

## Legislative Notes

**Housing.** SB 208 (Short), which streamlines some of the procedures of community redeveloping agencies, has passed its first hurdle in the Senate Committee on Governmental Efficiency. The bill is designed to "cut the Gordian knot" which has been holding up badly needed redevelopment projects in many areas of the state.

The upper house committee has also given its blessings to legislation, authored by Senator Burns, which provides long term, low interest loans to individuals, public and private agencies for the construction, acquisition and development of low cost and low rent housing for elderly persons of low income. Embodied in SB 802, the program is backed by a proposed \$100,000,000 state bond issue in SCA 10, which would appear on the November 1960 general election ballot if okehed by the legislature.

**Economic Development.** Governor Brown's proposal for the establishment  
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### Senate Defeats Crippling Amendments; Passes FEPC Bill

The Administration's Fair Employment Practices Commission Bill (AB 91, Rumford), threatened with crippling amendments proposed by the Senate Finance Committee, was restored to good health this week and passed by a vote of 30 to 5.

Senator George Miller (D-Martinez), assisted by Senators Richards and Co-bey, waged an imposing and successful battle against the amendments on behalf of Governor Brown who had indicated a strong desire to see the bill passed by the Senate.

Senator Hugh Burns (D-Fresno), who secured the Finance Committee's approval of the crippling amendments said that while he would support the governor in practically everything he could, "he was opposed to being a rubber stamp."

The Burns amendments would have prevented the commissioners themselves from investigating suspected cases of job discrimination, and attempting to solve them by conciliation prior to the issuance of a complaint.

The amendments would have required staff members, rather than commissioners, to make the first moves at conciliation and then only after a complaint of discrimination has been filed.

Senator Miller said the amendments would make the bill unworkable and said, "This would restrict the opportunity by conciliation to stop situations be-  
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## Emasculated Minimum Wage Bill Passes Assembly

Governor Brown's state minimum wage bill, emasculated by key legislators in his own party, was approved by the Assembly, April 7th, and sent to the upper house of the California Legislature.

Jesse M. Unruh (D-Los Angeles) by vote of 58 to 19 secured adoption of an amendment to take away the authority of the state Industrial Welfare Commission in AB 1223 (Hawkins) to increase the minimum wage of adult males above the statutory minimum rates proposed in the bill where the minimum is found inadequate to supply the necessary cost of living and maintain the health and welfare of workers.

Last week the \$1.25 per hour statutory minimum provided in the Governor's measure was cut to 90 cents for farm workers, but the authority of the

Industrial Welfare Commission to raise these amounts was retained in the bill.

Assemblyman Unruh's amendment was recognized by capitol observers as part of the effort of corporate farmer interests to further weaken the protections for agricultural workers short of outright exemption. In view of the 57 votes secured by Unruh, including many Democrats, the question is being asked in the halls of the capitol whether  
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## DEMOCRATIC STRENGTH CARRIES GOVERNOR'S TOBACCO AND INCOME TAX BILLS THROUGH ASSEMBLY

In sharp contrast with the apparent inability of the Democratic majority in the Assembly to hold the line on the Governor's minimum wage bill, this week, was the demonstration of party strength in support of Governor Brown's consumer and income tax bills.

By vote of 45 to 34, the Assembly gave approval to AB 1172 imposing a selec-

### CAMERON WINS IN SPECIAL ELECTION

Democrat Ronald G. Cameron, 41 year old Auburn attorney, has won the Senate seat left vacant in the seventh senatorial district when Harold "Biz" Johnson was elected to Congress last November.

Cameron beat his nearest opponent, Republican Weston Brunker, by nearly 600 votes to outstrip the field of six candidates in the election which required only a plurality to win.

Unofficial returns from 105 out of 106 precincts showed Cameron 6,772 votes to 6,191 for Brunker. This gives the Democrats a majority in the Senate of 27 to 13.

tive sales tax of 3 cents per pack on cigarettes and 15% on the wholesale price of other tobacco products.

In follow up action, the lower house voted 51 to 27 to approve the Governor's weak income tax measure (AB 1177—Mac Bride). This bill narrows the state personal income tax brackets and increases the maximum rate from 6 to only 7%, along with a \$500 reduction in personal exemptions; an increase of \$200 in the credit for dependents; a 6 to 10% boost in the standard deduction for those who do not itemize deductions; and a federal conformity amendment which inserts "rapid write off" provisions in the state law in connection with depreciation allowances.  
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## HEARINGS Assembly

### April 13th

#### Civil Service & State Personnel, 1:30 pm

AB 1420 Z'berg. State civil service pay. **Watch**

AB 1890 Geo. Brown. Payroll deductions. **Good**

AB 1891 Geo. Brown. Retirement & Social Security plans. **Good**

\*AB 1467 Thomas. Civil Service promotional exams. **Good**

\*AB 1903 S. R. Geddes. Promotion in civil service. **Good**

#### Criminal Procedure, 3:45 pm

\*AB 1407 O'Connell. Interception of communications. **Good**

AB 2040 O'Connell. Evidence in criminal cases. **Good**

AB 2041 O'Connell. Warrants of arrest. **Good**

#### Education, 3:45 pm

AB 1083. Bane. School district employees. **Good**

#### Finance & Insurance, 1:30 pm

\*AB 1163 Rees. Health & welfare programs. **Good**

AB 1164 Rees. Employee Health and Welfare Programs. **Watch**

AB 1767 O'Connell. Health & Welfare programs. **Watch**

Bills re-referred from subcommittee to full committee; \*AB 476, 478, 137, 433; AB 415, 1701, 136, 1578—\*SB 136.

