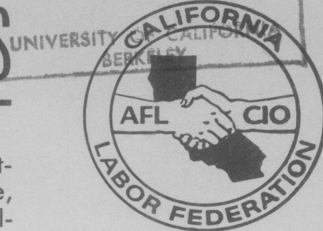


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LEGISLATIVE NOTES

Workmen's Compensation

The various Assembly subcommittees to which unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and disability bills have been referred are beginning to function.

This Monday the Workmen's Compensation Subcommittee held hearings on seven Federation-sponsored bills, three of which were approved and sent back to the parent Finance and Insurance committee for action. The remaining four were held in subcommittee.

Passing their first hurdle were:

*AB 319 (Waldie), providing that temporary disability awards shall carry interest of 7% when payable, but not paid.

*AB 378 (Waldie), requiring payment of attorney's fee when an employ petition to reduce a permanent disability rating is denied.

*AB 380 (Waldie), applying 50% penalty currently in the law when, at the time of injury, a minor under 16 years of age is illegally employed in agriculture.

Bills that did not fare as well include measures requiring the addition of attorney's fees to an award; increasing

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PRESSES 8-POINT ANTI-RECESSION ACTION

Emergency action to relieve unemployment described as "the worst in 25 years in some areas of the state" was urged this weekend by the Executive Council of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO.

Lengthy review and discussion of the growing plight of jobless workers highlighted a two-day meeting of the 36-member council at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in San Francisco, Saturday and Sunday, March 4-5, 1961.

Vice presidents from areas, industries and crafts throughout the state reported almost uniformly that the combination of automation, business decline, and labor force growth had added a new dimension to the seriousness of the recession.

Reports of near-starvation conditions in hard hit areas of the State confirmed recent findings reported to Governor

Brown by his State Director of Social Welfare.

Representatives of various industries and crafts, including basic industries such as steel and the building trades, reported jobless rates from 20 to 50 percent of their membership, far exceeding the official statewide figure of 8 percent as last reported by the State Department of Employment.

"These reports received today," Secretary-Treasurer Pitts said, "demonstrate that the benefits of automation and rising productive efficiency in the state and nation are not being shared in proper balance with workers and the general consumer. This explains why organized workers in basic trades and manufacturing industries are experiencing unemployment exceeding the levels for the economy as a whole and in some areas of white collar employment."

The Council advanced the following action program:

(1) Mobilization of local labor movements to maintain continuous contact with Congressmen in order to provide effective support of the Kennedy Administration program to stem the rising tide of unemployment.

(2) Full support of the National AFL-CIO in pressing for immediate income tax relief for the working man to inject a substantial increase in purchasing power into the economy.

(3) Full speed ahead with Government programs designed to satisfy the unmet social needs of the nation, state and local communities in resources development, urban renewal and redevelopment, and the provision of health, education and welfare facilities commensurate with the needs of the 60's.

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PUSH FOR \$1 BILLION PENSION INVESTMENT PROGRAM IN HOUSING

The AFL-CIO is now pushing vigorously a billion dollar program of investment of union welfare and pension funds in the government mortgage protected housing field.

The program which was first approved last August is designed specifically to encourage the use of union investment funds in sound government housing programs at somewhat higher interest rates than government bonds; to help encourage housing construction so sorely needed in many fields, and to help the construction industry itself in the creation of desperately needed jobs.

One of the most important aspects of the program from the viewpoint of the prospective home buyer is the determination of the AFL-CIO to hit hard at the widespread banking and real estate practice of "discounting" mortgages through "points" which may increase anywhere from 5 to 10 percent the cost of a home.

AFL-CIO President George Meany cited a case in which a home buyer took out a \$16,000 mortgage, received only \$14,800 in cash after the "points" had been deducted yet must pay back

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CIVIL RIGHTS CONFERENCE CALL

The California Committee for Fair Practices (CCFP) has issued a call for a legislative conference in Sacramento, April 15-17.

Following on the heels of last week's approval of the Hawkin's Fair Housing Act, AB 801, the call declares:

"Community leaders are being summoned from throughout California for a dramatic show of strength in Sacramento at a crucial point in the processing of AB 801."

Some 31 additional bills affecting equal rights will also be on the agenda. All AFL-CIO organizations in the state will be receiving the conference call within the coming week.

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the unreasonable delay penalty; providing for filing of payment reports with the IAC; and requiring IAC notice on refusal or cessation of benefits.

Aged Housing

Assemblyman Ronald Cameron (D, Los Angeles) won committee approval of *AB 721 this Tuesday before Social Welfare. This is a Federation-sponsored measure which would require redevelopment agencies to provide for housing for the aged in their planning.

First Test Roll Call

The first "test" roll call of the session on a Federation bill came last Thursday when the Assembly approved the probationary teacher protection bill (AB 337-Elliott) by vote of 46 to 24. Here it is:

Ayes—Don A. Allen, Bane, Bee, George E. Brown, Burton, Busterud, Cameron, Carrell, Casey, Collier, Conrad, Crown, Cunningham, Cusanovich, DeLotto, Dills, Elliott, Flournoy, Frew, Gaffney, Garrigus, Hanna, Hawkins, Hicks, Kennick, Kilpatrick, Knox, Luckel, Lunardi, Marks, McMillan, Meyers, Mills, Munnell, Nisbet, O'Connell, Petris, Porter, Rumford, Thelin, Unruh, Waldie Williamson, George A. Willson, Charles H. Wilson, and Wolfrum—46.

Noes—Bruce F. Allen, Bagley, Beaver, Belotti, Bradley, Britschgi, Burke, Chapel, Cologne, Coolidge, Dahl, Davis, Francis, House, Lanterman, Leggett, Levering, Monagan, Mulford, Reagan, Rees, Sedgwick, Shell, and Winton—24.

Relative's Responsibility

With Federation support this week, Assemblyman Phil Burton (D, San Francisco) pushed a bill out of committee which all but repeals the archaic "relative's responsibility" provisions of the old age security program (AB 96).

It was a heated session, with charges by the Bay Area Assemblyman that the Department of Social Welfare was distorting cost figures on his bill in order to secure passage of a considerably less liberal measure advanced by the Administration. Several Social Welfare committee members voted against AB 96 because of declared support for the milder measure.

This was only a preliminary, as the crucial cost battle will take place in the Committee on Ways and Means, to which the Burton bill was referred.

Employment Agencies

The private employment agencies took a dumping this week when a key measure of theirs was sent to interim committee for study. The Federation was on hand to give the Assembly Committee on Government Efficiency

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COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Within the limits of this weekly publication, Newsletter will attempt to inform affiliates of important measures scheduled for hearing under a three-day "hearing notice" required by the legislature.

To be on the safe side, as bill digests are carried in Newsletter, affiliates should drop a note to committee chairmen requesting notice of hearings on bills of interest. Write the committee chairmen, c/o State Capitol, Sacramento. Bill digests carry the committee to which a bill has been referred.

