

spread out at the Lincoln Regional Center, 122,000; Norfolk, about 44,000; Hastings, 108; Beatrice, 117; the Central Office, \$68,000; for the current year a total of 461,000. In addition they had recommended that they would delay the opening of the Western Nebraska Veteran's Home from March 1 to April 1 and that was a \$71,300 reduction. And they have a small \$753 reduction in the Visually Impaired, well it's an amount of funds for the Physical Sight Restoration for Physically Impaired Persons, which also results in some federal fund reduction. In addition to those cuts that would have been in the Governor's, the Appropriations Committee is suggesting a couple of other things. One, instead of delaying the opening at Scottsbluff for one month, that it be deferred until July 1, that it would be opened on July 1. The result of that would be a reduction of 230,000 in the current year's appropriation. In addition we did a arbitrary in a sense, but not really, a \$300,000, approximately \$300,000 reduction that would be spread out amongst all of the activities that the Department has responsibility for. I assume some of it again would be vacancy savings, a variety of ways that they might be able to accomplish that reduction of 300,000. The 462,000 I mentioned at first in the Governor's budget is very specific as to positions and location. Our additional 300,000 is one that gives more leeway to the agency for some other reductions. The other thing that is significant is in the aid program in the Department of Institutions and our recommendation on the aid reduction is a total of 840,000, 2.83 percent which is the same percentage that we did the Department as a whole. The Governor's aid was 445,000 which is 1.5 percent. The rationale, somewhat, because whether it is on the aid side or operations of the Department, they essentially work with the same types of issues, problems for people and discussion in this particular instance pretty much was that whatever reduction that we found necessary in operations, there was as much logic or as little, however you want to look at it, logic for the aid side too since they essentially serve the same kinds of people. So I would move the adoption of the committee amendment. Dollarwise there would be about \$900,000 less reduction if you turn down the committee amendment than if you adopt it, so I would move its adoption.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, please. Then Senator Smith.