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across the state. Would you folks please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thanks for being with us. Mr. Clerk, to LB 57A.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 57A was introduced by Senators Smith and Wesely. (Read title.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Smith. Senator Wesely, do you wish to handle this?

SENATOR WESELY: I'm awaiting...there she is. She's got an amendment I know she's going to be filing, so I think I'll defer to Senator Smith.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Sorry to make you get up so early, but...Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. Chairman, before I say anything else I'm going to preface it with the fact that my sister is in town. I'm out of breath also. This is the A bill for LB 57. And, if you'll recall, this is the personal needs allowance increase for those folks who reside in institutions or institutional type settings. And it has been 10 years, if we don't give any increase this year it will be 11 years, since there's been an increase for those people who are now receiving only \$30 a month. This A bill accompanies the bill which is on Final Reading. And I'm just...a little background. We did vote on the A bill once before. And I'll be real honest with you, you didn't give me enough support that we got it to move. So what I'm doing today is going to offer an amendment which basically would strike the request for \$45 a month, which is in the bill, which as I said is on Final Reading, and replace it with \$40 a month increase. And that would impact on the A bill itself. If you'd like to look in your bill, I think that the amount...the state share would have been like \$760 or 70 thousand dollars, somewhere in that category. This would decrease the state's share, from the General Fund to be matched with federal funds then, to \$438.43 in FY '92, and then in FY '92 and '93, it would increase a little bit, to \$592,133. That's really what I'm offering right now as an amendment to the A bill. And I would ask for your support. If there are questions, I'd be glad to try to answer them. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Is there discussion on Senator Smith's amendment? Senator Wesely, did you wish to discuss the