

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

Fed Bills on Floor

More Federation-sponsored bills reached the Assembly floor this week, with the pace of movement somewhat improved. But the really big labor bills and programs are still in committee — some because they're being sat on by committees and others because of crowded hearing schedules.

Approved

Fed bills approved by the lower house include the following:

—*AB 432 (Davis, D.) closing a loophole in the requirement for posting bond or security to cover wages in logging and sawmill operations. This bill sailed through the Assembly without opposition.

—*AB 404 (Hicks, D.) relating to wage payment statements. The bill requires separate itemization of all payments made to health and welfare, pension, vacation or other fringe benefit programs, whether made directly with respect to hours employed or the result of deduction from wages paid. At present these deductions can legally be shown as one aggregate item.

This one was strongly opposed by employers, and the vote was close — 42 to 33, passage requiring 41. Here it is for the record:

Ayes — Bruce F. Allen, Bane, Bee, George E. Brown, Burton, Cameron, Casey, Crown, Cunningham, Davis, DeLotto, Dills, Elliott, Frew, Gaffney, Garrigus, Hawkins, Hegland, Hicks, Kenrick, Kilpatrick, Knox, Lowrey, Lunardi, McMillan, Meyers, Mills, Munnell, Nisbet, O'Connell, Pattee, Petris, Porter, Rees, Rumford, Thomas, Unruh, Waldie, George A. Willson, Charles H. Wil-

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PROFESSIONAL STRIKEBREAKER BILL SENT TO SUB-COMMITTEE

A Federation sponsored measure which would prohibit the use of professional strikebreakers has been referred by the Assembly Committee on Industrial Relations to a sub-committee for further consideration.

The bill, AB 428 (Burton, D.), was given a preliminary hearing last Thursday by the lower house committee when the decision was made to appoint a

sub-committee of five members consisting of the following: Geo. E. Brown, Jr. (Ch.), W. A. Hicks, Edward Gaffney, Lou A. Cusanovich, and Harold K. Levering.

The referral carries with it instructions to report the bill back with recommendations to the full committee within three weeks.

The measure prohibits the recruitment of strikebreakers by persons or agencies not involved in a labor dispute, and would make the employment of professional strikebreakers unlawful.

Contrary to misinformation being disseminated by opposing employer groups, the bill does not prevent an employer from directly hiring replacements for striking employees if such replacements are **not** professional strikebreakers. The measure, however, does require that such prospective employees be informed that they will take the place of striking employees.

The central point in the controversy in committee last week was the definition of a "professional strikebreaker".

As the bill is presently written a professional strikebreaker is defined as "any person who customarily and repeatedly offers himself for employment in the place of employees involved in a labor dispute".

RETRAINING JOBLESS BENEFIT BILL BECOMES LAW

Governor Edmund G. Brown this Tuesday signed into law a bill which makes unemployment insurance benefits available to jobless workers who are not available for employment because they are undergoing retraining.

The bill is SB 20, authored by Senator Randolph Collier, (Dem., Yreka). The purpose of the measure is to make

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ABUSES OF BRACERO PROGRAM HIT

The Kennedy Administration has served notice on Congress that it will oppose continuation of the Mexican Contract Labor Program unless substantial changes are made to protect the wages and job opportunities of the nation's two million domestic farm workers.

Assistant Labor Sec. Jerry R. Holleman, testifying before a House Agriculture sub-committee on a Public Law 78 extension bill, said that the large-scale importation of farm workers has undermined conditions of U.S. farm workers, resulting in "substandard earnings and underemployment."

In earlier testimony on proposed extension legislation, the AFL-CIO had denounced the present program as "im-

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IWC FARM LABOR ACTION DELAYED

The State Industrial Welfare Commission, meeting in Los Angeles last Thursday and Friday, delayed issuing its long overdue wage order establishing a minimum wage for women and minors in agriculture.

Prolonged hearings on the proposed order were completed by the IWC early in February. It was anticipated that when the Commission met last week it would take the action necessary to officially promulgate an order.

Instead, it was learned that the Commission plans to meet on the matter in executive session sometime in mid-April, and then hold a public meeting possibly on April 28th for the official action.

Grower groups are trying desperately to defeat any order in agriculture by delaying action until the legal time limit for promulgation has expired.

The proposed order has been in the mill since 1957 when the Federation

virtually pushed the Commission into assuming its long dormant jurisdiction over women and minors in agriculture.

At present other wage orders of the Commission in various occupations and industries provide for a minimum wage of \$1.00 per hour. The IWC's agricultural wage board, established under the procedures of law governing the Commission's authority, was unable to come up with any majority recommen-

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son, Z'berg, and Mr. Speaker (Ralph Brown).

Noes—Bagley, Beaver, Belotti, Bradley, Britschgi, Burke, Busterud, Carrell, Chapel, Collier, Cologne, Conrad, Coolidge, Cusanovich, Dahl, Flournoy, Francis, Grant, Hanna, House, Lanterman, Levering, Luckel, Marks, Monagan, Mulford, Reagan, Sedgwick, Shell, Summer, Thelin, Williamson, and Wolf-rum.

Another related bill, AB 1502 (Burton, D.) got a better vote — 50 to 18. This bill requires that the following payroll information be furnished employees: (1) the period of time covered by each payment of wages, (2) the name of the employee or his social security number, (3) the name and mailing address of each employer, (4) the wage rate or premium paid, if any, and (5) the amount or amounts paid to health and welfare or pension programs, if any. The roll call breaks down as follows:

Ayes — Don A. Allen, Bane, Bee, George E. Brown, Burton, Busterud, Cameron, Carrell, Casey, Cologne, Conrad, Crown, Cunningham, Dahl, Davis, DeLotto, Dills, Elliott, Flournoy, Frew, Gaffney, Garrigus, Hanna, Hawkins, Hicks, Kennick, Kilpatrick, Knox, Lowrey, Luckel, Lunardi, Marks, McMillan, Monagan, Munnell, Nisbet, O'Connell, Pattee, Petris, Porter, Rees, Rumford, Sedgwick, Thomas, Williamson, George A. Willson, Charles H. Wilson, Winton, Z'berg, and Mr. Speaker.

Noes — Bruce F. Allen, Belotti, Bradley, Britschgi, Burke, Chapel, Collier, Coolidge, Cusanovich, Francis, Lanterman, Levering, Mulford, Reagan, Schrader, Shell, Thelin, and Wolf-rum.

Still Pending

Still pending on third reading file and up for Assembly passage are:

*AB 405 (Hicks, D.), similar to AB 1502 above, but in addition requires more specific payroll information be provided the employee covering the wages paid for straight-time hours and the total number of straight-time hours, the rate of wages paid for overtime hours and the number of overtime hours, as well as any and all deductions made, with each deduction to be separately stated and not combined in one item.

