

not correct, Senator Smith? A third of it. Thank you. Thank you. I guess the only point that I would make here, and Senator Smith has talked about the increases in Medicaid to the extent that this might offset that, that is certainly a useful way to look at this kind of thing, but there are, as you will recall, a number of other amendments out there that are also in the place of human service increases, and I guess the difficult thing that we face when we are on the committee is with the long list of things, all of which are important human service kinds of activities, the committee tries to come out with some kind of balanced recommendation that maybe doesn't fulfill all the needs of everybody, which is always impossible, but to try to do as equitable a job as we can to solve what are basically seemingly insolvable human problems. So I think the committee did as best we thought we could this year in terms of the 10 percent increase without taking a position about this is our ability of going any higher. I would remind you that there are a number of other issues out there yet to be resolved, namely, Title XX for child care services. Senator Wesely has that amendment which he withdrew this morning which has to do with child protective service workers. The issue of additional aid for alcoholism and drug abuse was just raised to me once again not very long ago out here in the lobby, and the I guess the point I am trying to make here is we have an overwhelming level of demands for legitimate requests for money for human needs, and so it is extremely difficult to fund any one of them at the full level and still do any kind of justice by those other areas, and this is particularly true of when you look at aging programs, which I am not going to stand up here and say we shouldn't fund at the full level. We should. We should do everything at the full level if we weren't constrained by very realistic budget constraints, and so that is the rationale of the committee for the way we chose to, if you will, dole out the dollars with an attempt to have as positive an impact as we can on as many areas. So that is simply the committee's rationale for not going any higher than we went at this recommendation, but our recommendation is found, once again, in LB 743.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Scofield has I think very adequately indicated what the rationale for the recommendation that was contained in 743 and, obviously, like any of these aid programs, they can be funded at a variety of level, and the higher the