

# LEGISLATIVE NOTES

## Women's 8-Hour Law

On the floor of the Senate as we go to press is a bill which would amend the women's eight-hour law to permit employment at time and one-half up to 10 hours a day and 54 hours a week.

The measure, SB 908 (Fisher), was released over Federation opposition by the Senate Labor Committee with an amendment giving the Industrial Welfare Commission authority to reduce the maximum working hours below those permitted. At present, state law limits women's working hours for covered industries to 8 hours a day and 48 hours a week.

Support for the bill comes out of the aircraft industry in southern California where exemptions are currently permitted only by special permit for defense work. SB 908, however, goes far beyond defense work and affects all industries and occupations falling within the 8-hour law.

## Aged Housing

The Federation's bill, AB 721 (Cameron) to require planning for aged housing in redevelopment projects ran into a stone wall this Wednesday. The Senate Committee on Governmental Efficiency gave it a polite hearing, nibbled at its simplicity here and there, and then took the bill under advisement. Whether the measure can be revived is highly doubtful. "Advisement" to this committee is usually a polite way of killing a bill.

## State Employees

Federation-supported AB 873 (Bane),  
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## SETBACK ON HOUSING ANTI-BIAS BILL; HAWKINS TO CONTINUE BATTLE

Supporters of the Hawkins Fair Housing bill (AB 801) were handed a sharp setback this Monday when the Assembly Ways and Means committee yielded to the pressures of the real estate lobby and refused to clear the labor-backed measure for floor action in the lower house.

By vote of 10 to 9, with three absentees, the committee fell two votes short of producing a necessary majority for clearance, despite the fact that the bill had already received policy approval by another committee and carried an implied administrative appropriation conservatively estimated at only fifty thousand dollars.

Although somewhat stunned by the action, Assemblyman Augustus F. Hawkins, chief author of the anti-bias bill, recovered quickly to make it clear that "This is not the end of the battle."

The Los Angeles Democrat told the press: "I will try to pick up two addi-



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## STATE MINIMUM WAGE BILLS INCH FORWARD

Federation sponsored legislation to provide a state minimum wage of \$1.25 per hour and establish a fair labor standards act for California has cleared the Assembly Committee on Industrial Relations.

By vote of six to four, Assembly Bills 682 and 684, both authored by Assemblyman Byron Rumford of Alameda County, were stamped "do-pass" and sent on their long legislative journey ahead. The lower house committee rejected dire predictions of employers that widespread economic dislocation, bankruptcy, and unemployment would ensue.

AB 682, the broader of the two measures, establishes a \$1.25 minimum, provides for time and one-half beyond a forty hour work week and double time after forty-eight hours a week and ten hours a day.

The measure also provides legislative criteria within the Department of Industrial Relations for holding hearings and issuing wage orders by industries and occupations establishing a minimum wage above the \$1.25 statutory minimum or maximum working hours less than those prescribed by the bill. This measure is now waiting for a hearing before the Assembly Ways and Means Committee because of an implied administrative appropriation.

AB 684, which establishes only a statutory minimum of \$1.25 without the fair labor standards provisions of the broader measure, is currently on the floor of the Assembly to be taken up at an undesignated date.

Hearings on the bills before the Industrial Relations Committee produced the usual parade of employer and grower representatives testifying that passage of the measures would put them out of business and destroy the jobs of those intended to be helped. Heading the list were representatives of the restaurant industry and corporate grower interests who traditionally have blocked state minimum wage legislation.

Federation testimony noted that these fears of the employers have not been borne out by the history of minimum wage legislation in the nation. Their assertion, it was pointed out, "serves only to confuse and focus debate on abstractions which generally detract and obscure the fundamental purpose of minimum wage and fair labor standards legislation."

This purpose, committee members were advised, relates to "humanitarian and social consideration, namely, the correction of labor conditions detrimental to the maintenance of a minimum standard of living for health, efficiency and general wellbeing of workers."

Federation spokesmen pointed out that the proposed minimum wage would benefit perhaps 400,000 to 500,000 low paid workers and would add an estimated \$200,000,000 to the purchasing power of lower income families in the current recession.

Responding to the argument that employers cannot afford such an increase in minimum wages, the Federation reminded committee members of

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providing for coordination of the state employees retirement system with federal OASDI under a liberal formula was given a fast shuffle by the Assembly Civil Service and State Personnel Committee this Monday.

Following the successful tactics employed two years ago when coordination was defeated, the California State Employees Association (an administrative dominated and non-affiliated organization) sought an amendment which would require a referendum of all state employees before individuals would be permitted to exercise their federal privilege of selecting coordination without harm to those who do not want such coordination.

Although the CSEA amendment did not go to a vote, it gave the committee an opportunity to lay the bill over for a week. Because of retroactive coverage provision available under federal law, every day's delay means a loss of substantial benefits for many state employees who are ready to retire.

