

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

Social Insurance and Employment Security Programs

Recommendations of assembly subcommittees on Workmen's Compensation, Disability Insurance and Unemployment Compensation are beginning to move through the Assembly Finance and Insurance Committee. In next week's News Letter we will report fully on developments which, as we go to press are too sketchy to present any meaningful story of what's going on in Sacramento regarding these programs.

In this session of the legislature one can't be sure of anything until it's in black and white and the print is dry.

Federation Bills on Floor

Following on the heels of the defeat of *AB 425 (see lead story, page 1) is *AB 402 (Hicks) which would repeal the unconstitutional "Hot Cargo Act" which is still in the Labor Code. This repeal provision was part of AB 425 and the Assembly will have a chance to vote on it separately in the Hicks bill.

Also on the lower house floor is *AB 542 (Kilpatrick) which revises the Labor Code penalty for failure to pay wages. The measure provides for a 90 rather than 30 days continuation of the wage payment penalty when employers fail to pay an employee who is discharged or quits.

Dead and Buried

Another major bill sponsored by the Federation has been killed for the session — but with kindness, by referral

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STATE ASSEMBLY DUMPS "LITTLE NORRIS-LaGUARDIA ACT"

The State Assembly this Wednesday wrote the final chapter in the short life of AB 425 (Burton), the "Little Norris LaGuardia Act" sponsored by the California Labor Federation.

By a vote of 31 to 42 that was latter expunged from the record, the Assembly rejected the measure and then sent it back to committee.

Final defeat for the measure followed a major effort by the Federation, with the active support of local movements, to clarify the scope and purpose of the bill to legislators, who last week voted for "reconsideration" after an initial defeat of the bill.

A combined lobby of industrial and agricultural employer groups maintained their hold over a majority of conservatives and rural "liberals" in the lower house who accounted for the measure's defeat. An entangled parliamentary situation, however, obscured the roll call votes surrounding this Wednesday's action on the measure, leaving only the roll call taken last week on the initial vote for passage as a significant measure of support for the labor bill. (See Newsletter, May 12th issue).

As the measure went down in final defeat, AB 425 would have restricted the use of the anti-labor injunction against lawful union activities, and repealed the so-called "hot cargo" law which remains in the Labor Code despite its having been declared unconstitutional.

Provisions originally in the measure which would have also repealed the misnamed state jurisdictional strike act were removed from the bill prior to the initial floor vote a week earlier after AB 425 was reported from committee.

Another amendment at that time spelled out that the bill would not have prohibited the issuance of an injunction in cases involving a breach of a collective bargaining agreement.

Further amendments inserted this week also removed application to public employment, and declared specifically that the state jurisdictional strike act would remain unaffected by the bill.

As the bill was taken up this Wednesday for the second time final emasculating amendments were offered which would have given the courts the power to block any concerted activity designed to achieve an objective which the courts themselves deemed to be unlawful. Opposed by the Federation, they were defeated by a vote of 54 to 11.

The vote on passage followed this skirmish. Tally of the roll call showed 31 Assemblymen for the measure and 42 against it, but the record was expunged (wiped clean) by a roll call vote of 42 to 22.

The vote to expunge had the effect of recinding the action by which the measure failed, thus restoring AB 425

WEAKENED "FAIR HOUSING BILL" SQUEAKS BY ASSEMBLY

By vote of 44 to 31, with only three votes to spare, the state Assembly this Tuesday approved and sent to the Senate AB 801, a weakened version of the Hawkins anti-discrimination bill in housing supported by organized labor, minority and other community groups.

As approved by the lower house, the main feature of the bill is that it places enforcement of the anti-discrimination ban under the state fair employment practices commission.

The coverage provisions of the bill are essentially the same as those in the Hawkins fair housing passed by the legislature in 1959 with application restricted to publicly supported housing such as that financed under Cal-Vet, VA, and FHA programs. Tract housing in units of five or more would be covered by the anti-bias ban as well as multiple dwellings having three or more family units.