Assembly

Tuesday, March 14th

Fish and Game, 3:45 PM, Room 5168

AB 211 (Chapel) Bait fish in Santa Monica Bay. **Watch**

AB 261 (Davis) Funds for fish and wildlife enhancement. **Good**

Gov't Organized, 1:30 PM, Room 5168

AB 1541 (Winton) Public works bidding. **Good**

AB 1548-49 (Rumford) Radiation safety. **Watch**

AB 887 (Bee) Refusal of alcoholic license for non-payment of wages. **Good**

Government Efficiency & Economy, 3:45 PM, Room 2170

AB 1225, 1303-4 (Burton) Discrimination in licensing. **Good**

AB 1364 (Knox) Requires designation of price per unit of weight for non uniform packaging. **Good**

*AB 560 (Gaffney) Fringe benefit payments. **Good**

*AB 692-699, 701 (Gaffney) Construction worker bills. **Good**

*AB 345 (Geo. Brown) State holidays. **Good**

*AB 548 (Kennick) California-made goods preference. **Good**

Natural Resources, 1:30 PM, Room 2196

AB 101 (Elliott) Restriction on property transfers. **Good**

AB 611 (Bradley) Civil engineering practice. **Bad**

Wednesday, March 15th

Judiciary, 2:30 PM, Room 4164

AB 69 (Burton) Discrimination by licensees. **Good**

AB 875 (Davis) Lumbermen's liens. **Good**

AB 1227 (Burton) Unruh civil rights act broadening. **Good**

Public Health, 1:30 PM, Room 5168

AB 266 (Z'berg) Labeling of hazardous substances. **Watch**

*AB 317 (Rumford) Prohibits calling rest home a hospital. **Good**

*AB 344 (Geo. Brown) Nursing care hours. **Good**

*AB 556 (McMillan) Construction site sanitation. **Good**

AB 805 (Knox) Storage of explosives. **Good**

*AB 555 (McMillan) Water closets on construction sites. **Good**

AB 1547 (Rumford) Atomic energy coordinator appointments. **Watch**

AB 249 (Cameron) Hospital records. **Watch**

Education, 3:45 PM, Room 4202

AB 22 (Luckel) Use of school buildings. **Bad**

*AB 336 (Elliott) Child care centers. **Good**

*AB 414 (Elliott) Prohibit adult education fees. **Good**

AB 626 (Geo. Brown) Rights of teachers. **Good**

AB 627 (Geo. Brown) Length of school day. **Watch**

AB 1352 (Winton) Denial of teacher credential on felony. **Watch**

AB 1512 (Ch. Wilson) Employee health and welfare contributions, 600,000 or more a.d.a. **Good**

Public Utilities, 3:45 PM, Room 5168

AB 77 (Hegland) Tax payments by public utilities. **Bad**

Thursday, March 16th

Trust Deeds Subcommittee, 1:30 PM, Room 4168

AB 1217 (Hanna) Housing loans by savings and loans banks — 90% insured. **Watch**

AB 856 (Hanna) Real property installment sales contracts. **Good**

AB 857 (Hanna) Sale of real property. **Good**

AB 1539, 1540, 1542-45 (Hanna) Mortgages and deeds of trust. **Watch**

Industrial Relations, 3:45 PM, Room 4168

AB 1502 (Burton) Wage information on check stubs. **Good**

AB 17 (Charles Wilson) Hospital collective bargaining. **Good**

*AB 432 (Davis) Wage security in sawmills. **Good**

*AB 493 (O'Connell) Jury duty pay. **Good**

*AB 534 (O'Connell) Financial security on health & welfare contributions. **Good**

*AB 404-5 (Hinks) Employee wage statements. **Good**

*AB 561, 563, 564, 700 (Gaffney) Industrial safety. **Good**

Municipal and County Gov't, 1:30 PM, Room 2170

AB 1355 (Bradley) Fire protection districts. **Watch**

AB 193 (Hegland) Emergency public works of counties. **Bad**

Revenue and Taxation, 3:45 PM, Room 2170

*AB 691 (Gaffney) Income tax deduction for home repairs. **Good**

AB 1526 (Dahl) Commercial motor vehicle weight fees — exemptions. **Bad**

Monday, March 20th

Constitutional Amendments, 1:30 PM, Room 4164

ACA 16 (Winton) Ends uniform text book adoptions. **Bad**

ACA 25 (Busterud) 60% vote on bonds. **Watch**

ACA 37 (Petris) Executive reorganization plans. **Watch**

Criminal Procedure, 3:45 PM, Room 5168

AB 1585 (Rees) Deception of principals and employees. **Bad**

Finance and Insurance, 8 PM, Room 2170

AB 1551 (Hanna) Uniform securities act. **Bad**

AB 1609 (Crown) Noncancelable disability insurance policies. **Watch**

Transportation, 1:30 PM, Room 5168

AB 1731 (Lunardi) Pedestrians on roadways. **Watch**

Tuesday, March 21st

Fish and Game, 3:45 PM, Room 5168

AB 474 (Grant) Sale and importation of halibut. **Bad**

Governmental Efficiency and Economy, 3:45 PM, Room 2170

AB 982 (Beaver) Highway bidding. **Watch**

*AB 552 (McMillan) 10% employment agency fee. **Good**

AB 1351 (Winton) Contractors — complaints of cities and counties. **Watch**

AB 1595 (Winton) Qualification of employees of contractors. **Watch**

AB 1762 (Busterud) Exemption of work from contractor's license. **Bad**

AB 842 (Hanna) Exceptions from outdoor advertising act. **Watch**

AB 858 (Hanna) Home improvement regulation. **Watch**

Senate

Tuesday, March 14th

Business and Professions, 1 PM, Room 3191

SB 145 (Thompson) Nurses' registry. **Bad**

SB 597 (Thompson) Barber licensing. **Watch**

SB 598 (Thompson) Barber colleges. **Good**

SB 601 (Thompson) Barber advertising. **Watch**

Fish & Game, 1:30 PM, Room 4040

SB 358 (Brown) Regulatory powers of F & G Commission. **Watch**

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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 Workmen'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

Amended Bills

AB 6, as amended in the Assembly 3-1-61 Conrad (Criminal Procedure) would extend special trespass protection against every person who enters the grounds of another without permission while a party is in progress. Also exempts landlords and their agents from provisions of the act. **LU—Bad**

AB 744, as amended in Assembly 3-2-61 would prevent union members from being public member on contractors licensing board. **CW—Bad**

AB 753, as amended in Assembly 3-2-61 would prevent a nurse from being a public member on licensing board. **PH—Bad**

New Bills

AB 1739 McMillan (G.E. & E.) State Building Standards Commission. Increases the membership of the commission from 7 to 11, prescribes the qualifications of members to be appointed by the Governor, substitutes requirement that the Governor shall designate the chairman for one that the Director of Public Works serve as chairman, authorizes the commission to appoint an executive secretary, revises the powers and duties of the commission, and authorizes it to appoint advisory panels from the construction industry to advise it with respect to building regulations. Feb. 16. **CW—Watch**

AB 1744 Z'berg (Fin. & Ins.) Specifies that for U.I. benefit eligibility purposes, the individual's work search during any week be directed to suitable work, and that it be conducted pursuant to specific reasonable local office instructions rather than to regulations of the Director of Employment. Feb. 16. **UI—Good**