At the same hearing, the committee sent on to Ways and Means a bill providing for a \$5 state contribution toward a contributory health and welfare program for state employees. The Governor is backing this bill, but he wants some improvements to give state employees a measure of quality control and a higher benefit return for the premium dollar.

### Consumers

An effort to repeal the 1959 law which created the Office of Consumer Counsel was defeated in Assembly committee this Tuesday. The bill, AB 1397 (Bradley), was dumped, along with another, AB 1398 (Bradley), which would have abolished the Economic Development Agency.

In the consumer protection field, the Assembly has approved and sent to the upper house a bill to require the labeling of hazardous substances moving in the course of intrastate commerce. The measure, AB 266 (Z'berg) is one of many consumer protection bills on which the state Consumer Counsel is working.

### Voter Registration

AB 1963 (Garrigus), authorizing voter registrars to secure registrations at the homes of potential voters, has been cleared by the Assembly for Senate consideration, but only after opponents of the measure were defeated in an attempt to reconsider the bill's approval by the lower house. It was a straight party line vote. (Aye is a vote for reconsideration and to hold the bill up):

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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 25th

**Education**, Sub-Committee on Child Care Centers, 1:30 PM, Room 4168

\*AB 336 (Elliott) and other bills liberalizing child care centers program. **Good**

**Fish and Game**, 3:45 PM, Room 5168

AB 1639 (Davis) Fish and game preservation fund. **Good**

AB 507 and 508 (Porter) Mackerel and sardines. **Bad**

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

AB 2093 (Davis) Booklet of latest fish and game regulations. **Good**

**Government Organization**, 1:30 PM, Room 5168

AB 1806 (Burton) Parimutuel employees. **Good**

AB 887 (Bee) Alcoholic beverage licenses—prohibits renewal for nonpayment of wages. **Good**

AB 705-9 (Lanternman) Conflict of interest in Government. **Watch**

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

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

AB 2358 (Belotti) Preference for California woods. **Good**

SB 457-476 (Gibson) Biennial license by various licensing boards. **Watch**

SB 603 (Bee) Inspectors hired by state board of Cosmetology. **Watch**

AB 1373 (Porter) Revise barber licensing fees. **Watch**

**Social Welfare**, 1:30 PM, Room 4164

AB 1670 (Bee) County demonstration projects to improve administration of public assistance. **Good**

AB 1518, 1519 (Gaffney) Increase aid to needy blind and potentially self-supporting blind. **Good**

AB 1252 (Bee) Governor's Social Welfare Study Commission. **Watch**

AB 2277 (Elliott) Home ownership of OAS recipient. **Good**

#### Wednesday, April 26th

**Agriculture**, 1:30 PM, Room 4202

SB 430 (Stiern) Remove dairy inspection control under veterinary. **Bad**

**Education**, 3:45 PM, Room 4202

\*AB 414 (Elliott) Prohibit tuition for adult education classes. **Good**

**Industrial Relations Sub-Committee**, 1:45 PM, Room 4168

\*AB 428 (Burton) Professional strike breaker bill. **Good**

**Judiciary**, 8:00 PM, Room 4164

AB 1551 (Hanna) Uniform Securities Act. **Bad**  
**Livestock and Dairies**, on adjournment of Agriculture, Room 4202

AB 2129 (Winton) Weaken poultry inspection law. **Bad**

SB 390 (Stiern) Strengthen poultry inspection law. **Good**

**Public Health**, 1:30 PM, Room 5168

AB 2360 (Belotti) Qualification for licensing barbers. **Bad**

AB 1754 (Rumford) State housing coordinator to assist displaced families in redevelopment projects. **Good**

AB 1633 (Lunardi) Proof of licensing of nurses. **Watch**

AB 2203 (Nisbet) Reorganization of fire districts. **Watch**

#### Thursday, April 27th

**Industrial Relations**, 3:45 PM, Room 5168

All Federation bills on calendar for April 20 have been held over for this meeting, also scheduled:

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

AB 2375 (Geo. E. Brown) Right to organize for public employees. **Watch**

AB 720 (Thelin) Prohibits public employee strikes. **Bad**

\*AB 562 (Gaffney) Prohibits hiring employees for contractors for a fee. **Good**

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

AB 2010 (Gaffney) Maritime industrial safety. **Good**

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

AB 1921 (Bradley) Investment of county employees retirement fund. **Watch**

AB 2218 (Cologne) Permits payment of county employees more frequently than monthly. **Watch**

SB 334 (Farr) Monterey Peninsula airport district — Bad contracting provisions. **Bad**

**Revenue and Taxation**, 3:45 PM, Room 2170

AB 2348 (Beaver) Income tax deductions for home repairs exceeding \$500. **Watch**

