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replacement rather of one of the aircraft, and as I indicated there is language in the bill indicating a revolving...or there is a cash fund that would be set... some program set up within the agency so that in the future they can, in their charging of agencies, they will be collecting funds as they go along for the replacement of aircraft together with what general funds might be needed in the future. There's minor adjustment...some cash funds the Department of Agriculture recognizing the marketing or promotional program for beef, but these are funds that are donated that was established since the last session. There's a major amount of eight hundred thousand dollars put in which will also be reappropriated for grasshopper control in the event that it's needed, and that is in the deficiency bill because the spraying obviously would have to occur early, prior to July 1 to be effective. The Department of Health has an increase in their cash fund authorization related to their inspections facilities for the...primarily nursing homes, Medicaid and Medicare health facilities inspections. The Department of Motor Vehicles has a major increase of two hundred and fifty-seven thousand dollars for data processing. Apparently the...originally it was thought that the conversion of titles and registrations to computerfiles would be completed by June 30th of this year. As it has turned out, there is somewhere between a six and an eight month delay of the processing of titles and registrations that are sitting down in boxes and it is somewhat urgent that this be completed as the federal government is requesting this information... this kind of information as they look at the allocation of fuel from a national point of view in the event that allocation of fuel is...becomes more of a reality than it is today. The major increase in the Department of Welfare... approximately three million dollars of general fund money, a million and six of cash, which essentially is county funds, and nine million plus of federal funds. This increase is related to...totally to increase in Medicaid costs...or primarily increase in Medicaid costs for nursing homes and there's a smaller amount that is for child welfare within the agency. Originally that estimated deficiency in November was in the vicinity of...or a little in excess of five million dollars, and the department since that time in reviewing their projections for the balance of the year has reduced the five million deficit down to the request of approximately three million of general fund. There is some language in the bill adjusting the educational lands funds appropriations due to an error made by... essentially by the Committee in the appropriation last year where we show...did show cash funds being appropriated for