*AB 564 (Gaffney, D.), providing that an employee may not be laid off or discharged for refusal to work in a dangerous place of employment or with dangerous machinery or equipment. The bill permits a worker laid off because of such refusal to file a claim for collection of lost wages with

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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, April 4

Fish and Game, 3:45 PM, Room 5168

AB 948 (Hicks) Age restriction on fish and game wardens. **Bad**

Governmental Organization, 1:30 PM, Room 5168

AB 881 (Winton) Removes limit on beer and wine license in eating places. **Watch**

AB 705-709 (Lantermen) Conflict of interest in public employment. **Watch**

AB 1510 (Marks) Establishes commission on state government organization and economy. **Watch**

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

SB 213 (McCarthy) Regulation of outdoor advertising. **Bad**

AB 1297 (Pattee) Limitation on barber colleges. **Good**

AB 814 (Geo. Brown) Creates governor's advisory commission on housing problems. **Watch**

AB 858 (Hanna) Regulation on home improvement business — posting of bond. **Watch**

SB 115 (Gibson) Public representation on licensing boards — prohibits trade union member serving as public member. **Bad**

AB 1730 (McMillan) Courses of instruction in barber schools. **Watch**

AB 1498 (Reagan) Qualifications for barber college instructors. **Watch**

AB 2011 (Kilpatrick) Local and state building departments: furnishing of information to prospective purchasers of homes. **Good**

AB 842 (Hanna) Outdoor advertising act: exceptions for roadside business advertising. **Watch**

AB 838 (Cameron) Trading stamps: customer option on taking stamps or receiving cash discount. **Good**

AB 1372 (Elliott) Community redevelopment project—policy on housing for displaced individuals. **Good**

***AB 560 (Gaffney)** Contractors—Disciplinary action against license for failure to pay wage and fringe benefits. **Good**

AB 891 (Z'berg) Cartwright Act—exclusive dealing arrangement. **Watch**

Social Welfare, 1:30 PM, Room 4164

AB 2057 (Garrigus) Scope of medical services for needy disabled. **Good**

AB 2034 (Bradley) Absolute limits on expenditures for categorical aid programs. **Bad**

AB 99, AB 519 (Burton) OAS supplemental grant increase from \$115 to \$165. **Good**

AB 1602 (Burton) State implementation of aid to needy children of unemployed. **Good**

AB 614 (Kinnick) California Youth Commission. **Watch**

AB 658 (Gaffney) Supplemental increase to \$165 for needy blind. **Good**

AB 823 (Elliott) Basic OAS benefit increase with matching existing needs provision—\$10.00. **Good**

AB 1518 (Gaffney) Same as AB 823, but for needy blind. **Good**

AB 1519 (Gaffney) Same as AB 1518 for partial self-supporting blind. **Good**

AB 1807, AB 1808 (Burton) Personal property qualifications for public assistant's programs—revisions. **Good**

Wednesday, April 5

Agriculture, 1:30 PM, Room 4202

AB 282 (O'Sullivan) Pilot health program for migratory workers and families. **Good**

Education, 3:45 PM, Room 4204

AB 1772 and AB 1773 (Bee) CTA school teacher credential revision bills. **Bad**

AB 1361 (Garrigus) Teacher credential revision bill. **Watch**

AB 1897 (Porter) Equalize teacher pay periods. **Watch**

Public Health, 1:30 PM, Room 5168

AB 1874 (Petris) Eligibility for occupancy in public housing projects. **Good**

AB 1875 (Petris) Public housing rentals when income limits exceeded. **Good**

AB 1876 (Petris) Broaden community redevelopment projects for recreation facilities. **Good**

AB 2051 (Busterud) Acquisition of property by redevelopment agencies for relocation housing. **Good**

AB 244 (Hegland) Schools of Cosmetology. **Watch**

AB 568 (Cameron) Overlapping coverage under health care plans—provides insurer shall pay ratably. **Bad**

AB 567 (Cameron) State Department of Public Health adoption of fee schedule for hospitals. **Good**

Thursday, April 6

Industrial Relations, 3:45 PM, Room 5168

***AB 682 and *AB 684 (Rumford)** State minimum wage of \$1.25 per hour. **Good**

***AB 351 (Geo. Brown)** Collective bargaining for public employees. **Good**

***AB 402 and *AB 406 (Hicks)** Representation machinery in intrastate commerce and repeal of so-called jurisdictional strike act. **Good**

***AB 493 (O'Connor)** Lost time pay for jury duty. **Good**

NOTE: The above major bills may not be heard on this date because of a backlog of bills before the Industrial Relations Committee from previous hearings.

AB 1828 (Z'berg) Bi-weekly payment of wages on Friday. **Good**

AB 1955 (Gaffney) Salary income for Chief of Division of Industrial Safety. **Watch**

Municipal and County Government, 1:30 PM, Room 2170

***AB 348 and *AB 349 (Geo. Brown)** County retirement board and minimum retirement amount for service up to 25 years. **Good**

AB 609 (Hawkins) Availability of fixed formula plan for county employees until January 1, 1962. **Good**

AB 613 (Williamson) Service connected presumption of heart trouble under county retirement system. **Good**

AB 1114 (Lantermen) County employees retirement—repeat heart trouble presumption for safety members. **Bad**

AB 1269 (Wolf-rum) County employees retirement—minimum survivors benefits, \$120. **Good**

AB 1392 (Bee) Adjust county retirement benefits for retired for cost of living increase. **Good**

AB 1701 (Bagley) Investment of county retirement assets in real property increased to 50%. **Watch**

AB 1722 (Winton) County retirement—percentage increases in monthly allowances of retired. **Watch**

AB 1859 (Waldie) County retirement—permits full payment of premiums for group life and disability and health insurance by counties. **Good**

Revenue and Taxation, 3:45 PM, Room 2170

***AB 691 (Gaffney)** Personal income tax deduction for home improvements. **Good**

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DIGEST OF BILLS

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 441 (Reagan), as amended 3-15-61 and passed by Assembly, provides that a resolution of a local legislative body declaring that there is need for a redevelopment agency to function shall be subject to local referendum prescribed by the Elections Code for a county or a city ordinance, as the case may be. **HO—Bad**

AB 1496 (Charles H. Wilson), as amended in Assembly 3-17-61, provides that candidate for partisan office must have been registered in his party for twelve months prior to filing as a candidate. **EL—Watch**