#### Finance & Insurance Subcommittee on D.I., 8 pm

AB 876 Reagan. Unemployment insurance. **Bad**

\*AB 439 Burton. Unemployment insurance. **Good**

\*AB 441 Burton. Hospital benefits. **Good**

\*AB 353 Geo. Brown. Unemployment insurance. **Good**

\*AB 475 Elliott. Disability payments. **Good**

\*AB 494 Unruh. Disability benefits. **Good**

AB 322 Munnell. Unemployment insurance. **Bad**

\*AB 1075 Unruh. Disability benefits. **Good**

\*AB 442 Burton. Unemployment insurance. **Good**

AB 939 Levering. Disability insurance. **Bad**

AB 1182 Levering. Disability insurance. **Bad**

AB 1706 Reagan. Unemployment insurance. **Bad**

#### Finance & Insurance Subcommittee on U.I., 3:45 pm

\*AB 434 - 480 - 510 - 512 - 509. **Good**

### April 14th

#### Finance & Insurance Subcommittee on Workmen's Comp., 3:45 pm

\*AB 740 Hawkins. Permanent disability indemnity. **Good**

\*AB 1015 Crown. Disability payments. **Good**

\*AB 737 Crown. Dependents benefits. **Good**

\*AB 735 Crown. Disability payments. **Good**

\*AB 743 Hawkins. Temporary disability payments. **Good**

\*AB 744 Hawkins. Temporary disability payments. **Good**

\*AB 736 Crown. Physical & Vocational rehabilitation. **Good**

AB 25 Hanna. Waiting period. **Good**

AB 1136 Reagan. Disability payments. **Bad**

AB 1137 Reagan. Disability payments. **Bad**

#### Fish & Game, 3:45 pm

AB 802 Davis. Cost accounting. **Good**

AB 823 Nisbet. Sale and importation of halibut. **Watch**

AB 1818 Coolidge. Sardines. **Bad**

#### Governmental Efficiency & Economy, 3:45 pm

AB 1789 Masterson. Fair trade contracts. **Good**

AB 1790 Masterson. Fair Trade contracts. **Good**

AB 1791 Masterson. Fair Trade contracts. **Good**

AB 645 S. R. Geddes. Housing research center. **Good**

AB 1422 Geo. E. Brown. Interior decorators licensing. **Watch**

#### Subcommittee on Judiciary—Civil, 8 pm

AB 155 Busterud. Civil rights. **Good**

AB 204 Elliott. Discrimination on religious grounds. **Good**

AB 594 Unruh. Civil rights. **Good**

Water, 1:30 pm

AB 1306 B. F. Allen. Construction of water plan. **Bad**

AB 1313 B. F. Allen. Water resources development. **Bad**

AB 1063 B. F. Allen. California water plan. **Bad**

ACA 26 Bruce Allen. Water resources. **Watch**

### April 15th

#### Education, 3:45 pm

AB 1328 E. R. Geddes. Prohibited instruction in schools. **Watch**

AB 1816 Garrigus. Certification of public school personnel. **Watch**

#### Agriculture, 1:30 pm

SB 243 Byrne. Imported meat. **Good**

#### Public Utilities & Corporations, 3:45 pm

\*AB 1210 Petris. Public Works. **Good**

AB 1727 Lunardi. Transmission of train orders. **Watch**

AB 1697 O'Connell. Government of corporations. **Watch**

#### Public Health, 1:30 pm

SB 194 Thompson. Cancer Advisory Council. **Watch**

### April 16th

#### Municipal & County Government, 1:30 pm

AB 1969 MacBride. Old age & survivors insurance. **Bad**

AB 919 Bradley. Metropolitan fire protection authorities. **Good**

AB 920 Bradley. Fire protection districts. **Watch**

#### Industrial Relations, 3:45 pm

AB 1967 Wilson. Personal services by inmates. **Good**

AB 1572 Cusanovich. Unfired pressure vessels on vehicles. **Good**

AB 1149 Williamson. Payment of wages. **Good**

\*AB 299 Gaffney. Safeguards for workers. **Good**

\*AB 301 Gaffney. Payment of wages. **Good**

#### Transportation & Commerce, 1:30 pm

AB 1311 Gaffney. Highway district construction expenditures. **Watch**

### April 20th

#### Civil Service & State Personnel, 1:30 pm

AB 960 S. R. Geddes. Eligible lists. **Watch**

AB 1961 Z'berg. State Civil Service. **Watch**

AB 2062 MacBride. State Employees Retirement System. **Bad**

#### Education, 3:45 pm

AB 358 Elliott. Lunch periods for teachers. **Good**

AB 1427 O'Connell. Rights of certified school employees. **Good**

AB 1162 Waldie. Right to organize. **Good**

#### Finance & Insurance Subcommittee on D.I., 8 pm

\*AB 493, 473, 477, 445, 447, 474, 352. **Good**

AB 414. **Good**

AB 1010, 1485, 1486. **Bad**

#### Finance & Insurance Subcommittee on U.I., 3:45 pm

\*AB 822, 504, 590, 589, 1209, 505, 348, 762, 820, 1330, 1331, 1543. **Good**

### April 21st

#### Finance & Insurance Subcommittee on Workmen's Comp., 3:45 pm

\*AB 461, 498, 1385, 1071, 1072. **Good**

AB 1806, 1044, 1065, 1259, 1261, 213. **Watch**

AB 1373, 1623, 1372, 1621. **Bad**

Government Organization, 1:30 pm

AB 1973 Rees. Sale of alcohol near UCLA. **Watch**

Governmental Efficiency & Economy

AB 1866 Britschgi. Administrative rules & regs. **Watch**

### April 22nd

#### Education, 3:45 pm

AB 1000 E. R. Geddes. Apportionments from State School Funds. **Watch**

