

## Legislative Notes

### URGENCY JOBLESS BENEFITS

For all practical purposes, jobless workers who have exhausted their benefits in the current recession were told that they should scrape along as best they can for a couple of months before extended benefits are made available. SB 133 (Shaw), the urgency extended benefits bill, was held up in Senate committee for the third week in a row. The Shaw bill is designed to make extended benefits immediately payable in the months of February and March prior to the "triggering" of the extended benefits law in the next quarter starting in April.

In the face of employer opposition, it appears that jobless workers in the state will have to wait for an extension of benefits until April unless the Kennedy Administration is able to secure enactment of its emergency extension program prior to that time.

The Kennedy emergency proposal would provide for up to 13 weeks extension of benefits, financed by increased employer contributions that would result from increasing the taxable wage base from \$3,000 to \$4,800.

The Shaw bill, held up in the Senate at hearings this Wednesday, is

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## Land Monopoly Battle Lines

The Proposition No. 1 issue concerning the vast enrichment of landed monopolists has cropped up in the state legislature this week, with the introduction of opposing measures.

Assemblymen John A. O'Connell (D., San Francisco) has introduced AB 1326, which would apply the 160-acre limitation principle of federal law to the entire state water program approved by the voters last November.

In the upper house, Senator James A. Cobey (D., Merced County) has introduced a series of bills to require the direct subsidizing of irrigation water, without any effective means of limiting the amount of enrichment of giant landholders, who are the primary beneficiaries of the state's \$1.75 billion water development program.

In one measure, SB 163, Senator Cobey would require that the De-



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### IMPERIAL VALLEY

## DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE BRACERO WITHDRAWAL

The AFL-CIO, the Mexican Labor Federation (CTM) and the Mexican government are jointly demanding the immediate and complete withdrawal of some 1,740 braceros from 15 struck lettuce growers in the Imperial Valley.

John F. Livingston, AFL-CIO director of organization, this Wednesday wired Secretary of Labor Arthur Goldberg urgently requesting compliance with the Mexican government demand based on the health and safety of the braceros involved.

The Mexican government demand was issued last week through Foreign Minister Eugenio de Azorena at the insistence of the Mexican Labor Federation.

In his wire to Goldberg, John F. Livingston said:

"Re request of Minister Eugenio de Azorena of Mexican government, we urgently request your immediate compliance and with-

drawal of all braceros in Imperial County.

"In view of your finding that conditions exist endangering the health and safety of braceros in this area, essential that international relations between two friendly nations be fully implemented by prompt compliance with a well-documented determination of existing fact.

"Prompt action on your part will ensure the safety of the braceros and the continued alliance with a large non-communistic nation to the south in preserving democratic aims.

"Any other action, in our opinion, will only be seized upon by nations in that portion of the hem-

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## Social Insurance Bills Go to Subcommittees

The Assembly Finance and Insurance Committee announced this Monday that proposed legislation embracing labor-sponsored measures to improve and expand state social insurance programs would be referred to subcommittee for initial consideration.

At its first (organizational) meeting of the 1961 legislative session, the lower house committee decided to form five subcommittees in the following areas of its jurisdiction: unemployment insurance; workmen's compensation; unemployment disability insurance; mortgages; and health insurance.

Involved are all 102 of the Fed-

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## Hearings Concluded on IWC Wage Order for Agriculture

Four days of hearings before the Industrial Welfare Commission were concluded last Saturday on recommendations before the Commission to extend state minimum wage orders to women and minors in agriculture.

The issue is now before the five-member Commission for final action.

Two days of hearings in Los Angeles and two in San Francisco saw scores of small farmers paraded before the Commission to plead the claims of corporate farmer-distributor interests that any minimum wage for women and minors would destroy agriculture in California.

Hearing rooms were jammed with busloads of small farmers, but nowhere were the agribusiness interests in evidence.

Before the Commission was a recommendation from the employee members of the agricultural wage board calling for a \$1.25 minimum wage, plus a ceiling on working hours and a number of other conditions. The recommendations of the grower members demanded that the IWC refrain from establishing a minimum wage or maximum hours on the absurd grounds that not enough statistical information was available to the wage board.

Dr. Daniel G. Aldrich, Jr., chairman of the Wage Board and dean of the U. C. Department of Agriculture, submitted a separate report on the disputed minimum wage calling for a minimum of between 80 cents and 90 cents an hour.

Growers testifying before the Commission generally wrapped themselves in the Bill of Rights tied with ribbons of the nation's flag as they pleaded their "inability to pay" higher wages. When questioned what they were now paying women and minors, they invariably responded with rates higher than the present \$1.00 minimum wage existing in the Commission's other orders, and often exceeding the \$1.25 minimum recommended by the employee members. Despite such testimony, however, they argued against any minimum wage on grounds of "principle."

The near-starvation conditions in the fields were painted by growers as virtual welfare programs to preserve family life through the employment of women and minors. A minimum wage, it was stated over

and over, would destroy employment opportunities and prevent many children from going to college on farm labor earnings.

The employment of minors, growers said, was excellent for body building, and a major deterrent to juvenile delinquency.

Testimony demanding action by the IWC, although less frequent, described the 18th Century conditions of life and labor that prevail in 20th Century agriculture in the state's biggest industry.

Labor representatives were joined by religious groups of all denominations, field workers, university students who work the fields in the summer, minority groups, veterans, and others to refute grower testimony and plead the cause of the exploited farm worker.

Included were the California Labor Federation, Americans for Democratic Action, American Veterans Committee, Friends Committee on Legislation, American Friends Service Committee, Community Service Organization, Bishop's Committee on Agricultural Labor, San Francisco Labor Council, Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee, United Packinghouse Workers of America, Migrant Ministry of the National Council of Churches, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Archdiocese of San Francisco, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, Catholic Interracial Council, and California Democratic Council.

The main burden of documentary evidence was carried by the Federation in a 24-page statement submitted to the Commission by Secretary-Treasurer Thos. L. Pitts. The state AFL-CIO leader reviewed the five-year effort of organized labor to secure an IWC wage order for women and minors in agriculture.

The Commission's own budget measuring rock-bottom living costs for single working women was invoked to justify the \$1.25 minimum wage recommended by the employee wage board members.

Growers' arguments pleading inability to pay were shouted down by facts and figures quoting monopoly domination of California crops in U. S. markets.

In summary testimony at the end of the four-day hearings in San Francisco, the Federation urged the Commission to recognize that

the testimony received in opposition to a wage order was from small growers who are unable to influence marketing prices rigged by the corporate grower-distributor interests.

A string of small growers had claimed that in California's monopoly crops, such as apricots, prunes, walnuts, figs and others, any increase in wages would drive them out of business. All grower testimony was based on the assumption that the price of their product was rigid, and that wages must therefore be kept below subsistence levels.

