

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

Seven Weeks To Go

The 1961 session of the California legislature will come to an end on June 16th, leaving only seven weeks to enact any substantial portion of labor's legislative program. As of this date here's a brief run-down on some major Federation-sponsored legislation:

Social insurance programs — Workmen's compensation, unemployment insurance, and disability compensation bills are still bottled up in subcommittees on the Assembly side. Nothing has moved out of committee in either house.

Retraining benefits — It's the same story, despite the urgency of retaining programs in the current recession.

Labor legislation — Bills to establish representation procedures in intrastate commerce and extend organization rights to public employees are on deck this Thursday in the Assembly committee on Industrial Relations as we go to press. The professional strikebreaker bill, *AB 428 in an amended version, is still in subcommittee of Industrial Relations in the lower house. On the Assembly floor at the moment and up for consideration is *AB 425, curbing the use of the injunction as an anti-labor weapon, and repealing both the so-called jurisdictional strike act and the unconstitutional "hot cargo" law.

Minimum wages — Both AB 682 and AB 684 have been reported out favorably by the lower house Industrial Relations committee. The latter, establishing a straight \$1.25 minimum with-

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URGENT! CONTACT YOUR CONGRESSMAN ON MINIMUM WAGE BILL

An urgent communication has been received from Andrew J. Biemiller, Director of the AFL-CIO Legislative Department, requesting mobilization of local movements behind efforts of the AFL-CIO to secure the strongest possible minimum wage bill out of Congress.

Last week, by vote of 56 to 28, the U.S. Senate passed a minimum wage bill almost exactly like the one which President Kennedy requested, raising the minimum wage, in steps, to \$1.25 and extending wage-hour protection to an estimated 4.1 million additional workers.

The vote came after liberal forces, by a 56 to 39 margin turned back the key Monroney amendment which would have exempted from coverage 1.1 million retail workers. Both California Senators Engle and Kuchel voted against the weakening amendment.

The bill now goes to a Senate-House conference to iron out differences between a pitifully weak House-passed bill and the stronger Senate version. According to Biemiller, "it is anticipated that the conference committee will

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GROUP LEGAL PRACTICES BAR SETS HEARINGS

May 24th in Los Angeles and June 21st in San Francisco are the dates set by the State Bar of California for hearings on a proposed new Rule 20 which would prohibit group legal practices.

Interested affiliates desiring to make appearances at either hearing through appropriate legal representation should write Jack A. Hayes, State Bar secretary, 601 McAllister, San Francisco at least 10 days before the time of the hearing.

State AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Thos. L. Pitts, in Sacramento, said that the California Labor Federation will appear in opposition to the proposed rule at the June 21st hearing in San Francisco.

All affiliates requesting time before State Bar Board of Governors are urged to send advance copies of their presentations to the Federation office at 995 Market Street, San Francisco 3.

The Federation's opposition to Rule 20 is based on Executive Council action taken at its March meeting in San Francisco. The council pointed out that the rule is "aimed at prohibiting the continued representation of members of labor organizations by labor attorneys representing such organizations, even to the extent of prohibiting members from being represented by such attorneys in workmen's compensation cases.

"DO NOTHING" SESSION LINKED TO MONOPOLY GRIP ON STATE'S CREDIT

The California Labor Federation warned this week that the 1961 session of the state legislature may be forced to go down in history as a "do nothing" session because of the grip of landed monopolists on the state's credit.

As the legislature plunged into its final seven weeks of session with virtually nothing of major importance accomplished, State AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Thos. L. Pitts called upon the State Department of Water Resources to "help make it possible for the legislature to use some of the state's credit to meet pressing social needs by taking the landed monopolists off the backs of California's taxpayers."

In a public statement Pitts asserted that the Department of Water Resources has full authority under the state water program approved by the voters last year to move in this direction by accepting the invitation of the Kennedy administration to enter a federal-state cooperative program. Under such

a program features of the Central Valley Project which have been included in the state program would be turned over to the federal government as originally planned before the Eisenhower administration played into the hands of the landed monopolists seeking to use the state for their private profits.

Warning that "the state cannot afford the luxury of bowing to the demands of the great land holders" at the expense of denying use of the state's credits for many pressing social

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out the fair labor standards act provisions of the former, is on the Assembly inactive file waiting floor consideration. The broader measure, AB 682, is waiting clearance in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

State Mortgage Authority — Dead and buried. (State's credit needed for housing and many other liberal programs is reserved for the landed monopolists — see story, page 1).

Civil Rights — The single most important piece of civil rights legislation supported by labor and minority groups, the Hawkins fair housing bill (AB 801), is still bottled up in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

This story could go on and on. A few Federation bills originating in the Assembly have crossed over to the Senate. These have been fully reported in this column in previous issues of **Newsletter**, but none fall in the category of major legislation. Only one Federation bill thus far has been escorted safely through the legislature. It's *AB 432 (Davis), strengthening the bond and security requirements for the payment of wages in lumber and sawmill operations, which is on the Governor's desk for signature as of this week.

Progress

Needless to say, progress has been slow on labor-sponsored measures, but not totally lacking.

This Wednesday, the AFL-CIO teachers won a big one with Senate committee approval of Federation-sponsored *AB 337 (Elliott), providing protections for probationary teachers against arbitrary dismissal. This should be the next Federation bill before the Governor if all goes well on the Senate floor. School administrators will press Brown for a veto of this one.

Other areas of progress include: *AB 336 (Elliott) liberalizing income ceilings for admissions to child centers, which has been favorably recommended by subcommittee to the Assembly Education committee along with a number of other child care center liberalization bills; AB 873 (Bone) providing OASDI coordination for state employees, which has been given initial policy approval in Assembly Committee and sent to Ways and Means for financing.

