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important record keeping. Page 20, at the bottom of page 20, the Department of Water Resources is the continuation budget. Page 21 is the continuation budget for the Military Department. Page 22 is a continuation of the Board of Education Lands and Funds. Page 23 has to do with the continuation with the Nebraska Library Commission. I think they have their they have their have their Federal Fund problem finally straightened out.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: On the section of libraries, can you tell the Legislature what is the method and what is the amount if any that the state contributes to the local libraries as they may or may not exist.

SENATOR MARVEL: Would you repeat the question so we can. You are talking about assistance from the State to local libraries for an implementation services. O.K., just a second.

SENATOR CARPENTER: One of the reasons I bring up the question is because I have been called on by numerous people who were concerned about the library situation as a whole. They indicated to me and I'm not sure whether they were right or not. I think they were. That the amount that this state contributes in the area of helping the library system on the local level is almost non-existent. Now, after all a library has one purpose and the purpose of course is to supplement the education by those who want to attempt to put forth more efforts than normally they would. And a library is the one place to which those younger people, those are the ones that I am concerned about, can go to obtain books, reference, and information in order to supplement what is not in the public schools. Now I think we shouldn't allow this thing to go on any longer. We are spending money for less important purposes than this. And I think that the library system as it now exists, I hope it will exist is highly important and one that ordinarily we do not give any consideration to because really there is no reason we should. I only do, because I've been contacted. I presume others have to the point I become concerned in it. And that's the reason I want to bring it up at this point. And I may have an amendment.

SENATOR MARVEL: Well, we've got a staff member that's coming with some information so..

SENATOR CARPENTER: Pass it over.

SENATOR MARVEL: Can we pass this over for a moment. Except to say that..well I'll give an explanation in a little more depth in a moment as soon as Mr. Moeller gets up here. On page 24 we're talking about the Nebraska Control Liquor Commission, which was given their agency request, and they have four..in this budget there are four additional agents provided for to a handle complaints. A the State Racing Commission is a continuation in budget. Workmen's compensation Court, continuation Budget. Commission of Status of Women at their request. Nebraska Brand Committee continuation budget. The Motor Vehicle Dealers License Board continuation budget. Now, Senator Lewis. No I'm sorry, excuse me. I thought we gotten to that point. We haven't yet. The Real Estate Commission is a continuation budget, plus \$50,000 of their money for educational purposes. It is spelled out on page 27, lines 18 through 21. The Nebraska Athletic Commission on the top of page 28 a continuation budget. The