

College represents no increase in the appropriation but merely accelerates the pay or cash flow needs for construction that is going on there now that is well ahead of schedule and so they can pay the contractor accordingly. Oil and Gas Commission is for the...reflects the additional cost yet this year for uranium test holes paid out of their cash funds. There will be a substantial increase in next year's budget for this same reason. Crime Victims Board increase merely reflects the amount of claims they have allowed to date and anticipate to be allowed. Under the existing law they have to prorate. This is what is required so they will not prorate for those reimbursements. Landscapes and architects, a very minor adjustment but it gets them out of a problem that they have had to roll bills for a couple of years and the next biennium this amount is not carried forward but gets them a clean operation. The Hearing Commission again is just an adjustment in the allowance for salaries. No increase in the budget and the last one deals with the Political Accountability Director's salary. It was increased last year by the board by virtue of legislation that had been enacted taking the ceiling off and this allows the adjustment in the salary for the director beginning as of the date he was hired. Their initial request was from the time the agency was established but the committee did not believe that was appropriate, and that, I hope, will be my longest explanation of any of the bills other than response to questions. I move the amendments be adopted.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of the bill. Senator Beutler, your light is on.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, just a couple of questions to clarify the process for me. Senator Warner, if you would, first of all, what is the total deficit appropriation all added up?

SENATOR WARNER: The total deficit deficiency general fund is \$2,536,155. Cash fund is \$255,650. Federal fund is \$91,765. Revolving is \$59,881. The significant figure, the total is \$2.9 million, a little over. The significant figure would be \$2.5 million general fund. It would be higher, you understand, were it not for the fact there are substantial reductions in welfare's budget of general fund money during the current year.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, with regard to how an agency goes about getting a commitment on a deficit appropriation, if, for example, in the case of the Grand Island tornado, there were certain repairs that had to be made and if the agency knew that the money was not in the current appropriation or