AB 1754 Rumford (Pub.H.) Creates office of State Housing Coordinator within Governor's office to assist persons who are displaced from their homes by governmental projects in obtaining new homes, to advise the Governor as to all matters regarding the displacement of persons from their homes as a result of such projects, and to recommend to the Governor and to the Legislature such legislation as he deems necessary to enable such persons to secure new homes. Provides for appointment of a State Housing Coordinator by the Governor, at salary fixed by the Governor, but not to exceed \$15,000. Authorizes Governor to appoint advisory committees to assist the State Housing Coordinator. Feb. 17. **HO—Good**

AB 1757 Monagan (G.E. & E.) Community redevelopment. Deletes prohibition against conveyance of public property by a redevelopment agency to a housing authority for low-rent public housing projects and authorizes an agency to sell land to a housing authority for such purpose. Feb. 17. **HO—Good**

AB 1761 Busterud (Ind.R.) Provides that an employee after six months' employment is entitled to two weeks' notice prior to termination unless for cause, except that he may receive two weeks' pay in lieu of notice. Feb. 17. **LC—Watch**

AB 1762 Busterud (G.E. & E.) Contractor's Law: exemption from. Increases the exemption from the law regulating the practice of contracting for work on one undertaking or project from an aggregate contract price of \$100 to an aggregate contract price of \$200. Feb. 17. **CW—Bad**

AB 1764 Hanna (Ed.) Workshops for the handicapped. Authorizes and directs State Department of Education to purchase services and products from workshops for the handicapped and appropriates \$75,000 for that purpose. Provides that department may establish standards relating to such purchases. States that purpose is to encourage employment of seriously disabled persons through state purchases from workshops for the handicapped. Feb. 17. **VT—Watch**

AB 1769 DeLotto (Rev. & Tax.) Requires State Board of Equalization to prepare a "sales tax collection schedule" showing the total amount to the nearest cent that may be collected by a retailer from a consumer in reimbursement of the sales tax on amounts up to \$100, at both 3 and 4 percent-rates. Requires a retailer to use an identical schedule in computing

such reimbursement and base such computation on the aggregate sales prices of the items sold, where more than one item is sold. Prohibits use of other schedule. Requires board to enforce provisions. Feb. 17. **TA—Good.**

AB 1772 Bee (Ed.) Licensing of school personnel. Repeals provisions relating to the Commission on Credentials. Creates a State Commission on Teacher Licensure, consisting of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and nine additional members appointed by the State Board of Education. Requires the commission to serve in an advisory capacity to the State Board of Education in the development and maintenance of system of professional licensure for persons employed in public schools. Establishes new credentialing system composed of five types of credentials. Prescribes requirements for credentials and services authorized thereby. Preserves validity of credentials previously issued, and allows renewal thereof, and allows issuance of old type of credential to specified persons. Feb. 17. **SC—Watch**

AB 1773 Bee (Ed.) Licensing of school personnel. Repeals provisions relating to the Commission on Credentials. Creates a State Commission on Teacher Licensure, consisting of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and nine additional members appointed by the State Board of Education. Requires the commission to serve in an advisory capacity to the State Board of Education in the development and maintenance of system of professional licensure for persons employed in public schools. Feb. 17. **SC—Watch**

AB 1775 Waldie (G.E. & E.) Requires public agencies to purchase and maintain in force malpractice insurance policies to protect their medical personnel employees against claims that may be brought or filed against them. Feb. 17. **PE—Good**

AB 1782 Beaver (L. & D.) Prohibits retail seller of eggs from limiting number or amount of eggs purchased by any person buying at retail or raising unit price charged for larger amounts. Feb. 20. **MI—Watch**

AB 1783 George E. Brown, Jr. (Ed.) Rights of classified school district employees. Requires any district which acquires or is formed from territory of another district which has a merit system for classified employees, to adopt such merit system, unless the district reorganization occurred under the law relating to the optional reorganization of school districts by electors. Prescribes seniority and other rights of such employees. Gives such employees the right to continued employment in the reorganized or new district for one year subject to reassignment, and provides for placing excess personnel in re-employment lists after one year. Feb. 20. **SC—Good**

AB 1784 George E. Brown (Ed.) Rights of classified employees of school districts. Requires a district reorganized under the law relating to optional reorganization of school districts by electors to provide classified employees with merit system rights, or if two or more component districts have merit systems to adopt a merit system, rather than requiring that the merit system, if any, of the component district representing a majority of the voters in the reorganized district shall become the merit system of the reorganized district or requiring, if there is no such component district, the reorganized district to adopt or submit to the electors the question of adopting the merit system if a component district representing less than a majority of voters in the reorganized district. Gives excess classified employees the right to continued employment in the reorganized district, subject to reassignment, for one year. Feb. 20. **SC—Good**

AB 1788 Thomas (Ind.R.) Permits employees of a public agency to authorize payroll deductions for payment of dues in a unit of any bona fide association, as well as in the association, composed exclusively of public employees, in accordance with provisions made by the governing body of the public agency. Feb. 20. **PE—Good**

AB 1793 George A. Wilson (G.E. & E.) Salaries of Industrial Accident Commission referees. Adds provision that, in fixing such salaries, the State Personnel Board shall make no reference to classes of employees performing either administrative or quasi-judicial functions, and that such salaries shall not be limited in any way by reference to salaries of commission members. Feb. 20. **WC—Watch**

