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to develop the kind of basic information that not only would result in equalization of values between counties but also provide a data base that would be...so that whatever action the Board of Equalization would subsequently take, it would be sustained by the courts as it would be based upon the factual and defensible set of data. The Department of Agriculture is essentially a continuation budget. There is some increase in the export marketing program over and above the existing level of operation. The other expansion of increases primarily dealt with checkoff programs which are cash funds but appear within the Department of Agriculture's budget. The Department of Health is essentially a continuation budget. The major increase that was included in the Department of Health dealt with an increase for renal disease programs which is aid to individuals. Currently we spend about \$375,000 and this is an increase of \$75,000 up to \$450,000. The Fire Marshal's Office includes an expansion of additional deputy fire marshals for a workload increase in the area of arson and inspection of buildings for fire in compliance with the various standards. Also there will be legislation coming across, LB 212, which will adjust an increase in premiums, insurance premium tax on fire companies and that money will be earmarked in the future for the funding of the Fire Marshal's Office in relation to his fire inspection and arson responsibilities. The Department of Labor is a continuation budget. The Motor Vehicles is essentially a continuation budget. The Department of Public Institutions is essentially a continuation budget. There is the item that I indicated earlier in capital construction with Beatrice. There is a \$1.5 million included in this budget, a half a million of which goes for the continued support of individuals who are transferred from Beatrice to community based facilities between now and July 1. There is a million dollars then available to flow with the individuals transferred after July 1 through June 30th of 1980, or if they remain at Beatrice depending upon their appropriate placement, the funds would be available at Beatrice instead. The only real expansion that occurred here was eight additional FTE at the Hastings Regional Center Adolescent Program, \$125,000. Actually those are people at a second ward which is in place at this point but that funding for that second ward was also specifically approved. I should point out that specifically in the bill here is the pick up of six regional alcoholism coordinators who will be transferred from the regions over to the central office and that picks up at a cost of \$150,000 but that also represents the expenditure that was previously made except that we retained at the state for their support are from the same fund source. There is two increases made within the bill, the 7% increase over previous funding for

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