

Capitol capsule

ALBANY, N.Y. (UPI) — A summary of state government news Tuesday:

MENTAL HYGIENE: The Senate approved a Republican sponsored bill to create a special office to treat the mentally retarded as negotiations continued on a compromise of Gov. Hugh Carey's proposal to overhaul the entire Department of Mental Hygiene. Carey's office continued an intensive campaign to support his proposal to split the massive department into three autonomous offices, releasing a list of 35 organizations said to support his approach.

But, Sen. Dale Volker, R-Depew, said Carey's office was "misleading" in its attempts to force approval of his reorganization plan. The governor's program, designed in part by his \$1-a-year health advisor, Kevin Cahill, would create three offices — mental health, mental retardation and developmental services and alcoholism and drug abuse.