

degree. Yes, it is available for those that are 60 years of age and over, but they don't receive an in-home kind of a service unless they need it, and there is a sliding scale where they are asked to pay a fee based on their income. Now those that are not able to pay, of course, don't pay, but those that can do pay for those services and that is how the agency is reimbursed back for that service. So to a great degree, those people are self-supporting, and not only that, we want to talk about self-supporting, the people out there at the local level have been doing a lot of things to raise funds. They have to raise a lot of matching funds to get these services and they have been doing that, too.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SMITH: This money will be put into in-home services for those people that are most at risk and those most in need. We passed the care management bill last year. We put this whole process in motion, we have started it now. Let's follow through with it and get it put in place to meet the future needs that we have in Nebraska. I ask your support for the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I want to thank Senator Smith for bringing this to us this morning. It seems like every senator has a pet project that they would like to see funded. I just want to remind the body, once again, that there is no place that we can put our funds that will do more good than with our senior citizens. You know, just like Senator Smith said, we are all going to be there someday, so I think we need to think about this and put this money where it will do some good, and that is with our senior citizens. So I strongly support this amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Smith makes a good point but all of you do. You are right, we have got to take care of grandma and grandpa. Nobody is advocating that you shouldn't, but Senator Hannibal really touched on it, and that is when we make these spending commitments, we have got to be willing to pay for them, and I think that that is one of the things that we are getting