

\$200,000 to be reappropriated. The Governor has recommended \$5.5 million for the next fiscal year. Then you add the \$200,000 and reappropriate it, brings us up to \$5.7 million versus \$5.6 million we will probably spend as of the first of July or this fiscal year. So that leaves us with about only \$100,000 more than this year that we are in now. However, another factor to consider is that we will have the short session coming up where we have just finished the long session or the ninety day session. So the expenses will be somewhat reduced or should be and that may be in the order of \$100,000 if we can rely on previous Legislatures. So if we don't override, we will be...we will have about \$100,000 more to spend than we spent in this last year but we will have a shorter legislative session to contend with.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, I have been one member of this Legislature that has continually tried to get information out to the constituency that we have out there and also to support the hearing process that we have here in Lincoln and I believe if you talk about growth, the growth of our budget, the number of people coming into our hearings has probably doubled what our growth of spending has been over the last several years. But I don't think we are trying to change that and I don't suppose that this money is going to be involved in our hearing process at this end of the situation. But I do think, as Senator Vickers has mentioned, that it is very, very important that we get out over the State of Nebraska with the series of hearings and the different committees. I had an experience last year that I shared with some of you before when I chaired the Government Committee and Senator Nichol will remember this. We made a trip through the state and held hearings at Ogallala, at Scottsbluff and at Broken Bow on about three different subjects, all in one trip, and we had an issue that involved the Mexican-Americans or the Mexican-American Commission and for the first time in my years as a state senator we had testimony in Spanish at four hundred miles from Lincoln. And I think it is very important that we get out there and these people that were testifying at this particular hearing weren't very apt to get to Lincoln, Nebraska. The other part I want to say is that we aren't going to spend the money if we don't need it. You may have a tendency to spend a bit more than you would if you didn't have it, I admit that, but I believe we are responsible people. I believe we have responsible people on the Executive Board and I think that we