

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay, this is the committee amendment, and I would like to spend a few minutes explaining the committee amendments and then take up the first committee amendment to the committee amendment, which is the modular housing, I think. So that's where I'll start. Call the body's attention to the General Fund status sheet that was just handed out, it's a white paper. It's an updated version of what you had in your yellow handout about a week ago. And I want to call your attention to the figures as they appear on the front page, which is the summary, the so-called bottom line of where we are at, at this point, with the biennial budget, showing the total spending based on the...which is on line 8, one million (sic), nine hundred and sixteen million...\$1,916,000,000, which is a \$25 million decline from the previous estimates by the Forecast Board. So in our process, two weeks ago tomorrow, we did have a \$25 million decline in the forecast. It's the same day we put the budget together. So carrying down the line then shows the net fund receipts, and then it shows the total appropriations for the '95 session, and shows, carrying on down, that we have, at this point of the budget, 3.18 percent biennial reserve, which is 6,547,000 over the minimum reserve. If you want to see where the spending is going for this biennium, turn to the second year of this biennium, turn to the next page. I will not go into lots of detail at this point, unless you'd like to ask questions. This is where the money is being proposed to be spent, some of it is in overrides of last year's Governor's vetoes for the second year, those total \$13,716,000. That is approximately half of the vetoes last year. Then that's on line 17. If you can follow down, there's some adjusted Maximus estimates on line 21, that has to do with some areas that Maximus funds were not quite as large as originally thought, so we absorbed those with General Funds by reducing the Cash Reserve Fund from 23 million down to 17 million plus as part of our cash reserve, and that is mostly because we picked up additional General Fund spending using Maximus funds within the areas that those shortfalls were, based on the federal government reduction in funding to the state of Nebraska. In other words, it's reduction of federal funds. I could have more detail on that, if you want it. The bottom part of the line then is line 26 through 40 is where there's proposed new increased spending this year. Starting with the modular housing units, adult corrections on line 26, that will be the first amendment to the committee amendments that we'll be discussing.