The Federation said that this kind of testimony served to demonstrate that the interests of the small farmers and hired farm workers were virtually identical. The corporate grower-distributor interests, it was pointed out, consistently rig the market to capitalize on the cheap labor of the family farmer himself, as well as the exploited hired hands.

Full sympathy was expressed for the plight of the small farmer as well as the farm worker, but the Federation pointed out that the Industrial Welfare Commission does not have the power to infringe upon the jurisdiction of agricultural agencies where the family farmer must go to secure his rights.

The Industrial Welfare Commission's jurisdiction is limited by its legislative mandate, the Federation said, to maintaining the health and welfare of women and minors employed, in this case, in agriculture, and the conscience of the public demands action.

## Social Insurance

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eration's proposals to liberalize basic established programs and extend the social insurance principle to embrace new programs in the provision of health care for the aged and enactment of a state health insurance plan for the general population.

In past sessions, the referral of bills to subcommittee has been seized upon by employer and insurance groups to block full consideration of labor's proposals and force the adoption of "omnibus," compromise measures.

The Assembly Finance and Insurance Committee this year, however, is considered a liberally oriented group of legislators,

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# DIGEST OF BILLS

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## Key to Symbols

**AG** Agriculture  
**AL** Alcoholic Beverages  
**BC** Barbers and Cosmetologists  
**CR** Civil Rights & Civil Liberties  
**CW** Construction & Construction Workers  
**DI** Unemployment Disability Insurance  
**EA** Employment Agencies, Private  
**EL** Elections  
**FF** Fire Fighters  
**FI** Fishing  
**FL** Farm Labor

**HA** Harbors  
**HO** Housing  
**IN** Insurance (Including Health & Welfare)  
**IS** Industrial Safety  
**LC** Labor Code Changes, General  
**LI** Liens, Attachments & Writs of Execution  
**LU** Labor Unions  
**MI** Miscellaneous  
**MU** Musicians  
**MV** Motor Vehicles  
**NT** Newspapers & Television  
**OA** Outdoor Advertising  
**PE** Public Employees

**PH** Public Health  
**PL** Prison Labor  
**PR** Printing  
**RE** Recreation  
**RW** Railroad Workers  
**SC** Schools (Including Teachers)  
**SL** State and Local Government  
**SW** Social Welfare  
**TA** Taxation  
**UI** Unemployment Insurance  
**VT** Vocational Training  
**WC** Workman's Compensation  
**WP** Water and Power

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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.

## ASSEMBLY BILLS

**AB 289 Carrell** (Trans. & C.) Makes unlawful the performance by licensed manufacturer, transporter, or dealer of any act specified in Sec. 285 of Veh. C., relating to sale of autos, between midnight Saturday and midnight Sunday, Jan. 12.

**MV—Watch**

**AB 569 Cameron** (Fin. & Ins.) Adds to the list of provisions presently required to be included in a group health insurance master policy, a provision that in the event of termination of a person's coverage by reason of leaving the group, the person shall, if he has been covered for 24 months, be entitled to convert to an individual policy without evidence of insurability and without any increase in premium other than that necessary to offset administrative costs. Specifies that the converted policy must provide substantially the same benefits to the same persons as the group coverage, Jan. 23.

**IN—Watch**

**AB 570 Cameron** (Fin. & Ins.) Authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to regulate the rates of health plan insurers and nonprofit hospital service plans and provides that such policies or contracts may not be sold for less than the rates so set. Authorizes the commissioner to establish schedules of minimum benefits for policies and contracts and provides that policies or contracts may not be sold which contain benefits less than those so established. Requires the filing with the commissioner of certain reports of loss experience and sets minimum loss ratio of 50 per cent. Specifies that the commissioner may suspend the certificates of authority of an insurer or corporation violating the provision of the bill, Jan. 23.

**IN—Watch**

**AB 571 Cameron** (Fin. & Ins.) Directs the Insurance Commissioner to establish a system of classifying all policies and contracts issued by health plan insurers, nonprofit hospital service corporations and nonprofit medical service corporations. Defines certain basic standards to be used by the commissioner in establishing such classifications. Specifies that the classification given it must appear on the first page of each policy or contract and specifies that each policy or contract shall contain an explanation of the various classifications together with a summary of the benefits and exclusions included within that policy or contract, and requires all promotional material to indicate the classification given the policy and, in some circumstances, the differences between the various classifications. Provides that no policy or contract which fails to meet the standards of the lowest grade established shall be issued or delivered in this State. Requires a pro rata refund of premium in any given year in which the actual loss ratio falls below that of the classification under which the policy or contract was sold and requires the premium to be lowered for subsequent years. Requires the commissioner to periodically review the system of grades, Jan. 23.

**IN—Watch**

**AB 601 Bee** (By request) (G.E. & E.) Revises educational qualifications for licensing as a junior operator and a cosmetologist to require completion of the 12th grade in public or private schools or proof of ability to comprehend on a 12th grade level, rather than completion of the 10th grade in the public schools of this State or its equivalent. Requires cosmetology schools prior to graduating any student to require the student to furnish a transcript to prove 12 years of school has been completed or require the student to take an examination from the State Board of Education to prove ability to comprehend on a twelfth grade level, Jan. 23.

**BC—Bad**

**AB 603 Bee** (By request) (G.E. & E.) Requires inspectors hired by the State Board of Cosmetology to have five years experience in the licensed practice of cosmetology, rather than three years of such experience, Jan. 23.

**BC—Watch**

**\*AB 605 Burton** (Fin. & Ins.) Creates and provides state health service system for workers under Unemployment Insurance coverage and public employees; requires employer contributions of 3 per cent of wages; defines the health services to be provided; establishes rules of eligibility; provides for the administration of the program, and for the establishment of various advisory boards; provides for subrogation as to rights and specified penalties; and permits electing out, Jan. 23.

**PH—Good**

**AB 606 Burton** (Elec. & Reap.) Provides that the registration period shall close 30 days, rather than 53 days, prior to the election for which registrations are taken, Jan. 23.

**EL—Good**

**AB 609 Hawkins** (Mun. & C.G.) Provides that a member may have until January 1, 1962, instead of January 1, 1952, to elect the fixed benefit formula plan, Jan. 23.

**PE—Good**

**AB 611 Bradley** (G.E. & E.) Defines civil engineering as including the preparation and submission of engineering designs, engineering plans and specifications, and engineering reports in connection with specified fixed works, rather than the preparation or submission of designs, plans and specifications, and engineering reports in connection with such works. Provides that the Civil and Professional Engineers Act does not prohibit an individual or firm engaged in any business from employing a registered civil engineer, rather than prohibiting an individual or firm engaged in any business other than the practice of civil engineering from employing a registered civil engineer, Jan. 23.

