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it's speculative as far as how many of these people would become eligible. And certainly is not a dollar amount that would be immediately needed to...in the General Fund, to be able to pay for these. That's the information that I have, based on what's been given to me by the Fiscal Office. This is an amount that has fluctuated from the time of the bill introduction to what we're looking at, at today's date. I think we all, of course, can have a conversation about Medicaid costs and what are our obligations as a government and as those people making policy. But this is the best I have to work with in order to give some dignity to people to set aside an amount so they can be buried not as paupers, but contribute to their own burials. And I would ask you to advance LB 85A.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Byars. You've heard the opening on LB 85A. Mr. Clerk, motion on the desk.

CLERK: Senator Byars would offer AM1879 as an amendment to the bill, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 357.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Byars, you're recognized to open on AM1879 to LB 85A.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. President. If I have the correct...

CLERK: AM1879 is the one I have, Senator.

SENATOR BYARS: Okay. I don't seem to have that in front of me. I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much. Basically, it changes the fiscal note. I'm sorry for the confusion. I don't know...I did introduce this, and it decreases the amount of money in the fiscal year 2006-2007, \$59,594 from General Fund, \$82,296 from federal funds; and in fiscal year 2007-2008, \$105,226 from the General Fund, \$145,312 from the federal funds. So again, this reduces the last fiscal note that I had, which is in December. So this, in effect, becomes the fourth estimate on the part of the Fiscal Office as far as what the cost of this would be. I think it pretty much points out the speculative nature of what we're talking about. Certainly, again, don't want to disparage the work of the Fiscal Office. They do a