- AB 1794 George A. Wilson** (G.E. & E.) Salaries of Industrial Accident Commission referees. Provides that salaries shall not exceed those for superior court judges in counties having population of more than 100,000, nor be less than the salaries of superior court judges in other counties. Feb. 20.
WC—Good
- AB 1795 George A. Wilson** (G.E. & E.) Salaries of Industrial Accident Commission referees. Provides that such salaries shall be no less than those for superior court judges in counties having a population of less than 100,000 persons. Feb. 20.
WC—Watch
- AB 1801 Munnell** (G.E. & E.) Bonds of contractors on public works projects. Deletes provision requiring such bond to secure payment of amounts due from subcontractors under unemployment insurance law. Feb. 21. **CW—Bad**
- AB 1806 Burton** (G.O.) Parimutuel employees. Excludes parimutuel employees from those required to be licensed by the Horse Racing Board. Feb. 21.
RE—Good
- AB 1807 Burton** (Soc. Wel.) Consolidates the personal property qualifications for public assistance applicants and recipients into one chapter, excepting those specified in the aid to needy children program. Makes these qualifications uniform for all the categorical aid programs, except the aid to needy children program, for which federal funds are received by this State. Sets the value of personal property that a person can own and still be eligible for aid at \$1,200 for all programs. Feb. 21.
SW—Good
- AB 1808 Burton** (Soc. Wel.) Consolidates the real property qualifications for public assistance applicants and recipients into one chapter. Makes these qualifications uniform for all the categorical aid programs for which federal funds are received by this State. Sets the assessed value of real property that a person can own and still be eligible for aid at \$5,000 for all aid programs. Feb. 21.
SW—Good
- A.B. 1811 Hicks** (Fin. & Ins.) Specifies that if any person in any calendar year serves the waiting period required for unemployment benefits, unemployment benefits or workmen's compensation disability benefits, he shall be deemed to have served the waiting period for all three types of benefits for that calendar year. Feb. 21.
UI, DI, WC—Good
- AB 1820 Bagley** (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation awards. Provides that a petition may be filed by a party in interest to reopen any order or award of the Industrial Accident Commission at any time within 5 years and provides that no award shall be changed after 5 years unless such petition is filed within the 5 years. Feb. 21.
WC—Bad
- AB 1828 Z'berg** (Ind.R.) Deletes the provision making all wages due twice each calendar month, on days designated in advance by the employer as the regular paydays, and provides that wages shall be due biweekly on Friday. Specifies that the section does not restrict or affect agreements entered into between the employer and the representative of the employee if such agreement provides for the payment of wages at certain times. Feb. 21.
LC—Good
- AB 1841 Busterud** (Elec. & Reap) Requires that party affiliation of person registering to vote be written in his own handwriting in the affidavit of registration. Feb. 22.
EL—Bad
- AB 1848 Britschgi** (Ed.) Appropriates annually to State School Fund \$35 per unit of average daily attendance in preceding fiscal year in junior colleges. Increases foundation program for junior college attendance from \$494 to \$580 per unit of average daily attendance. Revises formulas relating to adult attendance and to computation of amounts for junior college tuition funds. Deletes mention of specific types of taxes to be excluded from determination of qualifying tax for equalization aid. In effect immediately, urgency measure. Feb. 22.
SC—Watch
- AB 1849 Britschgi** (Rev. & Tax.) Property taxation: assessment. Prohibits an increase in an assessment of any property in excess of 5 percent of its assessed value on the last equalized assessment roll. Requires assessor to give individual notices of any increase in the assessment of property. Feb. 22.
TA—Bad
- AB 1859 Waldie** (Mun. & C.G.) County Employees Retirement Law. Authorizes the board of supervisors of any county or the governing board of any district to pay all or part of the premium or consideration for a group life or disability insurance policy or hospital or medical service contract for the benefit of members of the system heretofore or hereafter retired. Permits the board or governing body to alter or repeal at any time the ordinance or resolution granting such benefits. Feb. 22.
PE—Good
- AB 1860 Waldie** (Jud.) Declares void every provision in a written instrument relating to real property which provision restricts the conveyance, encumbrances, leasing, or mortgaging thereof to any person of a specified race, color, religion, ancestry, or national origin and every restriction as to the use or occupation of real property because of the user's or occupier's race, color, religion, ancestry, or national origin. Declares void every restriction upon the transfer of title to real property which restriction directly or indirectly limits the acquisition, use, or occupation of such property because of the acquirer's, user's, or occupier's race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin. Requires every policy of title insurance issued after effective date of section to set forth provisions of Sec. 53, Civ. C., providing as above. Feb. 22.
CR—Good

- *AB 1862 Waldie** (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation. Provides that unpaid death benefits are to be deposited in a special fund entitled "Uninsured Employees' Fund," administered by the State Compensation Insurance Fund, from which payments are to be made to any industrially injured worker who suffered injury while employed by an uninsured employer. Feb. 22.
WC—Good
- AB 1863 Waldie** (Fin. & Ins.) In lieu of a provision for a reasonable attorney's fee for legal services relating to any claim before the Industrial Accident Commission or appellate courts, provides for such fee for services by a member of the California bar or, as to services in a foreign jurisdiction, by a member of the bar of such jurisdiction, relating to any claim before the commission or the appellate courts of this State. Feb. 22.
WC—Watch
- AB 1864 Casey** (Soc. Wel.) Authorizes establishment and expansion of non-profit workshops or rehabilitation facilities, as defined, to provide opportunities for employment of severely handicapped persons. Provides that appropriations for purposes of chapter shall be available only to meet requirements of federal participation under Secs. 2 or 3 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Amendments of 1954. Authorizes Department of Education to establish such standards or criteria as may be necessary to secure federal financial participation. Appropriates \$100,000 to Department of Education for purposes of act. Feb. 22.
VT—Watch
- AB 1866 Z'berg** (Rev. & Tax.) Permits the creation of a lien on personal property for delinquent personal property taxes not exceeding \$150 and not secured by real property. Feb. 22.
TA—Bad
- AB 1869 Rees** (Fin. & Ins.) Authorizes life insurers having assets of at least \$50,000,000 to issue pension contracts under the terms of which insurance, retirement or pension benefits will be paid to persons other than the contract holder. Authorizes such insurers to establish special pension plan funds for accumulating funds to pay benefits under pension contracts and specifies that the pension funds are to be kept separate from the general assets of the insurer. Provides for the investment of money in pension funds. Makes the insurer the sole owner of the assets in any pension plan fund. Feb. 22.
IN—Watch
- AB 1872 Petris** (P.U. & C.) Transit district in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Revises provision of Transit District Law regarding elections, officers, retirement, indebtedness, annexation, and special transit service districts. Feb. 22.
PE, LU—Watch
- AB 1874 Petris** (Pub. H.) Requires housing authorities, as between applicants equally in need and eligible for occupancy at the rent involved, to make preferences in favor of displaced tenants. Feb. 22.
HO—Good
- AB 1875 Petris** (Pub. H.) Management of housing projects. Deletes provision requiring authority in operation of housing operations to reject as a tenant a person whose income exceeds by a certain percentage their annual net income. Feb. 22.
HO—Watch
- AB 1876 Petris** (Pub. H.) Housing authorities powers. Authorizes authority to assist in relocating persons deprived of dwellings which are to be cleared or demolished, and requires authority to make studies and surveys of unoccupied dwellings so as to be able to maintain a tenant placement service. Feb. 22.
HO—Good
- AB 1879, as introduced, Unruh** (W. & M.) Requires the State Controller, on July 1st of each year, to transfer to the General Fund any money in a special fund in excess of that appropriated from the fund for that fiscal year plus one-half of that amount. Exempts from the foregoing requirement special funds containing money which the Constitution requires to be used for designated purposes, bond funds, retirement funds, and other designated funds containing money held by the State for limited purposes. Feb. 22.
SL—Watch
- AB 1880 Unruh** (W. & M.) State funds. Abolishes the State Printing Fund and the Purchasing Revolving Fund and creates the Service Revolving Fund to replace the funds abolished. Provides that money heretofore required to be deposited into and expended from the funds abolished shall be deposited in and expended from the Service Revolving Fund, and that balances in the funds abolished shall be transferred to the Service Revolving Fund. To become operative July 1, 1961. To take effect immediately, urgency measure. Feb. 22.
SL—Watch
- AB 1888 Unruh** (W. & M.) State School Fund apportionments. Changes requirement that State Controller transfer from General Fund to State School Fund each fiscal year \$201.10 per pupil in average daily attendance in various public schools during preceding fiscal year; and provides instead for transfer to State School Fund of \$180 per pupil in average daily attendance, plus the transfer of such additional amounts, not to exceed \$21.10 per pupil in average daily attendance, as are certified from time to time by Superintendent of Public Instruction to be necessary to meet actual computed apportionments for public school support; permits further additional amounts in certain cases. Feb. 22.
SC—Watch
- AB 1889 Garrigus** (Ed.) Prohibits requiring teachers in public school system to do clerical work except that relating to pupils instructed by teacher. Feb. 22.
SC—Good
- AB 1897 Porter** (Ed.) Revises provisions authorizing school district governing boards to pay teachers in 10, 11, or 12 equal installments, to specify that various such measures may be taken with respect to any one or more of such employees or any one or more groups or categories of such employees. Feb. 22.
SC—Watch

