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Those with a special interest or knowledge of the welfare system are: Wally Roche, Sy Yanoff (ed.) and Sarah Anne Shaw, *WBZ-TV*; Chris Kenrick, *Christian Science Monitor*; Paul Mindus, *Boston Herald American*; Sue Burdich, *WEEI*; as well as Bruzelius, Durhning, Balboni, Sprecher and Paige.

In the general area of urban affairs, the people to contact are: Howard Husock and Tom Sheehan, *Phoenix*; Joe Day, *WCVB-TV*; Anne Wyman (ed.) and Ken Hartnett (ed.), *Globe*; Bob Hassett, *Herald*; Natalie Christian, *WLVI-TV*; Phil Martin, *WILD*; and Harrington. More specifically, with regard to housing and tenant issues, those historically most interested are: Ann Kirchheimer, Jerry Taylor and James Worsham, *Globe*; Alan Lupo, *WBZ-TV*; Harvy Lipman and John McDonough, *Real Paper*; as well as Wyman, Scharfenberg, Husock, Burdich, Harrington, Durhning and Gordon.

Economy weakest area

The area of greatest reportorial weakness is the state's economy, and the related areas of development and job creation. What little there is is usually in the *Globe* penned by Jonathan Fuerbringer, Bruce Davidson (ed.) and Hartnett. Dorsey was the lone non-*Globe* person mentioned.

Oftentimes, a story will be more appealing to media people if the elements of personalities or internal, personal conflict can be woven in. Those most knowledgeable about the inner workings of the Dukakis administration and likely to incorporate these elements are

FY78 & 79 Budget Requests Compared

A comparison between amounts recommended by the Governor for Fiscal Year 1979 and his recommendations for FY78 show the significance of the increases for next year.

Agency	'78 Rec (000's Omitted)	'79 Rec	% Increase
DCA	\$46,699	\$49,961	7
OFC	4,647	5,230	13
MRC	3,360	*3,945	17
DYS	17,591	21,015	19
DPW	1,413,558	1,657,080	17
DPH	72,929	88,544	21
DMH	243,266	302,180	24

*adjusted see *Bills & Regs*

again predominantly *Globe* writers, notably: David Farrell (ed.), Nick King, Bob Rosenthal and Surkin. In addition, Jack Cole, *WNAC-TV*, also specializes in this type of political coverage. (The legislature, as a rule, does not "merit" such coverage.)

Reporters and editors can also be viewed as valuable resources. When only the gist or social/political significance of an issue is apparent, those with a reputation for investigation and who can get the missing facts are: George Merry, *Christian Science Monitor*, Roche Dorsey, Kenrick, Husock, Cohen, Rosenthal and Gaines.

Our Legislative Scorecard Analyzed

In our last issue (*BHU*, January 23, 1978) we rated the members of the House and Senate according to ten roll call votes per legislative body. The roll calls were on questions of support for such programs as school breakfasts, abortion, lead paint detection, juvenile corrections and workfare. Overall ratings for each chamber were: House, 33% in agreement with *BHU* positions; Senate, 44%. Some other noteworthy figures follow. Of the three important House standing committees, committee averages were: Ways & Means, 24%; Bills in Third Reading, 20%; Rules, 33%. For the corresponding Senate committees, the figures were 43%, 17% and 25%.

Selected joint House and Senate committee averages were: Banks & Banking, 26%; Commerce & Labor, 37%; Health Care, 49%; Human Services & Elderly, 60%; Judiciary, 41%; Local Affairs, 32%; Taxation, 34%; and Urban Affairs, 44%.

Perhaps more revealing are the following. House chairpeople averaged only 19% while their Senate counterparts averaged 43%. Republican House members averaged 27%, as opposed to 33% for House Democrats. In the Senate, the corresponding figures were 25-45%. Black House members averaged 63%. And House women members outscored men 56-30%. (For additional copies of the 1977 *Legislative Scorecard*, contact our office.)