AB 1109 (Bradley), as amended in Assembly 3-24-61, would require in the case of "actions" brought against a public employee, other than proceedings to remove him, criminal proceedings or proceedings brought by a public entity, that the employee reimburse the public agency for the cost of defending him including attorney fees where he is found to have acted in bad faith or with malice. **PE—Bad**

New Bills

AB 2209 George A. Willson (Ind.R.) Provides that the requirement respecting employees receiving the equivalent of one day's rest in seven in each calendar month shall apply even though an employer and any labor organization representing the employees have entered into an agreement respecting hours of work, unless the agreement expressly provides otherwise. March 14. **LC—Watch**

AB 2214 DeLotto (G.E. & E.) Fire equipment. Requires State Fire Marshal to adopt and enforce regulations and standards to control the marketing, sale, distribution, use, capacity, servicing, recharging, and effectiveness of fire extinguishers and appliances and devices for controlling and extinguishing fires. Authorizes and prescribes procedure for approval by the State Fire Marshal of persons, firms, corporations, and their employees that market, sell, distribute, service, or recharge fire extinguishers or appliances or devices for controlling and extinguishing fires. March 15. **FF—Bad**

AB 2218 Cologne (Mun. & C.G.) Authorizes county board of supervisors to provide for payment of salaries of county officers and employees oftener than monthly. March 15. **PE—Watch**

AB 2224 Garrigus (Water) Establishes acreage-crop ratios for sale of agricultural water under California Water Resources Development Bond Act. March 15. **WP—Watch**

AB 2228 Don Allen (Fin. & Ins.) County Employees Retirement Law of 1937. Provides for investment of employees and employer retirement fund contributions in corporate stocks. Makes act applicable to county with a population in excess of 2 million. Allows act to be made applicable to any other county by resolution of the board of supervisors. Prescribes procedure and regulations for such investment, including request of employee, and limitation on such requests and investments. Adjusts allowances of members making such requests. To be effective if State Constitution is amended to authorize investment of retirement funds in corporate stocks. March 16. **PE—Watch**

AB 2233 Mulford (Pub.H.) Defines "organized camp," "camper" and "camp employee." March 16. **LU—Bad**

AB 2237 Mills (L. & D.) Poultry. Redefines "chicken poultry meat" as "poultry meat." Makes mandatory as to poultry meat present provision that before being offered for sale at retail in California chicken poultry meat of California grown or raised poultry or the package in which it is offered for sale may be marked with words "California Grown," and requires that such words be placed within the outline or facsimile of the geographic shape of California. Prohibits retail sale in California of poultry meat of poultry not grown or raised in California unless package in which it is sold or offered for sale is marked with words indicating state of growth. Prohibits the offer for sale at retail of any poultry meat to which a chemical preservative has

been added unless words indicating and naming the preservative are marked on the meat or the package in which it is offered for sale. March 16. **PH—Good**

AB 2241 Hanna (N.R., P., & P.W.) Contracts for public works. Provides that cancellation of contract for violation of article re subletting or subcontracting of contracts for public works is mandatory rather than permissive. March 17. **CW—Good**

AB 2243 Hawkins (G.E. & E.) Changes name of State Fair Employment Practice Commission to State Fair Practices Commission. March 17. **CR—Good**

AB 2252 Rees (Fin. & Ins.) Combines in the Vehicle Code without substantive change certain provisions regulating the sale of motor vehicles, except with regard to the provisions now in the Civil Code relating to the conditional sale of motor vehicles, in which a number of substantive changes would be made with regard to the contents of the contract and the rights and remedies of the various parties of the contract. Contains a prohibition against having buyer sign a blank contract and contains requirement that contract inform purchaser that he has a right to have the blanks filled in. March 17. **MV, MI—Good**

AB 2254 Cameron (Fin. & Ins.) Medical care insurance: Establishes a program of medical and hospitalization insurance coverage for older persons with extensive experience as members of the labor force in California, to be administered by the Director of Employment. Provides for additional worker contributions and contributions by others for elective coverage, and requires director to requisition 1944-1945 worker contributions and interest on deposit in Unemployment Trust Fund for purposes of financing program. Provides in detail for administration, claims procedures, benefit disability, contracts with and payments to providers of medical and hospital care, and related matters. March 17. **PH—Watch**

AB 2261 Garrigus (Soc.Wel.) Medical care for the aged. Establishes a program providing for state payments for medical care and remedial services received by persons over 65 years of age who are unable to pay for such care and services from their own resources and who are not recipients of old age assistance. Defines the term "medical care and remedial services," and directs the State Social Welfare Board to determine the scope of care and services for which payment will be made. Requires the counties to administer the program subject to the rules and regulations of the State Social Welfare Board, and provides for reimbursement to the counties for the amounts expended by them. Appropriates an unspecified sum from the General Fund to the State Department of Social Welfare to carry out the program. March 17. **SW—Watch**

AB 2262 Hawkins (Ed.) Defines "school supplier's representative" as any person who shall engage himself for pay or for any consideration for the purpose of attempting to sell, or attempting to influence state or local public education officials in this State in the selection or purchase of, textbooks or any other school supplies or equipment. Requires such persons before engaging in such activities to register with the Secretary of State if they will be contacting or influencing state officials, and with county clerks of each county in which are the local officials they will be contacting or influencing, and file therewith quarterly reports of receipts and expenditures, which information is to be made available to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and local governing boards. Registration requirement does not apply to representatives representing persons whose total sales to the public education system in preceding calendar year were less than \$12,000, provided they must register in year in which such total sales do exceed \$12,000. Penalty for violating or failing to comply with act, or filing false or misleading information, is fine not exceeding \$5,000 or 12 months imprisonment, or both. March 17. **SC—Watch**

AB 2266 Mills (Elec. & Reap.) Requires county clerk to appoint a voter to register voters, when requested in writing to do so by 20 voters of the county. Prohibits such appointment, however, where the person has been deputized previously and been removed for cause. March 17. **EL—Good**

AB 2268 Casey (Ed.) Employment of classified school employees. Repeals section re cessation of permanent classification when permanent employee reaches 65. Consolidates provisions excepting districts with A.D.A. of 400,000 or more from mandatorily continuing to employ classified employees beyond age 65. Adds provision exempting from the prohibition against employment of person who has reached retirement age prescribed for the employment by applicable retirement system, those classified employees employed as such on September 18, 1959, and who are still so employed on the effective date of the act. March 17.

PE—Watch

AB 2270 Petris (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation: employer's attorney fees and litigation expenses. Provides that attorney's fees for services rendered for the benefit of the employer and employee's share of litigation expenses shall be deducted from amounts paid employer for reimbursement for compensation and special damages in actions against third parties. March 17.

