

funds in the same fashion that has historically been done that they now have to be used rather than for an ongoing program, they have to be used for new and innovative programs that do not last more than two or three years. So we had to add General Funds to some of the ongoing programs within the agency that no longer would qualify under the new revised federal regulations. The kinds of things that would likely to be done with those funds or will be done is regional course planning, distance learning, which are both ongoing projects and one that would be effect...one of the bills that is going through the Legislature which is the restructuring of school activities. I think that bill currently is funded in the A bill with General Fund but it would qualify and be eligible for the use of these federal funds. In fact, it would probably be the ideal. One of the major increases, of course, which we always experience in education is the increase in special education with an increase of 3.9 million for the first year and the second year of the biennium a little over \$5.5 million. Gasohol Committee which is on page 112, major change there that you will notice is that...as you know there is...I believe it's in excess of \$18 million now that is being held in the Gasohol Committee relative to a checkoff program and legislation that was enacted. There has been a lot of interest and concern discussions on how those funds that have been accumulated will be used or could be used. One thing you may want to give consideration to, what we did, what the budget bill currently shows of that 18 million it only shows 1.6 million of it authorized for the first half of the biennium. That would include their operating money and a little over 1 million, 1.2 million for any investment. The reason for doing it this way which was that there is an assumption that those changes, or those programs are investments that they might make could not be processed so rapidly, but what the next session of the Legislature in 1990 could adjust the appropriation up under a deficit bill if they preferred to do that, but in any event you'd have an idea where the money was going to be used. So the 16.5 million of that appropriation reflecting that \$18 million balance is not appropriated until the second half of the biennium. We can discuss that in more detail later if you like. Next agency I'd briefly discuss is Agency 75 on page 55 which is the Nebraska Investment Council. The Investment Council is essentially a continuation budget with some minor changes. The next one is page 115 which is Agency 57. It's the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, cash funded from fees that is collected through the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. It's an assessment at the well of all