

SENATOR SMITH: It is 30. It varies. Remember when I talked with you about...I'm sorry that I am not really up on this. I should have had all this out and I didn't. Okay, basically, for some folks because of federal requirements, some folks that reside in nursing homes, and there are different categories, disabled, and that sort of thing, or veterans, and there is a variation in what those people have been allowed. They have had increases. In some cases, it is up to \$90 a month for personal needs, and you could have two people in the same room, one receiving presently \$30 a month personal needs allowance, and another person receiving \$90, because of federal requirements. And so what we are doing is proposing, we came in originally and asked to increase it to \$45 a month for those other folks that haven't had any increase for 10 years. And because of what went on on the floor, couldn't get the support on the A bill, and so now we have reduced it to \$40.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Do we have to treat them all alike? In other words, if we give an increase to those who are low, does that also mean that the same amount of increase is for those who are receiving federal monies or additional money?

SENATOR SMITH: This only impacts on those that are not currently receiving that increase.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Federal money.

SENATOR SMITH: This is the other folks, and particularly elderly clients.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, thank you.

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

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, I have a couple of questions for Senator Smith. Are we talking about the people that...just the people that are on Medicaid that are in rest homes?

SENATOR SMITH: May I respond? I will take it that I can respond. Two groups of people would be affected by LB 57. For those people on Medicaid, both general and federal funds would pay for that increase, it would be a mix. For those people on state supplement now receiving the 35 a month for personal needs, the state pays for the entire \$10 increase. So there are