

annualization of the current salary policy and changes in employee benefits. On page 33 (sic), you will find Agency 33, the Game and Parks Commission, and the highlights of that section would include the majority of appropriations being shown increased due to the development of several new facilities and increased usage of existing facilities. The new facilities which will open during the next two years includes such important ones at the Calamus Fish Hatchery, the Mahoney State Park, and a new campground at Chadron State Park. Also included in the appropriation are funds to hire three positions from the Nature Conservancy to continue work on an inventory of rare and unique plant and animal communities; \$300,000 Game Cash Funds are also earmarked as aid to wildlife clubs, NRDs, and other organizations to provide improvements to fish and wildlife habitat. Agency 34, the Nebraska Library Commission is on page 124. Funds recommended to support the Nebraska Library Commissions this year substantially represent a current service level budget. Funds included to accommodate annualization of '88-89 salary increases, general operating expense increases, increased cost of library materials, and workers' comp assessments, with an addition for operating expense and library material cost increases in '89-90. Additional Cash Funds are authorized to support a professional position to coordinate Nebraska Libraries' utilization of services provided by the national On-line Computer Library Center. Additionally, funds are included for data processing equipment and microfilming of pre-1972 state documents as requested by the agency. Federal funds supporting agency operations are assumed to increase 3 percent in each year of the biennium. A significant increase in state aid is included in our recommendation. State funds supporting aid to public libraries, aid to library systems and aid to resource libraries are recommended to increase over the period of the biennium. On page 82 of your blue book, you will find Agency 36, the State Racing Commission, and this is another cash-funded agency deriving its funds from daily track license fees, admission tax, and occupational license fees. The biennium recommendation provides for continuation level of funding plus \$85,000 to add the official veterinarian, two state stewards and test barn employees to the agency payroll. These employees will be added during the 1990 racing season. The race tracks will be billed back for a portion of the employees' salaries. Currently, these individuals are track employees and it is felt greater accountability can be achieved by making them employees of the Racing Commission. Due to the declining admissions tax revenue, surplus funds left over at the end of