Public Health, 1:30 pm

AB 1253 Hegland. Frozen food locker plants. **Watch**

Public Utilities & Corporations, 3:45 pm

AB 1549 Reagan. Train crews. **Bad**

### April 23rd

#### Industrial Relations, 3:45 pm

AB 1382 Z'berg. Fees for public work placements. **Good**

AB 2025 Beaver. Public works. **Good**

AB 834 Hanna. Enforcement of subpoenas. **Good**

Municipal & County Government, 1:30 & 8 pm

AB 1279 Bee. Alameda Co. flood control. **Watch**

AB 1088 Bee. County construction contracts. **Watch**

AB 2171 Pattee. Harbor districts-contracts. **Watch**

AB 1165 S. R. Geddes. Vallejo Sanitation district. **Watch**

AB 1896 Rees. Metropolitan multipurpose districts. **Bad**

Transportation & Commerce, 1:30 pm

AB 2113 Biddick. Radar speed evidence. **Bad**

## HEARINGS

### Senate

### April 13th

#### Labor, 1 pm

\*SB 144 Shaw. Workmen's comp., burial expenses. **Good**

\*SB 371 Shaw. Workmen's comp., attorney's fees. **Good**

\*SB 758 Shaw. Workmen's comp., subrogation of employer. **Good**

SB 649 Grunsky. Workmen's comp., compromise & release. **Bad**

SB 943 Farr. Workmen's comp., scope and operation. **Watch**

SB 954 Teale. Hours for women & minors. **Watch**

SB 971 Teale. Hours for women & minors. **Watch**

SB 876 Rodda. State FEPC. **Watch**

SB 506 Slattery. Camp toilet facilities. **Watch**

\*AB 711 McMillan. Hot cargo. **Good**

### April 14th

#### Business & Professions, 1:30 pm

AB 600 Miller. Licensing of contractors. **Bad**

AB 993 Rumford. Definition of pharmacy. **Watch**

SB 467 Holmdahl. Clinical laboratory technology. **Watch**

SB 534 Gibson. Water well drilling contractors. **Watch**

AB 596 E. R. Geddes. Use of psychologists title. **Good**

Fish & Game, 1 pm

SB 453 Erhart. Fish & Game regulations. **Watch**

AB 763 Thomas. Bait nets. **Watch**

Elections, 10 am

AB 195 Conrad. Cancellation of voter registrations. **Bad**

Transportation, 9 am

SB 576 McCarthy. Golden Gate Authority. **Watch**

AB 723 Levering. Maximum vehicle axle weights. **Bad**

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### Senate

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#### April 15th

##### Education, 10 am

AB 915 Donahoe. Special lecturers for schools. **Watch**

AB 955 MacBride. Public school teachers institutes. **Watch**

AB 535 Masterson. Salaries of teachers. **Good**

AB 807 Masterson. School district employees. **Good**

##### Governmental Efficiency, 9.30 am

SB 486 Gibson. Construction of state buildings. **Watch**

##### Insurance & Financial Institutions, 1 pm

AB 940 Lowrey. Insurance for employees of river port districts. **Watch**

AB 1317 E. R. Geddes. Credit unions. **Good**

\*SB 100 Collier. Hospital service contract rates. **Good**

##### Local Government, 1 pm

AB 372 Donahoe. Leaves of absences. **Good**

AB 712 MacBride. Issuance of construction permits. **Good**

#### April 16th

##### Finance, 9 am

SB 481 Gibson. Fees for nursing licenses. **Watch**

SB 613 Gibson. Licensing sale of racing predictions. **Watch**

SB 533 Gibson. Exam for cosmetology certificate. **Watch**

##### Public Health & Safety, 1.30 pm

SB 391 Thompson. Advertising & keeping of food. **Good**

#### April 20th

##### Agriculture, 10 am

AB 583 House. Egg standards. **Watch**

#### April 21st

##### Business & Professions, 1.30 pm

SB 422 Thompson. Practice of barbering. **Watch**

SB 609 Gibson. Extension of time for barbering course. **Watch**

SB 610 Gibson. Revocation of contractors' license. **Watch**

AB 1028 Masterson. Practice of cosmetology. **Watch**

##### Elections, 10 am

AB 1307 Crown. General election ballot. **Watch**

AB 1308 Crown. Direct primary election ballot. **Watch**

##### Fish & Game, 1 pm

SB 56 Murdy. Commercial fishing control by F & G Commission. **Bad**

SB 150 Murdy. Anchovy canning season. **Bad**

##### Education, 10 am

SB 602 McBride. Workmen's comp. reports. **Watch**

SB 624 McBride. Workshops for disabled. **Watch**

SB 626 McBride. Vocational rehab. services. **Watch**

SB 672 McBride. Education of handicapped minors. **Watch**

##### Governmental Efficiency, 9.30 am

SB 325 Gibson. Wages of state printing plant employees. **Watch**

SB 490 Gibson. State employees travel allowances. **Watch**

AB 597 E. R. Geddes. Employment of aliens by public agencies. **Watch**

#### April 22nd

##### Local Government, 1 pm

SB 985 Beard. County medical facilities. **Watch**

AB 1280 Bee. School districts. **Watch**

AB 675 Chas. Wilson. Garbage disposal districts. **Watch**

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er the Unruh amendment had the tacit approval of the Governor's office.

