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The Senior Lobby virtual meeting was held on Monday, 21 September 2020. The state budget appears to be holding its own. There has been enough money that was set aside in the "rainy day" fund to cover unexpected expenses. The bulk of funding goes to the Dept of Health and Human Services. This covers long term care training for nursing homes and other items associated with the health care provided by Washington State. September is National Senior Center month. There are about 350 centers throughout Washington State. Certain areas In Washington are offering drive through flu shots and wellness tests. Food banks are being depleted due to food scarcity, which seniors are among the most impacted. There are 529 food centers in Washington State and stand in need of replenishing constantly. Falling is of major concern for seniors, with the cost associated for emergency care or hospitalization reaching 150 million dollars per month.

On the federal level, covid-19, appointment of a Supreme Court justice, the repeal of the Affordable Care Act and funding the government by continuing resolution through December 2020 is wending its way through Congress. HR 8015, which takes up the FICA tax scenario is waiting for some sort of resolution. Post office funding is being considered as to the dollar amount. Eighty percent of covid-19 deaths are those being older (60+). The dollar amount for Alzheimer's has been put at 305 billion dollars. Please correct me if this inaccurate information. The Annual Fall conference for the Senior Lobby will be held Thursday, 22 October 2020 as a virtual meeting. Various state agencies representing budget, health, insurance policy and legislative districts have been scheduled to participate.

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