

to take action on this and would not have had to increase it 5 cents a gallon. And I just wanted to get that into the record, because I feel this will give the State Board of Equalization the power to do this, if they want to do it, if the Governor wants to call a meeting. Right at the present time the state highway department doesn't need any more money than what we're raising. So, my question to the body is, why should we collect more than what they need? Certainly, now the Appropriation Committee will be meeting with the state highway department to set the budget for the next fiscal year. And then, of course, we'll have to adjust these rates to take care of that proposed new budget in the next fiscal year from '91-92. So, I just wanted to try to clarify this up a little. I think the 2 percent under or 2 percent over is the right way to go. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Any further discussion? Senator Warner, did you wish to close? He waives closing. We have the motion before us to advance LB 255. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 255.

SPEAKER BAACK: LB 255 is advanced. We'll now proceed to LB 57.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 57 was introduced by Senators Smith and Wesely. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10 of this year, referred to Health and Human Services Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. At this time, I have no amendments to the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, this bill is very simple in nature. What it would do would be to increase, to \$45 a month, the personal needs allowance for the aged, blind and disabled persons who live in alternative living arrangements. This would include an increase from \$30, for those that are in long-term care facilities, to \$45 a month, and from 35 to \$45 for those that are living in other alternative arrangements. The history on this bill is, as you might recall, we introduced this bill, Senator Wesely and myself introduced this bill, it was LB 900, and it went through the