

there. They are being trained and they are ready if we have a problem. And this is a cheap way, in my estimation, to keep these young men trained, going to college and ready if we need them. So I would suggest that you don't advance 931. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Do we have an amendment, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vickers would move to amend the bill. (Senator Vickers' amendment appears on page 1716 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, the amendment that I have up there is the one that I cautioned about on the committee amendments and I want you to know that I did not try to amend the committee amendments because I didn't want to take the easy route, Senator Landis. But I do want to raise a philosophical question with this particular bill. If we are going to put some limitations on those people who serve in the National Guard in this state and then apply for a tuition credit to go to school, those restrictions, it seems to me, had ought to be such so that it would depend on some either years of service or level of achievement in the Guard, those kinds of things, or the previous educational experience, something of that nature. But I think we had ought to seriously question a limitation based only on numbers. So my amendment would strike those provisions of the committee amendments that restrict those people who can get this tuition credit based on a number, that is of 1200. It also strikes the previous language that limited it to the number of individuals granted such credits during the '82-83 school year. Now, it seems to me that if you are going to apply for this type of a tuition credit, whether or not you are the 1199th applicant or you are the 1201st applicant, if you have met all of the other requirements, I can't see a philosophical reason to say the 1201st applicant should not be able to get the assistance and yet the 1199th applicant can. If we are going to make the decision based totally on dollars, then maybe we had ought to go back to the original idea and just do away with it, period, which I wouldn't support. I will support putting in the mechanisms the committee did that make those limitations based on something other than who is first in line. I really have a problem with saying that simply because of the fact the timing of your request to go to school, simply because of that timing, that you are going to either get it or you are