

not going to get it. I think that is an unfair...I think it is...I don't see any philosophy for it and I object to putting a number limitation on so I would ask for the adoption of this amendment to strike that number limitation out. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Marsh, then Senator Smith. Senator Smith on this amendment. Senator Landis on this amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: I appreciate Senator Vickers attempting this in the order that he did. It shows great courtesy and I appreciate that. And, as a matter of philosophy, I guess I can understand his trepidation as to why there should be a cap. All I can tell you is that this is government and programs that wind up being entitlements, which is what this program has been over time, grow and grow and grow. We now pay for tuition credits for a major, if that major wants to, to take ballroom dancing at a community college for no credit even though he is two years away from the pension, on the theory that that is good for recruitment. I don't buy it. I mean, the program is an entitlement. It is a wide open entitlement program. You know where Congress has gotten to with those kinds of things. We have gotten to the same situation here. Reasonable limitations are necessary. I would suggest that capping it at 1200 is reasonable. It is not an onerous burden. Last year 1169 used this program. It has been higher in other years, that is true. Twelve hundred seems a fair figure. It is just part of the realities of trying to get some budgetary restraint going in a wide open entitlement program that has grown by leaps and bounds and now approximates \$800,000 a year.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, again, I would oppose the amendment. We have a tendency, and not unreasonably, to give a broader purpose to a piece of legislation than the purpose for which it was enacted. And, again, the purpose for which the bill was originally enacted was to encourage full participation in the authorized strength that the Guard has and that goal has been accomplished. As Senator Landis has pointed out, the number of 1200 is in excess of what was this year. It is adequate, I believe, to retain the policy goal which was for a hundred percent strength of authorized strength, and while the other purposes that are spoken to may be admirable, they are a separate issue for which the program was established here and