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in fact of \$133,500 of general fund money in which again we use Title 6 (b) federal funds to supplement or to supplant rather, what was previously a federally funded program. Services for crippled children are up \$384,000 for a total of \$2.2 million, \$2.3 million. Those are mostly those who have had expensive surgery to assist in those costs. The level of appropriation contained in the bill for assistance to local transit authorities is \$1,971,000, up \$217,000 from last year. There is a series of requests in the Department of Veterans Affairs, Military Department, that are...well, the one in the Veterans Department is loans for Vietnam veterans at the request level of \$20,000. The appropriation of federal funds, Military Department, goes to local civil defense, a totally federally funded. Then the Game and Parks Commission, included is \$862,000 for the habitat development fund. This is all cash funds. That is broken down with about \$450,000, \$452,000 of it is for the improvement of land that is owned or newly purchased by the commission. It includes such things as planting of trees, shrubs, grass, legumes, fencing of areas to protect grazing, this kind of thing. For wildlife management area, \$268,000 is made available for the same purposes but on lands owned by other public entities and there is \$862,000 included for the private development or for funds that are paid to private landowners who have leased property for the same activities of wildlife management and programs in cooperation with the local NRD districts. Also included is \$900,000 general fund money aid to political subdivisions which is for park development, \$650,000 of that is the traditional amount which is utilized for a variety of smaller parks in communities around the state on a twenty-five local, twenty-five state and fifty percent federal match. \$250,000 of the \$900,000 will go to the downtown Omaha Central Park East development which is the last half of the amount of state support that was approved a year ago. The Library Commission has a slight increase in some of the funds that go to local libraries to assist in meeting minimum standards for those public libraries, an \$18,000 increase. The funds the Racing Commission distributes to county fairs which are as a result of the fees or taxes, the tax on the entry tickets, purchase tickets, at 15¢ plus the balance of unexpended funding the Racing Commission has from other source of fees which are by and large licenses or occupational taxes for those associated with providing services at the various race tracks. There is \$148,000 included in the Department of Corrections which are for payments to foster care parents for juveniles under parole supervision. The Institute of Agriculture, included in here is the aid program for the veterinary medicine student contracts, up \$262,000 from last year, for a

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