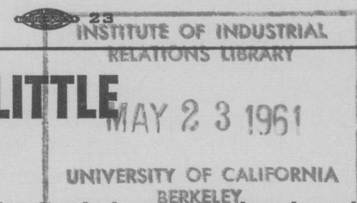
Here is the way members of the

Assembly voted on passage of the bill:

Ayes—Bruce F. Allen, Bagley, Bane, Bee, George E. Brown, Busterud, Cameron, Casey, Crown, Cunningham, Davis, DeLotto, Dills, Elliott, Flournoy, Gaffney, Garrigus, Hanna, Hawkins, Hegland, Hicks, Kennick, Kilpatrick, Knox, Leggett, Lunardi, Marks, McMillan, Meyers, Mills, Munnell, Nisbet, O'Connell, Petris, Rees, Rumford, Sumner, Thomas, Unruh, Waldie, Charles H. Wilson, Winton, and Z'berg—44.

Noes — Beaver, Belotti, Bradley, Britschgi, Burke, Chapel, Collier, Cologne, Coolidge, Cusanovich, Dahl, Francis, Frew, Grant, Holmes, Lanterman, Levering, Lowrey, Luckel, Monagan, Mulford, Pattee, Porter, Reagan, Schrade, Sedg-

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to interim committee for study, study, study . . .

This is *AB 406 (Hicks) which would have established democratic procedures for determining collective bargaining rights in intrastate commerce. Under California law such procedures are totally lacking, making it virtually impossible for many employees in intrastate commerce to exercise their organizational and collective bargaining rights. This, of course, includes agriculture, which is also exempt from national labor management law.

*AB 406 was given a brief hearing in the Assembly Industrial Relations Committee last Thursday when it was sent to interim committee for study along with another Federation measure, *AB 403 (Hicks). The latter bill would have separately repealed the so-called state jurisdictional strike act which has been used almost exclusively to block bonafide unions in representation cases rather than jurisdictional disputes.

Civil Rights

Following the passage of a weakened fair housing bill this Tuesday (see story on page 1), the Assembly also approved on Wednesday AB 69 (Burton) which makes the practice of discrimination a cause for revocation or suspension of a license issued by the state. This important piece of legislation covers all licensees, including doctors, dentists, real estate agents, etc. An amendment to the bill spells out that revocation or suspension will not be imposed for the cause of discrimination "except on willful continued refusal to provide such service or assistance after written notice to the licensee by the applicable agency to cease and desist" from the practice of discrimination. The vote was 51 to 15. Here it is:

Ayes—Beaver, Bee, Belotti, George E. Brown, Burton, Busterud, Cameron, Casey, Coolidge, Crown, Cunningham, Davis, DeLotto, Dills, Elliott, Fournoy, Frew, Gaffney, Garrigus, Hanna, Hawkins, Hicks, House, Kennick, Kilpatrick, Knox, Leggett, Lowrey, Lunardi, Marks, McMillan, Meyers, Mills, Monagan, Munnell, Nisbet, O'Connell, Pattee, Petris, Rees, Rumford, Sumner, Thomas, Unruh, Waldie, Williamson, George A. Willson, Charles H. Wilson, Winton, Z'berg, and Ralph M. Brown.

Noes—Bagley, Bradley, Britschgi, Burke, Collier, Conrad, Cusanovich, Holmes, Lanterman, Levering, Luckel, Reagan, Shell, Thelin, and Wolfrum.

Another Burton Civil Rights bill, *AB 1227, was approved in the lower house by a vote of 44 to 22. This extends the provisions of the Unruh Civil Rights Act (prohibiting discrimination in accommodations and use of public facilities and services) to protect the

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COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Assembly

Tuesday, May 23rd

Government Organization, 1:30 PM, Room 5168

AB 2685 (Petris) Creates state safety advisory commission. **Watch**

AB 2821 (Winton) Force account labor in county contracts. **Bad**

AB 2947 (Knox) Outdoor advertising regulation—permits stricter regulation by counties. **Bad**

AB 3006 (Kilpatrick) Provide loans to unemployed individuals eligible for U.I. enrolled in retraining courses. **Watch**

AB 1723 (Petris) Executive reorganization plans. **Watch**

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

AB 2751 (Mills) Wrecking and demolition contractors. **Watch**

AB 1365 (George E. Brown) Licensing of interior designers and decorators. **Watch**

