

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President and members of the body, Senator Landis, do you want a little more time? Okay. A question for Senator Wesely. On the...all of these are revenue neutral as far as the General Fund is concerned? Do they have any impact on the agency as far as their employees are concerned?

SENATOR WESELY: There is a Cash Fund provision in there. They will need two individuals to implement some portion of the bill, I believe. Oh, because of the small...okay, remember I was talking about the small group employer part of this so there would be more oversight by the insurance department so the small employer wouldn't get hit so hard with...I think that's the part that they need the assistance to oversee. But that's cash funded.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Could you just amplify this one on the low income individual health insurance? Just briefly, what does that do? I'm not sure I quite understand that one.

SENATOR WESELY: The concept is referred to in current terminology as a bare bones insurance plan and it's been adopted...this concept has been adopted in a handful of states now. And what it does is it bypasses some of the, oh, the mandated benefits and some of the barriers in place to allow for a lower cost health insurance plan and it's a streamlined plan. It doesn't have all the...

SENATOR ROBINSON: But the individuals have to pay for that though? That's...

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, yeah, that's a private...

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...yeah, it's all private, okay.

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay, thank you.

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

SENATOR BEUTLER: Just a couple questions, if I may, Madam President. First of all, with regard to the small employer group insurance, are there...can you explain in a little more