**CW—Bad**

**AB 612 Bradley** (Jud.—Civ.) Provides that any provision in any deed of real property in California, whether executed before or after the effective date of this section, which purports to restrict the right of any person to sell or rent the property to persons of a particular racial or ethnic group, by providing for payment of a penalty, forfeiture, reverter, or otherwise, is void, Jan. 23.

**CR—Good**

**AB 613 Williamson** (Mun. & C.G.) Adds fireman members to the members who, if they develop heart trouble, will be presumed to have incurred the heart trouble as a result of their employment, Jan. 23.

**FF—Good**

**AB 614 Kennick** (G.O.) Establishes the California Youth Commission consisting of five members appointed by the Governor for terms of four years; prescribes its functions and duties, including stimulation of employment. Provides for an advisory board to the commission, consisting of the Lieutenant Governor, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Director of Corrections, the Director of the Department of the Youth Authority, the Director of Employment, the Director of Mental Hygiene, and the Director of Social Welfare, Jan. 23.

**MI—Watch**

**AB 617 Schrade** (Elec. & Reap.) Requires that there be a stub at the top of each original and duplicate affidavit of registration, containing blanks for specified information, including the number of the affidavit, and requires that the stub on the duplicate affidavit be detached and handed to the voter at the time of registration, Jan. 24.

**EL—Good**

**\*AB 625 George E. Brown, Jr.** (Ind. Rel.) Extends Industrial Welfare Commission jurisdiction to include any person, including all entities, public or private, acting in the interests of, and which employ, a person, Jan. 24.

**LC—Good**

**AB 626 George E. Brown** (Ed.) Gives teachers the right to inspect personnel records relating to him, kept by local and state education agencies, Jan. 24.

**SC—Good**

**AB 633 Rees** (G.E. & E.) Deletes the provisions exempting specified products from the operation of the provisions establishing a preference for American-made materials in public purchases. Permits the purchase of foreign products and materials when the price is 10 per cent or more less than the lowest bid for similar products and materials produced in the United States, Jan. 24.

**SL—Bad**

**AB 638 Rees** (Fin. & Ins.) Includes in a list of unfair insurance practices the making or permitting of any unfair discrimination between individuals of the same class and life expectancy in life insurance or life annuity contract rates, benefits, or any other terms and conditions, Jan. 24.

**IN—Good**

**AB 639 Rees** (Trans.) Authorizes local authorities to establish and operate local safety inspection programs for vehicles registered to persons whose residence or principal place of business is within their territorial jurisdiction. Provides that certificate showing inspection within the last year may be required to be displayed. Prohibits authorizing operation of vehicles or their equipment which does not fulfill minimum Vehicle Code standards, Jan. 24.

**MV—Watch**

**AB 641 Dahl** (Trans. & C.) Requires that all glazing materials in motor vehicles registered as new after January 1, 1962, and all newly installed glazing material after Jan. 1, 1962, at right angles to and in front of the seats or other area designed to accommodate passengers shall be of a type which releases less than 5 per cent of its material when subject

to tests equivalent to American Standards Association for Glazing in Motor Vehicles tests numbers 9 and 12. Jan. 24. **CV—Watch**

**AB 643 Hicks** (Fin. & Ins.) Adds provision that the Industrial Accident Commission may resort to interest on, or in addition to, deposited securities when self-insurer becomes liable for compensation claims. Identifies surety as released from liability by payment. Jan. 24. **WC—Good**

**AB 644 Hicks** (Jud.—Civ.) Increases from \$600 to \$900 each the maximum amount of wages or salaries which will constitute a preferred lien and claim as between the creditors of the debtor and the person to whom the wage or salary is due and insolvency proceedings are had against the debtors. Jan. 24. **LI—Good**

**AB 645 Hicks** (Jud.—Civ.) Gives employees a preferred claim for wages or salary earned within 90 days of a sale or transfer of all or a substantial part of a business not in the ordinary course of business or trade. Jan. 24. **LI—Good**

**AB 646 Hicks** (Jud.—Civ.) Increases from \$600 to \$900 the amount of wages earned by employees of decedent for work done or personal services rendered within 90 days prior to the death of employer, which sum may be paid by the estate as a preferred debt. Jan. 24. **LI—Good**

**AB 647 Hicks** (Jud.—Civ.) Increases from \$600 to \$900 the amount a person may claim from attachment for labor or personal services performed within 90 days prior to levy. Jan. 24. **LI—Good**

**AB 649 Z'berg** (C.S. & S.P.) Provides for revision of state employees' retirement system benefits. **PE—Watch**

**AB 654 House** (C.S. & S.P.) Specifies that the Board of Administration of the State Employees' Retirement System shall execute a modification of the agreement providing for the inclusion of local agency employees in federal old age and survivors' insurance program to include services performed by hospital employees employed on or after January 1, 1957, and on or before December 31, 1959, who were covered by a retirement system on September 1, 1954, and removed from coverage prior to 1960, and who, prior to July 1, 1960, paid in good faith to the Secretary of the Treasury amounts equal to that which would have been imposed had they been members of the federal program. Jan. 24. **PE—Good**

**AB 658 Gaffney** (Soc. Wel.) Provides that if a blind aid recipient has needs which cannot be met by the maximum basic grant, he shall receive a supplemental grant sufficient to enable him to meet his needs but not in excess of an amount that would cause his combined grant and income to exceed \$165. Jan. 24. **SW—Good**

**AB 659 Garrigus** (Ed.) Authorizes the State Board of Education to grant a renewable credential to a person who has a baccalaureate degree from certain accredited colleges or universities and who has had one year of elementary school teaching experience and at least 12 units of college work in the field of education. Provides for service authorized by credential, duration and renewal of credential, minimum pay of credential holder. Jan. 24. **SC—Watch**

**\*AB 664 Hawkins** (Fin. & Ins.) Eliminates provisions exempting employment in domestic service from unemployment insurance and disability laws. Jan. 24. **UI—Good**

**\*AB 666 Marks** (Jud.—Civ.) Prohibits employers from demanding, requiring, requesting or permitting persons to submit to polygraph or lie detector tests as a condition of employment. Jan. 24. **LC—Good**

**\*AB 682 Rumford** (Ind.R.) Establishes minimum wage rate of \$1.25 per hour for all employees, and fixes maximum hours for all employees. Authorizes Director of Industrial Relations to investigate, hold hearings, and determine reasonable wages and maximum hours; issue regulations and wage orders to carry out the purposes of the chapter; and take various actions to enforce orders, regulations and provisions of chapter. Requires employers to keep certain wage and hour records and post certain prescribed material. Provides penalties for failure to comply with provisions of chapter and regulations and orders of the director. Jan. 24. **LC—Good**

**\*AB 683 Rumford** (Ind. R.) Deletes provision that Industrial Welfare Commission may not fix minimum wages or maximum hours for male minors between 18 and 21. Provides that Commission may fix maximum number of handicapped women and handicapped or apprenticed minors generally, rather than only those under 18, to be employed for special minimum wages. Jan. 24. **LC—Good**