Farm Workers

There won't be much in this session for farm workers, but Senator Virgil O'Sullivan (D. Williams) is determined to get at least a couple of modest proposals through the legislature. His SB 282, providing for a pilot health care program for migrants, is on its last leg

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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, 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**

AB 2214 (DeLotto) Standards on fire equipment. **Bad**

SB 827 (Backstrand) Water well contractors. **Watch**

AB 1372 (Elliott) Housing for displaced families of low and middle income. **Good**

AB 1398 (Bradley) Abolish economic development agency. **Bad**

AB 1801 (Munnell) Weaken bond requirement for contractors covering unemployment insurance. **Bad**

AB 1970 (Hawkins) Discrimination in public housing. **Good**

AB 2169 (Leggett) Actions against contractors. **Bad**

AB 265 (Grant) Licensing and regulation of TV and radio repairmen — leaves control in industry. **Bad**

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**

Social Welfare, 1:30 PM, Room 4164

AB 872 (Elliott) Increase basic allotment for OAS. **Good**

AB 1505 (Bee) Increase aid to needy children. **Good**

AB 1925 (DeLotto) State's share of aid-to-needy-children costs. **Watch**

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**

Education, 8:00 PM, Room 4202

SB 57 (Fisher) Teacher credential reform. **Good**

SB 624 (Grunsky) and AB 1772 and 1773 (Bee) CTA credential revision proposals. **Bad**

AB 1361 (Garrigus) Credential revision. **Watch**

Wednesday, May 3rd

Education, 3:45 PM, Room 4202

AB 2389 (Garrigus) Exclusions from compulsory full-time education. **Bad**

AB 2390 (Garrigus) Continuance of employment rights of classified school personnel. **Good**

AB 2392 (Casey) Waiver of benefits for teachers. **Good**

AB 2449 (Winton) State college public works. **Bad**

Judiciary, 2:30 PM, Room 4164

*AB 493 (O'Connell) Wage-loss compensation for jury service. **Good**

AB 1860 (Waldie) Prohibit discrimination in transfer of real property. **Good**

Livestock and Dairies, On adjournment of Agriculture, Room 4202

AB 2237 (Mills) California-grown poultry labeling requirements. **Good**

AB 2441 (Bagley) Blood clots in eggs. **Bad**

Public Health, 1:30 PM, Room 5168

AB 2378 (Cameron) Hospital practices and procedures. **Good**

AB 2379 (Cameron) Uniform accounting system for hospitals. **Good**

SB 597 (Thompson) Age requirements for barber licensing. **Watch**

Public Utilities and Corporations, 3:45 PM, Room 5168

AB 2466 (George E. Brown) Organizational procedures in municipal utility districts. **Good**

Thursday, May 4th

Finance and Insurance, 8:00 PM, Room 5168

AB 1543 (Hanna) Investments secured by real property. **Watch**

Industrial Relations, 3:45 PM, Room 5168

*AB 2408 (Petriss) Payments into apprenticeship funds. **Good**

AB 2171 (Hawkins) On-the-job training programs. **Watch**

AB 2112 (Dahl) Contracts of employment. **Watch**

SB 419 (Rattigan) Special IWC licenses to mentally retarded and handicapped. **Watch**

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

Judiciary Subcommittee on Attachments, 1:30 PM, Room 4164

AB 1562 (Burton) Exemption of vehicle from attachment and execution. **Good**

AB 1717 (Chapel) Deletes certain exemptions from attachment and execution. **Bad**

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

AB 191 (Hegland) County force account work. **Bad**

Revenue and Taxation, 3:45 PM, Room 2170

AB 1321 (Pattee) Discount for collection of cigarette tax. **Bad**

Transportation and Commerce, 1:30 PM, Room 5168

AB 1634 (Lunardi) Transportation of radioactive materials. **Watch**

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DIGEST OF BILLS

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Key to Symbols

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

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

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

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

ASSEMBLY BILLS

AB 2656 Porter (Ed.) Payroll deductions for membership dues. Makes applicable to all school district employees, rather than to teachers only, provisions authorizing school district governing board to reduce salary orders by amount requested by employee for purpose of paying dues for membership in professional organization. April 17. **SC—Watch**

AB 2657 Bruce F. Allen (Elec. & Reap.) Challenges of voters. Restores provisions, eliminated by Chapter 56 of the Statutes of 1961, permitting a challenge at the polls on the ground that a prospective voter cannot read English as required by the Constitution. April 17. **EL—Bad**

AB 2660 George E. Brown, Jr. (Ed.) School credentials. Allows the State Board of Education to issue only four types of credentials after the operative date of the act, with certain exceptions. Continues in effect certain prior credentials. Prescribes requirements for issuance of new credentials. Requires applicants for teaching credentials to take and pass a state examination prepared under supervision of the State Board of Education. Requires the board to appoint a special advisory commission to assist in preparation of the examination. April 17. **SC—Watch**

AB 2662 Hicks (Fin. & Ins.) Disqualifications for U.I. benefits. Revises provisions pertaining to periods of disqualification, to specify that period for voluntary quit or misconduct discharge and period for job refusal may begin in the week in which cause of disqualification occurs if individual registers for work in that week; to specify that period of disqualification for job refusal shall be not less than two or more than 10 consecutive weeks rather than not to exceed 10 weeks; to set up separate disqualification provisions for willful misstatement or failure to report material fact, to specify that the 10-week disqualification period shall not commence earlier than the week in which determination is served upon the individual, that to serve the disqualification the individual must otherwise meet all eligibility requirements for each week to be served, and provide a three-year statute of limitations on weeks not served; and to revise present one-year period for conviction for willful misstatement or failure to report material fact to align with Penal Code provisions pertaining to discharges from probation and changing of plea, and to make related changes. April 17. **UI—Watch**

AB 2664 Winton (C.S. & S.P.) Transfer of state employees. Provides that if function in which state civil service employees, other than temporary employees, are engaged is transferred to another agency, department, or portion of an agency or department, such employees have right to be transferred to the same unit with no effect on their status, positions, and rights. April 17. **PE—Good**

AB 2678 Lanterman (Ed.) Eliminates criminal penalties prescribed for failure on the part of school district governing boards, teachers, and other school officials to use or require the use of textbooks prescribed by the State Board of Education; also eliminates penalty of possible loss of official position for such cause. Provides that such violation shall not be cause for the denial or withholding of state school money from a school district. April 17. **SC—Bad**

AB 2679 Waldie (Ind.R.) Hearings of Industrial Accident Commission. Adds a provision requiring that no application shall be set for hearing before the commission unless a party has filed and served upon the other parties and the commission a memorandum stating, among other things, that the case is at issue and the time estimated for the hearing. April 17. **WC—Bad**

AB 2685 Petris (G.O.) Safety in state agencies. Creates California State Safety Advisory Commission to make recommendations for the guidance of all state agencies regarding safety features necessary in state vehicles. April 17. **SL, PE—Watch**

AB 2686 Busterud (Elec. & Reap.) Establishment of qualifications to vote. Requires that the affidavit of registration of a naturalized citizen contain the date of naturalization and the number of the naturalization certificate, if any. Requires that the affidavit of registration shall contain a statement by the registration clerk or the deputy registrar that he has ascertained whether the voter can read English, and shall indicate whether or not the

registration clerk or deputy registrar of voters is a permanent or civil service employee of the county, and whether or not he has been compensated on the basis of each registration taken. April 17. **EL—Bad**

