

PRESIDENT: Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Increases for a secretarial position, some operating increases and salary increases, so nothing very significant there. Agency 69 on page 119 is the Nebraska Arts Council and we had a 4.4 percent increase in '89-90 and a 5.7 percent increase in '90-91. This includes salaries and operation and increasing an arts coordinator to half-time. There is also an increase in the aid budget which is approximately 13.2 percent the first year and 29.3 percent the second year. This will provide additional funds for Artists in Schools/Communities programs, for the Nebraska Touring Program and also about \$20,000 for nonmatching grants to new art organizations. And additionally the committee reappropriated a \$50,000 in General Funds which will be used only if there are federal funds available to match it. I might mention too that this agency had an additional \$200,000 appropriated to its budget this last year through floor action and that was continued this year. Agency 72, the Indian Commission is on page 165 and generally this was...the increases in this agency are for increased staff, a newsletter, contractual services and a computer. And finally, Agency 82, the Commission on Hearing Impaired on page 179. The operating increases in this agency were for salary and staff for increasing an interpreter to full time so that that would allow the director full time access to that interpreter, and then maintaining the current level of programming in the the HI-VIS system. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, the pages we're showing are in this blue book and not on the pages of the bill, right? So there is no confusion. Okay. So the numbers that show on the board up here correspond with this book. Okay, thank you. Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. President...

PRESIDENT: Senator Moore, may I introduce some guests prior to your taking over? Senator Korshoj, in the north balcony has 50 seniors from Ft. Calhoun High School with their teacher. Would you students please indicate where you are so we may welcome you. Very good. Thank you. And Senator Hannibal and Senator Lindsay have guests under the north balcony, Sharon Walsh, Lori Angel and Toni Siragusa. Would you please stand. And, thanks to you for visiting us today. Senator Moore, thank