The roll call on the adoption of the emasculating Unruh amendment was as follows:

AYES — Bruce F. Allen, Backstrand, Beaver, Bee, Bellotti, Biddick, Bradley, Britschgi, Burke, Busterud, Cameron, Chapel, Collier, Conrad, Coolidge, Crawford, Crown, Cunningham, Cusanovich, Davis, DeLotto, Donahoe, Frew, Gaffney, Garrigus, Ernest R. Geddes, Samuel R. Geddes, Grant, Hanna, Hegland, House, Johnson, Kennick, Lanterman, Lowrey, Luckel, Lunardi, MacBride, Marks, Masterson, McCollister, Meyers, Miller, Mulford, Nisbet, Pattee, Petris, Porter, Rees, Schrade, Sedgwick, Sumner, Thelin, Unruh, Williamson, Winton, Z'berg, and Mr. Speaker—58.

NOES — Bane, Burton, Dills, Elliott, Francis, Hawkins, Holmes, Kilpatrick, Levering, McMillan, Munnell, O'Connell, Reagan, Rumford, Shell, Thomas, Waldie, George A. Willson, and Charles H. Wilson—19.

Passage of the measure to the Senate was preceded by three hours of debate during which a long series of amendments were considered in addition to the Unruh amendment.

The lower house approved:

—by voice vote an amendment, offered by Assemblyman Bradley which exempts commission salesmen from the statutory minimum rate of \$1.25 per hour.

—by voice vote an amendment, by Assemblyman Busterud to confine coverage of domestics doing house cleaning, cooking, house repair or maintenance work to those engaged "primarily" in such domestic work.

—by roll call vote of 64 to 8, an amendment by Assemblyman Williamson to provide that farm worker piece rates shall satisfy the 90-cent minimum for agricultural workers if 90% of the piece workers, under the piece rate paid make the 90 cents an hour.

—by voice vote an amendment, by Assemblyman Hawkins revising an existing exemption for newsboys.

In other actions on the weakened bill, the Assembly:

—defeated an effort by Assemblyman Lowrey to exclude all agricultural workers from the bill. By roll call of 67-3, the Speaker was sustained in a ruling that the Lowrey amendments were out of order inasmuch as the 90-cent minimum adopted last week was a sub-

AB 1480 E. R. Geddes. Traveling expenses of school district employees. **Good**

AB 159 MacBride. Issuance of building permits. **Good**

#### April 23rd

##### Judiciary, 10 am

SB 293 Grunsky. Chemical tests for drunk. **Bad**

##### Public Health & Safety, 1.30 pm

SB 338 Burns. Food additives **Watch**

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of a state economic development agency was sent to Senate Finance Committee this week with a "do pass" recommendation from the upper house committee on Governmental Efficiency. The measure is designed to "ensure the orderly growth of the State's industry, commerce and agriculture," but it has been weakened considerably as the result of opposition by the state Chamber of Commerce. Private enterprise wants to be responsible for everything except picking up the tab for the cost of unemployment which results from the lack of planned and orderly development of the state to ensure full employment.

**Labor Bills.** AB 419 (Miller), the Governor's labor representation bill, is waiting action on the floor of the Assembly. Cleared by the lower house Industrial Relations and Ways and Means Committees, the bill was originally scheduled as a special order of business on Thursday, April 9th, but was re-scheduled for Tuesday, April 14th. It is expected that a long list of em-

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stitute for exclusion amendments offered by Lowrey at that time.

—tabled by roll call vote of 40 to 36, amendments by Assemblyman Dahl to completely exempt adult male real estate salesmen, insurance agents, brokers and solicitors from the bill.

—tabled by roll call vote of 43 to 34, amendments by Assemblyman Bruce Allen to average out piece rates of agricultural workers for purposes of the 90-cent minimum rate.

—tabled by roll call vote of 49 to 25, another amendment by Assemblyman Bruce Allen to cut the \$1.25 rate to \$1.00 per hour.

—tabled by roll call vote of 42-37, amendments by Assemblyman Lowrey to insert a modified agricultural exemption.

The final vote on sending the emasculated bill to the Senate was 44 to 35 as follows:

AYES—Don A. Allen, Bane, Bee, Biddick, George E. Brown, Burton, Busterud, Cameron, Coolidge, Crawford, Crown, Cunningham, Davis, DeLotto, Dills, Donahoe, Elliott, Frew, Gaffney, Garrigus, Samuel R. Geddes, Hawkins, Kennick, Kilpatrick, MacBride, Marks, Masterson, McMillan, Meyers, Miller, Munnell, Nisbet, O'Connell, Petris, Porter, Rees, Rumford, Thomas, Unruh, Waldie, Williamson, George A. Willson, Charles H. Wilson, and Z'berg—44.

NOES — Bruce F. Allen, Backstrand, Beaver, Belotti, Bradley, Britschgi, Burke, Chapel, Collier, Conrad, Cusanovich, Dahl, Francis, Ernest R. Geddes, Grant, Hanna, Hegland, Holmes, House, Lanterman, Levering, Lowrey, Luckel, Lunardi, McCollister, Mulford, Pattee, Reagan, Shell, Schrade, Sedgwick, Sumner, Thelin, Winton, and Ralph Brown—35.