**AB 684 Rumford** (Ind.R.) Provides for minimum wage of \$1.25 per hour for any man, woman, or minor. Jan. 24. **LC—Good**

**\*AB 691 Gaffney** (Rev. & Tax.) Allows deductions from income tax of amounts expended by taxpayers for improvement, alteration or repair of their residences. The amount of allowable reduction is for amounts spent in excess of \$250 but not more than \$2,500. The deduction is not allowed when the work is done by the taxpayer, a dependent or spouse of taxpayer who files a joint return with the taxpayer. The deduction is limited to \$2,500 for husband and wife who file a joint return. Jan. 24. **TA—Good**

**\*AB 692 Gaffney** (G.E. & E.) Specifies that persons employed on public work shall be allowed to one-half hour meal period after five hours work or be paid time and one-half after five hours until the period is granted. Jan. 24. **CW—Good**

**\*AB 693 Gaffney** (G.E. & E.) Requires contractors in the building and construction industry to post cash or securities with a bank, trust company or a bond with the Labor Commissioner for the payment of wages and fringe benefits. Provides failure to comply is misdemeanor and

causes automatic revocation of licenses until unsecured obligations are satisfied and lawfully complied with. Jan. 24. **CW—Good**

**\*AB 694 Gaffney** (G.E. & E.) Makes exemptions relating to installation of products not fabricated into and not becoming a permanent part of structure applicable where cost of installation is less than \$100. Jan. 24. **CW—Good**

**\*AB 695 Gaffney** (Ind.R.) Provides that employees in the construction industry must be provided a hot meal if required to work more than 5 hours after the mid-shift lunch period and that the time allocated for the consumption of a meal shall be paid for at the regular applicable rate of pay. Provides misdemeanor penalty for violation. Jan. 24. **CW—Good**

**\*AB 696 Gaffney** (G.E. & E.) Revises exception from contractors licensing law to apply to owners of property who build or improve a single structure with not more than two living units and in which the owners reside for at least one year, rather than to owners of property building or improving structures for occupancy of such owners. Jan. 24. **CW—Good**

**\*AB 697 Gaffney** (G.E. & E.) Provides that specialty contractors include contractors whose operations are concerned with the installation and laying of carpets, linoleum and resilient floor covering, rather than contractors whose operations are principally concerned with such installation. Jan. 24. **CW—Good**

**\*AB 698 Gaffney** (G.E. & E.) Requires contractors to keep posted on the job for public inspection, a copy of plans and specifications relating to a construction project. Makes failure to do so a cause for disciplinary action. Jan. 24. **CW—Good**

**\*AB 699 Gaffney** (G.E. & E.) Provides for licensing of persons inactive in contracting business. Adds the requirement that an applicant for a contractor's license show his financial stability, technical ability and a general knowledge of the general administrative principles of the contracting business. Removes the provision that an applicant for a license can qualify by appearance of his responsible managing employee or, if a corporation, by the appearance of a member of its personnel. Removes responsible managing employee from among those persons whose action may establish lack of character of the applicant. Jan. 24. **CW—Good**

**\*AB 700 Gaffney** (Ind.R.) Prohibits work on construction sites after sunset and before sunrise unless two or more persons are simultaneously employed at the site. Jan. 24. **CW—Good**

**\*AB 701 Gaffney** (G.E. & E.) Requires that general contractors bidding to perform work on any public work list all subcontractors who will perform work rather than only those subcontractors performing work in an amount in excess of one-half of one per cent of the general contractor's total bid. Requires that a general contractor have written consent of awarding authority in order to substitute one subcontractor for another unless the subcontractor does not comply with the general contractor's conditions, rather than requiring written consent when the portion of the work subcontracted exceeds one-half of one per cent of the general contractor's bid and no subcontractor was designated in the original bid. Repeals provision permitting in a public emergency the subcontracting of the portion of work in excess of one-half of one per cent of total bid and as to which no subcontractor was originally designated. Adds a requirement that the names of contractor awarded contract on public works and his subcontractors be published in a local trade journal or paper not later than issuance of building permit. Jan. 24. **CW—Good**

**AB 705 Lanterman** (G.O.) Prohibits "conflict of interest" regarding state employees and legislators. Jan. 24. **PE—Watch**

**AB 706 Lanterman** (G.O.) Prohibits a state officer or employee or legislator or legislative employee from entering into an agreement for compensation for services rendered before any agency in the executive branch of the State Government. Provides that a former officer or employee shall not appear before any such agency by which he was employed, for two years after termination of his employment as to any matter in which he was directly concerned during his employment or to receive compensation for working on any such matter during such period. Jan. 24. **PE—Watch**

**AB 708 Lanterman** (G.O.) Prohibits certain activities of legislators and employees of the Legislature which conflict or are incompatible with their offices or employment. Requires disclosure of certain interests or activities of legislators and employees of the Legislature. Jan. 24. **PE—Watch**

**AB 720 (Thelin)** (Ind. R.) Provides that participation in strike by employees of State or political subdivision thereof is unlawful, and an employee who does so shall be discharged, shall forfeit civil service status and shall not be eligible for re-employment for 3 years. Jan. 25. **LU—Bad**

**\*AB 721 Cameron** (So. Wel.) Requires the inclusion of surveys and reports and recommendations with respect to inclusion of housing for elderly persons in community design, housing or redevelopment master or general plans. Jan. 25. **HO—Good**

**AB 728 Burton** (Soc. Wel.) Eliminates relatives' responsibility requirements imposed with respect to the aid to the needy disabled law. States that the elimination of such requirements shall not be deemed to eliminate the moral responsibility of a child to support his parents. Jan. 25. **SW—Good**

**AB 729 Burton** (Soc. Wel.) Eliminates relatives' responsibility requirements contained in aid to the needy blind law. Specifies that the elimination