AB 1902 Hegland (Ed.) School terms. Provides that the annual school term shall not be reduced to less than six school months, rather than six months. Feb. 24. **SC—Bad**

AB 1910 Burton (Ed.) Appropriates \$200,000 for allocation to school districts and county superintendents of schools for expenditures for occupational training of mentally or physically handicapped minors pursuant to Ed.C., Sec. 6932. Requires Department of Education to report to Legislature in 1962 and 1963 regarding experience under program. Feb. 24. **VT—Watch**

AB 1915 Hanna (Crim. Pro.) Obscenity. Recasts provisions relating to transactions involving obscene matter, and makes second and subsequent offense a felony rather than a misdemeanor. Feb. 24. **CR—Watch**

AB 1925 DeLotto (Soc. Wel.) Aid to needy children. Increases from 67.5 percent to 100 percent the State's share, after deducting federal assistance, of an aid to needy children grant for a child born in the State, but whose parents or other relative with whom the child is living has not resided in the State for one year. Feb. 24. **SW—Watch**

AB 1933 Lanterman (Fin. & Ins.) Provides that employer shall be exonerated from liability for injury or death of epileptic employee caused by epilepsy under Workmen's Compensation. Feb. 24. **WC—Bad**

AB 1953 Francis (Elec. & Reap.) Prohibits candidates for public office from registering voters. Feb. 27. **EL—Good**

AB 1957 Z'berg (Mun. & C.G.) Civil liability of private firms rendering fire protection services. Exempts private firm or corporation, and the employees thereof, from civil liability for injury or death of any person or property damage resulting from acts or omissions of its fire department personnel in the performance of mutual aid agreement with local fire district or county fire protection district or resulting from the operation of an authorized emergency vehicle while responding to a fire alarm or other emergency call. Feb. 27. **FF—Watch**

***AB 1958 McMillan** (Ind.R.) Employment of aliens. Prohibits private owners of buildings formerly publicly owned and standing on public land from employing aliens to demolish or repair the property. Feb. 27. **CW, LC—Good**

AB 1959 Gaffney (Ind.R.) Injured employees: reports by employers. Deletes provision that an employer or insurer who files report with Division of Labor Statistics and Research concerning death or injury to employee need file no other report required by laws of the State. Feb. 27. **IS—Good**

AB 1963 Garrigus (Elec. & Reap.) Authorizes person appointed or deputized to register voters to secure registration at the places of residence of the persons to be registered. Feb. 27. **EL—Good**

AB 1966 Kennick (C.S. & S.P.) Public employment. Enacts the "Public Employees Formal Representation Act" to provide a system of representation between state agencies and political subdivisions of the State and the elected representatives of their employees. Guarantees the right of every public employee to form, join and participate in the activities of an employee organization of his choice and provides a system for the selection of such employee organizations. Provides for the designation of management councils and representatives to negotiate with properly elected employee organizations. Stipulates that such groups must regularly meet to discuss employment problems and provides a system of arbitration and mediation where the parties cannot agree. Specifies that public employees shall not have the right to strike or to refuse to work. Creates the Public Employment Relations Control Agency and the Public Employment Relations Control Board and specifies that the agency shall administer the act. Feb. 27. **PE—Bad**

AB 1969 Waldie (Ed.) Leaves of absence for school employees. Authorizes leaves of absence and financial assistance to be granted by school districts and county superintendents of schools to certified employees to permit such employees to undertake courses in specialized training for education of mentally retarded and physically handicapped minor pupils. Provides for grants of financial assistance by the State Board of Education to match grants made by the school districts. Appropriates \$50,000 to carry out the provisions of the act. Requires the State Board of Education to report to the Legislature at the 1963 Regular Session on the efficacy of the program in alleviating the need for teachers with the specified specialized training, and to include in the report its recommendations in respect thereto. Feb. 27. **SC—Watch**

AB 1970 Hawkins (G.E. & E.) Discrimination in public housing. Deletes provision excepting housing accommodations constructed on property acquired by the Department of Veterans Affairs under Veterans' Farm and Home Purchase Act of 1943 from the definition of "publicly assisted housing accommodations." Feb. 27. **CR—Good**

AB 1974 Hanna (G.E. & E.) Structural pest control. Revises that portion of the law relating to structural pest control which regulates the process of fumigation and safety measures. Feb. 28. **CW, IS—Watch**

AB 1975 Lunardi (Pub.H.) Radiation control. Enacts the "Radiation Control Law" which provides for regulation, licensing and registration, and inspection of radiation sources by the State Department of Public Health; provides for a schedule of fees; records to be kept by persons possessing or using radiation sources; agreements between Governor and federal government for assumption by State of certain of federal government's responsibility regarding radiation sources; inspection agreements between the State and other agencies and training programs for personnel; local participation by cities and counties in radiation control; procedure for issuance, suspen-

sion or revocation of licenses; injunction proceedings to enjoin violations; prohibited uses of radiation sources; impounding of radioactive materials in event of emergency; and penalties for violations. Feb. 28. **IS—Watch**

AB 1976 Unruh (at the request of the Governor) (Ind.R.) Employment of older workers. Prohibits an employer from discriminating against employees and prospective employees on the basis of age. Requires the Department of Employment to co-operate with public and private agencies in providing jobs, counselling and placement services for older workers, and in developing employment programs for older workers. Requires the department to carry on a continuing program concerning the problems of older workers in seeking, obtaining, and holding employment, and authorizes the department to create local advisory agencies to study such problems, to foster co-operation among various groups within the State and to make recommendations to the department for the development of policies and procedures designed to carry out such ends. Requires the department to render an annual report to the Governor concerning its activities and stating its recommendations relating to the employment of older workers and the elimination of discrimination on the basis of age. Feb. 28. **LU—Good**

AB 1979 Ralph M. Brown (Crim. Pro.) Obscenity matter. Recasts provisions relating to criminal offenses and adds offense of sending or causing to be sent, or bringing or causing to be brought into this State for sale, any obscene matter, for distribution. Increases penalties and provides greater penalties for second and subsequent offenses than for first offenses, and greater penalties than would otherwise be the case, where minor is involved. Revises provisions relating to seizure of obscene matter by arresting officer and disposition thereof, particularly with reference to time when alleged obscene matter is to be destroyed. Provides for civil proceeding whereby it can be adjudicated whether or not matter is obscene, and, if the matter is adjudged to be obscene, transactions in such matter can be enjoined and the matter be ordered seized and destroyed. Provides, with respect to both above criminal and civil proceedings, that possession of two or more copies of a particular item creates rebuttable presumption of intent to distribute. Feb. 28. **CR, NT—Watch**

AB 1985 Knox (Fin. & Ins.) Provides rebuttable presumption that respiratory ailment of fireman is injury arising in course of employment for purposes of workmen's compensation. March 1. **WC—Watch**

AB 1988 Bee (Ed.) Provides for any retirement allowance payable to a retired teacher, which is accrued but unpaid at his death, and which presently is paid directly without probate to the surviving next of kin under some circumstances, to be paid to his beneficiary under an optional settlement, or to his beneficiary entitled to receive the lump sum death benefit, or if neither, to the decedent's estate. March 1. **SC—Watch**

