

LEGISLATIVE NEWSBULLETIN

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We will periodically put out a Legislative Newsbulletin to Governmental Affairs Chairmen, members of the State Board of Directors, and Association Presidents. This is the first issue for this session.

DAY ACTIVITY CENTERS - H.F. 379 & S.F. 277

The Day Activity Center Bill passed the Senate Welfare Committee on February 25th with flying colors. There was not a dissenting vote on the committee. Representatives were present from various day activity centers and areas where day activity centers are being planned. Testimony was given by ten people representing these groups. They each did an excellent job. The legislators were amazed at the dedication and interest of those present. The same bill was presented to the House Health and Welfare Committee on February 26th. Again, representatives were present from groups to speak. No action was taken until February 28th, however. The bill passed out of this committee without any trouble. The Senate bill has now been referred to the Senate Finance Committee, where it is hoped the \$220,000 amount requested will be allowed. The House version has gone to the Appropriations Committee.

1961 BUILDING BILL

This bill, which provides for four new dormitories at Brainerd and a new dormitory at Faribault, passed both the Senate and House on February 6th. Plans are now being made to go ahead with the building programs authorized.

RANGE INSTITUTION - H.F. 172 & S.F. 71

A bill was introduced to provide for a institution on the Iron Range. The bill provides that this would be for the mentally retarded. However, in discussions that the Governor has had with various people, he points out that he has in mind a multi-purpose type institution which would serve some retarded, besides serving mentally ill and possibly some who are suffering from other types of handicaps.

LIMIT ON TEACHER AID - H.F. 768

This bill, which has been introduced at the request of the Department of Education, would increase the two-thirds limit on special class teacher aid from \$3600 to \$4800. It has been referred to the Education Committee of the House. Another bill is prepared and will be introduced soon, which would remove the ceiling altogether on the two-thirds teacher aid.

GENERAL LEGISLATIVE PICTURE

A number of other bills have been introduced; namely, a bill that relates to an interim commission on mental retardation (this is S.F. 678), a bill to provide for experimental sheltered group homes for the mentally retarded (this is H.F. 428 & S.F. 492), and a bill to earmark fees paid by individuals for care of mentally retarded in institutions for research in mental retardation (this is S.F. 685). Hearings have not been set as yet on these bills.

The Senate Finance Sub-Committee on Welfare and House Appropriations Sub-Committee on Welfare have both been meeting with representatives of the institutions for the mentally retarded, reviewing their requests for funds for the next two years. It is too early to tell what will happen in the area of increased staffing for institutions for the mentally retarded. We will keep you informed on this,

It is important that legislators have a copy of our governmental affairs program. Each association was requested sometime ago to see that this was sent to the legislators. We hope that everybody has done this by now.

LEGISLATIVE MATERIAL

(Past 10 Years)

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Special Classes

The growth of special class programs in Minnesota has been substantial during the past several years. The major climb occurred after 1957 legislation established mandatory provisions for educable classes and permissive legislation for trainable classes. Expenditures for special services and instruction increased 131% from 1957-58 to 1961-62.

GROWTH OF SPECIAL CLASS PROGRAMS

	<u>Educable Classes</u>	<u>Trainable Classes</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1952-53	147	6	Unavailable
1956-57	191	21	\$1,215,563
1957-58	220	22	\$1,281,297
1958-59	296	31	\$1,730,143
1959-60	338	36	\$2,068,771
1960-61	379	40	\$2,479,484
1961-62	436	47	\$2,961,558
1962-63	454	49	Unavailable
1963-64	520	58	Unavailable

Day Activity Centers

Day Activity Centers for the mentally retarded, as in the case of special classes, have experienced their major growth since the 1961 legislation which established pilot projects and offered state matching funds to selected centers.

INCREASE IN DAY ACTIVITY CENTERS

	<u>1953</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>
Number of Day Activity Centers	2	9	26	38

Sheltered Workshops

Sheltered workshops which serve the mentally retarded, although still not receiving state supports, have increased from two in 1953 to ten in 1963. Most of the workshops do receive Division of Vocational Rehabilitation fees for service to clients, of course. 1963 legislation to authorize state funds to selected workshops serving individuals on a longer term basis died in committees.