- of such requirements shall not be deemed to relieve a child of his moral responsibility to support his parent. Jan. 25. **SW—Good**
- AB 730 Burton (Soc. Wel.)** Eliminates relatives' responsibility requirements imposed with respect to the aid to the potentially self-supporting blind law. States that the elimination of such requirements shall not be deemed to relieve a child of his moral responsibility to support his parent. Jan. 25. **SW—Good**
- AB 731 Burton (Soc. Wel.)** Eliminates provision requiring that an applicant for aid to the needy disabled be either a citizen of the United States or have resided in the United States continuously since January 1, 1932. Jan. 25. **SW—Good**
- AB 732 Burton (Fin. & Ins.)** Provides religion, national origin and ancestry as well as race or color shall not be considered by an admitted insurer in issuing any motor vehicle liability insurance policy or in setting the premium for the policy. Jan. 25. **CR—Good**
- AB 733 Burton (Soc. Wel.)** Provides that assistance shall be administered without discrimination on account of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, or political affiliation, instead of on account of race, religion, or political affiliation. Jan. 25. **CR—Good**
- AB 734 Burton (Jud.)** Deletes requirement that certificate of registry of marriage include race or color of parties married. Jan. 25. **CR—Good**
- AB 735-54 Burton (G.E. & E.)** Adds public member to various state licensing boards and committees. Jan. 25. **MI—Watch**
- AB 761 Wolfrum (Ed.)** Allows the governing board of a school district to delegate power to contract to any officer or employee of the board. Prescribes liabilities of such officer or employee in connection therewith and provides for insuring against such liability. Makes provision applicable to a district, or to two or more districts governed by same board, with an average daily attendance of 400,000 or more. Jan. 25. **SC—Bad**
- AB 762 Wolfrum (Ed.)** Allows district governing board to purchase or lease high school textbooks and audiovisual materials. Allows it to lease as well as purchase, supplementary texts, library books, films, tests and workbooks. Jan. 25. **SC—Bad**
- AB 770 Z'berg (S. S. & S. P.)** Makes applicable a 1960 amendment to the Federal Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance program, relating to involuntary transfers of employees of political subdivisions, to transfers occurring prior to the date of enactment of such amendment, and validates prior actions of the executive officer of the State Employees' Retirement System to effectuate the amendments in this State. The federal amendments permit an employee transferred involuntarily from one political subdivision to another to retain his status of noncoverage under the federal program. Jan. 25. **PE—Good**
- AB 772 DeLotto (Ind.R.)** Provides that surety bond of farm labor contractor shall be equal to periodic payroll or \$1,000 whichever is greater, and conditioned on payment of all wages by contractor. Jan. 25. **FL—Good**
- AB 773 DeLotto (Ind.R.)** Provides that labor contractors or employment agencies acting as labor contractors shall deposit a surety bond with Labor Commissioner on the amount of the contractor's maximum payroll and in no event less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Jan. 25. **FL—Good**
- AB 787 Mulford (Pub.H.)** Repeals State Housing Act and abolishes Commission of Housing. Provides for rules and regulations of housing by Division of Housing by rules and regulations not less restrictive than those in uniform building plumbing and electrical code. Jan. 25. **HO—Watch**
- AB 801 Hawkins (G.E. & E.)** Extends present law prohibiting discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry in the selling, renting, or leasing of publicly assisted housing accommodations to all housing accommodations except a single-unit dwelling occupied in whole or in part by the owner as his residence. Extends prohibition against discrimination to financial institutions and real estate brokers and salesmen. Declares it unlawful for any person to aid, encourage, or compel the commission of any discriminatory acts prohibited by the act or the present law, or to attempt to do so. Authorizes the State Fair Employment Practice Commission to prevent violations of the act, and establishes a procedure for its investigation and action on complaints of alleged violations. Authorizes the commission, following the filing of a complaint, to file with the county recorder a notice that it has taken jurisdiction of the complaint relating to the renting or sale of certain property within the county. Provides that this shall be notice to all persons of the alleged violation. Declares it a misdemeanor to interfere with the commission in its performance of duties, or to violate an order of the commission. Jan. 26. **CR—Good**
- AB 802 Hawkins (C.S. & S.P.)** Provides that where a civil service examination is written in part, the weight to be given the oral phase of the examination together with all other phases of the examination exclusive of the written phase shall not exceed 15 percent of the total weight of the examination. Jan. 26. **PE—Good**
- AB 805 Knox (Pub. H.)** Deletes provisions exempting persons engaged in mining or quarrying operations from coverage of laws regarding the amount of explosives that may be kept in a magazine and prescribing the distance a magazine is required to be situated from a building, railroad, highway, or other magazine. Jan. 26. **IS—Good**
- AB 806 Knox (Ind. R.)** Eliminates provisions relating to safety of employees in quartz mines. Jan. 26. **IS—Watch**
- AB 807 Knox (Ind. R.)** Deletes requirement that annual inspection of boilers by Division of Industrial Safety, Department of Industrial Relations, be an internal and an external inspection. Jan. 26. **IS—Watch**
- AB 808 Knox (Ind. R.)** Eliminates provisions relating to employee safety in coal mining. Jan. 26. **IS—Watch**
- AB 809 Knox (Ind. R.)** Requires interpretation of terms "safety device" and "safeguard," for purposes of provisions regarding workmen's safety include methods, devices, and techniques for the elimination or mitigation of potentially injurious exposure to noise. Jan. 26. **IS—Good**
- AB 812 Cusanovich (Soc. Wel.)** Provides that the maximum grants of aid under the Old Age Security Law shall be increased to reflect the cost of living, and requires that the amount of such increases be determined in accordance with indices of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. Jan. 26. **SW—Good**
- AB 814 George E. Brown (G.E. & E.)** Creates Governor's Advisory Commission on Housing Problems, consisting of not to exceed 20 members appointed by Governor and serving at his pleasure, to study housing problems and report thereon to Governor and Legislature at 1962 and 1963 Regular Sessions. Commission's existence to terminate on June 30, 1963. Appropriates \$150,000 for support of commission during 1961-62 fiscal year. Jan. 26. **HO—Watch**
- AB 815 George E. Brown (G.E. & E.)** Repeals and amends various secs., Lab. C. and Gov. C., to abolish the Commission of Housing. Jan. 26. **HO—Watch**
- AB 816 George E. Brown (Ed.)** Authorizes governing board of school district maintaining secondary schools to establish, with approval of State Department of Education, special classes to serve educational needs of handicapped adults. Jan. 26. **SC—Good**
- AB 817 George E. Brown (Ed.)** Authorizes employment of certificated personnel, during vacation period or off-duty days, as classified personnel to repair and build apparatus or equipment related to their duties as certificated employees, even though cost of labor exceeds \$1,000. Limits applicability of authorization to school district, or two or more school districts governed by identical personnel, having a.d.a. of 400,000 or more. Jan. 26. **SC—Bad**
- AB 818 Marks (Rev. & Tax.)** Provides that taxes imposed by Cigarette Tax Law are conclusively presumed to be direct taxes on retail consumer to permit income tax deduction. Jan. 26. **TA—Watch**
- AB 823 Elliott (Soc. Wel.)** Increases from \$95 to \$105 per month maximum basic aid grant payable to recipients of old age assistance and from \$115 to \$125 maximum aid grant payable to those recipients who due to lack of income are unable to provide for their needs on basic grant. Jan. 26. **SW—Good**
- AB 828 Britschgi (Fin. & Ins.)** Revises provisions of the Industrial Loan Company Act raising loan charge limitations and insurance charge limitations, official fees, real estate appraisal fees, insurance costs, amount of secured loans, and maximum charges. Jan. 26. **MI—Bad**
- AB 831 Bradley (Jud.)** Prohibits deficiency judgments against purchasers of real property under deeds of trust or mortgages only to vendors to whom such security is given for payment of balance of purchase price. Jan. 26. **LI—Bad**
- AB 832 Bradley (Jud.)** Makes numerous changes in the statutory law of arbitration, with respect to: (1) types of agreements to which the statutory law of arbitration is applicable; (2) proceedings to enforce arbitration agreements, including matters which may be decided in such proceedings, recognition of defenses, and selection of arbitrator by court; (3) conduct of arbitration proceeding, including notice, allocation of authority when there is more than one arbitrator, evidence to be considered, effect of absence of party or arbitrator, representation by counsel, correction of technical errors, time within which dispute may be decided, and division of costs between parties; (4) enforcement of award, including time within which award may be enforced, corrected, or vacated, status of award not confirmed or vacated, court's right to order rehearing, and confirmation of award pursuant to oral arbitration agreement; (5) jurisdiction over parties outside the State; (6) pleading; (7) venue; (8) appeal. Jan. 26. **LC—Watch**
- AB 838 Cameron (G.E. & E.)** Requires a merchant issuing trading stamps with purchases to give the purchaser the option of taking the stamps or receiving a cash discount equal to the value thereof from the purchase price. Jan. 26. **MI—Good**
- AB 842 Hanna (G.E. & E.)** Excludes from the act a structure or sign exclusively pertaining to the business conducted, services rendered, or goods produced or sold upon property, if the structure or sign is on the same side of highway and within 800 feet of the business or entrance to the property. Jan. 26. **OA—Watch**
- AB 846 Hanna (Mun. & C.G.)** Authorizes governing body of city or county to require that subdivider file bond or cash deposit securing payment to person furnishing materials, labor, services, or equipment for improvement. Jan. 26. **CW—Good**
- AB 854 Hanna (Jud.)** In provision specifying, in terms of percentage of principal amount of claim, the amount of the undertaking required to be filed on attachment, specifies that attorney's fees are not to be included in "principal." Jan. 26. **LI—Bad**
- AB 856 Hanna (Jud.)** Requires legal description of outstanding encumbrances on land and single-family dwellings sold under installment sales contracts and the terms of the contract to be set forth in writing by the vendor. Makes violation a misdemeanor. Makes it a misdemeanor to encumber land subject to an unrecorded installment sales contract to

