

General Funds for '89-90 and \$35,697 General Funds in fiscal '90-91. The appropriation to the Attorney General's Office is reduced by that amount in '89-90 and \$26,975 in '90-91 which results in a zero net impact in '89-90 and an increase of 8,992 in '90-91. The purpose of the increase in the Department of Water Resources budget is to hire a staff attorney to assist the Director of the Department and the Attorney General's Office in Platte River litigation issues. While the Attorney General would still continue to represent the state, the in-house attorney would conduct research, compile information, prepare legal documents and represent the department at public forums. It is estimated that Platte River litigation issues consume about 30 to 50 percent of the director's time now and 20 to 30 percent of the state hydrologist's time. It is believed that hiring in-house legal assistance would allow the director and the state hydrologist to spend a greater portion of their time on their other duties. Agency 30, the Electrical Board, is a new item added by committee amendment. The agency reported that they had experienced an increase in insurance costs due to two employees moving from single family to family coverage, and the change represents \$5,200, the actual cost of that difference. Agency 33, Game and Parks Commission, included in LB 1031 on pages 58 and 59, also included in the committee amendment are funds providing to begin a multiyear effort to reestablish trees, shrubs and grasses destroyed by the fire at Fort Robinson State Park. The amounts appropriated are 37,335 in General Funds, 28,165 Cash Funds in '89-90 and 26,505 General Funds and 19,995 Cash Funds in '90-91. Item 2, committee amendment, the federal minimum wage is scheduled to increase from the current rate of 3.35 an hour to 3.80 per hour on April 1, 1990 and to 4.25 per hour on April 1, 1991. This will increase wages paid to our seasonal park employees. An additional \$1,400 General Funds are provided in '89-90 and an additional \$74,844 General Funds are provided in '90-91 to fund this increased salary cost that cannot be absorbed by the agency. The salary limit in Program 617 is increased \$1,302 and \$4,847 in the two respective years. An additional committee amendment covers a classification review conducted by the Department of Personnel which resulted in the reclassification of six Game and Parks Superintendents I to Superintendents II. The resulting salary and benefit costs are funded by increasing the General Fund appropriation 4,639 in '89-90 and \$7,880 in '90-91. The salary limit is also increased by 4,097 in '89-90 and 6,958 in '90-91. The original appropriation for the current biennium including funding to open the Mahoney State Park in the spring of 1990,