INSTITUTIONS

Buildings

Listed below are the major building authorizations of the past ten years.

<u>Session</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1955	Lake Owasso	Added as facility for mentally retarded	
	Faribault	Administration Building	
		2 - 100 bed Patient Buildings	\$ 3,736,639 *
	Brainerd	Plans, Sewer & Water, Hospital-	
		Administrative Building	\$ 1,675,000
	Cambridge	2 - 250 bed dormitories	\$ 2,954,000
		TOTAL BUILDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR BIENNIIUM	\$ 7,280,250

* Portion of funds allocated in 1957 (\$1,586,639)

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<u>Session</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1957	Brainerd	Service Building	\$3,164,000
	Brainerd	3-Patient Buildings (458 Beds)	\$2,604,000
	Owatonna	1-Student Dormitory	\$ 239,200
	(TOTAL BUILDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR BIENNium)		\$10,875,000)
1959	Brainerd	4-108 bed Patient Buildings	\$2,906,000
	Faribault	Laundry Building	\$ 700,000
	(TOTAL BUILDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR BIENNium)		\$5,896,703)
1961	Brainerd	4-108 bed Patient Buildings	\$3,000,000
	Faribault	1-Patient Building	\$1,000,000
	(TOTAL BUILDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR BIENNium)		\$4,798,300)
1963	Faribault	Food Service & Handling Building	\$1,565,000
	Brainerd	School & Rehabilitation Therapies Building	\$1,170,000
	(TOTAL BUILDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR BIENNium)		\$2,970,000

Staffing

Since 1955, a total of 723 additional staff positions have been granted for institutions serving the retarded. However, in terms of staff-patient ratio improvements, this statistic is misleading because the majority of the positions were authorized to allow for expansion of facilities. Listed below are the number of new positions granted each institution by the Legislature.

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Legislative Session</u>	<u>New Position</u>
Faribault State School and Hospital	1955	(-4)
	1957	16
	1959	29
	1961	35
	1963	48
	TOTAL	<u>124</u>
Cambridge State School and Hospital	1955	91
	1957	251
	1959	(-21)
	1961	7
	1963	12
	TOTAL	<u>340</u>
Brainerd State School and Hospital	1955	Not in existence
	1957	79
	1959	70
	1961	81
	1963	100
	TOTAL	<u>330</u>
Owatonna State School	1955	1
	1957	3
	1959	0
	1961	2
	1963	2
	TOTAL	<u>8</u>

Total Budgetsfor Institutions

The 1963 Legislature authorized a sizeable increase in the total operating budgets of institutions for the retarded. From a 1961-63 biennium budget of \$20,847,182, the 1963-65 figure rose to \$23,606,632. Governor Andersen's recommendation for this biennium had been \$24, 143,179.

Institutions for the mentally ill did not show as great a gain dollar-wise or percentage-wise. Their 1961-63 authorisation totaled \$37,367,844. The Legislature granted \$38,321,560. Governor Andersen had recommended \$40, 864,387.

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1963 total special equipment budgets for institutions for the retarded were approved in the amount of \$97,301. This compares to requests for \$235,186. Special equipment is set up by the institutions on a priority basis, and overall, it appears that the -institutions did receive most of the items about which they were particularly concerned.

Faribault, while their request was substantially cut, did receive two of the three dental units they placed on high priority as well as 200 beds and mattresses also highly listed. Among items that were not approved at this time were floor maintenance machines, three movie projectors, X-ray conversion equipment, and mattresses, chairs, and lounging furniture placed at a lower priority,

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT REQUESTS AND GRANTS

	<u>Legislative Grant</u>	<u>Governor's Recommendation</u>	<u>Request of Dept. of Public Welfare</u>
Faribault State School and Hospital	\$39,187	\$43,200	\$118,858
Cambridge State School and Hospital	34,306	32,900	60,000
Brainerd State School and Hospital	9,378	13,000	16,578
Owatonna State School	14,030	15,680	39,350
Shakopee Children's Home	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
	\$97,301	\$105,180	\$235,186