SENATE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 877

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 3, 1996

The Senate Human Services Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 877.

This bill appropriates $6.5 million from the Developmental Disabilities' Waiting List Reduction and Human Services Facilities Construction Fund created by the "Developmental Disabilities' Waiting List Reduction and Human Services Facilities Construction Bond Act of 1994," P.L.1994, c.108, for projects, such as capital costs for group homes, to reduce the Division of Developmental Disabilities' community services waiting list.

In September, 1995, the State appropriated $10 million for that purpose. To try to serve 500 clients, a total of $16.5 million is needed. This bill appropriates the $6.5 million necessary to make up the shortfall.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1983 (Vandervalk) which is currently pending in the Assembly Community Services Committee.