AB 2698 Hanna (Jud.) Limits to two years after the filing of a valid notice of completion or occupancy of a building by a tenant, owner, or his agents, the time within which an action may be commenced against a general contractor for damages, or for injury to property or person, which injuries are alleged to have resulted from defects in any building construction. April 18. **CW, HO, WC—Bad**

AB 2703 Holmes (Ed.) Requires public and private schools to give regular courses of instruction in the State Constitution, California history, and civics, rather than of the principles of state and local government established under the State Constitution. April 18. **SC—Watch**

AB 2708 Britschgi (Ed.) Physically and mentally handicapped children. Permits employment of persons without teaching credentials to teach certain mentally retarded children. Provides for establishment of diagnostic centers in city or county to diagnose mental and physical handicaps of children. Provides for support of such centers by local and state funds on an equal matching basis. Appropriates \$1,000,000 for matching purposes. April 18. **SC—Watch**

AB 2715 Bagley (Jud.) Polygraph examiners. Provides for the licensing of polygraph examiners pursuant to the provisions of the Private Investigator and Adjuster Act (Ch. 11, commencing with Sec. 7500, Div. 3, B. & P.C.). Permits the issuance of such licenses for a limited period to specified persons without the need of an examination. April 18. **CR—Bad**

AB 2719 Winton (Agr.) Growing agricultural crops: nursery stock. Provides that plants being produced by nurseries shall be considered to be "growing agricultural crops" for the purpose of any laws pertaining to the agricultural industry of the State. April 18. **UI—Bad**

AB 2722 Bagley (L. & D.) Chicken poultry meat markings. Requires correct and unabbreviated name of person who slaughtered the poultry to appear in clear and conspicuous letters on the carcass or wrapper of chicken poultry meat, or on the container in case of cut-up chicken poultry meat. Makes sale or offer for sale of such meat unlawful unless so marked. Requires Director of Agriculture to enforce article and authorizes him to adopt reasonably necessary regulations subject to the Administrative Procedure Act. Makes violation of article or rules and regulations adopted thereunder, a misdemeanor. Authorizes enforcing officer to hold lot of meat which does not comply with article, and prescribes conditions and procedures in that event. April 18. **PH—Good**

AB 2728 Rees (Mun. & C.G.) Multipurpose districts. Enacts the Multipurpose District Act providing for the formation of such districts in any one or more entire counties or portions of counties. Authorizes such districts to render a wide variety of services to the inhabitants of the district. Provides for a system of administering and financing such districts and a system of election procedures to be used in creating, abolishing or changing the services to be rendered by such districts. April 19. **SL—Watch**

AB 2739 Waldie (P.U. & C.) Golden Gate Transportation Commission. Creates the Golden Gate Transportation Commission, prescribes its organization, government, powers, duties, and functions, authorizes the commission to construct and operate regional transportation facilities in the San Francisco Bay area, provides for the issuance of revenue bonds, authorizes the collections of tolls and other charges, and provides for the acquisition of certain existing facilities. April 19. **SL—Watch**

AB 2750 Hegland (Public Health) Revises the laws pertaining to county care of the indigent. Puts a proviso for charging responsible relatives for county medical care into the law. Changes some provisions for inter county liability for indigent care. April 19. **PH, SW—Bad**

AB 2751 Mills (G.E. & E.) Requires every person who for a compensation agrees to wreck or demolish a structure, the aggregate contract price for which is less than \$100, to notify the Contractors State License Board of such agreement within 20 days from the making thereof and to state

whether or not he is licensed. Provides that if the person is not licensed the board shall inspect the structure to be wrecked or in lieu thereof require that such person submit a notarized statement from the owner that the total cost of the project is less than \$100. April 19. **CW-Watch**

AB 2754 Hicks (Rev. & Tax.) Property taxation: assessment. Restricts the assessor in his consideration of specified factors in his assessment of property. April 19. **SC, TA-Bad**

AB 2755 Gaffney (Ind.R.) Telephones in elevators. Requires the maintenance of emergency telephones in all self-operated elevators, including those in publicly owned buildings, the telephones to be connected directly to the elevator servicing firm, and so as to give access to outside telephone lines and, in some circumstances, to local fire station. Requires posting of notice in each elevator giving instructions as to appropriate numbers to call for assistance at all hours. Specifies that violation is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not to exceed \$25 for each offense. April 19. **LC-Good**

AB 2759 Gaffney (Pub.H.) Organized camps. Defines "organized camps" and provides for their regulation by the State Department of Public Health. Prohibits operation of any organized camp, except one operated by a nonprofit organization, after January 1, 1962, unless a license has been issued by the state department for each site or location in which the camp operates. Prohibits operation of an organized camp by a nonprofit organization after that date unless each site or location in which camp operates satisfies standards adopted by State Director of Public Health. Exempts organized camps from regulation by any state agency other than State Department of Public Health, except to the extent the Department of Industrial Relations may have authority to regulate the wages, hours, or conditions of employment of employees of organized camps. April 19. **MI, HO-Bad**

AB 2770 Knox (Fin. & Ins.) Surety insurance. Provides that no admitted insurer shall condition the continuance or renewal of any blanket or master surety bond or policy of surety insurance upon the removal of an employee from a particular position or upon the termination of the employee's employment unless the action of the insurer is first approved by the Insurance Commissioner or otherwise permitted by law. Approval of such action is to be given by the commissioner if he finds there is substantial evidence to support the proposed action of the insurer, after a hearing requested by the employee and held before a board of three referees designated by the commissioner. April 19. **IN-Good**

AB 2776 Holmes (Ed.) School holidays. Adds one day on which statewide election is held to school holidays. April 19. **SC-Watch**

AB 2780 Burton (Soc. Wel.) Aid to needy children. Specifies responsibilities of parents for children receiving aid and designates information which must be provided by the parent remaining with the child at the time of application and thereafter. April 19. **SW-Good**

AB 2781 Unruh (G.E. & E.) Civil and Professional Engineers Act: exemptions from. Redefines the type of work on store fronts, interior alterations or additions, fixtures, cabinetwork, furniture or other appliances or equipment which is exempt from act. Exempts from act the furnishing of plans, drawings, specifications, instruments of service or other data for the ornamentation, artistic, or construction design of buildings. Provides for certification of plans and specifications by civil engineer under specified circumstances. April 19. **CW-Watch**

