

amendments and for the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, please, then Senator Abboud. Senator Vickers, may I introduce some guests of Senator Lowell Johnson in the north balcony. We have 38 fourth graders from Davenport and Milliken Park School in Fremont and teachers. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Vickers, please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I wonder if Senator Landis would respond to a question, please.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I'd be happy to.

SENATOR VICKERS: Senator Landis, the committee amendments limit the number of Guard personnel who can take advantage of the tuition credit as I understand it to a...

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes, sir.

SENATOR VICKERS: ...number and that number is 1,200 members during any fiscal year. Isn't that correct?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes, sir.

SENATOR VICKERS: Now, can you tell me because of the previous limitation was on the limit only on the number of individuals granted such credits during the '82-83 school year. Now, what is the difference between those two numbers? Can you tell me whether we're eliminating and in terms of total numbers, whether we're lowering that, raising it or percentages or whatever?

SENATOR LANDIS: The number at that time was 1,547, so it is a reduction from the '82 figure.

SENATOR VICKERS: So we are lowering it 350 people approximately.

SENATOR LANDIS: From that period, that's right. Although this last year was 1,169.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay. Well, the reason...thank you, Senator Landis, the reason I asked the question is because I do have a concern with this particular bill. The committee amendments, in