

somewhere, but the facts are we have got to stop somewhere. We are just adding, and adding, and adding and take a look at that back sheet on the green sheet, we have got lots more opportunities to add and it just isn't going to be there. We just passed an \$800,000 scholarship fund. There was a difference there, however. It is a one-time thing. This kind of program, other kind of programs are coming down the road are not one-time things. They are ongoing and increasing, so if you look over two years, you look over four years, you can multiply this number by two or four, and the second year funding the same way because that is there. It is important that we understand what we are doing here. We are going, in my estimation, the wrong way on this budget. We are going to have numbers that just are not going to be livable. If you are prepared to raise the revenue, if you are prepared to raise taxes to support this on a sustained level, fine, but I suggest to you that we are not in the position to do this kind of level of spending without addressing a revenue issue, and I would hope that you would allow our 10 percent increase, which was the agency request. The agency requested a 10 percent increase and we funded that but that is 10 percent this year, an additional 10 percent next year. Over the two years, it is about a 350, 400 thousand dollar increase, increase, but that is as far as we can go with this agency at this time because of the other needs that we have.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Crosby, followed by Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Smith had already answered some questions that I had in my mind about I wanted to be sure that it was direct services and no new offices or no new administration and so on. If I vote against it, it is simply because I am trying to keep track of what I am voting for, Senator Smith, and not because I don't have sympathy. I think the appropriations have come up with a pretty good percentage. I did have one, no, I guess you answered all my questions. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Labeledz, followed by Senators Smith, Schellpeper, and Scofield.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in strong support for Senator Smith's amendment to LB 813. I believe that in-home services, as Senator Smith indicated, is very important to the elderly. My district compromises mostly elderly people,