AB 2783 Petris (Ed.) Exchange teacher agreements. Requires consideration of the relative qualifications of employees exchanged under an exchange teacher agreement but provides that exchanged employees need not be teachers of same grade or subject, or both. April 19. **SC-Watch**

AB 2790 Marks (Jud.) Administration of estates. For purpose of provision allowing any of specified heirs, or sole beneficiary under will, to collect estate of decedent when estate does not include real property and value of estate does not exceed \$1,000, provides that an amount, not exceeding \$1,000, which is owing to decedent for salary from any employment, including amount of compensation for unused vacation, shall be excluded in determining whether value of estate does not exceed \$1,000. April 19. **LI-Good**

AB 2793 DeLotto (P.U. & C.) Fresno Metropolitan Transit District. Provides for the establishment and operation of the Fresno Metropolitan Transit District. Provides for the appointment of five directors to the district governing board. Grants various powers necessary for the development of the system, including right to fix rates, levy property taxes not to exceed 10 cents per \$100 assessed value, contract, acquire or construct facilities, invest surplus moneys, issue bonds, and annex other territory. No collective bargaining provisions. April 19. **SL-Bad**

AB 2795 Burton (Jud.) Civil rights: use of publicly owned property. Prohibits any person, firm, association, or organization that rents, leases, or uses any publicly owned real property or facilities from denying the use of such real property or facilities to any person on account of his race, creed, color, or national origin and prescribes penalties for violation. April 19. **CR-Good**

AB 2796 Meyers (Trans. & C.) Licensing of vehicle repair shops. Prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle repair shop unless it is licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Provides that the department shall require proof from an applicant that the shop does not violate local fire, sanitary and safety ordinances. Provides for departmental regulations requiring

minimum facilities and service procedures. Provides for license revocations following notice and hearing. Specifies a \$25 fee for an original license and \$15 for each annual renewal. Prohibits the employment in a repair shop of persons not holding a certificate of completion under any applicable apprenticeship program, or not an apprentice. Provides for issuance of the certificate to person with four years' experience in automotive repair trades. Operative January 1, 1962. April 19. **MI, SL-Watch**

AB 2798 Beaver (Fin. & Ins.) Disability insurance policies. Recasts language requiring disability insurance policies providing for payment of medical, surgical or hospital expenses on a reimbursement basis, to permit the insured to select the services of any licensed physician and surgeon or chiroprapist whose license authorizes him to perform services covered by the policy. April 20. **IN-Watch**

AB 2807 Thelin (Ind.R.) Workmen's compensation: referees. Provides that referees conducting proceedings on workmen's compensation claims shall be employees of, and maintained by, the Division of Administrative Procedure, rather than of the Industrial Accident Commission, and, when needed, shall be requested from the division by the commission. Provides that referees requested by the commission shall conduct workmen's compensation proceedings for only one year and not be reassigned to such proceedings for two years, except to conduct proceedings on claims previously assigned to the referee. April 20. **WC-Bad**

AB 2813 George E. Brown (Mun. & C.G.) Group insurance for public employees. Authorizes local public agencies to approve group insurance plans of their officers and employees as well as to contract for them and authorizes the agency to approve plans where a bona fide employees' association is the master contract holder. Authorizes local agencies to adopt rules, regulations and procedures to implement and administer the group plan and to advise employees and officers of the terms and provisions of the plan. Authorizes officers and employees of public agencies to have group insurance premiums deducted from their wages if the plan of insurance is approved by the governing body. April 20. **PE, IN-Good**

AB 2815 George E. Brown, Jr. (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation: additional permanent disability payments. Provides that employee upon application may be awarded additional compensation, payable by the State, for permanent disability if the employees have been awarded permanent total disability ratings in the past and are now receiving compensation in an amount less than that which they would receive were their compensation computed under present standards. Provides procedures for determining award and administration of funds, and makes an appropriation. April 20. **WC-Good**

ACA 70 DeLotto (C.A.) Property taxation: veterans' exemption. Deems property which may be exempt as including a single-family dwelling owned by a nonprofit co-operative ownership housing corporation or a nonprofit co-operative ownership housing trust as part of a housing project, organized and operated under the "National Housing Act," if such dwelling is occupied under an "occupancy agreement" by a person otherwise qualified for the exemption who has an interest in the corporation or trust represented by a membership or share certificate therein. April 17. **HO-Good**

ACA 72 Unruh (C.A.) Workmen's compensation. Provides that the Legislature shall have power to provide for payment of an award to State on the accidental death of an employee without dependents, and that the award may be used to pay extra compensation to employees for subsequent injuries. April 19. **WC-Good**

ACA 73 Don A. Allen (C.A.) Television programing. Provides transmission of television signals within the State for reception within the State for which a viewing charge is made, and which signal is broadcast or transmitted either through the use of coin-operated receivers or through the use of telephone or other cable. April 19. **NT-Watch**

ACA 75 Carrell (C.A.) Senatorial districts. Provides that each county containing more than 10 assembly districts shall be divided into senatorial districts equal in number to one senatorial district for each 10 assembly districts or fraction thereof. Requires the Legislature to make the division in any such county by January 15, 1963, and requires that a special election be called by January 20, 1963, in the same manner as prescribed for calling elections to fill vacancies in the Senate or Assembly, to be held at the same time as municipal elections in the county in April of 1963, to elect a Senator from each such district other than that in which the incumbent Senator from the county resides. Provides for staggering of terms of persons so elected, to coincide with existing pattern for senatorial elections. Provides that districts so formed shall consist of compact, contiguous assembly districts, and shall contain an equal number of assembly districts, if possible, and in no event to deviate from any other district by more than one assembly district. Requires the Legislature, at its 1963 Regular Session, to redivide the remainder of the State into senatorial districts, in order to reduce the number of such districts to 40; but provides that this shall not operate to shorten the terms of incumbents. Provides that thereafter the Legislature, following each decennial federal census, shall redivide the entire State into senatorial districts. April 20. **EL, SL-Watch**