AB 2881 (Meyers) Community redevelopment projects—justification. **Watch**

AB 2850 (Kennick) Specialty licenses for general contractors who are prime bidders. **Watch**

SB 243 (Burns) Prohibits loss leaders under state Unfair Trade Practices law. **Watch**

AB 2898 (Carrell) Advertising by barbers. **Good**

AB 2867 (Unruh) Physical therapy licensing. **Watch**

AB 2428 (Unruh) Certification of building designers by Architectural Examiners Board. **Bad**

AB 2571 (Burton) Adds discrimination based on sex to FEP law. **Watch**

AB 2781 (Unruh) Exemptions from Civil and Professional Engineers Act. **Watch**

Natural Resources, Planning, and Public Works, 1:30 PM, Room 2196

AB 2996 (Leggett) Creates Youth Conservation Commission. **Watch**

Water, 1:30 PM, Room 4202

AB 2224 (Garrigus) Acreage limitation by crops. **Watch**

AB 2019 (Porter) Prohibits any regulation of unjust enrichment in water development. **Bad**

AB 2363 (Porter) Establish State policy on recreation re water development. **Watch**

Wednesday, May 24th

Agriculture, 1:30 PM, Room 4202

AB 2828 (Don A. Allen) Penalties for violation of weights and measures law. **Good**

***AB 545 (Mills)** Prohibit tolerances below stated net weights. **Good**

AB 3045 (Meyers) Refrigeration of eggs on sale. **Good**

Education, 3:45 PM, Room 4202

AB 2878 (George E. Brown) Defense for school employees. **Good**

AB 2892 (George E. Brown) Teacher internship program. **Watch**

AB 2916 (DeLotto) County equalization school tax. **Watch**

AB 2069 (Francis) Political teaching and activities of teachers. **Bad**

AB 627 (George E. Brown) Length of school days. **Watch**

Also to be heard is subcommittee report on teacher credential revision bills, including SB 57 (Fisher), AB 1772 and 1773 (Bee), AB 1361 (Garrigus), and SB 624 (Grunsky).

Judiciary, 2:30 PM, Room 4164

***AB 666 (Marks)** Prohibit lie detector tests for employees. **Good**

AB 1793-95 (George A. Willson) Salaries of IAC referees. **Watch**

AB 2698 (Hanna) Actions against contractors time limitation. **Bad**

AB 2715 (Bagley) Licensing of polygraph examiners. **Bad**

AB 2790 (Marks) Administration of estates. **Good**

AB 2844 (Bagley) Judges' qualifications for IAC members. **Bad**

AB 3035 (Thelin) Revise IAC composition. **Bad**

Public Health, 1:30 PM, Room 5168

AB 2759 (Gaffney) Organized camps — regulation by Public Health Department. **Watch**

AB 2378 (Cameron) Regulations prescribing hospital practices and procedures. **Good**

AB 2379 (Cameron) Hospitals uniform accounting system. **Good**

AB 2750 (Hegland) Administration of county medical facilities—revision. **Bad**

AB 1975 (Lunardi) Radiation control law. **Good**

AB 2487 (Bane) Enrollment fees for barber colleges. **Watch**

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

AB 2793 (DeLotto) Fresno Metropolitan Transit District—no collective bargaining. **Bad**

Thursday, May 25th

Finance and Insurance Health Subcommittee, 3:45 PM, Room 2196

AB 2380 (Cameron) Premium refunds on cancellation of policies. **Good**

AB 2254 (Cameron) Health insurance for aged on contributory basis. **Watch**

AB 2798 (Beaver) Chiropractors requirement in health insurance programs. **Watch**

Industrial Relations, 1:30 PM, Room 5168

AB 2679 (Waldie) IAC hearings. **Bad**

AB 2755 (Gaffney) Telephones in elevators. **Good**

AB 2569 (Knox) Payment of wages by employment agencies supplying temporary office help. **Bad**

***AB 2667 (O'Connell)** Prohibit employment agency fees against employee. **Good**

AB 1339 (Meyers) Aliens in government service. **Good**

AB 720 (Thelin) Public employee rights. **Bad**

AB 2474 (Burton) Employee gratuities. **Good**

AB 2171 (Hawkins) Subcommittee report on retraining benefits. **Watch**

Judiciary, 2:30 PM, Room 4164

(Bills not heard on Wednesday, May 24th)