WC—Watch

AB 2272 Crown (Fin. & Ins.) Pension contracts and special pension plan funds. Authorizes any life insurer having assets of not less than \$50,000,000 to enter into pension contracts which provide for the assignment of the money collected to one or more special pension plan funds, such funds to be held and separately accounted for by the insurer. Specifies that a life insurer may make investments with pension plan fund moneys only as provided in the Insurance Code, and no investment in any special pension plan fund shall be transferred from one such account to another nor shall the insurer make any charge against the fund except as provided in the contract. Specifies that the insurer is the sole owner of the assets of any pension fund and has the sole right to manage. Provides that pension contracts are not "securities" within the provisions covering the issuance of securities by insurers or within the Financial or Corporations Codes. March 17.

IN—Watch

AB 2274 Hegland (Ed.) Schools. Allows State Allocation Board to review conditional apportionments when the period of effectiveness of the apportionment is extended by legal proceedings concerning the apportionment. Allows governing board of a school district to contract with the county clerk or registrar of voters to hold and conduct a bond election for the county. Allows governing boards to advertise bond sales. Provides for absentee ballots for bond elections. March 17.

SC—Watch

AB 2277 Elliott (Soc. Wel.) Provides that unencumbered home owned and occupied by applicant or recipient of O.A.S. shall be considered a resource according to the county assessed value, but home having no county assessed value shall be considered an inconsequential resource. Specifies occupancy value of home having county assessed value, for budgeting purposes. March 17.

SW—Good

AB 2280 Z'berg (Ed.) Cost of transportation of pupils. Authorizes school district governing board providing for transportation of pupils to and from school by contract with common carrier or responsible private party, to require payment by parents of all or some of cost of such transportation. March 20.

SC—Bad

AB 2283 Lunardi (Water) Alpine County Water Agency. New act. Creates the Alpine County Water Agency to develop and promote the beneficial use and regulation of the water resources of Alpine County. Prescribes the organization, operation, management, financing, and powers and duties of the agency, including the contracting with public districts, co-operation with other public agencies, issuance of revenue bonds, and levying of taxes. Contains bad contracting provisions. March 20.

CW—Bad

AB 2285 Winton (Ed.) State School Fund support for junior colleges. Increases from \$494 to \$625 per a.d.a. in grades 13 and 14 the junior college foundation program of support for State School Fund apportionment purposes; prescribes, for district aid computation purposes, a computational tax rate of 30 cents; makes levy of district tax at 30-cent rate and use of proceeds for junior college purposes prerequisite to receipt of equalization aid; eliminates equalization aid allowances for pupils in attendance who do not reside in any district maintaining a junior college; and makes related technical changes and specifies that provisions will be operative on July 1, 1961. March 20.

SC—Watch

AB 2293 Burton (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation proceedings. Permits an injured employee to institute proceedings for medical, surgical and hospital benefits at any time after the date of injury and during his lifetime. Grants continuing jurisdiction to the Industrial Accident Commission for such purposes. March 21.

WC—Good

AB 2294 Burton (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation proceedings. Extends period of time within which an injured employee may institute proceedings for compensation on the ground that the original injury has caused new and further disability from 5 years to 15 years. March 21.

WC—Good

AB 2295 Burton (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation: proceedings. Changes one year limitation from date of death where such date is more than year after date of injury and benefits have been furnished, to one year from date of death when death occurs more than year after injury and benefits have been furnished. March 21.

WC—Watch

AB 2296 Burton (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation: notice by employer of rejection of claim or termination of benefits. Provides that employer who rejects or terminates benefits of employee shall give notice to employee and the commission and provides further that proceedings before the commission shall not be commenced until such notice is given. March 21.

WC—Good

AB 2297 Burton (Fin. & Ins.) Unemployment disability insurance. Requires voluntary plan assessment of benefits paid even though the base period employer is not covered by a voluntary plan on the date the claim for disability benefits is filed. March 21.

DI—Good

AB 2311 Porter (Ed.) State School Fund. Adds, amends, repeals, various secs., Ed.C. Increases present amount of \$201.10 per unit of a.d.a. in all grade levels in State to be transferred to State School Fund for support of public schools, by \$20.50 per unit of a.d.a. in all grade levels in State and \$35 per unit of a.d.a. for pupils in junior colleges other than in grades 11 and 12; revises present schedule of purposes for which added amounts are to be apportioned; and increases from \$35 to \$45 the amount to be transferred per pupil instructed in automobile driver training, and provides for transfer of additional amounts for portion of expenses for cars and simulators used in programs. Increases foundation programs of support for all types and classes of schools, increases various allowances for special education, and makes extensive revision in formula for apportionments for junior colleges. Provides for use of portion of funds transferred to State School Fund to be utilized to cover any deficits which may appear under apportionment formula, revises basic provisions for computing average daily attendance to fix divisor at the number of days school was taught less 5, or 175, whichever is greater. Makes numerous related changes. In effect immediately, urgency measure. March 21.

SC—Good

AB 2319 Unruh (Jud.) Retail installment sales. Adds to the definition of "retail installment contract" those contracts where the buyer, if he had paid cash, would have received any additional goods or services or any higher quality goods or services at no added cost over the total amount he pays in installments. Provides that any referral sales agreement between the seller and buyer must be included in the retail installment contract, and any subsequent payment by the seller to the buyer based on a referral sale must be applied by the seller against the amount owing on the buyer's contract. Deletes the provision permitting any failure to comply with the Retail Installment Sales Act to be corrected within 10 days after notice, thereby releasing the party from any penalty under the act and provides that any person who willfully violates the act is guilty of a misdemeanor. March 22.

MI—Watch

AB 2327 Levering (Fin. & Ins.) Requires that individual rendered ineligible for unemployment insurance benefits for entire period of unemployment and until securing subsequent employment because of domestic leaving, shall, in addition, have earned \$300 as wages in covered employment as prerequisite to establishing eligibility. March 22.

UI—Bad

AB 2328 Levering (Fin. & Ins.) 1944-45 worker contributions. Eliminates provisions authorizing Director of Employment to requisition, for deposit in Disability Fund, the 1944-45 worker contributions and accrued interest on deposit in, or invested in obligations of, Unemployment Trust Fund. March 22.

DI—Bad

AB 2329 Levering (Fin. & Ins.) Revises provisions requiring that to establish eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits an individual must have earned \$600 wages in covered employment during base period, to require that he have earned no less than \$300 in each of two calendar quarters in base period. Eliminates provision rendering an individual ineligible if 75 percent of base period wages were paid in single calendar quarter and total base period wages were less than the lower of 30 times weekly benefit amount or \$750. March 22.