AB 1989 Bee (Ed.) Investment of State Teachers' Retirement System funds. Eliminates requirement that prior approval of the Department of Finance must be obtained before the State Teachers' Retirement Investment Board may invest retirement funds, or sell or exchange securities owned by the retirement fund. Authorizes the board to delegate to the executive officer authority to purchase and sell securities. March 1. **SC—Watch**

AB 1993 Hegland (Ed.) Teachers' credentials. Provides for issuance of temporary junior college teaching credential and temporary general secondary school credential, valid for one year, to applicants meeting specified requirements. Provides for issuance of regular junior college or general secondary school credential to holder of a temporary credential who teaches successfully for one year. March 1. **SC—Watch**

AB 1994 Beaver (Ed.) Use of school property for public purposes. Repeals "civic center" provisions giving various groups the right to use school premises for meetings and requiring affidavits concerning proposed purpose of use and nature of groups requesting such use. Allows county board of education to grant the use of school premises of any school district in the county for public meetings for purposes determined by the board to further the educational purposes of the public schools, rather than allowing the governing board of a school district to grant the use of school premises for public, literary, and other meetings. Prohibits the county board of education from granting a use under certain conditions. March 1. **CR, SC—Bad**

AB 2000 Frew (Mun. & C.G.) Allows purchasing agents to have the same powers of boards of supervisors in regard to forced account work. In addition, frees them of certain notice requirements that are now required to be printed in the local papers and allows them to make oral contracts for certain projects. March 1. **CW—Bad**

AB 2001 Conrad (Ed.) Provides for inclusion of attendance of pupils receiving televised instruction in a school classroom, without the presence of a teacher, in the average daily attendance of the school district. March 1. **SC—Watch**

ACA 38 Francis (C.A.) Denies tax exemption and public office or employment to members of the Communist Party and other subversive groups. Feb. 16. **LU—Watch**

ACA 42 Z'berg (C.A.) Property taxation: assessment of dams. Provides that a specified apportionment, according to population, be made of the assessed value of the total electric utility property attributable to dams used for the generation of hydroelectric energy, electric generating plants and electric transmission systems to the counties in which the properties of such utilities are located. Feb. 22. **TA—Watch**

ACA 43 Kilpatrick (C.A.) Permits a city, city and county, county, or district to exempt improvements and personal property from taxation and to limit the rate of tax thereon. Makes related charge. Feb. 24. **TA—Good**

ACA 44 Don A. Allen (C.A.) Election of state officers. Amends Sec. 2 1/2 of Art. II, adds Secs. 3.5 and 5.5 to Art. IV, Cal. Const. Provides that primary elections for state officers shall be held in August, commencing in 1966 and every fourth year thereafter. Provides four-year terms for Members of Assembly elected in 1962 and thereafter. Extends terms of Senators elected in 1960 from 1964 to 1966, and provides that all Senators shall thereafter be elected for four-year terms at same times and places as are Members of the Assembly. March 1. **SL—Bad**

ACA 45 Reagan (C.A.) Public retirement funds. Adds provision that Legislature may authorize investment in corporate stocks of money in any public pension or retirement fund. March 1. **SL—Watch**

ACR 58 Belotti (Rls.) California-made supplies. Requests state officials to use their utmost efforts to include a preference for California-made supplies in any arrangement pursuant to which a private party will construct or im-

prove a building and lease it to the State, and to require the party to purchase materials and equipment for the building in the locality in which it is situated. Feb. 22. **SL—Good**

AJR 10 MunneH (Rls.) Requests Congress to increase to 40 years the maximum period for which home loans may be insured by the federal government and to increase the limits and liberalize the terms for home improvement loans. Feb. 8. **HO—Good**

AJR 21 Cusanovich (Rls.) Requests Congress to propose to the people or call a convention to provide an amendment to the United States Constitution abolishing personal income, estate, and gift taxes, prohibiting the United States government from engaging in business in competition with its citizens, and specifying that the Constitution or laws of any state, or federal laws are not subject to foreign or domestic agreement which would abrogate the amendment. Feb. 21. **TA—Bad**

AJR 22 Bruce F. Allen (Rls.) Urges California delegates to Congress to support federal aid to education and to make such federal aid conditional on an absence of racial segregation in the public schools of any state receiving such aid. Feb. 22. **CR—SC—Good**

SENATE BILLS

New Bills

SB 808 Short (Ins. & F.I.) Workmen's compensation. Provides that failure of insurance carrier to pay benefit due to employer's failure to report injury shall be presumed unreasonable delay or refusal if carrier has knowledge of injury from another source, unless carrier has petitioned commission to direct employer to report injury. Provides further that when benefit is refused because employee did not report to employer's physician named in advance by posted notice, employer shall be liable for additional compensation and, in addition, to physician in double amount charged for treatment, except that if the employer directs the employee within 10 days of knowledge of the injury to report to a specified physician for care, the employer shall be liable only for care provided in interim. Feb. 27. **WC—Good**

SB 809 Short (Ins. & F.I.) Provides that a physician may charge in excess of fee schedule for workmen's compensation medical services when services are rendered in excess of those contemplated by the fee schedule. Provides further that the commission shall determine whether charge is reasonable and what is the proportionate liability of employer and employee. Feb. 27. **WC—Watch**

SB 813 Holmdahl (Gov. Eff.) State economic policy. Establishes a State policy acknowledging the responsibility of State to foster and promote full employment with maximum production and purchasing power and directs that State shall do all in its power to promote and foster such objectives. Feb. 27. **SL—Good**

SB 822 McCarthy (B. & P.) Revises the conditions under which a general contractor whose bid for a public works contract is accepted, may substitute subcontracts. Prohibits a general contractor from permitting a subcontract to be assigned or otherwise transferred without the consent of the awarding authority, rather than prohibit a general contractor from permitting such a subcontract to be assigned or transferred or to be performed by anyone other than the original subcontractor listed in the bid. Prohibits a general contractor from subcontracting any portion of the work in excess of one-half of 1 percent of his total bid as to which he did not designate a subcontractor, rather than prohibiting such subcontracting without the consent of the awarding authority. Feb. 27. **CW—Watch**

SB 823 McCarthy (B. & P.) Establishes a bidding procedure to be followed by prime bidders on public works contracts when portions of the work are to be performed by subcontractors. Feb. 27. **CW—Watch**

SB 827 Backstrand (B. & P.) Makes it unlawful for any well-drilling contractor to use any truck or drill rig in connection with the drilling of water wells unless there is displayed on each side of the truck or drill rig used the name of the contractor, his business address, and his license number, in letters not less than 1 1/2 inches high. Feb. 28. **CW—Watch**

SB 828 McCarthy (L.Gov.) Requires school district governing boards to let contracts for work, materials, or supplies to the lowest responsible bidder, or to reject all bids, if the contract involves expenditure of more than \$2,500, rather than more than \$1,000. Feb. 28. **CW, SC—Bad**

SB 829 McCarthy (L.Gov.) School district contracts. Allows the governing board of a school district, with an average daily attendance of 1,000 or more, to let contracts for work, material, or supplies on the basis of the lowest submitted estimate without publishing a notice for bids, if the estimate is less than \$4,000, rather than less than \$2,000. Feb. 28. **CW, SC—Bad**

