

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Let the record show that Senator Johnson also had 18 third and fourth graders from District 11, that's Platteville School, in our south balcony a few moments ago along with their teacher. Senator Wehrbein, would you like to go into four additional agencies?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, I will, Mr. Speaker and members. I have Agencies 3, 11, 49 and 50 which first starts with Legislative Council. First issue has to do with the additional \$200,000 we appropriated for the Franklin investigation. This brings the total to \$300,000 available during this stage of the investigation. I have the breakdown of the expenditures itemized, suffice it to say perhaps, that we have spent \$155,681 as of now through February and there is still \$144,319 available out of the 300,000 yet to be spent in the Franklin investigation. Like I said, I have the breakdown of where the money is going to the investigators, Kirk Naylor, Jerry Lowe, Berry, Anderson and Creager. Number two issue is the continuation of the LB 247 study. Originally, \$250,000 was appropriated. That was vetoed back to \$150,000 by the Governor last year. This adds \$30,000 back to that amount of 150 in the form of a deficit, making a total of \$180,000 available for the study. Currently the appropriation is sufficient to cover the contractual costs, for the consultant to conduct Phase II of the study which is in progress now, which is the review of the role and mission. However, funds are not adequate to cover travel and printing expenses and they will be later funded with a deficit next year. Also have a breakdown of how that money was spent. I won't go into that detail, but there is, will be 180,000 now allocated to the 247 study. Another issue has concerning the ombudsman. In setting the '89-90 and the '90-91 budgets, it was assumed that a total of \$12,000 would be available from carry-over funds to offset new appropriations. However, only \$4,000 of the unobligated funds were available due to not taking into consideration encumbered salaries. The \$8,000 provided in this deficit offsets the lower unobligated carry-over funds. Also in the Fiscal Office there is a \$2,400 increase in the salary limitation due to a higher use of the part-time fiscal note coordinator in the special session and pre-session preparation of carry-over bills. In another area we have, on page 59 of the amendments, you'll see language authorizing the excess funds used to renovate the State Capitol Building. If there is any excess funds, they will be authorized to spend it on replacing carpet in the West Chamber. Okay,