UI—Bad

AB 2330 Levering (Fin. & Ins.) Presumptions in connection with job terminations. Eliminates provision establishing presumption that individual was not discharged for misconduct and did not voluntarily leave work without good cause for U.I. purposes unless employer, pursuant to prescribed procedures, provides facts sufficient to overcome presumption. March 22.

UI—Bad

AB 2331 Levering (Fin. & Ins.) Worker contributions to unemployment fund. Adds Sec. 984.5, U.I.C. Requires that in addition to worker contributions for Disability Fund, workers shall contribute, beginning January 1, 1961, 1 percent of annual wages in employment to Unemployment Fund. March 22.

UI—Bad

AB 2332 Elliott (Soc. Wel.) Old age assistance. Provides that assessed value of real property for purposes of determining eligibility shall be that in effect as of January 1, 1958. Requires the State Board of Social Welfare to adopt rules and regulations to insure a uniform and reasonable standard for determining what constitutes utilization of real property for purposes of the requirement that a recipient utilize real property not occupied as a home to meet his needs. Prohibits a county from discontinuing aid on the ground that a recipient is not utilizing real property unless it obtains the prior authorization of the State Department of Social Welfare. March 22.

SW—Good

AB 2338 Cologne (Trans. & C.) Farm labor buses and trucks. Provides that the seat space for passengers on farm labor buses and trucks shall be 14 3/4 inches if the average weight of the passengers is less than 150 pounds rather than the presently required 18 inches. March 23.

FL—Bad

AB 2339 Cologne (Trans. & C.) Farm labor buses and trucks. Provides that, when seating is face to face in farm labor buses or trucks, the nearest portion of the back of the facing seats shall be 43 inches apart rather than a required aisle of 24 inches. March 23.

FL—Bad

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the payment of unemployment insurance benefits while retraining a part of the basic benefit structure of the state unemployment insurance program.

Prior to passage of the Collier bill such payment of unemployment insurance benefits were restricted to jobless workers who have exhausted their unemployment insurance benefits during a period of high unemployment, as measured by the state extended benefits law.

Under SB 20, a person who loses his job because of automation or other technological development rendering his skills obsolete may **immediately** undertake retraining and still qualify for unemployment insurance benefits to a maximum of \$55 per week.

The Collier Bill enjoyed the support of the California Labor Federation, but it was noted during the course of passage that the bill in itself does not solve the retraining problem.

The payment of benefits while undergoing retraining to provide a subsistence level of income during the retraining period is only half the problem. The other half relates to the avail-

ability of retraining programs for workers whose skills are obsolete.

State AFL-CIO Secretary Thos. L. Pitts said that the passage of SB 20 "pinpoints the urgency of following up with the approval of *AB 379 (Waldie, D.), a Federation sponsored bill which would make provision for the establishment of actual retraining programs under the Department of Employment".

*AB 379 like all other Federation sponsored employment security bills is still in sub-committee in the lower house waiting for a fair hearing.

Nationally, the AFL-CIO is urging congressional approval of a bill to provide some \$30,000,000 a year in federal aid to retrain workers out of work because of technological changes.

The bill, sponsored by Senator Clark (Dem., Penna.), would tie in with the State Federation-sponsored measure in that it would help finance state retraining programs.

Testifying for the Clark bill in Congress, AFL-CIO Research Director Stanley Ruttenberg said that existing training programs "are geared to the normal requirements of young people" seeking a trade or vocational training. The Clark bill would give priority and retraining to workers over the age of 30, those who are heads of families and who have had at least five years of work experience.

PERLIS TO ADDRESS H & W CONFERENCE

Leo Perlis, director of the AFL-CIO Community Service Activities, will be one of the featured speakers at the 50th Annual Statewide Conference on social welfare April 16-19 in Los Angeles. The four-day parley, in the Biltmore Hotel, is sponsored by the California Association for Health and Welfare.

Perlis will address a Tuesday, April 18 session on "Social Welfare — Whose Responsibility?"

Some 2000 civic and social work leaders are expected to attend the meeting, according to Arthur Hellender, Alameda County AFL-CIO official and CAHW president.

Discussion panels will feature reports on aid to needy children, California's population boom, changing role of business and labor as good citizens, community responsibility for alcoholism, health needs of migrants, human side of urban renewal, mental health, problems of discrimination and unemployment.

Also featured will be reports on the 1961 White House Conference on Aging and findings of Gov. Brown's committee on health and medical care problems.

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AB 2342 Rees (Fin. & Ins.) Unemployment compensation—charitable organizations. Specifies that if Congress enacts legislation exempting charitable corporations from the operation of Section 3033 of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, which prohibits taxpayers from receiving additional credits with respect to any reduced rate of contributions unless the reduced rate of contributions meets specified requirements, charitable corporations may elect, upon petition of their employees, to participate in the unemployment insurance program on an actual cost basis. Provides that no contributions shall be due from any charitable corporation which has elected to be on the actual cost basis and which has been voluntarily participating in the unemployment insurance program within the preceding five years and has been making employer contributions, until the benefits chargeable on an actual cost basis together with the benefits charged to the corporation within the preceding five years exceed the contributions made by the corporation during the preceding five years. March 23. **UI—Bad**

AB 2347 George E. Brown (Ind. Rel.) Working hours. Provides that employees shall not be required to work more than 10 hours in any 24-hour period nor more than 60 hours in any seven-day period unless employee consents or a collective bargaining agreement specifically provides otherwise. March 23. **LC—Bad**

AB 2348 Beaver (Rev. & Tax.) Personal income tax: deductions. Allows a deduction in an amount not exceeding \$500 for improvements or repairs to a residence or dwelling. March 23. **CW, TA—Good**

AB 2357 Flournoy (Elec. & Reap.) Requires the county clerk to deputize city clerks and deputy city clerks to register voters. Requires the county clerk to establish registration places throughout the county, not less than 90 days prior to a statewide election, and to appoint for each registration place a registration board consisting of six members. Requires that three members of each board be registered with the political party having the highest registration, and the remaining three members be registered with the party having the next highest registration. Prescribes compensation of board members. Provides that registration places shall be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day for a period of four days commencing on the 63d day prior to the election. Provides that registration board shall hear and dispose of challenges on the same basis and in the same manner as provided with respect to precinct boards, and limits the right to challenge at the polls for statewide elections to the following two grounds: (a) That the person seeking to vote is not the person whose name appears on the register, or (2)

that the person has already voted that day. Limits registration prior to statewide elections to the office of county clerk, the office of a city clerk, and to the registration places described above. March 23. **EL—Bad**