- an amount that exceeds amount then due on the contract without the consent of the parties. Makes it a misdemeanor for the seller or his assignee to use funds from payment on installment contract of sale of single-family dwelling for other than payment on obligation of seller or his assignee which is secured by an encumbrance on the dwelling, except to the extent the payment exceeds the amount due on the encumbrance. Jan. 26. **LI—Good**
- AB 857 Hanna** (Jud.) Modifies provision making it a misdemeanor for seller of single-family dwelling in subdivision, under real property sales contract, to apply installment payment received at time payment is owing from seller, or assignee, on obligation secured by encumbrance on the property, to other than payment of the amount due on the obligation, except to extent installment payment exceeds payment due on the obligation, by providing that it is a misdemeanor not to apply a payment received from the buyer, including an advance payment, to the obligation though obligation is not yet due, except to the extent payment exceeds the amount of the obligation. Jan. 26. **HO—Good**
- AB 858 Hanna** (G.E. & E.) Permits Director of Professional and Vocational Standards to require persons engaged in business of home improvement to file a bond conditioned upon the observance by such person, and any person acting on his behalf, of all laws applicable to the conduct of the business. Permits a person aggrieved by the violation of any such law to have an action on the bond. Defines business of home improvement. Jan. 26. **CW—Watch**
- AB 859 Hanna** (Mun. & C.G.) Authorizes governing body of city or county to require that subdivider file bond or cash deposit securing payment to persons furnishing materials, labor, services, or equipment for improvement. Jan. 26. **CW—Good**
- AB 862 Z'berg** (C.S. & S.P.) Revises the vacation leave authorized for state employees upwards. Jan. 26. **PE—Good**
- AB 868 Casey** (Ed.) Authorizes school district governing board to permit certificated employees to take sabbatical leave in separate six-month periods rather than for a continuous one-year period. Jan. 30. **SC—Good**
- AB 869 Hanna** (Ed.) Prescribes rights of classified employees of school districts upon unification. Requires board of unified district to establish a system of uniform salaries, benefits, and working conditions for employees performing like services. Jan. 30. **SC—Watch**
- AB 870 Hanna** (Ed.) Requires, rather than permits, school districts to grant leaves of absence to employees called for jury duty and to pay employee difference between his regular earnings and the amount received as juror's fees. Jan. 30. **SC—Good**
- AB 872 Hawkins** (Soc. Wel.) Increases from \$95 to \$105 per month the maximum basic grant to recipients of old age assistance. Provides that the State Social Welfare Board in establishing the revised standard of increase provided for in the basic grant shall allot such increase to the allotments for food and rent contained in the basic budget, and shall increase in a like amount the special need allowances for food and rent. Eliminates monetary limitations fixed on the amounts to which aid grants may be increased or decreased as the result of increases or decreases in federal aid to the State. Jan. 30. **SW—Good**
- AB 875 Davis** (Jud.) Extends lien for services rendered on logs or lumber from county where services on the logs or lumber were rendered to any county where the logs or lumber are subsequently moved. Jan. 30. **LI—Good**
- AB 880 Winton** (Ed.) Makes a misdemeanor the act of invoking disciplinary action or the undertaking of discriminatory practices against school district or county superintendents' employee, solely because the employee appeared before the county board of education or school district governing board. Jan. 30. **SC—Good**
- AB 883 Winton** (G.O.) Eliminates Retirement Investment Board, and vests exclusive control of administration and investment of Teachers' Retirement Fund in the Retirement Board, except as to the negotiation for purchase and sale of securities. Permits State Treasurer, upon direction of Retirement Board, to negotiate purchase or sale of securities for the fund, and to execute documents involved in investment transactions. Provides that Treasurer is custodian of all moneys and securities belonging to the fund, except as otherwise provided, and that all future investments not in bearer form are to be registered in name of State Treasurer for the fund. Jan. 30. **SC—Watch**
- AB 886 Winton** (G.O.) Provides that State Treasurer is custodian of all money and securities belonging to State Employees' Retirement Fund, except as otherwise provided and that future investments not in bearer form are to be registered in the name of the Treasurer for the fund. Permits Treasurer, upon direction of board of administration of retirement system, to execute documents involved in investments transactions and to negotiate purchase and sale of securities for the fund and repeals authority of board with Department of Finance to make such investments. Eliminates requirement that Director of Finance approve investments. Jan. 30. **SL—Watch**
- AB 887 Bee** (G.O.) Authorizes the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to refuse to renew or permit transfer of an alcoholic beverage license where the applicant, licensee or transferor is delinquent in the payment of specified preferred wages. Jan. 30. **AL—Good**
- AB 891 Z'berg** (G.E. & E.) Makes it unlawful to lease or sell commodities for use within the State, or to fix a price charged therefor, or discount from or rebate upon such price, on the condition that the lessee or purchaser thereof shall not deal in the commodities of a competitor of the lessor or seller, where the effect is to lessen competition or create a monopoly. Jan. 30. **MI—Watch**
- \*AB 900 Munnell** (Fin. & Ins.) Increases, from \$12 to \$20, the amount which a partially employed individual may earn without reduction of his weekly benefit amount. Jan. 30. **UI—Good**
- \*AB 901 Munnell** (Fin. & Ins.) Eliminates requirement, for U.I. benefit eligibility purposes, that person have, during week, made effort to seek work as required by regulation. Jan. 30. **UI—Good**
- \*AB 902 Munnell** (Fin. & Ins.) Increases unemployment compensation weekly benefit amount by \$5 for each of dependent spouse and children, for not to exceed five dependents. Jan. 30. **UI—Good**
- \*AB 903 Munnell** (Fin. & Ins.) Eliminates merit rating from employers' U.I. tax rate provisions, and imposes straight 3 percent tax rate upon all employers, operative January 1, 1962. Jan. 30. **UI—Good**
- \*AB 904 Munnell** (Fin. & Ins.) Increases from 26 times to 39 times his weekly benefit amount the total of unemployment compensation benefits payable to an individual during one benefit year, and eliminates provision limiting to one-half of total base period wages the amount of benefits payable during the benefit year. Jan. 30. **UI—Good**
- \*AB 905 Munnell** (Fin. & Ins.) Increases from \$55 to \$70 the maximum unemployment compensation weekly benefit amount, and revises the schedule of high quarter base period earnings requirements for all benefit amounts to generally reduce requirements and establish \$25 steps between each benefit level. Jan. 30. **UI—Good**
- \*AB 906 Munnell** (Fin. & Ins.) Eliminates provisions specifying that vacation and sick pay, and dismissal payments employer is not legally required to make, shall be considered wages for purposes of the U.I. act. Jan. 30. **UI—Good**
- \*AB 907 Munnell** (Fin. & Ins.) Extends unemployment insurance coverage to all noncivil service personnel on a casual or temporary basis employed by State and any political or civil subdivision. Jan. 30. **UI—Good**
- \*AB 908 Munnell** (Fin. & Ins.) Eliminates from definition of casual employment covered by unemployment insurance where more than \$50 was paid employee during calendar quarter, the additional present requirements that to be covered such employment must be performed by one regularly employed by employer for the service, and that to be 'regularly employed' the individual must, on each of 24 separate days in that or the preceding quarter, have performed services for employer not in the course of the latter's trade or business. Jan. 30. **UI—Good**
- \*AB 909 Munnell** (Fin. & Ins.) Provides that if the services performed by any employee for an employer are deemed to be employment, all services of the same or similar nature of any other employee of the employer are also to be deemed to be employment covered by unemployment insurance. Jan. 30. **UI—Good**
- \*AB 910 Munnell** (Fin. & Ins.) Prohibits the Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board from issuing memorandum decisions. Jan. 30. **UI—Good**
- \*AB 911 Munnell** (Fin. & Ins.) Eliminates requirement that director, prior to filing notice with Secretary of State, must deliver a copy of proposed U.I. regulations to the State Advisory Council. Jan. 30. **UI—Good**
- ACA 4 Lunardi** (C.A.) Provides for assessment of agriculture on basis of use for agricultural purposes under specified conditions. Jan. 4. **TA—Bad**
- ACA 10 Flournoy** (C.A.) Eliminates provisions requiring that in apportionment of the State School Fund there shall be apportioned to each district no less than \$120 per pupil in average daily attendance during the preceding fiscal year and in no event less than \$2,400. Jan. 12. **SC—Bad**
- ACA 14 Buserud** (C.A.) Permits Legislature to propose and submit to the people a revision of all or part of the Constitution in the same manner as amendments to the Constitution. Jan. 18. **SL—Bad**
- ACA 16 Winton** (C.A.) Deletes requirement that State Board of Education shall adopt a uniform series of textbooks for use in the elementary schools of the State and provides, instead, that the State Board of Education shall select, and adopt and maintain a list of, recommended basic textbooks for use in the elementary schools, and that basic textbooks for use in the elementary schools shall be adopted by the governing board of each respective district from the list adopted and maintained by the state board, under such conditions as the Legislature shall prescribe. Jan. 19. **SC—Bad**
- ACA 17 Sumner** (C.A.) Abolishes the Budget Sessions of the Legislature in even-numbered years. Provides that Regular Sessions of the Legislature shall be held annually, and removes the present limitations of 120 calendar days on the length of the sessions. Reduces the number of days which must elapse before a bill, other than the Budget Bill, shall be heard by any committee or acted upon by either house from 30 calendar days following the date the bill was first introduced to 15 calendar days following the date the bill was first introduced. Jan. 19. **SL—Bad**
- ACA 19 Schrade** (C.A.) Requires vacancy in office of judge of superior court, municipal court or justice court to be filled by special election called by board of supervisors. Jan. 24. **SL—Watch**
- ACA 23 Thelin** (C.A.) Provides that participation in strike by employees of State or political subdivision thereof is unlawful, and an employee who does so shall be discharged, shall forfeit civil service status and shall not be eligible for re-employment for three years. Jan. 25. **PE—Bad**