#### Friday, April 28th

**Government Organization**, 1:30 PM, Room 4202  
All government reorganization bills.

#### Monday, May 1st

**Civil Service and State Personnel**, 3:45 PM, Room 4168

AB 873 (Bane) OASDI coordination. **Good**

AB 2436 (Beaver) Salary incentives for recruitment of state employees. **Good**

**Constitutional Amendments**, 1:30 PM, Room 4164

ACA 35 (Pattee) Abolishes fish and game commission and creates joint legislative commission. **Good**

ACA 34 (Thelin) Provides for election of consumer counsel as non-partisan office. **Bad**

ACA 55 (Waldie) Public housing elections in areas of interest in un-incorporated areas. **Watch**

ACA 4 (Lunardi) Property taxation — agriculture assessment. **Bad**

ACA 16 (Winton) Render ineffective state textbook law. **Bad**

**Criminal Procedure**, 3:45 PM, Room 5168

AB 1714 (Wolfrum) Search warrants. **Bad**

AB 2367 (Cologne) Wilfull trespassing. **Bad**

**Education**, 3:45 PM, Room 2170

AB 2311 (Porter) Increases state ADA apportionment. **Good**

SB 554 (Miller) Substitute teacher salaries. **Good**

#### Tuesday, May 2nd

**Fish and Game**, 3:45 PM, Room 5168

AB 2208 (Thomas) Anchovies — limits minimum size. **Good**

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

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

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

AB 2200 (Petriss) Contracts in restraint of trade. **Watch**

AB 2394 (Burton) Permits redevelopment agency transfer of property for public housing. **Good**

AB 2126 (Mills) Creates mobile housing commission. **Watch**

AB 1317 (Geo. E. Brown) Standards for X-Ray technicians. **Good**

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# DIGEST OF BILLS

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## Key to Symbols

AG	Agriculture	HA	Harbors	PH	Public Health
AL	Alcoholic Beverages	HO	Housing	PL	Prison Labor
BC	Barbers and Cosmetologists	IN	Insurance (Including Health & Welfare)	PR	Printing
CR	Civil Rights & Civil Liberties	IS	Industrial Safety	RE	Recreation
CW	Construction & Construction Workers	LC	Labor Code Changes, General	RW	Railroad Workers
DI	Unemployment Disability Insurance	LI	Liens, Attachments & Writs of Execution	SC	Schools (Including Teachers)
EA	Employment Agencies, Private	LU	Labor Unions	SL	State and Local Government
EL	Elections	MI	Miscellaneous	SW	Social Welfare
FF	Fire Fighters	MU	Musicians	TA	Taxation
FI	Fishing	MV	Motor Vehicles	UI	Unemployment Insurance
FL	Farm Labor	NT	Newspapers & Television	VT	Vocational Training
		OA	Outdoor Advertising	WC	Workmen's Compensation
		PE	Public Employees	WP	Water and Power

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

## ASSEMBLY BILLS

**AB 1965 Thomas** (F. & G.) Pacific Marine Fisheries Compact. Revises provisions for inclusion of Alaska and Hawaii or any state having rivers or streams tributary to the Pacific Ocean as a contract state by enactment of the Pacific Marine Fisheries Compact. Feb. 27. **FI—Good**

**AB 2093 Mrs. Davis** (F. & G.) Fish and game regulations. Requires booklet of latest Fish and Game Commission regulations covering activity authorized by the license to be given every purchaser of a license, specifically setting forth certain material to be included in such booklet. March 8. **FI—Good**

**AB 2145 Pattee** (F. & G.) Prohibits sale or purchase of any bird or mammal taken under a hunting license. March 9. **FI—Good**

**AB 2147 House** (F. & G.) Licenses. Provides person on active military duty with Armed Forces of the United States or auxiliary thereof will be considered a resident for license or permit purposes only if stationed in California. March 9. **FI—Good**

**AB 2208 Thomas** (F. & G.) Anchovies. Deletes minimum size for anchovies and authority for Fish and Game Commission to adopt regulations relating thereto. March 14. **FI—Good**

**AB 2601 Shell** (C.S. & S.P.) Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority. Provides for establishment of civil service system and retirement systems for all employees by resolution of the Transit Authority. Provides that upon establishment of civil service system specified subdivisions of the act relating to collective bargaining and employee rights shall become inoperative. April 12. **LU—Bad**

**AB 2602 Garrigus** (Ed.) Forestry and technical schools. Provides for the establishment by any county board of supervisors of forestry and technical schools for minors of ages 8 to 18, inclusive, and students with appropriate aptitude who have completed the 8th grade. Designates the county board of education to have management and control of the maintenance and operation of such schools and to appoint a board of admissions. Authorizes a tax levy of \$0.05 per \$100 valuation for support of such schools. April 12. **SC—Watch**

**AB 2605 Leggett** (Fin. & Ins.) Discrimination in insurance business. Prohibits discrimination on ground of race, color, religious creed, national origin, or ethnic background, in charging of premiums, and prohibits inquiry into such matters in application and reference thereto in records. April 12. **CR, IN, MV—Good**