AB 2358 Belotti (G.E. & E.) Preference for California woods. Provides that public officers shall let contracts for public works which call in connection therewith for the use of wood or wood products only to persons agreeing to use wood or wood products produced (includes harvested, or manufactured) in this State, provided fitness and quality are substantially equivalent, and requires contract to contain such provisions. Provides that persons who fail to comply with such provisions shall not be awarded any contract to which this section applies for a period of three years from the date of the violation. March 23. **SL—Good**

AB 2360 Belotti (Pub.H.) Permits applications for a certificate of registration as a barber from a person who, in addition to other qualifications, has a valid license or certificate as a barber from another state, has a valid degree from a college of barbering in that state, and has continuously engaged in the practice of barbering in such state for at least 12 years. March 23. **BC—Bad**

AB 2362 Leggett (Soc. Wel.) Aid to potentially self-supporting blind. Provides that a recipient shall be entitled to a basic grant of aid which when added to his income equals \$115 per month, instead of a grant, not to exceed \$104, which when added to his income equals his actual need. Provides that the amount of the basic grant shall be adjusted annually by the State Social Welfare Board to reflect increases in the cost of living, as determined in accordance with indexes published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. Eliminates provision that a recipient whose combined income and basic grant is less than \$115 shall receive a supplemental grant sufficient in amount to bring his combined income and grant to \$115. Provides that if a 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. March 23. **SW—Bad**

AB 2363 Porter (Water) Fish and wildlife and recreation at state water projects. Prescribes policy re provision for preservation and enhancement of fish and wildlife resources and public recreation facilities in connection with state water projects and makes provision for implementation of such policy. March 23. **WP, RE—Bad**

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

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- AB 1321 (Pattee)** Retailer discount in collection of cigarette tax. **Bad**
AB 1769 (DeLotto) Prohibit chiseling in collection of sales tax by retailer. **Good**

Monday, April 10

- Constitutional Amendment**, 1:30 PM, Room 4164
ACA 31 (Wilson) Two percent limit on charges in property tax in a single year. **Bad**
ACA 4 (Lunardi) Revisions of assessment of agriculture property. **Bad**
ACA 10 (Flourney) Removes basic school aid provisions from constitution. **Bad**

Tuesday, April 11

- Fish and Game**, 3:45 PM, Room 5168
AB 507 and AB 508 (Porter) Mackerel and Sardines. **Bad**
Governmental Organization, 1:30 PM, Room 5168
AB 887 (Bee) Prohibits A.B.C. license renewal where applicant is delinquent in wage payments. **Good**
AB 1593 and AB 1594 (Winton) Government reorganization plans. **Watch**
AB 1723 (Petris) Executive reorganization plans. **Watch**
Governmental Efficiency and Economy, 3:45 PM, Room 2170
AB 1317 (Geo. Brown) Licensing of X-Ray technicians. **Good**
AB 265 (Grant) Licensing of home repair service and maintenance shops—creation of state board of customer technical services but contains major shortcomings. **Bad**
AB 1364 (Knox) Requires unit weight price on irregular pre-packaged foods. **Good**
AB 1397 (Bradley) Abolishes office of consumer council. **Bad**
AB 1398 (Bradley) Abolishes economic development agencies. **Bad**
AB 1064 and AB 1065 (McMillan) Barbering and cosmetology bills. **Watch**
AB 1153 (McMillan) License fee schedule revision for barbers. **Watch**
AB 1155, 1156, 1158 and 1159, AB 602 and AB 603 (McMillan) Barber and cosmetology bills. **Watch**
AB 1373 (Porter) License fees for barber college instructors. **Watch**
***AB 552 (McMillan)** Ten percent limit on private employment agency fees. **Good**
Social Welfare, 1:30 PM, Room 4164
AB 2017 (Burton) Consolidation of various policies in public assistant's programs. **Good**

- AB 2128 (Willson)** Liberalize relative responsibilities' schedule for OAS. **Good**

Water, 1:30 PM, Room 4202
 Special hearings on acreage limitation and public power preference bills—

- AB 1326 (O'Connor)** Good; **AB 2019 (Porter)** Bad; **AB 589 (Z'berg)** Good; **AB 2020 (Porter)** Bad and **AB 1606 (Busterud)** Good

Senate

Tuesday, April 4

- Business and Professions**, 1:00 PM, Room 3191
SB 589 (Short) Outlaws rebates, refunds and the like by auto repair shops. **Watch**
SB 827 (Backstrand) Water well contractors. **Watch**
Fish and Game, 1:30 PM, Room 4040
SB 524 (Farr) Extension of maritime reserve committee. **Good**
Transportation, 9:00 AM, Room 4203
SCR 39 (Farr) Scenic highways. **Watch**

Wednesday, April 5

Education, 9:30 AM, Room 4202

- SB 196 (Farr)** Educational TV—joint operation between districts. **Watch**
SB 572 (Rodda) State College teachers merit increases while on leave. **Good**
SB 623 (Grunsky) CTA teacher credential revision bill. **Bad**
SB 698 (Shaw) Deferred resident tuition fee for UC. **Bad**
Governmental Efficiency and Economy, 9:30 AM, Room 4203
SB 532 (Fisher) Day care mental health centers. **Watch**
Governmental Efficiency and Economy Subcommittee on Alcoholic Beverages, 1:30 PM, Room 2030
SCA 9 and SB 311 (Gibson) Decision review by A.B.C. appeals board. **Watch**
Insurance and Financial Institutions, 1:30 PM, Room 3191
SB 830 (Teale) Pawn brokers charges for property taxes on pledged articles. **Bad**
SB 715 (Teale) Pawn brokers register repeal. **Bad**
SB 768 (Cobey) Limitation on interest charges regarding credit sales not covered in Unruh Act. **Good**
Social Welfare, 1:00 PM, Room 4040
SB 705 (Miller) SB 325 (Rattigan) Implements federal "medical indigent" health care bill. **Watch**

Thursday, April 6

- Judiciary**, 10:00 AM, Room 4202
SB 428 (Christensen) Loggers' and Lumbermen's liens. **Good**
AB 65 (Carroll) Privileged communications. **Watch**
AB 599 (Petris) Penalty for failure to pay wages as required by law. **Watch**
Local Government, 1:15 PM, Room 4040
SB 828 and SB 829 (McCarthy) School district contracts for construction and purchase of supplies. **Bad**
SB 334 (Farr) Monterey Peninsula airport district, bad contracting purchasers. **Bad**
SB 442 (Porter) Temporary teaching assistants' certificates. **Watch**

