CONTROL SECTION

SECTION 3 OF THE BUDGET BILL

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval of this section.

This section provides that all capital outlay appropriations from all funds, for major construction or acquisition shall be subject to the provisions of Section 15790 of the Government Code. This in effect requires that every project be first approved by the Public Works Board before expenditures can be made from the appropriations. This is a long-standing policy of the Legislature.

SECTION 4 OF THE BUDGET BILL

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval of this section.

This section continues a long-established policy of the Legislature which requires that all major projects first receive preliminary plan approval from the Public Works Board before working drawings can be started. Also, it requires that no bids may be requested for construction where the working drawings have been requested to be reviewed by the Department of Finance and their approval and release has not first been given. The section also provides that no substantial changes may be made in working drawings from the basic preliminary plans as approved by the Department of Finance and the Public Works Board. Finally, it provides that no equipment money may be spent without prior approval of the Department of Finance. The University of California is specifically exempted from the control of this section.

SECTION 5 OF THE BUDGET BILL

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval of this section.

This section continues the policy first established by the Legislature in 1956 by Section 5.5 in the Budget Act of that year, which authorized the Division of Architecture to expend money in advance of their July 1st availability by the use of the Revolving Fund. Such prior expenditures must have the approval of the Public Works Board and the Department of Finance. The purpose of the section is to speed up the process of developing working drawings after preliminary plans are available and approved.

SECTION 6 OF THE BUDGET BILL

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval of this section.

This section is also a continuation of an established policy which provides that all Capital Outlay items from all fund sources shall be available for three years from date of first availability. Our recommendation is subject to our qualifications with respect to Item 421 wherein we suggested that the money should be available for only one year.

State Construction Bond Act Program-Continued

ITEM 461 of the Budget Bill

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FOR CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF STATE PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT IN AUGMENTATION OF CURRENT AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENTS, AND EQUIPMENT FOR STATE AGENCIES FROM THE STATE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM FUND

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgetedLegislative Auditor's recommendation	\$1,316,010 1,316,010
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Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

This item would provide for augmentation of the foregoing projects which are payable from the State Construction Program Fund in the same manner that projects payable from the Capital Outlay and Savings Fund have augmentation provisions. The amount requested represents approximately 3 percent of the total project estimates and, if anything, may prove to be inadequate. However, it is most unlikely that demands would be made on this augmentation within the fiscal year even to the amount proposed so that there is no danger of its being insufficient. Approval is recommended.

SECTION 6.1 OF THE BUDGET BILL

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval of this section.

This section provides that certain specified prior Capital Outlay appropriations shall continue to remain available until June 30, 1958. All of these appropriations would otherwise expire on June 30, 1957, and be required to be reverted. The items involve projects in which there have been unforeseen delays preventing their completion before expiration of the availability of the funds. We believe that it would be in keeping with the policy of the Legislature to permit these items to run for one more year.

SECTION 6.2 OF THE BUDGET BILL

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval of this section.

This section would extend the availability of two specific items, one from the Budget Act of 1955 and one from the Budget Act of 1956, both payable from the State College Fund for minor construction projects. These items were inadvertently not made available for three-year periods as were other items. This section would extend the availability to June 30, 1958.

RECOMMENDATION SECTION 6.3 OF THE BUDGET BILL

We recommend approval of this section.

Chapter 929 of the Statutes of 1945 appropriated \$752,600 from the General Fund, without regard to fiscal years, as the State's share in cooperation with the United States, of the cost of flood control projects on the Santa Ana River Basin, Lytle and Cajon Creeks in the San Bernardino County Flood Control District. Less than \$200 remains in the appropriation and apparently no further calls will be made on the money. Therefore, this section would revert it in order to clean up the books.

SECTION 6.4 OF THE BUDGET BILL

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval of this section.

Item 399 of the Budget Act of 1955 is an augmentation item for construction, improvement and equipment projects payable from the Capital Outlay and Savings Fund. This section would broaden the purpose of that item by permitting it to be used also in augmentation of property acquisition items when the costs of such items are in excess of the amounts provided in specific appropriations. Public Works Board approval would be required as set forth in Item 399.

SECTION 7 OF THE BUDGET BILL

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval of this section.

This section merely seeks to correct an error made when interest earned by the Surplus Money Investment Fund was all transferred to the General Fund despite the fact that the special funds of the Beach Fund and the Park Fund were commingled and should have received appropriate pro rata shares. This section would transfer these shares from the General Fund to the two funds mentioned.

Control Section

SECTION 8 OF THE BUDGET BILL

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval of this section.

This section provides that no money appropriated by this act shall be used to pay the salary of any authorized state position which was vacant or continuously unfilled between October 1, 1956, and July 1, 1957, except with the specific approval of the Director of Finance subsequent to July 1, 1957.