**AB 2607 Leggett** (Fin. & Ins.) California automobile assigned risk plan. Specifies that premium charges for policies issued under the plan may be paid quarterly, semiannually or annually, at the option of the insured. Specifies that upon payment of the filing fee, the applicant shall be issued a temporary binder or covering note giving temporary coverage, and that when issued, the policy shall have as its effective date, the effective date of the binder or covering note. April 12. **IN, MV—Good**

**AB 2615 Reagan** (Crim. Pro.) Peace officers. Provides that every person who designates any nongovernmental organization by any name, including, but not limited to any name which incorporates the term "peace officer,"

"police," or "law enforcement," which would reasonably be understood to imply that the organization is composed of peace officers, when, in fact, less than 90 percent of the members of the organization are peace officers, active or retired, is guilty of a misdemeanor. Provides that every person who solicits another to become a member of any such organization so named, of which less than 90 percent of the members are peace officers, or to make a contribution thereto or subscribe to or advertise in a publication of such organization, or who sells or gives to another any badge, pin, membership card, or other article indicating membership in such organization, knowing that less than 90 percent of the members are peace officers, active or retired, is guilty of a misdemeanor. April 12. **LU—Watch**

**AB 2622 Petris** (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation: failure to use safety glass. Provides that compensation shall be increased as commission determines where injury is caused by failure to use specified safety glass. April 13. **WC—Watch**

**AB 2624 Waldie** (Ed.) Classes for adults. Specifies that classes for adults may be graded or ungraded, and that if any class is comprised of adults to the extent of 75 percent or more of the total enrollment it shall be deemed a class for adults for purposes of all laws pertaining to classes for adults. April 13. **SC—Watch**

**AB 2631 Hanna** (Ed.) Study of financing of the public school system. Creates California Commission on Financing of the Public School System, composed of two Members of the Assembly, two Members of the Senate, and three members appointed by the Governor, to study the financing of the public school system. Requires report to be made to the Legislature by the fifth legislative day of the 1962 Regular Session, and provides commission terminates at 91st day after final adjournment of that session. Appropriates \$100,000 from General Fund to the commission. April 13. **SC—Watch**

**AB 2644 Petris** (C.S. & S.P.) Reimbursement of state employees. Provides that department may reimburse employees for damage to articles in line of duty caused by defective equipment. April 14. **PE—Good**

**AB 2645 O'Connell** (C.S. & S.P.) Salary and wage deductions for credit unions. Provides for authorization by state officers and employees of wage and salary deductions for purchase of credit union shares or payment of money to credit unions. April 14. **PE—Good**

**AB 2646 Rees** (Fin. & Ins.) Covered employment. Brings within employment subject to unemployment insurance coverage, services performed for non-profit organizations operated for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes, but not including services of clergymen and services of academic and administrative employees in educational organizations. Permits specified newly covered employers to qualify for experience rating in one year rather than in three years under prescribed circumstances, and makes related changes. Adds provisions prescribing operative and effective dates for various purposes connected with changes made. April 14. **UI—Watch**

## SENATE BILLS

**SB 1191 Byrne** (Ins. & F.I.) Extended liability account. Eliminates sections requiring maintenance of extended liability account in Disability Fund, and provisions suspending operative effect of sections through calendar year 1961. Fixes dates and prescribes operative effect of repeals for various purposes. April 10. **DI—Watch**

**SB 1193 Short** (Gov. Eff.) Child care centers for mentally retarded and physically handicapped children. Eliminates provision limiting fee schedule to twice the hourly fee established for a normal child care center and adds provision that fee schedules shall be as specified by the Superintendent of Public Instruction in Sec. 16614, Ed.C., which sets forth legislative policy re establishment of fee schedules for child care centers. Revises method

for determining the amount of apportionment of state funds and increases apportionment limit from \$0.31 to \$0.57 per hour per child. April 10. **SC—Good**

**SB 1199 Dolwig** (Trans.) Motor vehicles: taxes. Repeals the Motor Vehicle Transportation License Tax. Raises use fuel tax rate from 7 to 8 cents a gallon. Raises commercial vehicle weight fees. April 10. **MV, TA—Bad**

**SB 1200 Dolwig** (Trans.) Taxes: operation of commercial vehicles. Repeals the "Motor Vehicle Transportation License Tax" and provides a "Vehicle Mileage Tax" which imposes a tax on persons operating commercial vehicles computed on a mileage basis. April 10. **MV, TA—Watch**

**SB 1202 Dolwig** (Trans.) Failure to pay fines for traffic violations. Provides that the Department of Motor Vehicles shall not issue or renew a person's driver's license if the department has been notified by a court that the person has failed to pay fines for violations of rules of the road within the authorized time. Provides for the notice to be sent to the department not before 10 nor after 30 days from the issuance of the warrant for failure to pay fines on time. Makes the willful failure to pay such fines on time a separate misdemeanor offense. April 10. **MV—Bad**