Monday, April 10

- Elections**, 10:00 AM, Room 2040
AB 655 (Casey) Printing of index of registration. **Watch**
Judiciary, 8:00 AM, Room 4203
AB 612 (Bradley) Racial restrictions in deed—prohibition. **Good**
Labor, 1:30 PM, Room 4040
SB 908 (Fisher) Emasculates eight hour law for women. **Bad**
AB 1215 (DeLotto) Public works limitation on work hours. **Bad**

Tuesday, April 11

- Business and Professions**, 1:00 PM, Room 3191
SB 600 (Thompson) Instructors in barber colleges. **Bad**
SB 822 (McCarthy) Public works contracts—restrictions on sub-contracting. **Watch**
SB 823 (McCarthy) Bidding procedures on public works contracts re prime bidders. **Watch**
SB 926 (Gibson) Repeals itinerant merchants law. **Watch**
SB 940 (Gibson) Qualifying of individuals for contractors license—revision. **Watch**
Institutions, 10:00 AM, Room 2040
SB 212 (Stiern) Regional advisory council on planning of hospitals. **Watch**

Major industries which will bargain in 1961 include automobile, rubber, trucking, meatpacking, machinery, and maritime, according to the U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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the Labor Commissioner within 30 days of the layoff or discharge.

Still another Federation bill has been moved to the inactive file to cool off for a while after suffering heavy attacks by legislators. This is *AB 696 (Gaffney, D.) which would tighten up on the exemption of so-called owner-built dwellings from the contractors licensing law in cases where the owner builds not for himself but with a demonstrated intent to sell. Referring a bill to the inactive file in many instances is a gentle way of killing a bill with love and kisses. Sometimes they are revived when a satisfactory amendment can be worked out.

Reaching the Floor

As the weekend approaches (News-letter goes to bed Thursday noon) three additional Federation bills are just reaching the Assembly floor. (They go to second reading for a day before being placed on the third reading file for passage.)

Approved by the Assembly Committee on Governmental Efficiency and Economy for floor action are:

*AB 693 (Gaffney, D.) requiring contractors to post security for payment of wages and fringe benefit contributions sufficient to cover a wage payment period. The committee vote was close — 6 to 4, with five being necessary to get a bill out of this 11 member committee. **Voting for** the bill were: Cameron, Elliott, Kennick, O'Connell, Knox and McMillan. **Voting against** were: Bradley, Cusanovich, Levering and Williamson.

*AB 694 (Gaffney, D.) which makes subject to the contractor's licensing law the installation of items costing \$100 or more to install. This won committee approval by voice vote.

This Wednesday, the Assembly Committee on Public Health also sent to the lower house floor *AB 317 (Rumford, D.), which would prohibit nursing and convalescent homes from passing themselves off for hospitals by using the word "hospital" in their name. The standards for these facilities are generally very low at the present time, yet the hospital licensing law permits them to be called hospitals to the confusion of consumers. Over the strong opposition of the nursing and convalescent home operators, the Federation-sponsored bill won a close "do pass" vote.

The same Public Health Committee, however, fell short of generating enough votes for another Federation bill, AB 344 (George E. Brown, D.) requiring the state Department of Public

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IWC FARM LABOR ACTION DELAYED

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dations either on a minimum wage or working hours.

The employee members, with the active support of the state AFL-CIO, recommended a \$1.25 per hour. The board chairman, on the other hand, made a recommendation of between 80 to 90 cents per hour, while the grower board members steadfastly refused to be budged on any recommendation.

The Commission, in turn, has given no indication of its thinking, although it has been assumed all along that some form of an order would be promulgated eventually.

In the current legislative session, the Commission's anticipated action is of fundamental importance. Governor Brown, in his message to the legislature in January said he was withholding any recommendation on a statutory minimum wage pending the action by the Commission and a look-see at what the Kennedy administration might come up with in Congress.

Federation-sponsored minimum wage bills calling for a \$1.25 per hour, including agriculture, have been set for hearing before the Assembly Industrial Relations Committee on April 6th. The bills are *AB 682 and *AB 684, both authored by Assemblyman Byron Rumford (D. Alameda County).

On the Federal level, President Kennedy last week saw his inadequate minimum wage bill providing for a two-step increase to a \$1.25 per hour together with a limited extension of coverage to less than 4 million, dumped on the House floor in favor of a Republican-Dixiecrat substitute that is almost completely worthless. At no time on either bill was any consideration given in Congress to the extension of the federal fair labor standards act to farm labor.

In the face of what appears to be almost a certainty that Congress will not act on any minimum wage this session, the pending IWC action is of utmost importance.

In regard to the possibility of the state legislature taking action, there is no indication that the Governor's office will be supporting the Federation-sponsored bills. Further, these bills are plagued by a Senate Labor Committee stacked against any state minimum wage, especially one that would apply to agriculture.

On a related front, the IWC in Los Angeles last week continued its work on revising its 1950 budget for a single working woman which is used in establishing minimum wages for women

MEXICAN GAS LINE OPPOSED

Charging special benefits for "a few major corporate consumers at the expense of Southern California's eight million small consumers", the California Labor Federation filed a sharp protest recently against a so-called "Mexican pipeline" being proposed to bring natural gas from Texas to California through Mexico.

The state AFL-CIO's opposition to the pipeline was voted unanimously at a recent meeting of the California Labor Federation's Executive Council.

In a wire to the state Public Utilities Commission, holding hearings on the matter in Los Angeles, Federation Secretary-Treasurer Thos. L. Pitts said:

"In behalf of our 1.3 million members, we would like to go on record in opposition to granting authorization for the construction and installation of a natural gas pipeline from Texas to California as proposed by Tennessee Gas Transmission Company and Southern California Edison Company in application numbers 42931 and 42932.

"In our view, this proposal is not in the best interests of the workers of this state and nation. About three-fourths of the pipeline would be routed through Mexico near the international border, re-entering the United States near Mexicali, California.

"This routing is clearly designed to circumvent compliance with American labor standards and the use of American materials. It would further leave the key portion of the pipeline under the control of another government.

"From the consumers' standpoint, it is apparent that this proposal would benefit a few major corporate consumers at the expense of Southern California's eight million small consumers. By diverting the purchases of these large consumers from existing public utilities, the area's small consumers would be burdened with the full cost of existing gas transmission and distribution facilities.

"The average consumer's interest would also be injured by the creation of a gas storage problem for existing utilities since they have already contracted for gas which would be surplus to the reduced requirements brought about by the building of the proposed pipeline."

and minors. The revision is being undertaken as a preliminary step to reopening Commission orders currently effective in various industries and occupations in the state.

This, however, is independent of what may happen in Congress or the state legislature.

OH HUM, IT WAS ONLY A PROMISE!

The Assembly Water Committee did a masterful job of taking the state Water Resources Department off the hook this week.

