

training at scattered locations in the state. Department of Ag, there is an amendment contained in the Appropriation Committee amendment, will probably be modified somewhat for Select File, but there is language which would...is aimed at having the Department of Agriculture do some work, research work over the summer on the feasibility of expanding the testing of quality of fuel. This issue came up in part with a study that was done this past summer and this is some language to proceed with that to some extent. Department of Insurance will have a sizeable cash fund increase, 974,000. This was a request that came to the committee by the introduction of LB 1198, but it adds a number of positions as well as equipment, the computer equipment programming to the Department of Insurance, to provide a more thorough review of various insurance companies. The bulk of the interest in this expansion really deals with the Insurance Guaranty Fund, which some of you may recall was enacted some years ago, and under the Insurance Guaranty Fund if an insurance company has difficulty, is a member of the fund, that then they...the loss that might be incurred because of an insurance company going under, in order to protect the policyholders, could be assessed back to other insurance companies that are part of that Guaranty Fund. But because of some of the kinds of investments that have occurred in some parts of the country in relation to insurance companies, there has been an increasing concern that these reviews of both the product, that is the type of policies that are being sold, as well as investment policies of these various insurance companies, need to be much more closely supervised than perhaps have been in the past to protect the policyholders of those companies which are doing business in Nebraska. The Department of Roads, there are a variety of small changes, most nearly all of which relate to their capital construction, that is their capital construction of some maintenance building, that type of equipment at some area within the state. There was changes made from some of what was proposed in the bill last year as to sites or exact cost and adjustments were made to reflect those proposed changes with no substantive increase in the total amount appropriated last year for these various construction projects. We did add language that, as in the roads as we did with Game and Parks prior to this, that insures that any appropriation made for a specific building is restricted to that building and this money that is left over, if more is needed, it would require an adjustment in the appropriation bill to meet that change. And then finally there is an amendment contained in the committee amendment which would authorize an expenditure of an additional \$150,000 to come