**SB 1206 Fisher** (Ins. & F.I.) Disability insurance. Requires every disability insurance policy to contain on its face page either a brief description of the policy or a title of the policy such as "Hospital Policy," "Medical Policy" or "Surgical Policy." Requires the Insurance Commissioner after notice and hearing to withdraw approval of an individual disability insurance policy if after consideration of all relevant factors the commissioner finds that the benefits provided under the policy are inadequate in relation to the premium charged. April 10. **IN—Watch**

**SB 1213 Burns** (Ins. & F.I.) Mortgage guaranty insurance. Enacts the Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Act which provides for issuance of policies insuring lenders against loss on authorized real estate security. Specifies certain minimum paid-in capital and surplus for insurers and requires the maintenance of a contingency reserve by mortgage guaranty insurers. Puts limitation on the amount of outstanding insurance liability, the amount of any single risk and the maximum amount of any loan which may be insured. Provides for the filing of various financial statements by insurers and authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to regulate various aspects of the business of mortgage guaranty insurance. April 12. **IN, HO—Watch**

**SB 1219 Teale** (Wat. Res.) Water resources development. Authorizes Department of Water Resources to allow, in contracts for delivery of water for agricultural use under California Water Resources Development Bond Act, a 10-year development period during which no payment of principal of allocated capital costs of project shall be required. Requires proportionate reduction in delivery of water to all contractors in any year in which a water shortage may occur. April 12. **WP—Watch**

**SB 1223 Short** (Pub.H. & S.) Local health districts. Re-enacts the provisions of law repealed in 1959 which provided for the formation and operation of

local health districts. Provides for a board of directors in districts organized before September 19, 1947, of nine, rather than five, members. April 13. **PH, SL—Watch**

**SB 1224 Arnold** (Ed.) Reports to Legislature by Superintendent of Public Instruction. Requires Superintendent of Public Instruction to report to Legislature at each general session on operation, effect, and compliance with provisions prescribing minimum amounts to be paid by school districts for salaries of certificated personnel. April 13. **SC—Good**

**SB 1225 Arnold** (Ed.) Teachers' salaries and tuition payments. Eliminates present provisions prescribing minimum amount of 65 percent of foundation program to be paid for school district certificated employees' salaries and interdistrict tuition, and adds new provisions prescribing minimum such expenditures to be made to certificated personnel who devote no less than 20 percent of the time employed during the school year to instruction and personal supervision of pupils. Specifies that basis of computing the expenditure percentages shall be budgeted current expenses of education, and that percentages thereof to be expended for the salaries or tuition shall be 60 percent for elementary school districts, 50 percent for high school districts, 50 percent for junior college districts, and 55 percent for unified school districts. Requires Superintendent of Public Instruction to order freezing in county treasury of amounts apportioned from State School Fund to school districts after April 15 equal to amounts of apparent deficiencies in required expenditures for fiscal year, pending determinations on applications for exemption. Provides procedures for final allocation of frozen amounts, places specified administrative responsibilities with Superintendent of Public Instruction; and makes related changes and provisions. April 13. **SC—Watch**

**SCA 29 Shaw** (L.Gov.) Eminent domain. Prohibits public entity from condemning land outside of its boundaries for purpose of acquiring appurtenant water rights without consent of board of supervisors of county in which land is situated. April 13. **WP—Watch**

**SCA 31 Fisher** (Ed.) Superintendent of Public Instruction. Provides that Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be appointed by the Governor, with consent of Senate, rather than elected and shall hold office at Governor's pleasure. April 13. **SC—Bad**

## Setback on Housing Anti-Bias Bill; Hawkins to Continue Battle

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the California Fair Practices Committee.

After contacting their legislators on Monday, a number of the conference participants remained behind that night for the Ways and Means hearing.

The actual vote of the committee was taken in a hearing room jammed with realtors who clapped hysterically everytime their spokesman before the committee reached back into history some 100 years to strike a blow for property rights over human rights.

Hawkins accepted the challenge of the realtors, pointing out that "Abraham Lincoln was right when he predicted the question of human rights versus property rights still would be with the country 100 years after his time."

Hawkins added:

"The issue before the committee is a clear cut one between human rights and property rights. AB 801 simply implements the constitutional rights of the people of this state.

"The realty interests who oppose this measure speak only for their own selfish interests. I don't believe they represent all the realty interests in this state. The question here is whether human beings have the right to select their own residences. I ask that the Assembly as a whole be allowed to vote on this bill."

When the vote came, however, it

was apparent that several legislators who had indicated their support of a fair housing bill turned against it on the roll call.

On motion by Assemblyman Thomas M. Rees that the bill be given a "do pass" recommendation, the vote was as follows:

FOR THE BILL — Bane, Bee, De Lotto, Gaffney, House, McMillan, Munnell, Petris, Rees, Chairman Unruh—10.