SB 830 Teale (Ins. & F.I.) Authorizes pawnbrokers to charge borrowers for personal property taxes required to be paid by pawnbrokers on pledged articles. Feb. 28. **MI—Bad**

SB 831 Teale (Wat. Res.) Requires Department of Water Resources to secure legislative approval of annual budgets for expenditure of funds appropriated by California Water Resources Development Bond Act. Feb. 28. **WP—Watch**

SB 832 Miller (Fin.) State school building aid. Allows the State Allocation Board to make apportionments to school districts for the construction of temporary and portable building. Allows the board to construct and acquire

such buildings and lease or sell them to school districts and county superintendents of schools. Allows use of funds in State School Building Aid Fund for such purposes. Feb. 28. **CW, SC—Watch**

SB 833 Miller (Fin.) School buildings. Allows the State Allocation Board to make apportionments under the State Project Area School Construction Law for the construction of temporary or portable school buildings. Allows the board to expend money from the State School Construction Fund to acquire or construct such buildings and sell or lease them to school districts. Feb. 28. **CW, SC—Watch**

SB 850 Gibson (Ins. & F.I.) Industrial Accident Commission: meetings. Provides that notice of commission's quarterly meetings shall be published prior to meetings, that meetings of commission, except when decision is being made, shall be open to the public, and that written notice of all meetings of the commission and panels shall be given to persons who request such in writing. March 2. **WC—Watch**

SB 851 Cobey (Agr.) Food crop harvesting sanitation. Requires employers to provide or cause to be provided for employees' toilet and handwashing facilities which meet prescribed requirements for every harvesting operation of fruits, nuts, and vegetables intended for human consumption and requires employees to use such facilities. Authorizes State Department of Public Health, after consultation with Departments of Agriculture and Industrial Relations, to promulgate reasonable regulations to carry out purposes of provisions. Makes violation of any provision or regulation a misdemeanor. March 2. **FL—Good**

SB 852 Cobey (Elec.) Political parties. Eliminates existing provisions pertaining to the county central committees, state central committees, and state conventions of political parties. Provides for the election of county committees by county conventions of party members in the county, and imposes a \$5 registration fee as a condition to attendance and voting at such conventions. Prescribes composition, functions, and duties of state conventions and state central committees. Provides for the holding of party conventions in each assembly, senatorial, and congressional district for the purpose of endorsing candidates from those districts of the direct primary election, and restricts attendance at those party conventions to party members who pay \$5 registration fee. March 2. **EL—Watch**

SB 853 McCarthy (Trans.) Golden Gate Transportation Commission. Creates the Golden Gate Transportation Commission, prescribes its organization, government, powers, duties, and functions, authorizes the commission to construct and operate regional transportation facilities in the San Francisco Bay area, provides for the issuance of revenue bonds, authorizes the collection of tolls and other charges, and provides for the acquisition of certain existing facilities. March 2. **SL, CW, PE—Watch**

SB 859 Richards (Jud.) Provides that when an arrest is made without a warrant and the person arrested is taken before a magistrate pursuant to Sec. 849, Pen.C., the magistrate may, upon a proper showing of good cause, order the arrested person to be held in custody for a period not to exceed 72 hours to permit completion of the investigation of the alleged crime. Provides that at the expiration of such period, or upon the order of the magistrate, a complaint stating the charge against the arrested person must be laid before the magistrate or the arrested person must be released from custody. March 2. **CR—Bad**

SB 861 Dolwig (Rev. & Tax.) Sales and use taxes: meals. Exempts meals served by a farm labor contractor to his employees or by a farmer's concessionaire to the farmer's employees. March 2. **FL—Watch**

SB 862 Dolwig (Rev. & Tax.) Sales and use tax: meals. Provides that meals served to employees by a concessionaire hired by the employer are, under specified conditions, deemed to be sales to the employer for resale to the employees. March 2. **TA—Watch**

SCA 22 Teale (Wat. Res.) Provides that funds appropriated by California Water Resources Development Bond Act shall be expended only in such amounts and for such purposes as may be provided in annual budgets therefor approved by law. Feb. 23. **WP—Watch**

GROWERS OPPOSE FARM LABOR STUDY

Governor Brown's limited proposal for creation of a "study commission" on labor-management relations in agriculture is too liberal for California's dominant grower groups.

After meeting with the corporate farm interests in Sacramento this week, Brown announced that the growers are adamant and "will not sit down with any labor organization."

AB 915 (House), introduced at the Governor's request, makes provision for both organized labor and grower representation on the proposed study commission. In the minds of the corporate growers, this is tantamount to union recognition.

The House measure, although concerned exclusively with labor relations, provides for the establishment of the study commission in the Agriculture Code. It has been referred to the lower house Committee on Agriculture, instead of the Industrial Relations Committee, where it belongs.

UNION MEMBERSHIP TOPS 1 3/4 MILLION IN STATE

California union membership passed the 1 3/4 million mark in 1960, John F. Henning, Director of the State's Department of Industrial Relations, reported recently.

Unions had an estimated 1,756,000 California members in July 1960, about 15,000 more than in the preceding July, but the membership gain from mid-59 to mid-60 was less than 1 percent, while nonfarm employment rose by nearly 3 percent.

Union membership in the Los Angeles-Long Beach Metropolitan Area reached 760,400 in July 1960, a gain of 1/2 of 1 percent over July 1959. However, the net addition of 3,600 members was not enough to bring the area's total back up to the July 1957 peak of 763,500.

A year-to-year drop of 5,300 union members was reported in the six-county San Francisco-Oakland Metropolitan Area, bringing the total down to 463,400 in July 1960, compared with the peak of 479,000 reached in July 1957. The 1 percent drop in membership from 1959 coincided with a rise of over 2 percent in employment.

Union membership continued to climb in the San Diego Metropolitan Area, as it has since 1956. With 1,000 members added in the past year the total reached a record high of 90,700 in July 1960. The 1 percent rise between July 1959 and July 1960, a period when nonfarm employment in the area was practically unchanged, was the smallest recorded in five years.

In contrast with the relatively mod-

DEFEND GROUP LEGAL PRACTICES

The Executive Council of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO; meeting in San Francisco March 4th and 5th, directed a two-pronged action to preserve group legal services for union members.

Currently pending before the Board of Governors of the State Bar is a recommendation from one of its committees proposing the establishment of a new Rule 20 aimed at prohibiting group legal services.

According to the State AFL-CIO, "the committee report would in fact prohibit any referral by a group of its members to an attorney who is handling legal business for the group."

"Although there are several general references in the report, it appears obvious that the proposed Rule is aimed at prohibiting the continued representation of members of labor organizations by labor attorneys representing such organizations, even to the extent of prohibiting members from being represented by such attorneys in Workmen's Compensation cases," the Executive Council said.

In defense of group practices, the 36-member State AFL-CIO group:

(1) Directed Secretary-Treasurer Thomas L. Pitts to communicate immediately with central labor and building trades councils throughout the state, urging that letters of protest be directed to the Board of Directors of the State Bar, and to advise them on the protest procedures which should be followed. (Follow-up action was taken by Pitts this Monday).

(2) Instructed Pitts to secure immediately the introduction of state legislation which would specifically approve prepaid group legal practices and remove any implied authority of the State Bar to declare such practices unethical and grounds for disbarment.

