

about some general tax increases, at some point in time, aid is going to have to take a hit. This component of the aid program is one of about three or four that do not, that are not being asked to take the entire 1.5 percent. That's the first fact I want everybody to understand. Secondly, if you look at the green sheet, when you look out...the next biennium and look at that \$44 million problem, 14 million of that is caused by the passage of LB 830, which creates some entitlements for developmental disability area. It's projected to cost 4 million...you know, the cost is...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ...(inaudible) enacted it and the cost continues to go up. Right now the estimated cost is \$4 million in '95-96, \$10 million in '96-97. So (inaudible) obviously one could argue, well, had we not postponed the bill in the special session in '92, we'd be faced with that problem right now. I think the Legislature, in the way that it's treated this in the last biennium, this biennium, next biennium, has certainly done what we can to be fair with these people. It's always very, very difficult to say no, I don't enjoy doing it. But we all have to ask ourselves how far can you go and are we willing to restore the aid for all people, and really to honor the request for all people that come forward, not just the Appropriations Committee, to all of us, some very worthwhile request to expend our state money.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I support Senator Wesely's amendment. And I'm really glad that Senator Byars spoke in the way that he did because he put a face, he put a breathing person before us. So we're not just dealing with numbers and figures now, but individuals faced daily with very serious problems that need to be addressed which are beyond their power and the power of their family and loved ones to address. For a relatively small expenditure of money we, as a state, can do something to alleviate this problem. I know what Senator Moore, as Chairperson of the Appropriations Committee, is trying to do. But he is only one person, only one vote. He has to give that argument, being the devil, the devil's advocate. Excuse me, Senator Moore. I don't want to give you my position. And Senator Bernard-Stevens is a member of that committee also, but I don't believe that Senator