

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY

ITEM 165 of the Budget Bill

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FOR SUPPORT OF ADJUTANT GENERAL, NATIONAL GUARD AND
NATIONAL GUARD RESERVE FROM THE GENERAL FUND

Amount requested	\$2,508,233
Estimated to be expended in 1958-59 Fiscal Year	2,630,479

Decrease (4.6 percent)	\$122,246
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TOTAL RECOMMENDED REDUCTION	None
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GENERAL SUMMARY

Under the State Constitution, the legislators must provide, by law, for the organizing and disciplining of the Militia. The Governor is the Commander-in-Chief and may call for the militia to execute the laws of the State, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions.

In the military and Veterans Code, the Legislature has provided for the establishment of the Militia, both the active and unorganized. The active State Militia, under the Adjutant General, is composed of the National Guard, the California National Guard Reserve, and the Naval Militia. The Naval Militia, although authorized, is not activated at present. The unorganized Militia consists of all persons liable for service in the Militia but not members of the National Guard or the Naval Militia.

The Federal Government exercises a considerable control over the California National Guard due to the following circumstances. First, the Department of the Army, through the National Guard Bureau, specifies the maximum strength, officer and enlisted, of the field organization. This results principally from the fact that the Federal Government provides all the organizational equipment and pays all the drill and field training pay to the individuals attached to the units of the field organization. More important, from a war plans standpoint, the field organization of the National Guard is considered ready for immediate mobilization to augment the strength of the regular national military establishment during the period required to assemble and train personnel acquired by the draft or from other sources.

ANALYSIS

The total decrease of 4.7 percent is due principally to the elimination of funds for the uniform allowance, a decrease in equipment requirements, an increase in reimbursements and an unexpended balance of \$46,654 for the Budget Year 1958-59 which to some extent is offset by increases in salaries and wages due to in-grade step and longevity adjustments and an increase in operating expenses.

Most significant of the decreases is the elimination of the budget item for the uniform allowance which we, in the fore part of this publication, have recommended as a basic change in the law to realistically and equitably reduce in future years this annual request for funds.

The two proposed new positions do not represent an increase in service but are required to maintain the same level of service at the Hayward and Ontario National Guard air bases in Fiscal Year 1959-60 due to the completion of additional building facilities at these bases during that period.

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Automotive Maintenance

It is recommended that the Adjutant General and the Department of Finance investigate the probable direct savings, or more efficient use of manpower, that could be effected in the automotive maintenance shop of the National Guard in Sacramento. At present, three National Guard enlisted personnel are assigned duties at the shop, servicing five state-owned trucks and 20 passenger cars, not less than eight federally owned vehicles on loan to the State, and a number of lawn mowers. The Division of Automotive Management, Department of Finance, has nine civil service personnel assigned to like duties servicing 841 vehicles.

We would suggest an arrangement whereby the enlisted personnel of the National Guard shop would be under the direct supervision of the Division of Automotive Management and would service not only National Guard vehicles but other state-owned automotive equipment. It is further recommended that, as vacancies occur in these three enlisted positions from whatever cause, they not be filled by enlisted National Guardsmen, pending a critical review of the requirements at that time.

National Guard Officers Assigned to Governor's Office for Liaison

We recommend that the budget of the Office of the Adjutant General be reimbursed by the Governor's Office budget in the amount of the salaries of the two National Guard officers assigned, in the same manner as the Highway Patrol is reimbursed for chauffeur services.

From a budgetary viewpoint, we believe the costs of the salaries and wages in the amount of \$21,960 for the colonel and captain assigned from the Headquarters Staff of the National Guard to the Governor's Office for liaison duties should be reimbursable from the Governor's Office budget, in that these officers are not performing liaison duties between National Guard headquarters and the Office of the Governor or duties relative to National Guard affairs, except for a minor portion of the colonel's time (estimated at 10 percent).

The investigative services they provide the Governor are justified and are a service required by his office, and for budget purposes the cost should properly be reflected in the budget for the Governor's Office.

Subject to the recommendations made above, we recommend approval of this budget item.

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

ITEM 166 of the Budget Bill

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FOR SUPPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
FROM THE MOTOR VEHICLE FUND

Amount requested	\$24,491,860
Estimated to be expended in 1958-59 Fiscal Year	22,318,290
Increase (9.8 percent)	\$2,183,570

TOTAL RECOMMENDED REDUCTION	None
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