

The President laid before the Senate and directed the Secretary to read the following message:

Austin, Texas,
June 3, 1947.

To the Senate of the Fiftieth Legislature:

I have today signed Senate Bill No. 374 making appropriations for the support, maintenance and improvement of the Eleemosynary and Reformatory Institutions of the State of Texas.

I disapproved the following items in the bill: Item 51, page 14:

New Psychopathic Ward for

Austin State Hospital...\$300,000

That part of lines 3 and 4 on page 76 reading "at the end of the current fiscal year and"

In reference to the new psychopathic ward, I am advised that facilities are available at the Austin

State Hospital which can be used temporarily for this purpose.

The effect of the other item which I have disapproved will be to return to the General Revenue, rather than to re-appropriate, the unexpended balance in any fund or item appropriated to any eleemosynary institution remaining at the end of the current fiscal year. I understand that this will amount to approximately \$1,300,000. I have not disapproved the item providing for the re-appropriation of the unused balances at the end of the fiscal year August 31, 1948. These two items will effect a saving of approximately \$1,600,000 and will not, in my judgment, hamper the operation of our eleemosynary institutions.

Respectfully submitted,
BEAUFORD H. JESTER,
Governor of Texas.