AGAINST THE BILL — Bruce Allen, Belotti, Collier, Lanterman, Lowrey, Nisbet, Porter, Sumner, Vice Chairman Coolidge—9.

ABSENT—Conrad, Davis, Winton—3.

Of the absentees, Hawkins said that Assemblyman Charles J. Conrad was against the bill, but that he was hopeful of obtaining the needed two votes from Assemblyman Gordon H. Winton and Assemblywoman Pauline Davis. The latter was absent from committee because of the hospital illness of a grandchild.

Under the provisions of AB 801, present prohibitions against discrimination in publicly assisted housing would be extended to the sale and rental of all private housing except single unit dwellings occupied by owners. Enforcement would be provided by the bill by bringing housing discrimination under the jurisdiction of the state Fair Employment Practices Commission.

Hawkins told the committee that seven other states have similar laws

prohibiting discrimination in the sale or rental of private housing.

In an effort to get by some objections raised in committee, Hawkins amended the single unit exemption to further exempt multiple dwellings containing up to three units where the owner is an occupant, but the amendment fell short of its mark.

The State AFL-CIO's position on AB 801 was made clear in a statement by Secretary-Treasurer Thos. L. Pitts prior to the hearing:

"The widespread pattern of discrimination in housing by builders, lenders and realtors compounds the evils of the denial of equal rights in employment and other areas of community life.

"Home loans to minority group members are available only rarely for the purchase of dwellings in predominantly white neighborhoods. This forces non whites to shop for homes in older neighborhoods and entails inflated down payments, second mortgages, higher interest rates and greater difficulty in swinging loans."

Pitts pointed out the area groupings of racial minorities because of housing discrimination often bring about what amounts to a segregated school situation in such districts.

"No public spirited citizen can continue to condone these practices," declared Pitts, "and at the same time speak of our society as one that places basic values on the individual human being."



## COMMITTEE HEARINGS

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- AB 2214 (DeLotto)** Standards on fire equipment. **Bad**
- SB 827 (Backstrand)** Water well contractors. **Watch**
- Natural Resources, Planning and Public Works, 1:30 PM, Room 2196**
- AB 2241 (Hanna)** Cancellation of contracts for violation of subletting on public works. **Good**
- Water, 1:30 PM, Room 4202**
- AB 2455 (Williamson)** Master water district in Kern County to force property owners subsidization of irrigation water. **Bad**
- AB 1326 (O'Connell)** Acreage limitation in state law. **Good**
- AB 2019 (Porter)** Prohibit anti-monopoly protections for taxpayers. **Bad**
- AB 586 (Z'berg)** Public power policy. **Good**
- AB 1606 (Burton)** Preference distribution of state generated power. **Good**
- AB 2020 (Porter)** Require full subsidy of water users by power users. **Bad**
- AB 1829 (Z'berg)** Validates two price systems in metropolitan water district contracts. **Watch**
- AB 2224 (Garrigus)** Acreage limitation by crop classification. **Watch**

## Senate

### Tuesday, April 25th

- Business and Professions, 1:00 PM, Room 3191**
- SB 546 (Fisher)** Revocation of licenses regarding discrimination practices. **Good**
- \*AB 697 (Gaffney)** Licensing of specialty contractors. **Good**
- SB 1004 (Holmdahl)** False advertising of domestic made goods. **Good**
- SB 589 (Short)** Automotive repair shops—unfair practices. **Watch**
- AB 1229 (Rumford)** Temporary permits for nurses. **Watch**
- SB 599 (Thompson)** Requires 12 month barber college instruction. **Watch**
- SB 600 (Thompson)** Five years experience in state for instructors in barber colleges. **Bad**
- AB 823 (McCarthy)** Bidding procedures on public works for prime bidders. **Watch**
- Transportation, 9:00 AM, Room 4203**
- SB 575 (McCarthy)** Revises S. F. bay area rapid transit district and other rapid transit laws. **Watch**
- SB 853 (McCarthy)** Creates Golden Gate Transportation Commission. **Watch**
- AB 578 (Charles H. Wilson)** Parking district laws. **Bad**
- AB 779 (Knox)** Transfer of motor vehicles. **Watch**

### Wednesday, April 26th

- Education, 9:00 AM, Room 4202**
- \*AB 337 (Elliott)** Protection for probationary teachers. **Good**
- AB 2013 (Coolidge)** Prices quoted by state textbooks publishers. **Watch**
- SB 698 (Shaw)** Deferred tuition payments for UC. **Bad**
- SB 232 (Grunsky)** Education of mentally gifted minors. **Good**
- Governmental Efficiency, 9:30 AM, Room 4203**
- SB 944 (Sturgeon)** Workshops for the handicapped. **Watch**
- AB 1028 (Meyers)** State civil service re-employment. **Watch**
- AB 1296 (Cameron)** OASDI for employees of hospital districts. **Good**
- Insurance and Financial Institutions, 1:30 PM, Room 3191**
- SB 1028 (Grunsky)** Increases interest limits under small loans law. **Bad**
- Social Welfare, 1:00 PM, Room 4040**
- Aid to needy children bills.**

