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SENATOR AGUILAR: ...through their own programs.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Who...who provides the funding for their salaries?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Depending on the different agency, it could be state, federal or county. I'm not sure which one.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Okay. Thank you, Senator Aguilar.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Janssen. (Visitors introduced.) For discussion on the Chambers amendment to LB 1101, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this morning we're doing one of the things that we ought not try to do. That's to take a bill, forget the idea, that is not well crafted and attempting to write it on the floor. I'm going to offer some very innocuous amendments to eliminate some language that has no bearing really on what the bill attempts to do. But if this bill dealt with any other subject than old people and, by the way, I qualify as old now. I'm talking about myself. I'm not a spring chicken up here speaking against old people. I am old, so I'm...I have a vested interest and I can talk about old people. The mere fact that we have something dealing with old people does not mean it should not be given the same kind of scrutiny. This body has not been so eager to create brand new programs when we don't know to what extent they duplicate or overlap existing programs; one which is going to do something supposedly for unserved areas of the state but the language does not ensure that that happens; a program that supposedly has to be conducted by the state at state expense because two big cities in the state have gobbled up all the federal money available for this program, and I don't know for a fact that's the case. I'm not going to say Senator Aguilar is not saying what he believes, but I don't know for a fact that that's the case. Maybe it is, but I'd like to see documentation. But let's assume that it's true. So you say two cities have gobbled up the federal money, so for every other area of the state where there may be a lot of old people you're going to put in \$200,000 and that's to take care of everything in this program. What happens if some counties...in some counties there's not enough