Municipal and County Government, 1:30 and 8:00 PM, Room 2170

AB 2833 (Cologne) Two-thirds requirement on adoption of local sales tax. **Good**

AB 1957 (Z'berg) Civil liability of private firms rendering fire protection service. **Watch**

AB 2092 (Rumford) Prevailing rate of compensation of county employees. **Good**

Transportation and Commerce, 3:45 PM, Room 5168

AB 2497 (Bagley) Special license for convicted drunk drivers. **Good**

Monday, May 29th

Constitutional Amendments, 1:30 PM, Room 4164

ACA 72 (Unruh) Payment of awards to State re accidental death of employee without dependents. **Good**

ACA 56 (Rees) Appointment of Superintendent of Public Instruction. **Bad**

ACA 85 (Winton) Property tax assessments. **Bad**

ACA 29 (Hawkins) Prohibit lien on public assistance recipients using county hospitals. **Good**

Education, 3:45 PM, Room 2170

AB 2918 (Hegland) Teacher credential requirements prescribed by educational institutions. **Watch**

AB 3074 (Unruh) Elementary textbooks. **Good**

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Transportation and Commerce, 1:30 PM, Room 5168

AB 2796 (Meyers) Licensing of vehicle repair shops. **Watch**

Tuesday, May 30th

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

AB 3125 (Meyers) Disciplinary action against contractors. **Good**

AB 3132 (Meyers) License professional inspectors. **Watch**

SB 823 (McCarthy) Bidding procedures on public works. **Watch**

Senate

Tuesday, May 23rd

Education, 9:00 AM, Room 4202

SB 1424 (Farr) Junior college dormitories and other facilities. **Watch**

SB 1490 (Farr) School district faculty welfare funds. **Watch**

SB 1368 (Donnelly) Elementary textbook submissions. **Good**

SB 1329 and 1330 (Fisher) Elementary textbooks and instructional materials written by public officers and employees. **Good**

SB 1380 (Grunsky) Work experience education. **Bad**

SB 1446 (Miller) Revocation of teaching credentials. **Watch**

Fish and Game, 1:30 PM, Room 4040

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

Transportation, 9:00 AM, Room 4203

SB 1202 (Dolwig) Prohibit drivers license renewal on failure to pay traffic violation fines. **Bad**

SB 1294 (Collier) County local vehicle license fee. **Bad**

SB 1484 (Backstrand) Sales and use tax—motor vehicles. **Bad**

Wednesday, May 24th

Education, 9:00 AM, Room 4202

AB 1013 (Winton) Restricted teacher certification. **Watch**

AB 1596 (Winton) Suspension of students—maximum. **Watch**

AB 1437 (Stiern) Two-thirds requirement for unified district. **Bad**

Subcommittee report relating to junior college fiscal matters.

Governmental Efficiency, 9:30 AM, Room 4203

SB 1352 (Rattigan) Create citizens advisory committee on aging. **Watch**

SB 1494 (Farr) State purchases for tax-supported public agencies. **Watch**

SB 1517 (Grunsky) Establishment of TV communications section in Department of Finance. **Watch**

AB 890, 892, 894-898 (Z'berg) Revisions in Cartwright Act re restraint of trade. **Watch**

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

SB 1213 (Burns) Mortgage guarantee insurance. **Watch**

SB 1530 (Miller) Continuation of health and welfare insurance during work stoppages. **Good**

AB 1135 (Rees) Real estate investment by life insurers. **Bad**

Social Welfare, 1:00 PM, Room 4040

SB 1301 (McCarthy) Eligibility for county indigent aid. **Bad**

SB 935 (Collier) Increases OAS benefits by amount of any federal allocation increase. **Good**

SB 1502 (Sturgeon) Burial benefit for OAS recipients. **Good**

SB 320 (Geddes) Low-cost housing development for elderly. **Good**

"Bracero" Law Battle Shaping in U.S. Senate

The House of Representatives recently approved a straight two-year extension of P.L. 78 (the much abused "bracero" importation law) without the protections demanded by labor for both domestic farm workers and the imported Mexican nationals themselves.