# Land Monopoly

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terminated by the Department of Water Resources to be an optimum economic farm unit for that particular area."

The Merced County senator noted that "at its maximum, this subsidy will be the difference between the ability of the users to pay and the full development cost of such water."

The Cobey measures established no criteria for determining the "optimum economic farm unit" which would be entitled to direct subsidies. It is to be noted that any size farm unit which can be operated economically would be entitled to subsidized supplemental waters.

The concept destroys the basic tenet in U. S. policy, designed to promote family farm units and to prevent the monopolization of land holdings. Although the bills are cloaked in terms which speak of subsidizing agriculture, the facts of water development over the years demonstrate that there can be no subsidy of agriculture without enhancing the value of land for those who own it. In the lower San Joaquin Valley, one of the primary service areas of the state water program, almost two-thirds of the land is in giant holdings.

This week also saw the issuance of a statement on water policy by seven state Senators, who had earlier called for California to take the lead in proposing a federal-state coordinated program for full development of the state's water resources. The upper house group included Senators Miller, O'Sullivan, Geddes, Collier, Arnold, Christensen and Begovich, all Democrats.

The water policy statement listed ten areas in which the federal government has indicated action would be taken in the field of water development in cooperation with the state.

"All this has happened on the federal side," the statement said, adding:

"What signs of cooperation do we see from the state side?"

"Will the state Administration and the Department of Water Resources move in the direction of a federal-state coordinated water development program?"

"If a request for federal assistance can be made in the field of metropolitan transit problems, why

not have statewide water development?"

