

rather than proceed with another course in the Physics as it was originally proposed, this would be expanded to go to Japanese 2 or a second year course in this area because of the demand and it does require additional funding in order for that to be accomplished. There is a small addition of tuition funds for children residing on federal lands. This is in response to legislation that was enacted some years ago and it's done on a reimbursement basis. It's similar to what a claims board might be, but the state does pay those costs as they are submitted and there was I think four school districts involved in that, Gering, Beatrice, Valentine and Whistle Creek. Then there is an increase in a couple of areas in special ed, one of which relates to state cost for attorney fees relative to a lawsuit that was filed in U.S. District Court with the responsibility for those fees being assessed, half to the state and half to Westside. The appropriation for the state's share is included. Then there is a fairly substantial increase in special ed appropriation of about a million, seven...a little over...almost a million, eight of General Funds for '90-91. The Governor had a smaller amount. The committee amendment will increase the amount, but the Governor's as it was proposed had utilized lapsed funds from previous year. As the bill is amended we put in what is the expected cost and any unexpended balance will still lapse in October of 1990. As a practical matter, there is probably very little difference between the...what the bill originally did and what we did here, except it will be easier to account for. And then there is also a \$500,000 increase in the General Funds for transportation costs, again, to reimburse the 90 percent of actual transportation cost as reflected by the enabling legislation. And then there is a small Cash Fund authorization in the area of vocational education. Makes no change in the appropriation as such, but it will be a simpler and more accurate accounting process for those funds. Then there is two programs, one cash funded. It is a geography consortium as a part of the Instructional Technology Office to allow participation in a consortium project on the topic of geography and American History. And then there is one new program, which we were not aware of last year, that there would be authorization within the committee amendment of \$20,000, a little over 20,000 of General Fund to match a like amount of funds that will be available for geographic educators of Nebraska. The grant comes from the National Geographic Society and it is a program that is somewhat similar to what we have in business education, that is the grants are utilized to encourage and hold...some are geography institute for teachers, in service