

the initial implementation of what is known as Phase II which will expand educational telecommunications services. This grows, again, out of the recommendations of that task force that has worked together now for, I think, over a year, so in addition to completing Phase I, the Phase II requires purchase of basic origination equipment and there are essentially two programs that are going to be run on a pilot basis at this time. One is equipment for a joint program between the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and Chadron which will actually be delivered in Scottsbluff as a new concept in the state which is a two-tiered MBA program. There is also equipment in here to enhance the existing nursing program run by the university and, again, that will be delivered at the technical community college campus in Scottsbluff. That is equipment necessary to carry these off. There is some backup transmit and receive, a technical term, codec unit required. There is also within this appropriation equipment to extend the CorpNet programming to other communities around the state including Scottsbluff, Grand Island, Columbus and Norfolk. That amount is \$255,000 and outside of the basic origination, equipment is the largest amount in here. If you want specific breakdowns for these, I have them, I will not go through them for you unless you'd like them broken out. And, finally, there is an appropriation in here of 66,000 of matching funds to provide satellite dishes, 22 satellite dishes for elementary and secondary schools which do not now have them. So this is a major investment by the state to advance what I think is a program that has some exciting possibilities to extend higher education by telecommunications as well as elementary and secondary activities across the state. Moving into the next agency, Agency 64 is the state patrol. That is...deals essentially with one major issue that has been of concern, I know, of this Legislature for a long time and, as amended, the bill appropriates funds for overtime payments in the amount of \$443,000 for the state patrol. You will recall that there was \$250,000 previously appropriated and the payment of overtime rather than granting the compensatory time effectively increases the patrol's available work force. It was cited in the hearing as being particularly important in terms of doing ongoing investigation and making the patrol's work effective. The amount of compensatory time is the equivalent of 27 officers in hours work. The bill also appropriates additional funding for the construction of an office building in Sidney, an additional \$33,680 was appropriated because of the original cost estimate. That estimate was too low, required that additional funding.