### Thursday, April 27th

- Finance, 9:30 AM, Room 4203**
- SB 568 (Farr)** Increase maximum grant for ANC. **Good**
- Judiciary, 9:00 AM, Room 4202**
- AB 874 (O'Connell)** Prohibit "vagrancy" arrests based on status in life. **Good**
- Local Government, 1:15 PM, Room 4040**
- AB 1622 (House)** Contracts of housing authorities. **Watch**
- AB 1874 and 1876 (Petris)** Liberalizes eligibility for public housing. **Good**
- SB 251 (Miller)** Sanitary district work — force act increase. **Bad**
- Public Health and Safety, 1:30 PM, Room 2040**
- AB 266 (Z'berg)** Labeling of hazardous substances. **Good**

### Friday, April 28th

- Public Utilities, 1:00 PM, Room 4040**
- SB 643 (Dolwig)** PUC regulation of carriers, revision. **Bad**
- SB 644 (Dolwig)** Rate regulation of carriers. **Watch**

### Tuesday, May 2nd

- Business and Professions, 1:00 PM, Room 3191**
- AB 842 (Hanna)** Exception from outdoor advertising act. **Watch**
- AB 1730 (MacMillan)** Revises courses of instruction in barber colleges. **Watch**
- AB 1498 (Reagan)** Qualification for barber college instructors. **Watch**
- SB 822 (McCarthy)** Subcontracting by a general in public works. **Watch**
- Institutions, 10:00 AM, Room 2040**
- SB 212 (Stiern)** Regional planning in hospital development. **Watch**

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**AYES** — Bruce F. Allen, Bagley, Beaver, Belotti, Bradley, Britschgi, Burke, Busterud, Chapel, Collier, Cologne, Conrad, Coolidge, Cusanovich, Dahl, Flournoy, Francis, Grant, Holmes, Lanterman, Levering, Luckel, Marks, Monagan, Mulford, Pattee, Reagan, Schrade, Sedgwick, Shell, Sumner, Thelin, and Wolfrum—33.

**NOES** — Don A. Allen, Bane, Bee, George E. Brown, Carrell, Casey, Davis, DeLotto, Dills, Elliott, Frew, Gaffney, Garrigus, Hanna, Hawkins, Hicks, House, Kennick, Kilpatrick, Knox, Leggett, Lowrey, Lunardi, McMillan, Meyers, Mills, Munnell, Nisbet, Petris, Porter, Rees, Rumford, Thomas, Unruh, Waldie, Williamson, George A. Willson, Charles H. Wilson, Winton, Z'berg, and Mr. Speaker—41.

### Public Housing Authorities

Three bills by Assemblyman Petris, AB 1874-75, liberalizing the powers of housing authorities have been sent to the Senate after winning Assembly approval. They would:

- require authorities to give preferences to families displaced by slum clearance, redevelopment projects and other public action as between applicants equally in need and eligible for low-rent occupancy.
- give authorities greater flexibility in setting eligibility for public housing and rejecting families under income limits.
- allow authorities to assist in relocating persons deprived of dwellings which are to be cleared or demolished, and requires them to make studies and surveys of unoccupied dwellings so as to be able to maintain a tenant placement service.

## HOLCOMBE SLATED FOR TWO L-G SESSIONS

Two day-long conferences to explore questions arising out of the interpretation and enforcement of the Landrum-Griffin Act have been scheduled in Fresno and Sacramento on April 26th and 27th respectively.

Sponsored by the State College in each of these cities, both conferences will feature John Holcombe, Commissioner of the U.S. Bureau of Labor-Management Reports, as the main speaker and question answerer. He will be assisted by a battery of local attorneys, labor and management representatives in an after-noon panel.

In Fresno the conference will be held at the Hacienda Motel, and in the auditorium of the State Employment Building, 722 Capitol Avenue in Sacramento. Any interested person is invited.

Advance reservations are urged by contacting the Institute of Industrial Relations at Fresno State and the Division of Business Administration at Sacramento State College.

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the U.S. Supreme Court decision of 1937 upholding state minimum wage legislation.

This decision stated that, "the denial of a living wage is not only detrimental to their (the workers) health and wellbeing but casts a direct burden for their support upon the community. What these workers lose in wages, the taxpayers are called upon to pay. . . . The community is not bound to provide what is in effect a subsidy for unconscionable employers."

In answer to the charge that a \$1.25 minimum would place California employers at a competitive disadvantage, the committee was also reminded that minimum wage legislation actually increases productivity, thus holding down unit labor costs without adversely effecting competition.

If an industry must pay "sub-minimum wages in order to employ workers," it was stated, "then these are the very industries in which the incentive for mechanization is most urgent."