- SB 1236 Miller** (Ed.) Financial support for junior colleges. Provides for the levy of a statewide property tax of 18 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation, to be collected and distributed by the State to provide additional equalization aid for districts maintaining junior colleges, and prescribes necessary procedures to carry out program. Increases, from \$494 to \$560, the junior college foundation program amount per a.d.a. in grades 13 and 14 to be in effect in fiscal year 1961-1962 and thereafter, and reduces from 24 cents to 18 cents the computational and qualifying tax rates to be in effect in such fiscal years. Reduces from \$300 to \$150 per a.d.a. the capital outlay "seat fee" presently imposed for junior college pupils in interdistrict attendance. Places limitations based upon prospective enrollment and assessed evaluations in formation of new junior college districts; provides for establishment of criteria governing content and grading of nontransfer credit courses; requires all property tax revenues raised for junior college purposes to be devoted to such purposes, places various qualifications upon junior college current expenditures, and prescribes accounting controls to be effected in that connection; and makes other related changes. Operative July 1, 1961. To take effect immediately, urgency measure. April 13. **SC—Watch**
- SB 1245 Grunsky** (Ed.) Definition of school month. Provides that a school month for employee pay purposes may be defined by the school board and limits other provisions in section to defining school month for purposes of attendance counting. April 14. **SC—Bad**
- SB 1251 O'Sullivan** (Wat. Res.) Loans to local agencies for water project feasibility studies. Creates a Water Project Feasibility Board with authority to make loans to local agencies for the financing of feasibility studies of proposed water projects for the purpose of carrying out the objectives of the State Water Plan. Transfers \$3,000,000 from General Fund to Water Projects Engineering Feasibility Fund to be used for purposes of such loans. To take effect immediately, urgency measure. April 14. **WP—Watch**
- SB 1253 Miller** (B. & P.) Adds a new branch to professional engineering designated as "industrial engineering." Defines what constitutes such practice and provides for the registration of qualified applicants without examination until October 1, 1962. April 14. **CW—Watch**
- *SB 1254 Miller** (B. & P.) Group legal practice. Prohibits the Board of Governors of the State Bar and the Supreme Court of California from disciplining, reproofing, or in any way penalizing any attorney engaged in group legal practice as defined therein. April 14. **LU, MI—Good**
- SB 1264 McAteer** (Gov. Eff.) Public purchases. Authorizes, rather than requires, the State or any city or county to prefer supplies grown, manufactured or produced in this State and next products partially manufactured or produced in this State. April 14. **SL—Bad**
- SB 1268 Collier** (Pub.U.) Nonpublic utility gas corporations. Provides for the regulation and licensing of nonpublic utility gas corporations. Defines a "nonpublic utility gas corporation" as every corporation or person owning, controlling, operating, or managing any gas transmission pipeline within this State, but excludes a public utility gas corporation. Confers certain powers upon the public utilities commission with respect to issuance of permits. Provides for enforcement of the act and penalties for the violation of the act. April 14. **MI—Watch**
- SB 1274 Miller** (Rev. & Tax.) Sales and use tax: exemptions. Exempts gross receipts from sale of, and the storage, use, or other consumption of, tangible personal property sold to educational institutions of collegiate grade which are exempt from taxation under the college exemption from property taxation. April 14. **TA—Watch**
- SB 1285 Shaw** (Ins. & F.I.) Exempts from provisions exempting unemployment insurance benefits from all claims of creditors, claims for alimony or support of a wife or former wife and claims for child support existing against any male entitled to benefits. April 17. **UI—Bad**
- SB 1290 Short** (L.Gov.) Authorizes changes and alterations in contracts without securing bids, with details thereof to be reduced to writing and costs to be agreed upon, if cost of change or alteration does not exceed the greater of the applicable minimum amount beyond which bids must be secured or 10 percent of the original contract price. Requires approval by a minimum of 75 percent of governing board membership for change or alteration with a cost in excess of the minimum amount beyond which bids must be secured, but less than 10 percent of the original contract price. April 17. **CW—Watch**
- SB 1294 Collier** (Trans.) Local vehicle license fees. Authorizes a county, under specified conditions, to impose a local vehicle license fee for the privilege of operating a vehicle upon public highways within the county, at a rate of 1 percent of the market value of the vehicle. Provides for distribution of revenue to the county and to cities in the county for road and street purposes. April 17. **MV, TA—Bad**
- SB 1297 Gibson** (Lab.) Provides that field surveys required for maps specially made under contract paid for out of public funds shall be included within the meaning of the term "public works." April 17. **CW, LC—Watch**
- SB 1316 Grunsky** (Ed.) Employees of reorganized school districts. Extends to reorganized school districts the provision that persons not requiring certification qualifications employed by districts which become unified shall continue as employees of the unified district for at least one year. Specifies which school districts such employees shall be employed by in various types of reorganizations. April 18. **SC—Watch**
- SB 1319 Geddes** (Nat. Res.) Natural resources. Declares state policy relating to the conservation, development and utilization of state resources. Provides for an annual resources and conservation report by the Governor to the Legislature. Establishes a Council of Resources and Conservation Advisers in the Governor's Office. Creates a Joint Legislative Investigating Committee on Resources and Conservation. April 18. **RE—Watch**
- SB 1329 Fisher** (Ed.) Elementary textbooks. Provides that no supplementary textbooks shall be purchased for use in an elementary school unless the county superintendent of schools, county board of education, or the clerk of the governing board of the school district has first filed with the Superintendent of Public Instruction an annual certification under penalties of perjury assuring that state-furnished textbooks are in use in the elementary schools in the district as prescribed by law. Prohibits a county superintendent or governing board from authorizing a warrant for purchase of any supplementary books unless a copy of such certification is on file with the county superintendent of schools. April 18. **SC—Watch**
- SB 1330 Fisher** (Ed.) Instruction materials by public officers and employees. Requires any state officer or employee who, during his period of employment with the State including leaves of absence with pay, writes a manuscript or materials intended for sale for use as instruction materials at the elementary and secondary school level, to make the manuscript or materials available to the State Board of Education for use in the elementary and secondary schools of the State, pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the board, on substantially the same terms and conditions that the manuscript or materials are made available to any person for publication. Permits such manuscript or materials to be made available to any person for publication but requires that any such agreement reserve to the officer or employee the right to make them available to the State. Act does not apply to agreements presently in existence which forbid submission to the State, but prohibits any agreement after its effective date which would prevent compliance with the act. Exempts agreements making manuscript or materials available to State from conflict of interest provisions. Violation of act by officer or employee of State is declared misdemeanor. April 18. **SC, PE—Watch**
- SB 1340 Begovich** (Lab.) Minors: employment. Exempts participation of minors in amateur horseback riding exhibitions, contests or events which are sponsored by nonprofit organizations and in which no minor receives payment for services or money prizes from provisions making it a misdemeanor to exhibit, use or employ minors under 16 in certain occupations or for certain purposes. April 19. **LC—Bad**
- SB 1342 Shaw** (Gov. Eff.) Provides that in investing moneys in the State Employees' Retirement Fund, the Board of Administration shall emphasize the investment of such moneys in industrial development in the State as long as such investments are available, and shall replace to the extent practicable and consistent with sound investment practices, existing investments in out-of-state industrial development in the State. Requires board to study and establish procedures to allow the board to provide its own investment banking functions with respect to investments in industrial development in the State. April 19. **PE—Good**
- SB 1352 Rattigan** (Gov. Eff.) Citizens' Advisory Committee on Aging. Prescribes functions of Citizens' Advisory Committee on Aging, and authorizes the committee to appoint an executive officer to administer the affairs of the committee and serve at its pleasure. Authorizes the committee to fix the salary of the executive officer, with the advice and consent of the Governor. Requires the executive officer to appoint a committee staff, to prescribe their duties and fix their salaries subject to the approval of the State Personnel Board and Department of Finance. Requires that the staff so appointed be appointed pursuant to the State Civil Service Act. Requires the committee to render annual written reports on its activities to the Governor, and specifies nature and contents of such reports. April 19. **SW—Watch**
- SB 1366 Miller** (Ins. & F.I.) Employers' reserve account rulings under U.I. Specifies that for purposes of reserve account rulings to employers concerning cause of termination of a claimant's employment, the claimant shall be presumed to have left without good cause if he voluntarily left without notification of employer, and employer submits to department all facts within his possession concerning the termination as otherwise required. April 19. **UI—Bad**
- SB 1368 Donnelly** (Ed.) Elementary textbooks. Provides that the State Board of Education shall request all persons offering elementary textbooks for adoption to submit them on the basis of a sale of completed textbooks to the State, and a lease of plates and other materials to the State for state printing. April 19. **SC—Good**
- SCR 53 Geddes** (Lab.) Home Improvement Month. Designates June, 1961, as "Home Improvement Month," and urges the people of California, members of the construction industry and lending institutions to engage in a program of home improvement, rehabilitation of housing, and urban renewal. April 19. **HO—Good**

