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SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I would like to ask Senator Smith a question, please.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: I'd be glad to answer.

SENATOR ROGERS: Okay, I didn't get in on the first, Senator Smith, is this 10 percent, was that the figure?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

SENATOR ROGERS: If you'd like to raise that to 20 percent, or I'd even put an amendment up there, I mean I will back your 10 percent, too, but I'd like to see it go like 20 percent.

SENATOR SMITH: That is so refreshing, thank you.

SENATOR ROGERS: You are welcome.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rogers. Senator Smith, you are next.

SENATOR SMITH: Well, Mr. Speaker, I don't know how many other lights you have on, but maybe we ought to, in the essence of time here, get on with the afternoon activities, and I would... I thank all the folks that have been listening and paying good attention. Eric and I were discussing this, all day long we have been dealing with this issue, and we have had a lot of good dialogue. I could respond to a lot of concerns that were expressed here and I appreciate some of the remarks that were made, especially those in support, of course. But just in clarification, the amendment the way I introduced it, the intent was that you could divide either the kinds of things that I talked about because, remember, the last thing that I mentioned was senior center services and maintenance. Those could be one-time kinds of things, and it could be a part of the fund, as the fund fluctuated from the proceeds, but at the same time, there is another way you could do this. Since there would be a separate fund from but would be a part of the whole formula the way it is funded down to the agencies through the department, you would take the CASA funding, the state dollars that are already there, the federal dollars that are already there. Those could be the permanent, the one... or the ongoing kinds of services, and those dollars that are coming in can be the ones