During the water bonds campaign last election, the Department made a lot of promises concerning policies and contracting principles which would govern the state water program in the absence of any state law governing basic water policies. Apparently, some were made with tongue-in-cheek.

At point is a contracting principle announced with great fanfare last year that the state would require firm contracts with water users to insure recovery of at least 75% of construction cost before bond funds could be spent on water delivery facilities.

Assemblyman Edwin L. Z'berg (D., Sacramento) (assuming the Department meant what it said) introduced AB 1377 to insert the 75% principle in state law. In fact, he amended his bill several times to conform it exactly to the language of the principle as negotiated by the Department in the Metropolitan Water Contract for Los Angeles.

On test of faith, the Department failed badly. One of its attorneys appeared before the Water committee to declare that the Department was neither for nor against the bill. He said his Department just wanted some flexibility — but apparently he meant below the water agency's declared 75-percent principle.

The Water Committee, in turn, was most obliging. It killed the bill.

In a few weeks both the Department of water resources and the Water Committee will again have the opportunity to perform on other aspects of the basic policy vacuum that exists in state law — this time on basic policy protections for taxpayers against monopoly and speculation.

On April 11th, the Committee will hold a special hearing on bills before the legislature which would apply acreage limitation and public power principles based on federal law to the state water program. These are the only bills which will be heard by the committee on that day.

During the campaign, "liberal supporters" of the water bonds who expressed great concern about the lack of these protections, said there would be ample opportunity at this session of the legislature to take care of the matter. This includes the Department of Water Resources.

We can only hope that the Department will do better than it did this week on Z'berg's AB 1377. We shall see.

FORM 3547 REQUESTED

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Health to establish minimum standards for nursing in county hospitals.

Child Care Centers

A Federation bill to increase the ceilings on earnings of parents who may use state-supported child care centers this week was referred to a subcommittee for further consideration by the Assembly Committee on Education. This is *AB 336 (Elliott, D.), which boosts the present ceilings by about 15% as an adjustment for increases in wages and living costs since the program was last revised in 1955.

There are about four other bills in the committee which would amend the child care center law. The Committee decided that the Fed bill, along with these, should all go to subcommittee for preliminary review.

The private child care center owners, of course, are opposing the liberalization proposed in *AB 336 — all in the name of protecting "free enterprise".

Teacher Tenure

The AFL-CIO teachers did it again. They put another one over on the administrator-dominated California Teacher Association by winning Assembly approval of AB 1403 (Waldie, D.), which extends the teacher tenure law to all school districts, instead of only those with 850 or more average daily attendance. (Recently, the union teachers won lower house approval of a probationary teacher protection bill over the opposition of the CTA.)

The vote on AB 1403 was too close for comfort, 41 to 35 — a bare majority for the 80-member Assembly. Here it is, another one for the record:

Ayes — Bruce F. Allen, Don A. Allen, Bane, George E. Brown, Burton, Busterud, Carrell, Casey, Crown, Cunningham, Cusanovich, DeLotto, Dills, Elliott, Flournoy, Frew, Gaffney, Garrigus, Hanna, Hawkins, Hicks, Kennick, Kilpatrick, Knox, Marks, McMillan, Meyers, Mills, Munnell, Nisbet, O'Connell, Petris, Porter, Rumford, Thomas, Unruh, Waldie, Williamson, George A. Willson, Charles H. Wilson, and Z'berg.

Noes — Bagley, Beaver, Bee, Belotti, Bradley, Britschgi, Burke, Cameron, Chapel, Collier, Cologne, Conrad, Coolidge, Dahl, Davis, Grant, Hegland,

ABUSES OF BRACERO PROGRAM HIT

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ported colonialism" and called for a complete overhaul, coupled with plans for its "final termination."

Holleman said the Administration would support a two-year extension if "needed improvements" were written into the law. At the end of that period, he said, Congress and the Administration should re-examine the program and "its impact on agricultural workers and producers."

First Hand Report

Holleman, former president of the Texas State AFL-CIO and a long-time member of a Labor Department advisory committee on farm labor, told the subcommittee that he has seen "at first hand" the "depressing effect" of imported labor on farm wages.

The Labor Dept. spokesman called for these specific reforms to increase wages of U.S. farm workers and protect them from competition from "bracero" labor:

- Provide authority for the Secretary of Labor to limit the number of foreign workers who may be employed by any employer "to the extent necessary to assure active competition among farmers for the services of U.S. farm workers."

At the present time, the Labor Dept. indicated, some farmers make only "token effort" to obtain domestic workers at low wage rates.

- Require under law that employers first offer U.S. workers terms and con-

House, Lanterman, Levering, Lowrey, Luckel, Lunardi, Monagan, Mulford, Pattee, Reagan, Rees, Schrade, Shell, Sumner, Thelin, Winton, Wolfrum, and Mr. Speaker.

On the Governor's Desk

Waiting the Governor's signature is AB 370 (Crown). This bill, which has cleared both houses of the legislature, would prohibit the challenging of voters at the polls on grounds of inability to read the constitution. It is charged that many minority group voters — mostly Mexican-Americans — were intimidated at the polls last November by such challenges.

BITTER HARVEST FILM SHOWING

A film "Bitter Harvest" showing the conditions of migrant workers in the northwestern states will be shown at the San Francisco Public Library at 3:30 P.M. and 7:30 P.M., Thursday, April 6.

This is a 45 minute documentary film produced by KING-TV, Seattle, Washington. It shows the living and working conditions of migrant workers and their families as they leave their homes in Texas and travel to Oregon, Washington and Idaho seeking employment.

ditions of work comparable to those guaranteed to Mexican workers.

- Compel the employer of Mexican labor to give comparable wages and fringe benefits to domestic workers already in his employ, as well as those he hires after having contracted for Mexican workers.

- Prohibit use of Mexican nationals on work involving machinery or in other than temporary or seasonal employment.

- Require employers who use Mexican nationals to offer American workers at least as much as the average hourly rate for farm labor in the state.

The Labor Dept.'s proposals, provide for a gradual step-up of wages in localities where rates are considerably below statewide averages. In Texas, Holleman noted, both United States and foreign workers are frequently paid 50 cents an hour in areas where braceros are used, while the state hourly average for farm workers is 78 cents.

Declaring that "underemployment of rural people is estimated as the equivalent of 1.4 million fully employed workers," Holleman said the Kennedy Administration considers the problem "acute." He said weaknesses in the present law have stymied efforts by the Labor Dept. to prevent the contract labor program from undermining conditions of U.S. workers.

The Mexican import program, he pointed out, was originally enacted as a temporary measure during the Korean emergency and operates "for the benefit of less than 50,000 of the nation's four million farms."