

Senate Unit

Votes Probe

Of Prisons

SACRAMENTO — (AP) — The Senate Rules Committee unanimously approved a resolution calling for a probe of California's prisons.

But the committee postponed action yesterday on another resolution to study whether violence-torn San Quentin Prison should be shut.

Approval of Sen. John Nejedly's measure sent it to the Senate floor where the Walnut Creek Republican said he hoped for approval tomorrow.

"In view of the current circumstances, I feel a review cannot be made adequately through the Department of Corrections," Nejedly said.

"It's to the Legislature that we must look for the answers to this problem," he said, citing killings of 33 inmates, guards and prison employes in the 13 state prisons.

Nejedly said his Joint Legislative Committee on Penal Institutions could hold four meetings and have a preliminary report ready by next February. A final report would be due June 30, 1973.