

continuation budget, no new things have been added. However, because of increasing population, and if you are looking in the book on 136, you will notice in the first paragraph of the narrative, it has a blank where it says turn to section blank of this handout to look at prison population. If you want to make a note, that is actually page 15 of your book, and if you look on page 15 in your book at your leisure, you will find what has happened with our prison populations over the past several years, and you will see very quickly that it has been increasing at a relatively steady and almost alarming rate, and it is projected to continue, and we will be talking about prison facilities under capital construction in a different bill, but for right now, the Department of Correctional Services operations budget, we do try to address the increasing population by adding an additional \$382,000 in each year to take care of what we call "per diems", those items that are listed there, food, clothing, wages, medical services, and the like. They refer to them as per diem costs and this \$382,000 is to go to help cover that, and we also had kind of an interesting little thing dealing with the federal contracts or the federal grants on cheese has been kind of eliminated, and so we have to buy cheese as opposed to being able to get some from the federal government, which actually does affect our costs somewhat. Also, I think this is important, we have increased the contracts that we have with the technical community colleges around the state. They perform educational services for the population and we have increased that by the amount of \$135,000 for each of the two years. We also have had to add some staff, notably, six additional guards to the Nebraska Center for Women, two additional parole officers, and additional medical personnel and that total is \$233,000. Part of our capital construction budget will show that we have a proposed 150-person minimum security facility at the Omaha Correctional Center, and this anticipates that facility being built within the next year and come on line, which will have an operating cost annually of about \$721,000, so we placed that in the second year of the biennium. The last agency that I have to present to you is Agency 78, which is the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. It is found on page 137. It again is a flat budget. We had some significant increases last year and, basically, it is to deal with the drug, federal anti-drug abuse grants that requires state money to match the federal grants, and we have elected to put \$135,000 into that program to fully utilize, fully grab hold of a federal fund availability of \$405,000 to try to deal with the drug abuse problems in the state. I missed a little item up