Here is a rundown of the Congressional situation as the scene of major battle now shifts to the U.S. Senate.

Early in this session of Congress, Ezekiel C. Gathings (D., Ark.) introduced HR 2010, calling for a four-year extension of P.L. 78, without amendment. Early in March, with only short notice, Gathings called hearings on the bill before his own subcommittee on Agriculture, thus catching the labor-liberal bloc without an alternative bill of its own.

As anticipated, the Gathings subcommittee reported the Gathings bill favorably to the full Committee on Agriculture. In the meanwhile, friends of farm workers rallied behind a bill which had the backing of the Kennedy Administration, and which was introduced by Congressman Merwin Coad (Dem., Iowa), himself a member of the Committee on Agriculture. The Coad

SB 377 (Geddes) Excess needs allowance for OAS recipients re low-cost housing. **Watch**

Thursday, May 25th

Finance, 9:30 AM, Room 4203

SB 447 (Teale) Creates Division of Aeronautics in Public Works Department. **Watch**

SCA 10 and SB 414 (Burns) \$100 million bond issue for low-cost housing program for elderly. **Good**

SB 616 (McBride) Education of emotionally handicapped minors. **Good**

Public Health and Safety, 1:30 PM, Room 2040

AB 1549 (Rumford) Disposal of radioactive waste. **Watch**

AB 1626 (Hegland) Frozen food locker plants. **Watch**

Friday, May 26th

Natural Resources, 9:00 AM, Room 2040

*SB 1460 (Arnold) Use of inmate labor — protections against free labor displacement. **Good**

Monday, May 29th

Agriculture, 10:00 AM, Room 4203

AB 2441 (Bagley) Egg standards. **Bad**

Labor, 1:30 PM, Room 4040

SB 1523 and 1524 (Miller) Exempt from labor contractor employment agencies hiring employees for overflow work for third party. **Bad**

Revenue and Taxation, 1:30 PM, Room 3191

SB 6 (McCarthy) Exempt drugs from sales tax. **Good**

Tuesday, May 30th

Business and Professions, 1:00 PM, Room 3191

AB 1730 (McMillan) Barber school courses of instruction. **Watch**

AB 2133 (Hanna) Contractors — exemptions from licensing and application after suspension or revocation. **Good**

AB 1498 (Reagan) Barber college instructors. **Watch**

AB 858 (Hanna) Bond requirement for persons engaged in business of home improvement. **Watch**

AB 1610 (O'Connell) Cosmetology examinations. **Watch**

Fish and Game, 1:30 PM, Room 4040

AB 1965 (Thomas) Pacific Maritime Fisheries Compact. **Good**

Bill (H.R. 6032) called for reforms in Public Law 78 such as the following:

(1) Authorization of the Secretary of Labor to limit the number of braceros employed by a grower, so as to stimulate more active recruitment of domestic farm workers.

(2) Requirement that prospective bracero-users offer U.S. workers terms and conditions comparable to those guaranteed Mexican contract workers.

(3) Requirement that bracero-users offer domestic farm workers at least as much as the average hourly rate for farm workers in the nation or in their State, whichever is lower.

With these amendments, the Administration bill would have extended Public Law 78 for two years beyond its present expiration date of December 31, 1961.

The House Committee on Agriculture overwhelmingly approved the Gathings bill, with Coad being joined only by Lester Johnson (Dem., Wis.) and Daniel Inouye (Dem., Hawaii) in voting against it. The Gathings bill was, however, modified to call for a two year instead of four year extension.

Labor and liberal forces hoped that Coad would file a minority report listing the arguments for his bill and against the Gathings bill. A minority report was in fact prepared, but owing to the intervention of House Speaker Sam Rayburn, was never filed.

For this, among other reasons, the vote on the floor of the House was overwhelming in support of extension of Public Law 78, without any change, for another two years.

Bracero-users, however, must attempt to steer the Gathings bill or its equivalent through the U.S. Senate. On this issue, however, the Senate may prove less grower-oriented than the lower house since farm workers can count on a substantial and highly capable minority to fight their fight in committee rooms and on the floor of the Senate.