The Executive Council also commended the Federation's Secretary-Treasurer, Thos. L. Pitts, for having instructed the State AFL-CIO general counsel to file a protest with the Board of Governors of the State Bar in which it was noted that the action of the committee was taken not only without proper notice and hearing procedures, but also without any opportunity for labor groups to present their views.

This protest specifically requested the Board of Governors to reject the recommendation.

erate union membership changes in the State's three largest metropolitan areas, large relative gains between July 1959 and July 1960 were reported in some other localities.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

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Wednesday, March 15th

Education, 10 AM, Room 3191

SB 57 (Fisher) Basic reform bill in teacher credentials. **Watch**

SB 323 (O'Sullivan) Teaching credentials. **Watch**

Governmental Efficiency, 9:30 AM, Room 4203

SB 433 (Short) State construction. **Watch**

SB 623 - 24 (Grunsky) Commission on teaching credentials. **Watch**

SB 532 (Fisher) Mental hospitals. **Watch**

Insurance and Financial Institutions, 1:30 PM, Room 3191

SB 308 (Slattery) Unsecured loans of credit unions. **Good**

Social Welfare, 1 PM, Room 4040

SB 320 (Geddes) Housing for elderly. **Good**

SB 377 (Geddes) OAS excess needs for housing. **Good**

SB 325 (Rathgan) State implementation bill on "medical indigent" care for aged. **Watch**

Monday, March 20th

Elections, 10 AM, Room 2040

SB 356 (Knox) Absentee ballot counting on election day. **Watch**

Tuesday, March 21st

Business and Professions, 1 PM, Room 3191

SB 718 (Gibson) Inactive contractors license. **Watch**

SB 719 (Gibson) Qualifying examination of contractors. **Good**

Fish and Game, 1:30 PM, Room 4040

SB 376 (Williams) Salmon spawning areas. **Good**

Push For \$1 Billion Pension Investment Program in Housing

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the original \$16,000 plus interest on the \$16,000

"We are determined to fight that sort of thing which penalizes the home buyer by adding greatly to the cost of a home and is a drag on the whole industry," said Meany.

At its recent meeting, the Executive Council heard a report from Alexander Bookstaver, formerly of the staff of the International Ladies Garment Workers, who is the newly-appointed director of the AFL-CIO Investment Counselling Department which is offering the housing investment service.

Bookstaver, who is an expert in the housing investment field, will aid unions throughout the country in investing their funds in such government-supported housing programs as slum clearance, low-cost housing, cooperative housing, and middle-income housing. The program does not mean a slackening in traditional union investment in housing developments, but will involve its extension in the strictly government-supported housing field as a safe and rewarding area for union fund investment.

In response to questions, Meany estimated that there was probably \$1 billion in union funds that would be available for the program and that the use of these funds in the housing field would be a wide-spread public service.

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(4) Active participation in Governor Brown's forthcoming state-wide recession conference, scheduled for March 13-14, to impress upon the state the necessity for coordinated and supplemental state action in every area where the Kennedy Administration is pressing to curb the recession and to get the American economy moving again.

This includes state housing programs for the low and middle income groups and the aged, state aid for community recreation programs, rapid transit facilities and to meet other pressing urban needs.

(5) Action by the state legislature to affect permanent improvements in unemployment insurance, disability insurance, Workmen's Compensation and other social insurance programs, as contained in the comprehensive proposals advanced by the State AFL-CIO. These are essential to ease much of the recession's impact on individuals.

(6) Enactment of new state programs to provide for re-training of workers displaced by automation and other technological developments.

(7) Comprehensive review and revision of public assistance programs to assure benefit grants in keeping with present day living costs.

(8) Finally recognizing the inability of counties to meet continually growing relief loads, the Council urged full consideration be given to invoking the State Relief Act, which would provide for state participation in caring for unfortunate families who have become indigents in the current recession.

"This program," Pitts said, "is based on the hard, cold facts of the current recession. The conditions which we are facing daily in various parts of the state cannot be dismissed by trying to create an image of false prosperity as some of our industrial and financial leaders would have us do.

"This, in our opinion, is like burying one's head in the sand and playing the old ostrich game with the facts of a pressing situation.

"We share with businessmen the hope that an immediate upturn in the economy will take place, but our experience in the 30's has taught us that 'hope' is no substitute for 'action'."

The Consumers Price Index, the Federal Government's important monthly report on changes in the cost of living, is to be revised to accord with 1960-61 spending patterns. For the past decade information from the 1950 survey has been used.

Dr. Max Kossoris, director of the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics in the West, said his agency has already begun to collect household expenditure information in San Francisco, Los Angeles and other areas.

Interviewers are being hired through local offices of the California Department of Employment to get information from individual families on purchases, incomes and savings. These are household surveys, conducted in a selected sample of homes.

The federal economist said the survey of buying habits is the second step in the revision of the CPI, as the consumers price index is widely known. "Last fall we got housing information," he said. "These facts and figures will be combined with the information taken from current interviews on spending, to give us our new revised index."

Changes in the CPI, one of the government's most important single statistic, are reflected in the pay envelopes of millions of Americans whose collective wage agreements contain so-called "escalator clauses." It has a role in every wage negotiation.

In describing the need for up-to-date information, Kossoris said:

"We must maintain a market-basket of goods and services which accurately represents current expenditure patterns. As new goods become available, they supplant certain items. Long-term changes in the proportion of income devoted to housing or transportation or medical care, for example, need to be measured and included in our calculations of the index. The new study of buying habits is our primary way of taking such changes into account."

A total of 9,899 minors were found employed contrary to the child labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1960, the U.S. Labor Department has reported.

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and Economy an assist on the bill (AB 509—Hegland).

The measure would have established an advisory committee of agency representatives for the declared purpose of helping the Labor Commissioner regulate the private agencies.

For some time now, the agencies have been trying to get out from under the Labor Commissioner by setting themselves up for self-regulation as a "profession" under a dominated licensing board. AB 509 would have served them well in this effort.

Racial Restrictions

AB 612 (Bradley, R) appears to be on its way to passage without opposition. The measure, approved this week by the lower house, would render void any real property deed containing racial restrictions. Such deeds have already been declared non-enforceable by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Sanitation in the Fields

A limited bill providing for sanitation facilities in the fields for farm workers has been dropped in the Senate hopper. This farm labor bill may have a good chance of passage by the legislature. It's SB 851 (Cobey, D.), introduced at the request of the Senate Fact Finding Committee on Labor and Welfare.

On a related farm labor issue, it appears that the legislature has taken care of the migrant housing problem for the session. This week, the Assembly completed action on a Senate resolution, SCR 27 (Byrne, R.), which calls for — you guessed it — a "study" of migrant family housing needs.

Looking Ahead

Some big ones are on deck. On March 23rd, before Assembly Industrial Relations: ***AB 428**, the professional strikebreaker bill. The week after that on March 30th, before the same committee, its anti-injunction legislation (***AB 425-6**). Then on April 6th: ***AB 682** and **684**, minimum wages; **AB 351**, public employee collective bargaining; ***AB 403** and **406**, repeal so-called state jurisdictional strike law and provide representation machinery in intrastate commerce.