

believe, so that we can take full advantage of the federal funds available to us, but the overall impact of what we have done to the bill was to shift it and keep it in the Crime Commission's budget as opposed to the state agencies. Then to the two other agencies that I have that are a little bit more, we'll probably be talking about quite a bit more as we go on with these bills, are the Department of Public Institutions and there are about four different changes that we have made there. One deals with the veterans' home. It is a \$700,000 fund shift. It doesn't include any new funds, but it allows the veterans' homes to use their current Trust Fund that has been previously reserved for construction of new facilities or additions to new facilities and we're going to allow them to make renovation improvements to existing facilities, so it's just a fund shift that we're allowing, no increase in funding on that issue. Another issue within DPI that deals with more of intent language deals with some clarifying language we had...well, actually I better come back to that because we want to try to keep this in line as best we can. The...another little issue that we had deals with a capital construction allowance that we're going to allow an additional \$35,000 to flow to the Thomas Fitzgerald Veterans' Home for the purposes of trying to hook up to a sewer outfall system. This is considered a one-time expenditure, and as a matter of fact, a repayable expenditure, so hopefully in the not too distant future we'll have that reimbursed, but it will allow the Department of Public Institutions to hook into a city sewer system at that time. Then we get into the two bigger areas, one dealing with mental health aid and one dealing with mental retardation aid. The committee made two significant changes in mental health aid to the Governor's bill, one, we allowed for an additional \$180,000 for emergency psychiatric services for Region V to continue and totally fund their emergency psychiatric care service in Region V, and we also then made a major change to Region VI, emergency psychiatric services, and we allowed for \$1,348,000 to flow to Region VI for two different projects, but their combined one is a five-bed triage emergency acceptance, emergency intake center and combining that with a 10-bed short-term care facility for emergency psychiatric services in Region VI. Those two items combined bring our total health care, or mental health care aid package, kind of in line with what we started back in 1988 when we had the provisions of a bill that suggested that we needed to do something about our emergency psychiatric services. LB 257, as a matter of fact, said that we could not keep persons with mental illness in our prison system, that they needed rather to be cared for in a