## Democratic Strength Carries Governor's Tobacco and Income Tax Bills Through Assembly

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The action on the cigarette and tobacco tax bill followed the tabling of amendments by Assemblyman Masterson to make it possible for the additional \$60 million in consumer taxes to be deducted in the filing of federal income tax returns, and a refusal to adopt amendments offered by Assemblyman Gaffney to delete the 15% tax on tobacco products. The Masterson amendments were tabled by vote of 41 to 33 and the Gaffney amendments refused adoption by a vote of 30 to 48.

The roll call on the passage of the new consumer tax measure (AB 1172) was as follows: Those voting to impose the additional taxes on consumers who are already carrying two-thirds of the state's tax burden were—

Bruce F. Allen, Bee, Biddick, Bradley, George E. Brown, Burton, Cameron, Crawford, Crown, Cunningham, Davis, DeLotto, Donahoe, Frew, Gaffney, Garrigus, Ernest R. Geddes, Hanna, Hegland, House, Kennick, Kilpatrick, Lowrey, Lunardi, MacBride, Masterson, McMillan, Meyers, Miller, Mulford, Munnell, Nisbet, O'Connell, Petris, Porter, Rees, Rumford, Sedgwick, Unruh, Waldie, Williamson, Charles H. Wilson, Winton, Z'berg, and Ralph Brown—45.

Those voting against AB 1172 were—

Don A. Allen, Backstrand, Bane, Beaver, Belotti, Britschgi, Burke, Busterud, Chapel, Collier, Conrad, Coolidge, Cusanovich, Dahl, Dills, Elliott, Francis, Samuel R. Geddes, Grant, Hawkins, Holmes, Johnson, Lanterman, Levering, Luckel, McCollister, Pattee, Reagan, Schrade, Shell, Sumner, Thelin, Thomas, and George A. Willson—34.

AB 1177 was sent to the upper house after the failure of two efforts to increase the top income bracket rates to 15% instead of the 7% in the Governor's bill.

In line with the principle of taxation in accordance with ability to pay, Assemblyman Hawkins sought the addition of eight additional steps to the uniform schedule in AB 1177 to provide a top tax rate of 15% on taxable incomes over \$35,000. This was combined with an amendment to delete Governor Brown's proposal to reduce personal exemptions by \$500.

The Hawkins amendments, supported by organized labor, lost by the following vote:

AYES—Bane, Burke, Burton, Elliott, Hawkins, Kilpatrick, Masterson, McMillan, Munnell, Petris, Rumford, Thomas, Williamson, and Charles H. Wilson—14.

NOES—Bruce F. Allen, Don A. Allen, Backstrand, Beaver, Bee, Belotti, Biddick, Bradley, Britschgi, George E. Brown, Busterud, Chapel, Collier, Conrad, Coolidge, Crawford, Crown, Cunningham, Cusanovich, Dahl, Davis, DeLotto, Donahoe, Francis, Frew, Gaffney, Garrigus, Ernest R. Geddes, Samuel R. Geddes, Grant, Hanna, Hegland, Holmes, House, Johnson, Kennick, Lanterman, Levering, Lowrey,

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fore they become tragedies." He said the bill would not make a "snooping agency" out of the commission because a complaint from an aggrieved person would be necessary in any case.

Some minor amendments were accepted, however. One designed to allow Hollywood producers to specify race or national origin in hiring movie extras and another would allow Chinese restaurant owners to hire Chinese cooks and waiters.

The vote on the key crippling amendments was as follows: YES; Berry, Brown, Burns, Byrne, Dillworth, Dolwig, Donnelly, Erhart, Gibson, Grunsky, Johnson, McCarthy, Thompson,

Luckel, Lunardi, MacBride, Marks, McCollister, Meyers, Miller, Mulford, Nisbet, O'Connell, Pattee, Porter, Reagan, Rees, Schrade, Sedgwick, Shell, Sumner, Thelin, Unruh, Waldie, George A. Willson, Winton, and Z'berg—63.

Weaker amendments proposed by Assemblyman Masterson to provide a top income tax rate of 15% on taxable incomes; over \$250,000 and the deletion of the reduction in personal exemptions, drew greater support than the Hawkins' amendments, but failed by the following roll call vote:

AYES — Backstrand, Bane, Burke, Burton, Chapel, Collier, Dahl, Davis, Elliott, Francis, Gaffney, Garrigus, Hawkins, Holmes, Kilpatrick, Lanterman, Levering, Lowrey, Lunardi, Masterson, Munnell, Pattee, Petris, Rumford, Shell, Williamson, and Charles H. Wilson—27.

NOES — Bruce F. Allen, Don A. Allen, Beaver, Bee, Belotti, Biddick, Bradley, George E. Brown, Busterud, Cameron, Conrad, Crawford, Crown, Cunningham, DeLotto, Donahoe, Frew, Ernest R. Geddes, Samuel R. Geddes, Grant, Hanna, Hegland, House, Johnson, Kennick, Luckel, MacBride, McCollister, Meyers, Miller, Mulford, Nisbet, O'Connell, Porter, Reagan, Rees, Schrade, Sedgwick, Sumner, Thelin, Thomas, Unruh, Waldie, George A. Willson, Winton, and Z'berg—46.