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

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Monday, May 8th

Constitutional Amendments, 1:30 and 8:00 PM, Room 4164

ACA 47 (Busterud) Changes membership of commission on judicial appointments. **Bad**
ACA 37 (Petris) Executive reorganization plans. **Watch**

Criminal Procedure, 3:45 PM, Room 5168

SB 608 (Cobey) Interstate transfer of prisoners. **Watch**

Education, 3:45 PM, Room 2170

AB 2504 (Casey) County school equalization tax. **Watch**
AB 2280 (Z'berg) Cost of transportation of pupils. **Bad**
AB 2430 (Sedgwick) Dismissal of probationary teachers. **Bad**
SB 578 (Dolwig) Leasing of school land and buildings. **Watch**
SB 833 (Miller) Temporary or portable school buildings. **Watch**

Tuesday, May 9th

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

AB 1793, 1794 and 1795 (George A. Willson) Salaries of IAC referees. **Watch**
AB 1297 (Pattee) Certificate to operate barber colleges. **Good**
AB 2051 (Busterud) Acquisition of real property by redevelopment agencies for low-income housing. **Good**
AB 2358 (Belotti) Preference for California woods. **Good**
SB 243 (Burns) Prohibit loss leaders. **Bad**
SB 213 (McCarthy) Regulation of outdoor advertising. **Watch**
SB 582 (Geddes) Vending stands in public buildings. **Watch**
SB 702 (Miller) Bidding requirements on State purchases. **Watch**

Senate

Tuesday, May 2nd

Business and Professions, 1:00 PM, Room 3191

AB 842 (Hanna) Exemption from outdoor advertising act. **Watch**
AB 1730 (McMillan) Revises courses of instruction in barber colleges. **Watch**
***AB 697 (Gaffney)** Licensing of specialty contractors. **Good**
SB 823 (McCarthy) Prime bidders on public works. **Watch**
SB 599 (Thompson) Duration of barber college courses. **Watch**
SB 600 (Thompson) Experience of barber college instructors. **Bad**

Institutions, 10:00 AM, Room 2040

SB 212 (Stiern) Regional planning in hospital development. **Watch**

Judiciary on adjournment of Senate at 8:00 PM, Room 4203

SB 859 (Richards) Modifications in law of arrest. **Bad**
AB 65 (Carrell) Privileged communications. **Watch**

Transportation, 9:00 AM, Room 4203

SB 799 (Collier) Relocation of utility facilities within a freeway. **Bad**
SB 853 (McCarthy) Golden Gate transportation commission. **Watch**
AB 1395 (Bee) Seals for odometers. **Watch**
AB 1526 (Dahl) Exemptions from commercial motor vehicle weight fees. **Bad**

Wednesday, May 3rd

Education, 9:00 AM, Room 4202

AB 553 (Elliott) Duty-free lunch periods. **Good**
AB 1561 (Hegland) Official actions of school district governing boards. **Bad**

AB 1403 (Waldie) Extension of teacher tenure to all districts. **Good**

AB 1678 (Mills) Protections for substitute teachers. **Good**

AB 1897 (Porter) Teacher pay periods. **Watch**
SB 665 (Geedes) Self-help scholarship program. **Watch**

Governmental Efficiency, 9:30 AM, Room 4203

SB 922 (Gibson) Revise pilotage rate through Golden Gate. **Watch**

SB 925 (Gibson) Creates a pilotage rate committee for San Francisco, San Pablo and Suisun bays. **Watch**

SB 938 (Rodda) Public placement service for teachers. **Good**

SB 1031 (Miller) Governmental immunity from tort liability. **Bad**

SB 1045 (McAteer) Presumption regarding heart trouble under workmen's compensation. **Good**

AB 1296 (Cameron) OASDI coordination for hospital employees in public districts. **Good**

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

SB 768 (Cobey) Credit sales regulation. **Good**
SB 1037 (Dolwig) Definition of non-cancelable disability insurance policies. **Watch**

AB 732 (Burton) Prohibit discrimination in motor vehicle liability insurance. **Good**
AB 828 (Busterud) Industrial loan company regulations. **Bad**

AB 1217 (Hanna) Guaranteed savings and loan association mortgages. **Watch**

Social Welfare, 1:00 PM, Room 4040

SB 1100 (Robert D. Williams) Legal interpretation of public assistance laws. **Bad**

SB 1003 (Arnold) Community property income exemption — OAS. **Good**

SB 318 and 320 (Geddes) Housing for the elderly. **Good**

AB 140 (Kilpatrick) Rental allowances in public assistance. **Watch**

Thursday, May 4th

Local Government, 1:00 PM, Room 4040

SB 828 and 829 (McCarthy) Bidding requirements for school district contracts. **Bad**

