

to fully fund the education program. Since we did take some money from them in past years, we decided to replace it with some General Funds in the amount of about \$14,000. The next agency is the Department of Public Institutions. It is Agency 25 and it is on page 91. A large agency with large amounts of cash, large amounts of General Fund, and large amounts of federal funds. The budget is relatively flat. There are some significant changes, however. We have increased some General Funds to the Beatrice State Developmental Center to add staff to the medical contingent to meet the medically aging and medically fragile population and also to take care of any possible accreditation problems at that area. We also have increased Cash Funds in different areas dealing with the Veterans Home, the programs for mental health, for Beatrice State Developmental Center, and what we did again is we maximized cash balances and, by doing so, we were able to reduce General Fund by that amount. The numbers that you might see across the top of the page would show that it stays fairly flat but we actually did reduce General Funds in some areas by maximizing our cash, and then we added funds back in to do some other things, one of which I just talked to you about. The other thing is a small number where we did increase the Radio Talking Book program by \$20,000, and we increased General Funds \$300,000 to aid in development of community psychiatric emergency services, and those will be handled by the director of the agency and go to the regional centers that are most appropriately served with that \$300,000. Senator Scofield talked to you on the Department of Social Services about the nursing home reform legislation, the acronym is OBRA, the Omnibus Budget Reform Act. That affects this agency because they are required to develop preadmission screening and residential assessment procedures and also look for alternative placement programs. We have elected to place \$1,300,000 of General Funds, and \$900,000 of federal funds into that program at the request of the director and try to give him the maximum latitude to be able to place those funds to perform the requirements of OBRA as they best can under the most efficient way possible. We also increased the mental retardation community program by \$500,000 this year to try to address some of the waiting list problems that we still encounter in certain areas, certain regions across the state, and we did a single appropriation of \$263,000 to the mental retardation in Region VI to address some of their budget shortfalls. The next agency is Agency 46, the Department of Correctional Services. It is found on page 136. Again, a code agency, we are relatively flat