

the Governor requested a deficit in that amount, we recognize then at the time, this was in our preliminary budget back in February, that there certainly is the concern of additional disaster. It was the committee's original intent to fund the deficit of \$360,000, and fund an additional amount over and above that so there would be at least a quarter of a million dollars in that emergency fund to last throughout the biennium, an additional quarter of a million dollars next biennium. So, theoretically, on July 1 of '91, had there been no activity, this fund would have been at the desired half million dollar level. Obviously, what occurred in Crawford is far more than the quarter of a million dollars that we already appropriated, and also they are using the entire amount there, would be back down to zero and would be creating a real problem. I think it is desirable to have about a half a million dollars in that fund to at least start out the next two-year biennium to have some funds there to assist in these type of things. Originally, the committee last Thursday, there has been a real...obviously, you are working on a timetable that is somewhat crunched, plus the fact that, you know, you are dealing in an area of the state where, you know, to try and...like, for instance, in Sioux County there is an initial road damage figure, and then as they had the opportunity to literally fly around the county and look at it, the road damage was originally underestimated. So, originally, there was some estimation concern, there were some numbers moving around last week, it went from 300,000 in one day to \$1.3 million the next. You may have recalled that the committee originally last Thursday recommended a level of 1.39, 1,390,000, in this emergency fund. That is, one, because there is some uncertainty on the numbers and, two, because there was some concern at that time, and that, historically, at least, in both the Lawrence tornado situation and in the Platte River flooding situation that there are federal funds there. The feds will pick up 35 percent, there is a nonfederal match of 25 percent; and in both of those cases, at least it is my understanding, the state picked up half of that nonfederal match, and so we picked up 12 1/2 or half of the remaining 25 percent. Now when the Governor originally came in last Tuesday on his request for Crawford, he had requested the full 25 percent of the total nonfederal match to come from the state, his rationale being that, one, because of lids this body has imposed on local governments; two, because simply the area we are talking about out there, it would be very difficult for them to come up with any dollar amount. Originally, last Thursday, the committee had some questions, what about the numbers, and he