

page 1687 of the Legislative Journal. It is a simple amendment which strikes the requirement for \$45 a month, personal needs allowance, and inserts \$40. If you recall, when we tried to advance the A bill, I wasn't able to advance it, even though the bill, itself, had advanced to the stage of Final. And so what we did, then, was, basically, barter a little bit and we came down to \$40 a month. And so that is what we are now wanting to do is to change the bill, itself, to reflect what we have proposed and what was voted on by the body for the A bill. So this is a motion to return to Select File for that purpose, for \$40 rather than the 45. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Smith. Is there anyone who wishes to speak to this motion? Seeing none, we will vote on the motion to return to Select File. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to return, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion is adopted. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Now is my motion, Madam President, to return LB 57 or is it on the amendment, itself, now? It is on the amendment. Okay, I really have already explained what we are trying to do here. This is something that we had originally in the bill, LB 57, was a proposal to increase the personal needs allowance for those people that are, in this case, mainly the elderly persons who reside in nursing homes, and if you recall, this right now is like 30, 35 dollars for those people, and it hasn't been changed for 10 years. And this covers all personal needs and health items, and there was not support. There was support for the bill, it reached Final. And then when we moved the A bill, there was not support to move the A bill. So what we did then was to amend the A bill from 45 down to 40 dollars, and I am just now asking for you to amend the bill, itself, to reflect what we have in the A bill. With that, I would like to ask your support. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you. Senator Smith, would you just refresh my memory? What is the allowance right now?