

Governor recommended General Fund appropriation of 7.5, and the committee has recommended a General Fund appropriation, agency wide, basically both programs, of 8.9, or 9 million dollars. So the...in the committee's recommendation there was a significant effort in the area of soil and water conservation and resource development. The committee chose to significantly increase the amount of fund in the Resource Development Fund. Like I said, that's \$3.4 million for '89-90, and we scale that back down primarily because there is some projects that will be completed, we scale that back down to \$2 million in the Resource Development Fund in '90-91. If you care to look at the money we're spending in the Resource Development Fund, if you look...if you go back to your blue budget book and look at page 114, you will see where those dollars are going to be spent, in the Resource Development Fund. You know on the Priority List #1, it has \$1.8 million. You can see Chalko Hills, Lodgepole Creek, Morres Creek, Rawhide Creek, Czechland Lake and other review projects that the committee recommended funding for, basically, they are still under review, was Liberty Creek, Big Papio Creek Channel and Mill Creek. If you look at that page, you'll see that of that \$1.4 million list of projects, obviously a big ticket item there is the Big Papio Creek, it's probably something that needs to be done, but I think it's important that the body looks at all of these funds in total as they look at Senator Johnson's amendment. I guess...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ...you know, if I was a....It's one of those things you cannot continue just to add on, add on, and add on. I think if you're really serious about funding, increased funding level for this program, for the reasons Senator Johnson has stated, and for very good reasons because I totally agree it's a problem, and obviously I want to put more money in this program, but you can't pull that money out of thin air. I think if the body is really serious about increasing the money in the Soil and Water Conservation Fund, I think it would be important to give some thought to leaving the total appropriation to the Natural Resource Commission at the level the committee recommended, but shifting maybe, if you want to do this, shift some money away from the Resource Development Fund and over to the Soil and Water Conservation Fund. I think it's a policy decision you should have to make. But I don't think the simple answer to the problem is just increase it by another half a