

chants who provide goods and services in these areas are denied the protection of insurance against loss.”

State Insurance Commissioner Newton Steers has submitted to the Legislative Council a proposed bill which provides recommendations for implementation of the Federal statute.

The Federal program is temporary in nature and will require the companies to participate in a voluntary program of protection until State legislation is enacted.

“Private enterprise is the key to solving many of the problems of the ghetto,” the Governor said. “It is my hope that the private sector will meet this immediate challenge by participating in this program.”

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Questions and Answers

(Budget Cuts)

Q. Governor, what programs or manpower are being cut in the field of health and mental health?

A. Well, I haven't got the exact breakdown of the cuts other than the general figures, but I do know this: that the cuts have been acceded to. As a matter of fact, they received sanction and approval as far as you could say that any cut would be approved by someone interested in delivering the best possible services in a general area. The cuts have been in the areas suggested by the department heads themselves. A lot of them involve not filling positions which aren't directly related to custodial care of patients and which the health authorities feel can best be left unfilled until the crisis is relieved.

Q. There have been complaints from a number of counties that this has forced them to cut back on programs that they have instituted with State aid.

A. Well, I think that probably the counties to some extent may have to make some selective cutbacks, but while I sympathize with their problem, I would point out very quickly that no administration in State history has ever provided more money for local govern-