

the Guard for some period of time and who were working toward higher degrees. Would there be a grandfather kind of clause involved here or is it just a total shutoff and at what point?

SENATOR LANDIS: It would be a shutoff. There is no grandfather clause and it would be effective 90 days after...well, let's see, yeah, I guess it would be 90 days after this session is over. There is no E clause on the bill.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, I guess I would hate to see that happen. I would like to just read some excerpts from a couple of letters that I have received from my district which I think are very, very relevant to this and very good and I have selected letters from people who are working toward higher degrees. One person said, I fully believe that this program is a very good investment for the government. When you improve the education of your constituents they will ultimately be able to attain higher paying jobs, hence, an increased amount of taxes in the years to come for the state. Many of these people will be able to start their own businesses with the knowledge gained from their schooling which may not be available to them from other sources because of inability otherwise to receive this kind of education. Another one says, our troops in Nebraska are among the most educated of any you will find anywhere and today's needs require troops who can think and make decisions in impossible situations. Let's keep this program to give our fellow citizens the best possible chances for success in military duties as well as civilian occupations here at home. By improving us you improve our ability to improve our state. I know that the benefits the state receives from us now and in the future will heavily outweigh the costs involved now. So I guess that, you know, based on this kind of input and the concern that I have regarding the cutoff date, I won't be able to support this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland, please.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on ceasing debate. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 5 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.