surance covering at least the interest of the credit union.

Severability.

Sec. 14. If any provision of this act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

Passed the Senate February 6, 1957.

Passed the House February 21, 1957.

Approved by the Governor March 1, 1957.

CHAPTER 24.

MENTALLY ILL PERSONS—EXPENSES AND COSTS.

An Act relating to the commitment of mentally ill persons, and amending section 51, chapter 139, Laws of 1951 and RCW 71.02.230.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

RCW 71.02.230 amended.

Section 1. Section 51, chapter 139, Laws of 1951 and RCW 71.02.230 are each amended to read as follows:

Expenses— By whom payable. After a person has been found mentally ill under RCW 71.02.200, the court shall, after reasonable notice of the time, place and purpose of the hearing has been given to persons subject to liability under this section, inquire into the ability of the person's estate, or his spouse, parents or children, or any combination thereof, to pay the charges for transportation and hospitalization in a state hospital, detention pending proceedings, and court costs. If the court finds that the patient's estate or above named relatives, or combination thereof, are able to pay such charges or any part thereof, an order to such effect shall be entered. If the court finds that neither the patient's estate nor said relatives are able to pay the charge

for transportation to and hospitalization in a state hospital, such costs shall be borne by the state of Washington. If the court finds that neither the patient's estate nor above relatives can pay charges for detention pending proceedings or court costs, such costs shall be borne by the county. When a patient costs borne is a resident of another county, the committing county shall recover from the county of the patient's residence all costs and expenses of the patient's detention and commitment.

Costs borne

by county.

Passed the Senate February 5, 1957. Passed the House February 21, 1957.

Approved by the Governor March 1, 1957.

CHAPTER 25.

[S. B. 86.]

STATE INSTITUTIONS—RECONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS.

An Act relating to state institutions, and amending section 29, chapter 147, Laws of 1891 and RCW 72.04.090.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 29, chapter 147, Laws of 1891 RCW 72.04.090 and RCW 72.04.090 are each amended to read as follows:

amended.

If any of the shops or buildings in which convicts Destruction of buildings—Reare employed are destroyed in any way, or injured construction. by fire or otherwise, they may be rebuilt or repaired immediately under the direction of the department, by and with the advice and consent of the governor, and the expenses thereof shall be paid out of any unexpended funds appropriated to the department for any purpose, not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars: Provided, That if a specific appropria- Proviso. tion for a particular project has been made by the legislature, only such funds exceeding the cost of