

forward, whether by lawsuit or whether by plan of this body as we move forward on a plan, use these dollars probably to bond to build some additional prisons in the State of Nebraska. That was the Governor's plan. Probably the other extreme of that was the University of Nebraska introduced LB 241 which would have locked these funds up for a period well into the next century on a variety of priorities within the university system. Well, originally the Appropriations Committee and then by action of this floor adopted by this body 760, containing a variety of things. Probably one of the highest profile issues was funding for the Beadle Center or as some said the "Beadle-Withem-Moore Center" some day, I don't know, but that was Mr. Knapp's thing last night, but the Beadle Center, funding for Copeland in Kearney for...not...that's the addition to Copeland Hall in Kearney to alleviate their space needs. Those two items were not vetoed out and are still in the budget, will be spent, and cigarette tax dollars, primarily the lapse of the second year of the biennium, I assume will go towards those projects. The Governor vetoed out the remainder of LB 760, which includes these projects: UNO arts and sciences, UNMC, some planning money for the med center, a variety of issues at the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Mead Headquarters that included...which Mead Headquarters, Scottsbluff, North Platte swine, and support Whitman Center, the Concord support building, and also contained in that was a veto of the Wayne State College business building. Now I guess this is one of those places where at least the majority of the Appropriations Committee had a basic philosophical difference with the Governor on how this fund should be used and the need to reserve it for prison construction. I have passed out on the top of the stack that I just passed it out, a little explanation about where we are in prisons if that is your concern. I think you have to understand that, you know, I'm not certainly...one of the reasons that it was proposed that we do not adopt LB 241 in its entirety is that there is some validity in what the Governor is saying, that we should not commit these monies for the long term and lock ourselves out if, one, if we have a lawsuit, or, two, by choice we decide to build a stand alone prison at the cost of 40-some million dollars. But, on the other hand, on the other hand, for a variety of reasons, with the prison construction we're already doing in the State of Nebraska, with some present trends in the Corrections Department, certainly for the short term, and the short term being this biennium and the next biennium, the committee's of the opinion these dollars could be spent and there was a window of opportunity to use these dollars for some