The final vote on the adoption of the weak income tax measure, after the consumer tax bill had already been passed, was:

AYES—Bruce F. Allen, Don A. Allen, Bane, Bee, Belotti, Biddick, Bradley, Britschgi, George E. Brown, Burton, Cameron, Crawford, Crown, Cunningham, Davis, DeLotto, Donahoe, Elliott, Frew, Gaffney, Garrigus, Ernest R. Geddes, Hanna, Hawkins, House, Kennick, Kilpatrick, Lowrey, Lunardi, MacBride, Masterson, McMillan, Meyers, Miller, Munnell, Nisbet, O'Connell, Petris, Porter, Rees, Rumford, Sedgwick, Thomas, Unruh, Waldie, Williamson, George A. Willson, Charles H. Wilson, Winton, Z'berg, and Ralph Brown—51.

NOES — Backstrand, Beaver, Burke, Busterud, Chapel, Collier, Conrad, Coolidge, Cusanovich, Dahl, Dills, Francis, Samuel R. Geddes, Hegland, Holmes, Johnson, Lanterman, Levering, Luckel, McCollister, Mulford, Pattee, Reagan, Schrade, Shell, Sumner, and Thelin—27.

Williams—14. NO; Arnold, Beard, Christensen, Cobey, Collier, Coombs, Fisher, Hollister, Holmdahl, McAteer, McBride, Miller, Montgomery, O'Sullivan, Rattigan, Regan, Richards, Rodda, Shaw, Short, Slattery, Stiern, Teale—23. ABSENT; Farr, Murdy—2.

The line up on passage, a bandwagon vote, was as follows:

AYES—Senators Arnold, Beard, Brown, Burns, Christensen, Cobey, Collier, Dolwig, Erhart, Fisher, Gibson, Grunsky, Hollister, Holmdahl, Johnson, McAteer, McBride, McCathy, Miller, Montgomery, O'Sullivan, Rattigan, Regan, Richards, Rodda, Shaw, Short, Stiern, Teale, and Thompson—30.

NOES — Senators Berry, Byrne, Dillworth, Donnelly, and Williams—5.

The measure now goes back to the Assembly for approval of Senate changes and then directly to the Governor for signature.

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ployer opposition amendments will be on hand when the measure is taken up. As we go to press, SB 209 (Teale), the Governor's so-called "labor reform" bill, is being heard in the Senate Committee on Finance. If approved, it goes to the upper house floor for consideration.

**Probationary Teacher Protections.** A long overdue measure permitting the dismissal of probationary teachers for cause only has been given a green light by the Senate Committee on Local Government. Embodied in SB 899 (Fisher) and sponsored by the AFL-CIO teachers union, the bill extends the dismissal protection provisions currently applicable in San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego to smaller school districts.

**Assembly approval** has been given to four Federation-sponsored measures in the past week: \*AB 618 (McMillan) prohibiting interference with the right of firefighters to organize for presentation and discussion of grievances and recommendations concerning wages, salaries, hours and working conditions; \*AB 608 (Pattee) tightening up on informal bids in public works to permit such bids to be let only to licensed contractors; and \*AB 470 (Samuel R. Geddes), extending the application of the contractor's licensing law to construction incidental to agricultural activities where such construction, including land leveling, costs more than \$1,000; \*AB 189 (Charles H. Wilson), strengthening the labor provisions of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority.

## ASSEMBLY BILLS

**AB 2237 Lowrey** (Livestock and Dairies) Removes retailers, hotels, restaurants, and other eating establishments from licensing requirements for foreign cold storage meat and limits such requirements to importers and wholesalers. March 25. **Bad**

**AB 2291 Bradley** (Judiciary—Civil) Excludes trusts created for the purpose of providing for beneficiaries under hospital service contracts, group life or group disability insurance plans, group annuities, or any combination thereof, from application of the rule against perpetuities or the rule against restraints of alienation. March 30. **Good**

**AB 2302 Bee** (Industrial Relations) Deletes beauty shops from the provision specifying what businesses shall not employ a female more than 8 hours during any one day or more than 48 hours in one week. Specifies that when it is necessary for a cosmetologist to complete a course of beauty treatment the provisions relating to hours of employment shall not be applied to such a woman. March 31. **Bad**

**AB 2310 Meyers** (Transportation & Commerce) Prohibits the Department of Public Works from acquiring property for a freeway as to which a freeway route agreement has not been entered into with the board of supervisors of a county or city and county in which the freeway is located. March 31. **Watch**

**AB 2315 Meyers** (Civil Service and State Personnel) Provides that State shall contribute up to a specified amount toward the cost of providing medical and hospital care for state employees who are participants in one of the approved types of plans. Blankets in CSEA plan. Prescribes some of the basic requirements for plans to be approved for purposes of state contribution and authorizes the Director of Finance to establish and enforce these and other such requirements. Allows hospital and medical insurance or service plans sponsored by an employee group or association to qualify as an approved plan if it adheres to certain conditions. Requires each state agency to disseminate to each of its employees information concerning all approved plans available in the geographical area of his employment. March 31. **Bad**

**AB 2321 Crown** (Governmental Efficiency & Economy) Creates within Department of Professional and Vocational Standards a State Board of Dental Technicians Examiners consisting of seven members, five regular and two advisory, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Provides for the issuance of dentist technician and dental laboratory licenses to persons meeting specified qualifications. Prohibits person on or after January 1, 1960, from engaging in the practice of mechanical dentistry or from operating a dental laboratory without such a license. Provides for issuance of licenses to persons who engaged in practice of mechanical dentistry or who operated a dental laboratory at the effective date of this act. April 2. **Good**

