. They are able to carry people from the disaster into the field, of where medicine and areas of pain and you can't create these things overnight. So Mr. President, I move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: It's been moved and seconded that we adopt the amendments. Any other comments. If not, vote in the usual manner. All in favor say aye. Opposed. The amendments are adopted.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I was talking about the libraries the other day. The libraries in the state are confronted because of the lack of federal funds, they are in somewhat of not being in the position of perform in the field of education that I think they should be. And they indicate that they need about \$200,000, which would go for the most part to make up what the Federal Government no longer appropriates and allow them to give greater aid and comfort to the libraries on the local level. This amount was brought to me by the Library Commission, they are very much