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while I'm getting, Mr. President, while I'm getting my notes ready for the next item, if you'd like to turn to page 20 we have a non-controversial agency known as the Department of Public Assistance. Now, Mr. President, I'm....I've got my notes ready for this one.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: The department description actually starts on page 16 but the total is on page 20. And if you'll turn to page 20 and check lines 17-21, you'll find out the total. Now, let me just briefly review how we arrive at this total. There are several categories and I think it's important that I at least refer to all of these in regard to Program 341 which is the major program as far as Public Assistance is concerned. First category has to do with foster care payments and our recommendations will allow an estimated increase of 25% in payments to foster parents or \$445,000 of General Fund money. The Work Incentive Program recommends basically a continuation of the present program \$350,000 General Fund money. The Aged, Blind and Disabled state supplementation \$4.2 million dollars. ADC, Aid to Dependent Children, \$9.3 million dollars of General Fund money. The Medicaid vendor payments \$11.4 million dollars of General Fund money. County administration, a little over 20% increase in General Fund appropriation \$4.3 million General Fund money. The purchase of service in the area of ADC, \$1 million for purchasing service from vendors. The purchase of services in the area of Aged, Blind and Disabled \$700,000 General Fund. Catastrophic Illness, the agency request of \$175,000 General Fund money. Okay, page 20 has to do with Program 347, state supervision of Public Assistance. Recommends basically a continuation of \$1.9 General Fund money. The next category, page 22, Program 523 on line 11, Crippled Children Services. Recommends a \$200,000 expansion of the catastrophic program or a total of \$463,000 General Fund money. And finally, on the top of page 23, line 3, Program 524, Nebraska Center for Children and youth, which used to be known as the Whitehall program which includes a recommendation for two additional group homes after a state plan for juvenile services has been completed. And the appropriations in this area, this Nebraska Center for Children and Youth, is \$1.3 million dollars. Now, it may....I think there are some amendments or some questions in regard to this particular agency, Mr. President, and I'll refer to the Clerk's desk and also to the Legislature for any questions they may have.

PRESIDENT: Are there any questions on this section that Senator Marvel has just explained? Senator Marvel, we're going to handle the amendments, my understanding, at the end. So there are no questions, if you will continue on.

SENATOR MARVEL: Turn to page 25 now. We're going to talk about the Department of Correctional Services. Okay, now, this is...this is in the correctional area and the committee gone on record some time ago of pushing for program development and you can see on page 25, lines 19-21 we talk about developing a statewide correctional service plan and then it includes 5 and 10 year projections. On the bottom of page 25 and if you turn to page 26 under A D or under B,C,D, and E it further identifies the sub-divisions of that plan. And then it goes on to appropriate money basically to start with in the Central Office and then at the bottom of page 27, we