

administrative staff either at the AAA which is the area agency itself or the service agency offices. So you see, folks, what we're doing here is talking about not even being able to...I'm not asking, between what they have put in the appropriations bill and what I am asking now in this amendment to be enough to cover all of the costs of just the wage increases that are required. So I don't think we're coming in and we're asking for a heck of a lot when I sit here and I look as following along in the final report of the Appropriations Committee and I see all that we're willing to put in to taking care of our criminals in society to the tune of millions of new dollars, including a lot of new beds, and medical costs that we're willing to pay to cover them, let's see, five hundred and some thousand dollars a year. I bet you the elderly people are jealous. Maybe they need to all commit crimes so they can get put into the pen so that they have a place where they're cared for. They have even educational expenses included in here; nice beds, room and board. We have a situation which occurred in Hastings and I know I'm getting a little off track but I'm so frustrated by this. We have a situation in Hastings where we're so lucky that we got one of the little, I call it a wing of the penitentiary out there in Hastings, which is the only thing we've gotten in Hastings for a number of years, big increase for our...for my area. But we have what was supposedly given to us as a minimum security facility out there and supposedly, at that time, I was informed and I was promised that it was only going to be those people that were in the transitional stages. They were in the last three months of their imprisonment. They needed to have a place where they could go to transition into the community. Well, we now have criminals out there that have killed and those kinds of things and they're definitely not in the last three months and we have people who are constantly breaking out. Why, I don't know? And what better conditions could they have than what they've got there? But the last couple of people that broke out, when they went over the fence, scratched themselves and they're now suing us because they were injured when they were escaping. I think the time for us maybe...I realize that we have some requirements that the feds have placed on us but I think that...and when I look and I was just having a conversation here with Senator Langford, and I know I'm venting my frustration, but I look at all the millions of dollars we're talking about and what we all hear support in putting into programs and services and this is one of them, when I'm talking about aging services. But I'm telling you, folks, we're forgetting the elderly, but we're talking about doing all of