Recognizing that the State Water Bond Act contains insufficient funds to meet the promises of Proposition No. 1, the Senators favor full cooperation with the federal government, including joint construction of the Oroville Dam — the key-stone unit of the Feather River Project.

Supporters of the California water policy, however, want to avoid any federal participation which would require the application of reclamation law principles prohibiting land speculation and monopoly.

In their statement this week, the Senators again pressed for joint development of the Oroville Dam as a multi-purpose project on a combined federal-state basis.

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scheduled to be taken up again in a week, but even if the Senate committee does approve the measure, it would be the end of February before the measure could reach the Governor's office. This is assuming that the measure could survive obstacles being thrown in its legislative course by employer lobbyists.

### IS AN AMENDMENT IN ORDER, MR. CHAIRMAN?

Growers have secured the introduction of a resolution (AJR 15) requesting Congress to protect domestic vegetable growers against foreign imports.

The second "Whereas" of the resolution states:

"The importation of low-cost agricultural products into the United States at times for certain crops creates competition which adversely affects the stability and price level of our own production."

Mr. Chairman, would an amendment be in order to insert after "low cost agricultural products" the words "and low-cost imported labor"?

### CONSUMER COUNSEL BUDGET

The Office of Consumer Counsel created by the 1959 legislature has raised the hopes of many consumers that they will get effective representation in government and a measure of protection against widespread consumer abuses at the market place. Whether or not this hope is fully realized depends upon the

kind of budget the legislature gives the Consumer Counsel to carry out the obligations of the office.

Consumer Counsel Helen Nelson has demonstrated that she is a courageous fighter for badly needed consumer protections. The state budget presented to the legislature, totaling less than \$105,000, makes provision for the bare minimum of a staff, but allows virtually nothing for printed materials to keep the consumer informed of his rights.

A \$7,500 item for printing is hardly enough even to make a beginning in the "counseling" of consumers. Yet even this amount was trimmed by \$2,500 by an Assembly Ways and Means subcommittee this Wednesday.

Every trade union consumer, as well as the general public, has a very real stake in what happens to the Consumer Counsel's budget that starts its journey through the legislative mill.

### SLUM CLEARANCE DISPLACEMENTS

Many low and moderate income families are beginning to ask themselves whether slum clearance is designed to provide better housing within their means or just an expensive means of sidestepping America's Number One urban problem.

Assemblyman E. Elliott (D., Los Angeles County) has introduced AB 1372, designed to prevent the exchanging of new slums for old slums.

The measure would: require redevelopment agencies to make units available for the displaced persons; authorize redevelopment agencies to build and sell homes at cost to home owners displaced by projects; and strengthen provisions against discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry.

### CHECKOFF DISCRIMINATION

Dues checkoffs in municipal utility districts are currently restricted to organizations whose members are all public employees. The law is clearly discriminatory against bona fide unions having members outside public employment as well as public employees.

AB 1328 (Z'berg, D., Sacramento) would remove this long-standing discriminatory provision in laws governing municipal utility districts.

FORM 3547 REQUESTED

## Imperial Valley

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isphere which will be of aid and comfort to the communist nations."

Growers affected in Imperial Valley are doing everything in their power to continue the use of braceros as strikebreakers against the organizational efforts of the AFL-CIO Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee.

De Anzorena's request, on behalf of the Mexican government, for withdrawal of the braceros was cloaked in strong language. The following is the full text of the Mexican government's communique to Secretary of Labor Goldberg:

The seriousness of the strike situation in the Imperial Valley of California and as it affects nationals of the Republic of Mexico, has become a matter of serious concern to my Government.

As I indicated to you in my recent communication concerning the employment of Mexican workers by Bruce Church, my Government is most anxious that every reasonable effort be made to assure that the safety of my countrymen not be imperiled.

The recent court order obtained by various farmers who are employing citizens of Mexico on their farms is in a very real sense an affront and a challenge to the sovereignty of Mexico. We are most deeply concerned over the fact that a United States Court has issued an order which carries with it implications that may be construed in Mexico as requiring Mexican workers to be employed in an atmosphere of danger to their safety and well-being, and has all of the undertones of holding Mexican citizens in peonage.

The seriousness of the situation has been accentuated today by a demonstration at one of the ranches which resulted in placing Mexican workers behind locked gates.

It is the position of the Government of Mexico that it is asserting its sovereign rights to protect its nationals when it requests that

they be removed from the struck places, in order to assure the safety of its own countrymen. Accordingly, on February 1, 1961, pursuant to instructions from my Government, Mexican Consul Humberto Martinez Romero presented a request to Mr. Edward Hayes, Manager of the Imperial Valley Farmers Association, that all Mexican farm workers under contract with the Imperial Valley Farmers Association who are employed at the properties of the 15 user-members appearing on the attached list be transferred to other work for other user-members of the Association where there are no strikes. A copy of this letter is attached. I am also attaching a copy of Mr. Hayes response declining to comply with this request. You will note that Mr. Hayes has fallaciously insisted that the United States Government has declared only the Jackson Produce Company, Inc. in strike status. This does not conform to the facts which have been communicated to my Government.

The demonstration which appeared to be mounting, the increased tension that is being generated and the resentment against the present Mexican workers who are being identified as strike breakers in the minds of the citizenry of the area are producing a very explosive situation. Accordingly, on behalf of my Government, I am requesting that all Mexican workers employed by the employers appearing on the attached list on whose farms there has been a determination that a strike exists, be immediately removed in accordance with the authority vested in you under Article 7 (d) (2) of the Migrant Labor Agreement between our two countries, and that every effort be extended to transfer these workers to other employment.

May I assure you that this is a matter of deep concern to my Government and I shall appreciate your prompt action in this matter.

## Social Insurance

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chaired by Thomas M. Rees (D., 59th District, Beverly Hills).

Thos. L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, has expressed confidence that the committee action will not be used to deprive labor of the opportunity to be heard on the full scope of its comprehensive liberalization proposals.

Following the committee announcement Monday night, Pitts said:

"It is true in the past that subcommittee referral has served more the interests of employer and insurance groups than the working man.

"This, however, need not be the case. I have full confidence in Chairman Rees and committee members that the purpose of these subcommittee referrals will be to facilitate thorough consideration of every measure before the committee.

"I assume that every bill in subcommittee will be given public hearing and that each subcommittee will report back the bills with recommendations to the full committee.

"If any package proposals are to be developed, I am certain that the committee will want to do this in open meeting as the bills are referred back with the recommendations.

"The state AFL-CIO feels that each proposal should be accepted or rejected on its merits. Any measure that cannot withstand objective and public consideration deserves to be killed. On the other hand, we believe our proposals have been carefully developed within the scope of each program and will survive objective consideration.

"This appears to be the purpose of the committee's action, and I am satisfied that labor will get its day in court."