

length, I'm sure, before we're all done with this process. The final agency that I need to talk about is Correctional Services, the prison system, and you are all aware of the major increases in population we've had in our penal institutions and our criminal justice system in general with probation as well as parole besides incarcerations and the Governor's bill has made some significant increases in the staffing amounts for all of our penal complexes and the committee's amendment basically agreed with all of those staffing amounts with a couple of exceptions, and actually the committee amendments are reducing the amounts of the Governor's bill to try to account, again, for using the least amount of dollars and try to get the necessary job done. There were some estimates of client counts that we think that might be a little more than necessary in the Governor's bill and we've cut that back down. There was some fund balances in the Department of Correctional Services' budget that we tried to use as opposed to increasing General Funds, so all in all, with the staffing requirements for drug treatment, for medical staffing, for guards and personnel throughout the system, we basically agree with LB 1031, the Governor's bill, with the exception that we tried to maximize some Cash Funds and tried to cut down on a couple of estimated numbers to try to keep our funding cost down as low as we possibly can. Finally, the Governor's bill does have a significant increase in capital construction that deals with three new housing facilities, one in Omaha and two in Lincoln, that the committee has gone along with and recognize we're making no changes to that, but it will add about 430 new beds when it's all said and done to mostly our minimum security prison system and you, I'm sure, are aware that their populations are such that this is a sorely needed thing and the committee agreed with the Governor's bill and we are not making any changes in that. I believe that that covers at least the highlights and again I'm sure we'll be talking about correctional services so, with that, I would suggest that completes my presentation and I turn it back to Senator Warner, I believe.

PRESIDENT: Okay, Mr. Clerk, do you have something for the good of the cause while we're stopped here?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have items for the record, if I may. Explanation of vote from Senator Byars. (Re: LB 642. See page 1306 of the Legislative Journal.)

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