**AB 2323 O'Connell** (Governmental Efficiency and Economy) Provides that a person who prepares or certifies for clients various reports when required by any federal, state or local governmental agency, or who prepares any tax return, unless only routine and clerical activity is required, is deemed to be engaged in the practice of public accountancy. April 2. **Watch**

**AB 2327 George A. Willson** (Education) Provides that an employee shall be deemed permanent when he has served for six months or 130 paid days, whichever is longer, rather than when he has served for six months. Permits personnel commission to exclude time employee was on leave of absence in determining permanent status. April 2. **Watch**

**AB 2332 Francis** (Revenue and Taxation) Provides that the measure of the sales tax shall not be less than the amount upon which tax reimbursement is computed. April 3. **Good**

**AB 2333 Francis** (Revenue and Taxation) Permits a discount based on 3 percent of the total amount of sales and use tax reported for payment of the sales and use tax within the period for filing the return or within any extended period not to exceed one month authorized by the State Board of Equalization. April 3. **Watch**

**AB 2341 Busterud** (Elections and Reapportionment) Permits a voter at the direct primary election, no matter what his party registration, to obtain the ballot of any party upon stating to the precinct board that he voted for the candidates of that party at the preceding general election or that he intends to vote for the nominees of the party at the succeeding general election. Requires the county clerk to change the voter's statement of party affiliation in his affidavit of registration if he demands the ballot of another party at the direct primary. Requires that sample ballots of

all parties, as well as a nonpartisan ballot, be sent to each voter at the primary. Extends to absentee voters the same right to choose the ballot of any party at the primary by designating that party in his application for a ballot. April 3. **Bad**

**AB 2342 Collier** (Government Organization) Provides that it is a misdemeanor to permit any person under 21 years of age to enter an enclosure where horseracing is being conducted. April 3. **Watch**

**AB 2347 Johnson** (Government Organization) Deletes provisions making it unlawful to sell alcoholic beverages during the hours that the polls are required to be kept open for a city or county election. Limits the application of the section to general state or national elections. April 3. **Watch**

**ACA 39 Backstrand** (Water) Exempts from taxation any right to the use of water in this state. April 2. **Bad**

**ACA 40 Johnson** (Constitutional Amendments) Increases number of members of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Appeals Board from three to five members, and provides for five-year terms. Limits scope of review by such board of the decisions of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. April 3. **Watch**

**AJR 25 Bruce F. Allen** (Water) Memorializes Congress to reject the recommendation of the Secretary of the Interior that Pacific Gas and Electric Company be permitted to construct and operate the power features of the Federal Trinity River Project, and to appropriate sufficient funds for the 1960 Fiscal Year so that the Department of the Interior can commence construction of such power features. March 31. **Good**

## SENATE BILLS

**SB 1058 Montgomery** (Governmental Efficiency) Provides that any person who retired for service may be employed as a teacher in evening schools, or as a teacher of classes of adults for not to exceed 90 days a fiscal year and may be paid not more than \$1,500 a fiscal year without affecting his status as a retired teacher. March 25. **Good**

**SB 1090 McBride** (Education) Commencing January 1, 1960, requires an employer to refer a disabled employee to the Vocational Rehabilitation Section of the Department of Education, if the disability of the employee is compensable under the Workmen's Compensation Law and is either permanent and results from certain specified causes, or is total, but temporary, and subsists for an aggregate of 52 weeks within the two-year period following the date of injury. Requires the employer, in addition, to pay to the Vocational Rehabilitation Section \$150 plus \$50 for each six months period during which vocational rehabilitation is furnished to the employee. Provides that such training may not be initiated more than three years following the date of injury, and may not be continued for more than two years. Makes foregoing provisions, inapplicable, except for an initial \$50 payment by the employer, where the employer, under written agreement, either voluntarily provides vocational rehabilitation or employs the employee continuously for a three-year period at regular wages in an established position. Permits either party to terminate such an agreement at will, but provides for reduction in the employer's liability for the period during which such agreement was in effect.

Permits an employer to voluntarily undertake payment for vocational rehabilitation furnished to an employee with a compensable injury not falling within the category specified in the bill.

Provides for a change in the employee's permanent disability rating under the Workmen's Compensation Law, should he be rehabilitated in a new occupation as a result of vocational rehabilitation furnished by the department or the employer, or resulting from three years continuous employment under an agreement with the employer. March 30. **Watch**

**SB 1093 McAteer** (Governmental Efficiency) Repeals various provisions pertaining to the sale of alcoholic beverages within certain distances of universities and other institutions, and authorizes the department to refuse the issuance of licenses located within the immediate vicinity of such institutions and colleges. Prohibits issuance of retail licenses within designated area in vicinity of State Capitol. March 30. **Watch**

**SB 1100 Richards** (Business and Professions) Prohibits transmission of any radio or television signal carrying messages perceptible only to the subconscious mind or as to which the normal listener or viewer would be consciously unaware except subliminally. March 31. **Good**

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†No bill may be taken up until 30 days after date of introduction indicated in Digest, except by  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote.

\*Sponsored by the California Labor Federation, A.F.L.-C.I.O.