This section also provides that the Director of Finance shall make a report of all positions vacant for the period specified to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee not later than 30 days prior to the convening of the 1958 Regular Budget Session of the Legislature. A report of positions authorized to be filled and positions abolished pursuant to this section is also required.

SECTION 9 OF THE BUDGET BILL

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval.

This section provides that the Department of Finance must investigate and establish the necessity for the acquisition or replacement of motor vehicles. It provides that all passenger automobiles shall be of the light class, except for constitutional officers or unless the Director of Finance determines that unusual requirements would justify a heavier class automobile, or for appointees of the Governor.

SECTION 10 OF THE BUDGET BILL RECOMMENDATION

MECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval.

This section establishes the same restriction of light automobiles for the Department of Public Works as are provided by Section 9.

SECTION 11 OF THE BUDGET BILL

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval.

This section prohibits the purchase of furnishings for any house or apartment of three or more rooms other than a dormitory, except for a superintendent of an institution, warden, or physician.

SECTION 12 OF THE BUDGET BILL

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval.

This section prohibits expenditure of funds appropriated by this act for employee cafeterias in state office buildings unless expressly authorized by a schedule in this act.

SECTION 13 OF THE BUDGET BILL

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval.

This section restricts expenditures for rugs or carpets for state offices.

SECTION 14 OF THE BUDGET BILL

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval.

This section interprets the meaning of the words, terms and phrases contained in the categorical schedules of the Budget Act items. The section also restricts expenditures from appropriations made in the Budget Act to categories or projects set forth in the Budget Act schedule, except as otherwise provided in other sections of the Budget Act.

SECTION 15 OF THE BUDGET BILL

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval of this section.

This section authorizes the Director of Finance, upon the request of an agency to which an appropriation is made, to transfer amounts between categories or between projects designated in any schedule of an item of appropriation. The section provides further that the Director of Finance shall present to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee assembled in meeting a report on all authorizations given pursuant to this section during the preceding quarter.

SECTION 16 OF THE BUDGET BILL

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval of this section.

This section permits the Director of Finance to augment appropriations in the Budget Act where additional amounts are received from state, local, or federal government agencies or other sources, which are in excess of the amount considered in determining such an appropriation. Conversely, it permits the Director of Finance to reduce appropriations in the same manner.

SECTION 17 OF THE BUDGET BILL

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval of this section.

This section permits the payment of premiums for official bonds covering a period in excess of one fiscal year.

SECTION 18 OF THE BUDGET BILL

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval.

This section provides that an expenditure authorized from the Emergency Fund, Salary Increase Funds, Price Increase Funds, or from a special fund pursuant to Section 11006 of the Government Code, in addition to an appropriation made by the Budget Act, is deemed an augmentation and increase of the appropriation made by the Budget Act.

Control Section

SECTION 19 OF THE BUDGET BILL

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval.

This section permits the State Board of Control, upon the recommendation of the Director of Finance, to transfer unneeded funds from an appropriation for support for an institution, or for family care, school or college within the same agency. This is limited to the Department of Corrections, California Youth Authority, Department of Education, and the Department of Mental Hygiene.

SECTION 20 OF THE BUDGET BILL

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval.

This section permits the Department of Finance to transfer funds from one agency to another when the functions performed by the respective agencies are transferred.

SECTION 21 OF THE BUDGET BILL

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval.

This section provides that when functions of any agency for which appropriation has been made in this act are discontinued the unexpended portion of the appropriation for such agency shall revert to the unexpended balance of the fund from which such appropriation was made.

SECTION 22 OF THE BUDGET BILL

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval.

This section provides that the State Board of Control shall make adjustments in appropriations as a result of changes of laws affecting an agency.

SECTION 23 OF THE BUDGET BILL

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval.

This section provides that appropriations under this act shall be expended in accordance with the allotments and other provisions of fiscal year budgets approved by the Department of Finance. Provision is made for Salary Savings Reserve.

SECTION 24 OF THE BUDGET BILL

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval.

This section prohibits officers of state agencies who receive appropriations in the Budget Act from making expenditures in excess of such appropriations without the consent of the Department of Finance.

SECTION 25 OF THE BUDGET BILL

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval.

This section provides for the effect upon appropriations if any item in this act is eliminated or vetoed by the Governor.

SECTION 26 OF THE BUDGET BILL

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval.

This is a savings clause to protect the Budget Act should a portion of it be declared unconstitutional.

SECTION 27 OF THE BUDGET BILL

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval.

This section provides that the Budget Act shall take effect immediately as prescribed under the provisions of Section 1 of Article IV of the State Constitution.

SECTION 28 OF THE BUDGET BILL

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend approval.

This section provides that the Budget Act of 1957 is an urgency measure and as such would go into effect immediately.