Committee members were told bluntly that the argument justifying sub-standard wages to maintain jobs is "either a condemnation of our economic structure or an affront to the consuming public."

"Where such jobs can be mechanized to provide a decent wage we

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need minimum wage legislation to encourage the mechanization," the Federation asserted, adding:

"If it's a question of services that cannot be mechanized, then we do not believe that the public can on one hand demand standards of human decency for workers and at the same time enjoy services at prices that are based upon unacceptable standards.

"The trade unions consumers of this state are willing to pay higher prices at the market place for goods and services where their present prices are based upon human exploitation."

### Measurement of Minimum Standards

Detailed statistics were presented to the committee justifying the \$1.25 minimum on the basis of various budgets developed to measure individual and family needs.

A minimum of \$1.25 an hour (\$2,600 a year, assuming full time employment) is less than the amount required for the maintenance of a single working woman under the state's budget developed by the Division of Labor Statistics and Research to measure "minimum standards adequate to supply the necessary cost of proper living, to maintain the health and welfare of" women workers.

The City Workers Family Budget developed by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics for a man and wife requires \$1.69 an hour in both San Francisco and Los Angeles to provide a "modest but adequate" level of living. The same budget for a family of four was quoted as \$2.56 an hour.

The Heller Committee budget developed at the University of California at Berkeley, also measuring a commonly accepted standard of living for a four member wage earner family, was quoted as requiring \$3.36 per hour in the case of a home owner and \$3.12 per hour in the case of home rental.

Further evidence was submitted showing that these budgets for metropolitan areas apply equally to rural areas. It was noted that the Aid to Needy Children Committee Budget of the Social Welfare Department priced

by counties in California, shows Los Angeles County ranking as 27th — far below the cost in many rural counties.

### No Adverse Effect on Employment

Committee members were advised that raising the minimum in California to \$1.25 an hour would be the equivalent of the action taken by the Congress in 1955 when the Federal minimum was increased from \$0.75 to \$1.00 an hour.

What happened nationally at that time could be expected to happen in California under a state \$1.25 minimum, it was pointed out.

Quoted in this regard were U.S. Labor Department surveys which measured the employment effect of the last federal increase on industries and communities in various parts of the nation.

In these studies there were six communities especially selected for intensive surveys by the Department of Labor because a large proportion of their workers were affected by the new minimum, requiring increases from 17 to 49% for the covered workers in those communities. The Labor Department's surveys reveal that everyone of these lower wage communities prospered and benefited by the increase in the minimum wage. Both the amount of total employment and the number of firms in business increased.

Similarly, figures on the employment affect were quoted from California's experience in retail trade in 1957 when the State Industrial Welfare Commission increased the minimum for women from 75 cents to \$1.00 per hour.

Employment in retail trade actually expanded while other industries in the 1958 recession contracted.

This was found to be the story across the nation in an AFL-CIO survey of 13 states quoted in the Congressional Record.

### Grower Contentions

Grower contentions that California acting alone would destroy the state's largest industries were refuted on two conditions. First, in virtually all of the high labor crops which growers contend they would be adversely affected by competition in other states, the Federation pointed out that these are the very crops in which California

has a production monopoly ranging from 80 to 100% of the nation's production.

Second, it was noted that experience throughout the nation and across the world demonstrates conclusively that wherever wages are sub-standard the economies of these areas are also depressed. Any attempt to adjust wages to the lowest common denominator can only lead to economic suicide for a high standard of living area such as California, the committee was advised.

### Groups to Benefit

Further detailed statistics were presented by the Federation on the need for a minimum wage in a number of industries in the state, based on surveys made by the State Division of Labor and Research.

Quoting from these surveys the committee was informed that 45% of the women and 16% of the men in the restaurant industry are earning less than \$1.25 per hour, including the value of meals.

In other employment areas, the following figures were presented showing the number earning less than the recommended \$1.25 per hour minimum:

- Private Hospitals—15% of male employees and 20% of women workers.
- Private children's institutions—28.4% of women and 10.6% of males.
- Private Institutions for Aged Persons—58.9% of women employees and 45.6% of males.
- Private Mental Institutions—58.3% of the women workers and 53.2% of male workers.
- Nursing and Convalescent Homes—64.9% of women and 48.2% of male workers.

The Federation concluded its testimony by pointing out that these needs must be measured against the budget requirements of a minimum decency standard of living.

The 5 to 4 favorable committee vote was as follows:

FOR — Brown, Gaffney, Hicks, Knox, Leggett, Elliott (all Democrats).

AGAINST — Cusanovich, Levering, Reagan, Shell (all Republicans).

ABSENT — Democrat Mills.

In voting for the minimum wage measures, Assemblyman Leggett announced that although he was against their approval, he was voting "aye" on the basis of a personal understanding with Assemblyman Mills who could not be present and favored the bills.