

funds for mass transit. Our rationale for selecting this particular one was that the projections we have seen on LB 715, which expands the sales tax base, would generate probably in excess of \$2 million of additional revenue to Lincoln and Omaha. It would appear that it would be about proportionate to what they also received in mass transit, so because also that this program has great potential for growth, both under the statute as well as the fact that the federal government may be reducing its aid, it seemed an appropriate place to prevent future growth in a program that could grow substantially.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: Agency 38, Status of Women is proposed for eliminated the funding, again as I indicated all advocacy programs I believe we have included. The Department of Corrections, the accreditation expense, you know, this has been discussed before. They do have an accredited program. Upon review of the program it was evident that failure to fund would not affect the statutes. It didn't provide any...there was no reason not to maintain the same quality of service even though the accreditation process was not continued. The next one affects Agency 52, which is the State Fair. It is a total of \$108,000 which was contingent upon the passage of LB 154, which I attempted to amend this morning, but as that bill now stands, they will still stand to lose about \$75,000 net from their appropriation. Ag activities was one that fit a variety of criteria. That has been around for a long time. There are about a half a dozen different small private groups that receive some of this money and it would be consistent to take that out along with some of the other things we did. The Historical Society is reduced \$65,000. It is one of the issues that we looked at early in the session. It is pure and simple a reduced time, either in the number of days that some of these facilities are opened, or shorter hours with the same number of days, but in any event, that was the purpose of the reduction.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, Senator Wesely said that he would give you some time if you needed additional time.

SENATOR WARNER: I assume everybody has read all of these. Thank you. Mexican American Commission was part of the advocacy group. It is a simple \$60,000 cut in the...in the Arts Council. Again the Indian Commission was the same part