SB 1080 (Miller) Labor claims for work performed in road districts. **Watch**

SB 1084 (Miller) Force account work on county highways. **Watch**

***AB 348 (George E. Brown)** Representation on county boards of retirement. **Good**

AB 613 (Williamson) Presumption of heart trouble in county retirement systems for Fire Fighters. **Good**

AB 1783 and 1784 (George E. Brown) Rights of classified school district employees. **Good**

AB 1269 (Wolfrum) Minimum retirement allowance for county employees. **Good**

Public Utilities, 1:00 PM, Room 4040

AB 1872 (Petris) Alameda and Contra Costa counties transit district law. **Watch**

Monday, May 8th

Agriculture, 10:00 AM, Room 4203

SB 851 (Cobey) Sanitation requirements in fields. **Good**

Elections, 10:00 AM, Room 2040

AB 50 (Unruh) Absentee vote count. **Watch**

Labor, 1:30 PM, Room 4040

AB 1021 (Elliott) Placement of minors by employment agencies. **Good**

AB 807 (Knox) Boiler inspection. **Watch**

Tuesday, May 9th

Business and Professions, 1:00 PM, Room 3191

SB 926 (Gibson) Itinerant merchants. **Watch**

SB 940 (Gibson) Qualifications for contractors license. **Watch**

SB 1061 (McCarthy) Space requirements for schools of cosmetology. **Watch**

AB 846 (Hanna) Security posted by subdividers. **Good**

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

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on the Assembly floor, having received Ways and Means clearance this Monday. In Senate Agriculture, on the same day, over grower opposition, O'Sullivan also pushed out SB 993, giving the Governor legislative authority to appoint a five-man commission to study agricultural labor-management problems. The Commission would make recommendations for action to both the Governor and legislature.

Aged Discrimination

A "mild" bill to help stop employment discrimination against older workers started moving last week when the Assembly Industrial Relations Committee sent AB 1976 (Unruh) to Ways and Means with a "do pass" recommendation. Rather than placing this kind of discrimination under the state FEP commission, the bill would authorize the Department of Employment to develop older worker programs with emphasis on community education and improvement of job placement services.

Special Funds

There have been rumblings in the legislature about budgetary controls over special funds. Their transfer to the state "general fund" is the subject of AB 1879 (Unruh). As amended recently, this bill includes some 60 funds in Schedule 4 of the Governor's budget. Among these are the Employment and Contingent Fund and all business and professions funds, including the barbers examining fund, the contractors licensing fund, the cosmetology fund, the nurses examiner's fund and others.

8-Hour Law

The state Senate this Thursday dumped SB 807 (Fisher) which would have emasculated the women's eight-hour law. The measure was sent to the floor two weeks ago by the upper house Labor Committee.

STATE CONCILIATOR EXAM

The state Personnel Board has announced that an examination will be held on June 3rd to develop a new employment list for the position of state conciliator in the Department of Industrial Relations.

The final filing date for qualified, interested persons is May 12th. For copies of the announcement bulletin and applications, write California State Personnel Board, 801 Capitol Ave., Sacramento 14.

The announcement contains all the pertinent information on the position, educational requirements and experience needed in the field of labor-management relations.

Urgent! Contact Your Congressman on Minimum Wage Bill

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report a reasonably good bill, one that the AFL-CIO will support."

Because of the close vote by which the Administration bill was defeated in the House of Representatives, Biemiller notes "that much work must be done with House members to assure adoption of a strong conference report."

In his communication received this week, Biemiller adds:

"I therefore urge top priority be given to a letter-writing campaign to House members, asking them to vote FOR the conference report on minimum wages.

"Letters and wires should be addressed to Representatives at the House Office Building, Washington, D.C. Ask your Congressman to vote for the conference report on minimum wages. Encourage as many AFL-CIO members and other sympathetic people as possible to write their Congressman immediately on this issue."

Hopes in the conference report are pinned on retaining the essential provisions of the Senate-passed bill. They are as follows:

- Raise the minimum from its present level of \$1 to \$1.15 four months after enactment, and to \$1.25 two years after that.

- Give newly covered workers \$1 minimum the first year, \$1.05 the second, \$1.15 the third and \$1.25 the fourth.

- Put no ceiling on hours for newly covered workers the first year. In the second year, overtime would be payable after 44 hours, with the ceiling dropped to 42 hours the third year and 40 hours thereafter.

- **Extend wage-hour coverage to 2.4 million retail and service workers, 140,000 laundry workers, 30,000 telephone operators and 1 million employees of construction firms.**

- Provide minimum wage protection, but not overtime coverage, to 110,000 employees of local transit companies, 100,000 seamen and 33,000 seafood processing workers.

- **Set up a new test for coverage under which employees of retail establishments would be brought under the act if the firms do at least \$1 million worth of business a year and purchase at least \$250,000 worth of goods in interstate commerce. In chain operations, individual stores making less than \$250,000 in gross sales would be exempt.**

"Do Nothing" Session Linked to Monopoly Grip on State's Credit

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needs, Pitts issued the following 5-point statement:

"1. There is no legal reason standing in the way of the Department of Water Resources contracting with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to deliver water to valley service areas contemplated in the state water program.

"This was revealed and confirmed at hearings recently before the Senate Water Resources Committee, when two opinions by Legislative Counsel Ralph N. Kleps became public knowledge in an exchange of questions and answers concerning this issue between Senator George Miller, Jr., and Director of Water Resources, Wm. E. Warne, and Special Counsel and Deputy Director B. Abbott Goldberg.

"One of these Legislative Counsel opinions held that the Legislature could enact an acreage limitation patterned after Federal reclamation law either before state bonds are issued or after their issuance. This would remove the loophole in California law which offers the incentive to the big land interests to use the state as a means of supplanting Federal water developing aid.

"The other Legislative Counsel's opinion held that the Department of Water Resources could enter into a contract with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for the joint construction and operation of any authorized facilities under the California Water Resources Development Bond Act, including the California Aqueduct to the San Joaquin Valley and Southern California, requiring the imposition of the acreage limitation prescribed in the Federal reclamation laws. Such a contractual requirement would be valid and binding upon all purveyors and users of such water in the lower San Joaquin Valley, where 64 per cent of the lands in the potential service area are held by land barons.

"2. Thus, expanded Federal-State cooperation on water development to relieve the demand upon state bond funds required to deliver water to the central valley is entirely feasible and a matter of urgent necessity.