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## SENATE BILLS

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**SB 1103 Short** (Governmental Efficiency) Allows a redevelopment agency to adopt a resolution of the public interest and necessity of acquiring by eminent domain property in a redevelopment project area. Makes such resolution conclusive evidence of such public interest and necessity. March 31. **Good**

**SB 1105 Collier** (Water Resources) Creates the Water Fund consisting of designated funds and revenues, including the Investment Fund, which is abolished. Appropriates money in Water Fund to the California Water Commission, without regard to fiscal years, for allocation to the Department of Water Resources for expenditure for water facilities. Prescribes formula for allocation of such money for expenditure in designated areas of the State for local water facilities and California Aqueduct System facilities. Requires the commission to establish in each area a schedule of priorities for water facilities. Makes no provision for anti-monopoly protections. March 31. **Bad**

**SB 1106 Burns** (Water Resources) Authorizes sale of \$960,000,000 of general obligation bonds to facilitate the acquisition, construction, operation and maintenance of the Central Valley Project. Makes no provision for anti-monopoly protection. March 31. **Bad**

**SB 1108 Miller** (Transportation) Revises the membership of the authority to consist of the Lieutenant Governor, Director of Public Works, and five other members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation of the Senate, and serving at his pleasure, rather than to consist of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Director of Public Works, Director of Finance, and one other member appointed by the Governor. Prescribes qualifications for members and directs appointments to be made, so far as practicable, so as to afford representation of all areas in which the authority operates facilities. March 31. **Watch**

**SB 1112 Shaw** (Revenue and Taxation) Provides that all information and records of the county assessor relating to practices, procedures, methods or formulas of such assessor in regard to the assessment of property, are open to the public for inspection. April 1. **Good**

**SB 1121 Berry** (Governmental Efficiency) Defines "highway maintenance member" and provides that a "state member" of the State Employees'

Retirement System includes highway maintenance members. Provides the manner of computing benefits for highway maintenance members under the system. April 2. **Watch**

**SB 1124 Stiern** (Education) Declares the intent of the Legislature to be that local school boards and county boards of education may establish positions requiring certification with titles not listed in the Education Code. Provides that positions requiring certification which are named in the code are illustrative rather than exclusive.

Provides only certificated persons may be employed in certificated positions established by the boards and such persons are eligible for membership in teachers retirement system. April 2. **Watch**

**SB 1126 Shaw** (Judiciary) Provides that no owner, manager, announcer, commentator or other person connected with or employed by a radio or television station shall be held in contempt by a court, the Legislature, or an administrative body for refusing to disclose the source of any item of news or commentary thereon broadcast or telecast by such radio or television station. April 2. **Good**

**SCA 18 Collier** (Water Resources) Authorizes the Department of Water Resources to issue not to exceed \$2,000,000,000 in bonds for water development purposes, as may be authorized by law. Provides bonds are payable primarily from project revenues and from the General Fund if such revenues are insufficient. Makes no provision for anti-monopoly protections.

Requires money in the Investment Fund and revenues received by the State from extraction of oil and gas from tide and submerged lands and state public lands in excess of \$16,750,000 in each fiscal year, over and above costs of administration of such lands and authorized refunds, to be expended solely for water development purposes, as may be authorized by law.

Resolution to become effective only if S. B. No. 1105 is enacted at the 1959 Session. March 31. **Bad**

**SJR 15 Gibson** (Governmental Efficiency) Memorializes the Department of Defense to award construction contracts for fleet ballistic missile submarines to the Mare Island Naval Shipyard at Vallejo, California. April 2. **Watch**

## Women and Minor Farm Workers Conditions Deplored Before Industrial Welfare Group

An impressive presentation in behalf of women and minors employed on California farms was made in Marysville April 3 at a meeting of the Industrial Welfare Commission. The Commission's purpose was to secure first-hand information as to wages, hours, and working conditions for women and minors in agriculture, in particular in the counties of Tehama, Yuba, Sutter, Placer, Sacramento, El Dorado, Butte, Glenn, Colusa, and Yolo.

The Commission heard testimony from the growers and their representatives during the morning session, opposing any kind of minimum wage law for women and minors employed on farms, as well as any other type of regulations affecting their hours, safety, or other conditions of employment.

Countering their arguments, farm workers, their friends and representatives presented material and first-hand

experiences showing the urgent necessity for regulation in this field. Written and oral testimony detailed the desperate plight of the women and minors employed as farm workers in California and their need to have a wage order issued by the Industrial Welfare Commission similar to those issued for women and minor workers in other occupations, where the Commission has generally set a \$1 minimum wage.

Some ten farm workers, including a mother with several of her daughters, told moving stories of inadequate pay, miserable conditions, and bad treatment. Fathers Donald McDonnell and Thomas McCullough of the Catholic Rural Life Conference of California added their plea for social justice for farm workers.

Joe Gunterman, writer for the area's labor press, submitted documentation on the low pay scales in the area; and DeWitt Tannehill, cooperating with the Agricultural Workers Union, described the substandard conditions on the farms

in the area and the "slave labor" conditions of the Mexican Nationals imported into the area.

Local labor leaders pointed out the benefits to the community if the rates of pay were raised, resulting in increased purchasing power and adding to the general level of prosperity. They included Otis Thorsbury, Marysville Building Trades Construction Council, Lionel V. Long of the Machinists Union, and G. E. Miller.

Directing much of her testimony to answer arguments made by the growers, Mrs. Anne Draper, Research Economist for the California Federation of Labor, countered them with material and statistics from federal and state government sources. She quoted testimony given that morning by growers concerning the pay and working conditions of farm workers to prove the need for the Commission to act to protect the "health, safety, and welfare" of women and minors in agriculture, as they are charged by law.