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SENATOR WESELY: Sure.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Senator Wesely, I'm glad you pointed out the...what we're really talking about is the level of money a person is making to qualify. And, as you said, we've raised this four times in the last 17 years. Correctly? Three times. Okay. And in that computation that you gave, you said that 57 percent more would be included. I'm trying to figure out where you got the 57 percent.

SENATOR WESELY: What I'm saying is...I tried to make this clear, I will try it one more time...

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay.

SENATOR WESELY: ...is that we have fallen 43 percent below where you and I once were when we were here in 1979 in terms of standard of need.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay.

SENATOR WESELY: So we've fallen in the hole. This language will not bring us back up. That hole will always remain, all we will do is keep it from getting any deeper.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, so we start from here right now...

SENATOR WESELY: Right.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...every two years automatically adjusting the qualification of finance, or the qualification income for people who would come under our welfare system and...

SENATOR WESELY: Right.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...and qualify for the...for all welfare, really, this would be most programs. Different programs have different standards.

SENATOR WESELY: Right, uh-huh.

SENATOR PIRSCH: In fact, do we not use the federal poverty level for many of our welfare standards? Aren't we at