"It is a well-known fact that the big landholders who insist upon exclusive use of the state's credit to develop and deliver their water supply are motivated by one primary purpose — personal profit.

"3. It is becoming equally apparent to working growers in the valley service area that the scheming of the landed monopolists means higher priced water outside the range for putting it to maximum economic use in many

crops, and also, the denial of a potentially cheaper source of water through Federal-State cooperative development under federal reclamation law.

"4. It is also apparent that the state cannot afford the luxury of bowing to the demands of the great land holders. California has many pressing social needs, of which water development is only one. The state must look as well to developing and preserving its human resources by providing for our growing needs in the fields of health, education and welfare. These include, for example, vast programs for expansion of state college and other higher education facilities, planning for our growing recreation needs, removing the cancer of urban blight in our rapidly decaying cities, stimulating urban renewal and redevelopment projects, attending to other growing problems in urban and suburban development including rapid transit, and providing for the housing needs of low- and moderate-income families and the aged. We need state programs also for retraining our growing army of jobless workers who have been displaced by automation. We need these and many other programs, but they all require the expenditure of additional state funds or the use of the state's credit.

"In virtually all of these areas the present legislature may be forced to go down in history as a "do nothing" session because of the present financial position of the state and the denial to legislators of any substantial use of the state's credit.

"5. There is no panacea for this problem, but certainly we should look to every area in which federal assistance may be available to the state to help meet these needs. In water development, the Kennedy administration has pledged itself to reverse the "no starts" policy in western reclamation and water development, looking forward to the completion of the original comprehensively planned Central Valley Project providing for federal development of valley water. We urge California to join the Kennedy administration. We call specifically upon the State Department of Water Resources to help make it possible for the legislature to use some of the state's credit to meet pressing social needs by taking the landed monopolists off the backs of California's taxpayers."

Thus far in 1961 session of the California Legislature there is no indication that the Department of Water Resources will ease this burden that hangs heavy over the heads of liberal legislators.

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700 to Compete in Fed. Scholarship Competition; Calif. Girl Wins AFL-CIO Award

Some 700 graduating high school seniors will compete in the Federation's 1961 scholarship competition offering five \$500 college awards. The application deadline on April 17th produced the largest number of participating students in the 11-year history of the labor-sponsored competition, according to state AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Thos. L. Pitts.

From Washington, D.C. this week, the national AFL-CIO announced also that a California girl from Clayton Valley High School, Concord, is one of six winners of a full four-year merit scholarship award. She is Mary Florence Cogar, daughter of a service station operator and member of Local 1173, International Association of Machinists.

State Competition

Participants in the Federation-sponsored program will compete in a two-hour written examination on May 19th in each high school where applicants have filed. The aim of the examination is to evaluate the student's knowledge and understanding of labor and industrial problems and his ability to present this information. Comprehension of past and present social and economic conditions affecting labor and management is also an important factor in the examination.

Following the examination, the papers will be returned to the Federation office for grading by competent university personnel without knowledge of the student's identity. The five award winners will then be selected from the school records and examination papers of the fifty highest students by a Committee of judges consisting of **Benjamin Aaron**, L.L.B., Director, Institute of Industrial Relations, UCLA; **Frederick A. Breier**, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Economics, University of San Francisco; and **Leon F. Lee**, Ph.D., Director, Institute of Industrial Relations, San Jose State College.

Senior high school students in public, private or parochial schools in California who are planning to attend a college or university anywhere in the U.S. make up the participants in the competition. The \$500 awards may be used to assist the student in any field of knowledge, and is not limited to those interested in labor alone.

Local central labor bodies and un-

ions have been cooperating with the Federation in encouraging student participation in the competition.

National Awards

Announcement this week of the six winners of AFL-CIO merit scholarships brings to 18 those thus honored since the program was inaugurated in 1959. These scholarships are based on tests conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

The AFL-CIO awards, of which Miss Cogar is a winner, range up to \$1,500 per year depending on the actual costs involved and the funds available to the student. The awards are subject to change if the family financial circumstances change during the year.

Presentation of Miss Cogar's award will be made at a dinner affair being planned by the Contra Costa Central Labor Council for May 4th at the Concord Inn. It is an open event with broad attendance expected from trade unionists and educators in the area. Requests for tickets should be sent to council secretary Hugh Caudel, 729 Castro St., Martinez.

Federation officials will also be on hand to honor Miss Cogar, who plans to enter the University of California to prepare for a career as an elementary school teacher with a prime objective of teaching math and literature.

In announcing the national award winners AFL-CIO President George Meany said: "The AFL-CIO looks forward to the day when all of America's young people have the opportunity to complete a college education. Federally-financed scholarships for college study would be a long step forward toward a stronger democracy and would show the world that, in America, opportunities are equal. In the meantime, however, the AFL-CIO is happy to prove its interest in furthering educational opportunities by these awards."

LEGISLATIVE AIDS FOR LOCAL UNIONS

The national AFL-CIO has announced the availability of two new leaflets to assist local organizations in communicating with their legislators.

"When you Write your Congressman" (Publication No. 116) is a leaflet designed for use in local union meetings and other meetings of AFL-CIO members during periods which are set aside for writing letters and postcards to their legislative representatives.

The other leaflet, "How Can You Pay Health Bills After 65?", is aimed specifically at mobilizing a letter-writing campaign behind the Anderson-King bill. This is President Kennedy's proposal, backed by labor, to provide health benefits for the aged through social security.

Both leaflets are available through Pamphlet Division of the AFL-CIO Department of Publications, 815 16th Street, N.W., Washington 6, D.C. There is no charge for No. 116, available in limited quantities. The health insurance leaflet is free in single copies for reproduction. In quantities they are 1c each up to 100; 75c per 100; \$6.00 for 1,000 copies.

FED SPONSORS HANDICAPPED ESSAY WINNER

The state winner of the 1961 annual essay contest sponsored by the Governor's Committee for the Employment of the Handicapped has been awarded a trip to Washington by the California Labor Federation.

Federation Secretary-Treasurer Thos. L. Pitts last week presented Lisa Levitt of Del Mar High School, San Jose, the award to attend the annual meeting of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped.

Other state Federations, in cooperation with the national AFL-CIO, have similarly sponsored state winners.

Lisa Levitt was selected from nineteen local winners in California picked by Employ the Physically Handicapped committees in town throughout the State after judging severay hundred essays submitted by public and private high school juniors and seniors, all writing on the theme "Jobs for the Handicapped — A Community Challenge."