

once again, is a federal initiative. All of the administrative and state costs will show up in that in LB 362 and, again, LB 362 conforms our state to federal law and spousal impoverishment. We did pass 418 and 419 last year, but the federal requirements are more liberal and are more administratively burdensome, frankly, than the good legislation that we passed, and so it is going to be more expensive to implement. I might note just a few other things. Within this budget there is currently no increase for either Title XX provider or eligibility increases. I expect Senator Wesely will probably bring that up later on. At this time there is also no increase in there for Medicaid reimbursement for hospitals and medical provider increases. Those, however, are added into the trailer bill, LB 525. Moving on to the State Athletic Commissioner, that is Agency 43. You'll find that on page 68. This is an entirely cash funded agency. It's an increase of only 2 percent over the current fiscal year. Some of you may recall that we funded...we gave General Funds to this agency a few years ago. Those funds are reappropriated there and they remain there primarily in...well, only in the event that there are no professional wrestling or boxing or amateur boxing, sparring matches in the State of Nebraska to continue the activities of the agency. But they have continued to have matches and they generate the necessary cash to keep funding and so we just reappropriate the General Funds. Agency 45 is Board of Barber Examiners, page 70. Again, it's an entirely cash funded agency, cash coming from the inspection fees charged to barbers in the state, basically a continuation budget. Moving on to Agency 47, Educational Telecommunications. You'll find that on page 122. This budget is separated into two parts. The Educational Television provision in addition to salaries and annual operating costs. The big expenses here relate to a new interconnection system to replace the existing microwave interconnection to make it possible to continue distributing the ETV signals. You may be aware of the rapid escalation in costs that were anticipated under the current system and so the state has made the decision to move ahead on this new interconnection system. In addition, the building has now been turned over to the state I guess is the best way to put it, and so now we have the responsibility for maintenance and there is a maintenance fund plugged into there for \$25,000 a year. There is a matching fund amount of \$45,000 for what is known as the PBS Program Challenge Fund. That fund is the money that brings us the national programming from educational television NETV. You will think of things like MacNeil Lehrer, Wall Street Week, U.S. Farm