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SENATOR SMITH: We're increasing our supplement to add to the federal.

SENATOR HABERMAN: And then they automatically increase theirs.

SENATOR SMITH: Theirs is, I don't...I'm not clear on that, whether or not there is an automatic increase for them, or whether theirs is set.

SENATOR HABERMAN: All right, thank you.

SENATOR SMITH: I will find out for you.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Smith, I'm not through yet. I would like to have you justify, if you could, due to all of the input we've all had, I'm sure, about increasing taxes, this increases taxes \$3,400,000 a year in two years. Can you really justify that?

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Smith, do you yield?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes. Senator Haberman, I may take up quite a bit of your time in answering that, I'll try not to. But I would just say to you that I think I've already partially justified that in my testimony,...

SENATOR HABERMAN: I heard that testimony.

SENATOR SMITH: ...and the need for it. And so, to me, the justification is we're going to have to make a decision about what is the most important thing we're providing here for the people of the State of Nebraska and who should receive those benefits. Maybe the time has come for us to look at some of the other things that we're doing and say...and this has to fall in line, as I said, with those things that we're doing and say which is the most important...

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you.

SENATOR SMITH: ...and what other cuts can we make in other areas.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you, Senator Smith. In other words, if a person would support this at the present time, when all the rest of the A bills and appropriations are out, and if it's