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to read as to how that was arrived at. The next figure you see, which is \$70 million, is the deduction...how you come up with a net figure for appropriation purposes. These refunds are such things as the income tax refunds that are normal, the collection of city sales tax reductions, those are all normal. That is explained on the fourth sheet. The deficit for '77-78, in the amount of \$12 million, is flexible. Included in that is \$3 million of deficit that is anticipated in personal property tax relief fund. The other \$4 million, actually a little over \$4 million, will include the deficit for special education for wards of the court, a couple hundred thousand for the Governor's Emergency Fund, and one or two other smaller items. Those would not necessarily all be passed, but for these purposes I'm assuming that they all would be so you can see the impact of them. That left a balance then of \$557.9 million of General Fund money. From that we took a 5 percent reserve. As you recall the Statute permits a three to seven percent reserve at the time that rates are set. We used, for these calculations, five percent. I assume that could be considered a variable if the body chose to use some other figure. Anyway from that it leaves \$531.3 million to be utilized for appropriations this year. The next item, of \$217.3 million, is the total of those state aid programs that are listed here on the sheet. All of those I would suggest are firm either by statute or... no practical alternatives, with the exception of the \$50.6 million welfare public assistance. That figure probably... well I'm certain is an outside figure. It could be something less than that. We have little choice in meeting what is required for welfare, so we left it in at the higher figure. I would suggest that one could be reduced. The next one indicates \$33.7 million of state aid programs not included in those listed in Number one. Again if you'll look, in this case, on sheet three of that handout you will see what is included. That \$33.7 million is the identical amount that was appropriated in '77-78, and would assume no increase in those programs. The \$242.7 million is the operational budget for '77-78, assuming no increase, the same appropriation for next year. The \$8.1 is a variable. That was the amount of the General Fund money involved in capital construction last year. It is conceivable that that capital construction could be something less, or I assume something more. For initial purposes, planning purposes, it's plugged in at the same level. The next amount of \$6.6 million is capital construction, funded out of General Fund, currently in progress, and in the appropriation bills. We would have no choice but to continue that. The next one at \$6.1 million is a variable. It is the deferred maintenance. This is a result of the passage of LB 309 last session. That particular task force came in with the requirement of \$13.6 million of deferred maintenance, but also recommended that, as a practical matter that somewhere between \$4½ and \$6.1 million could be utilized within the coming year. We put it in, on this sheet, at the higher level that the task force felt could be handled. The \$8.8 million is what will be available, that is unobligated at this point, of general revenue sharing trust funds that will come. You add all those up together it would indicate \$25.6 million of new funds that are available for increases or expansion for this coming year within existing rates. Then we have itemized, below that line, some of the possible figures that could be used. Again, I would emphasize from this point on they are all variables. Just a 6½ percent salary increase. As this is projected it is a 6½ percent, as if it would take effect for all employees on July 1. That may not be the way that the committee finally recommends, probably it will not be, but this gives you an