

Supervisors Panel Assails Senate Bill 1

More than 50 persons unanimously denounced Senate Bill 1 as a dangerous threat to civil liberties during a hearing before the Board of Supervisors' state and national affairs committee yesterday.

"The best characterization I've heard of the bill is 'Nixon's Revenge,'" committee chairman Bob Mendelsohn said of the proposed Criminal Justice Reform Act of 1975.

Mendelsohn, Dianne Feinstein and John Molinari voted unanimously in favor of a resolution opposing enactment of the bill after its "evil nature" was spelled out by more than a dozen speakers for labor, legal, political and community organizations.

Hastings College law professor Jon Van Dyke was roundly applauded as he outlined several key portions of the bill he said would increase governmental power and secrecy while whittling away individual rights.

"SB 1 is a serious and dangerous assault on our personal lives and will end local supervision over our own affairs," he said. "The federal government will start taking over everything."

All other speakers branded the proposed legislation as unamendable in its present form and demanded that it be rewritten from

scratch.

The resolution passed yesterday goes to the full Board of Supervisors on Monday.
