

is not that much for them to spend or to have and give them a little sense of decency and dignity when they can go out and spend their own money instead of calling someone and asking them to bring them something. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Just in response, Senator Labeledz and I, we weren't talking about the same clients. That was my question to Senator Wesely, are the ones that are living in individual homes. The ones that are living in nursing homes or group homes, that is different and I, too, know that...what it costs for a pack of any kind of candy or a shoe or whatever they may need for their cartons and stamps. That was not the client that I was asking about. The ones that I'm asking about were the ones in individual homes where the income allowance was considerably different and they are not affected by this, I understand.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Smith, we can go to closing, seeing no further lights, if you wish to close.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. Well, this is certainly a different story than what we've heard the last two times I've brought this piece of legislation to the floor. I didn't remind you of the fact that once before this bill was passed, in fact, would have become law a couple of years back. It was LB 360. It got across the board that time with unanimous support from the body and was not signed by the Governor at that time and that was the reason it did not become law. Last year we had LB 900 which got across as priority but it was help up because of all the other stuff that was going on and never did get out of the body, but there was great support for it last year in this body. And I do appreciate the dialogue. I think it's always good and I especially, of course, appreciate those people that had statements to make in support of it. I would hope that those people that had questions or comments that were negative about this will listen to what I have to say in closing because I would like to have this opportunity to kind of respond a little bit. The statement that was made that basically, "it's good enough for this group to wait another year if they've already waited 10 years," makes it okay to wait another year, evidently. To me, that is the last reason in the world why this group should be the ones that have to wait. You know, when I