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County will not pay these two employees. So in the shift, two secretaries got caught in the squeeze. This would take care of their pay throughout, at least, this fiscal year. That is the purpose of this shift. Shall I go on to the next one now?

SPEAKER: Yes, please proceed.

SENATOR MARVEL: Page 4, Line 21, allows the state auditor and this again has nothing to do with increased General Fund money but allows the state auditor to raise the salaries of experienced staff which he is now losing. He is not necessarily losing it to private industry, in this case, he is losing it to other agencies. The state auditor has taken on a lot of additional activities and as far as we can determine done a pretty good job of conducting his office. The next item is on Page 9, Line 20. This has to do with additional General Fund money and also Federal funds. This has to do with the Western Community Technical College in Sidney. When the Budget was made based upon recommendation from those in charge, the cash fund was shown larger than was actually functional so that unless this procedure is carried out, as I understand it, two things will happen. They will have to reduce personnel because the cash fund was shown larger than was actually true and secondly we're talking about rehabilitation of the heating system out there. So there are two items involved in this. The next item is on Page 10, Line 22. Page 10, Line 22, has to do with the nursing home administrator examinations and what we did, in this case, is to put all the money into the General Fund and we put too much money into the General Fund so they are short on money to handle nursing home administration. So what we would do here would be to give them back some of their own money. That is what Section 5 does. Section 6 which is on Page 12, Line 6 and some of you in this Legislature understand the Missouri River Basin probably better than I do but it is our understanding that the Governor has pledged as Nebraska's portion of the Missouri River Basin study this amount of money. I also understand Nebraska is the only state fully within this basin and this would simply provide as you see here by putting the money, see Page 12, Line 6, put the money into the Division of Water Resources. The next item is on Page 13, Line 8. We're talking here about Keeping Nebraska Beautiful and this simply is raising the personal services ceiling to \$1275.00. This is to allow them to use their own money. On Page 14, it is a little more complicated. Instead of having a miscellaneous--or a Salaries and Claims committee as we used to have, we have a State Claims Board operates on a continuing basis. We need, it is estimated, at least \$100,000.00 of General Fund money, a total of \$230,000.00 to pay Workmen's Compensation claims. Now if you will check on Page 14, Line--Section 77 there, Line 7 through 15, you will find that we list the amount of money from the various agencies; University of Nebraska, for instance, and we list specific revolving funds so that of the \$230,000.00 \$130,000.00 will come from cash, trust and revolving funds. The reason we do this is that these employees are paid out of these funds and we feel that since employees are paid out of the fund the claims should be paid out of the same funds. In line--Page 14, Line 25, we went into rather thorough discussion here. Actually the new court bill #1032 was effective January 1st, 1973. Am I right? January 4th actually. The Supreme Court as per the Constitution saw fit in their administrative capacity to hire the administrator six months ahead of time. Now because of this it is necessary to put in for \$30,500.00 of additional funds. On page 16, Line 10, we're talking about the Investment Council and this is as a result of Supreme Court decision. We tried to see that the funds were paid out of cash funds. We found that the, at least the Attorney General indicates, this is unconstitutional. Therefore, we have to appropriate the money to run the Investment Council. That's what this does. And the last two sections have to do with the repeal sections of the original bill plus the emergency clause. So with that explanation, I