There is also the possibility that the friends of farm labor may have the active assistance of the White House. The threat of a Presidential veto of any bill without reforms would immeasurably strengthen the hand of the proponents of the Coad approach. It is highly unlikely the farm employers' bloc could muster the two-thirds vote necessary to override a veto.

Given these circumstances, a possibility exists of securing needed amendments to P.L. 78 in the Senate. Observers in Washington note that these chances will be substantially increased only if the friends of farm workers, from every area and every walk of life, let the Senate know they are watching this contest with interest and will remember the votes of those who bow to growers' demands for continuation of a foreign contract labor program with grossly inadequate protections for domestic farm workers.

California's Senators are Clair Engle and Thomas Kuchel, who may be written c/o Senate Office Building, Washington 25, D.C.

Another key Senator is Eugene McCarthy (Dem., Minn.) who was a member of the House Committee on Agriculture in 1951, when the Congress was first considering the bill which subsequently became Public Law 78. McCarthy filed a vigorous minority report at that time. He is now a member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, and will again be at the forefront of the battle against the viciously anti-labor bracero system. Observers also note McCarthy must have active support from the public in the pending fight.

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equal rights of non-citizens as well as citizens.

Still another significant Civil Rights bill that has passed the Assembly and is now on the senate side is AB 1860 (Waldie). This is a measure which would establish an effective means of doing away with restrictive covenants in the transfer of property. The vote was close with only three extra for passage:

Ayes—Don A. Allen, Bagley, Bane, Beaver, George E. Brown, Burton, Busterud, Carrell, Casey, Crown, DeLotto, Dills, Elliott, Flournoy, Frew, Gaffney, Garrigus, Hanna, Hawkins, Hegland, Hicks, House, Kennick, Kilpatrick, Knox, Leggett, Lowrey, Marks, McMillan, Mills, Monagan, Nisbet, O'Connell, Pattee, Porter, Rees, Rumford, Sumner, Thomas, Unruh, Waldie, Williamson, George A. Willson, and Charles H. Wilson—44.

Noes—Bruce F. Allen, Belotti, Bradley, Burke, Chapel, Collier, Cologne, Conrad, Coolidge, Cusanovich, Dahl, Davis, Grant, Lanterman, Levering, Luckel, Lunardi, Mulford, Reagan, Schrade, Sedgwick, Shell, Thelin, and Wolfrum—24.

Apprenticeship Funds

A little bill to extend to apprenticeship contributions the penalty provisions applicable to non-payment of health and welfare contributions has been approved by the Assembly and sent to the upper house. This is AB 2408 (Petris) which carries a statement that the bill is intended to be a clarification of the original intent of the legislature.

Community Redevelopment

AB 2394 (Burton) is a bill deleting a present provision in the state community redevelopment law which prohibits a redevelopment agency from transferring property to a housing authority for low-rent public housing projects. This was passed by the Assembly last week by a vote of 50 to 22.

The bill could be an important piece of legislation if it ever gets through the Senate, should the Kennedy Administration succeed in reviving the nation's public housing program which was all but decimated under the previous national administration.

Field Sanitation

SB 851 (Cobey), a field sanitation bill developed out of interim committee study, almost got a hearing before the Senate Agriculture Committee this week. Unfortunately, before presenta-

tion of the bill could be finished, the Committee decided to "table" the measure, but not without a few dissenting votes. The action of the Agricultural Labor Committee in the upper house can be labelled as nothing short of total irresponsibility to the consuming public as well as the field workers themselves.

Public Employee Rights

All measures to establish some form of organizational and collective bargaining rights for public employees are still tied up in committees. The Federation's bill *AB 351 (George Brown), extending to public employees the policy provisions of the Labor Code applicable to private employers, is dead for the session. A much weaker measure, AB 2375, also authored by Assemblyman Brown, is having serious trouble even getting out of the Assembly Industrial Relations Committee. At the moment this bill has some bad amendments that need to be taken out of the measure before it can get the support of affiliated public employee organizations.

On the other side of the picture, two measures sponsored by Assemblyman Howard Thelin, prohibiting public employees from striking on penalty of losing their civil service status, have also been killed.

This week, in the Assembly Civil Service Committee the California State Employees Association proposal embodying AB 1966 was also defeated. This bill, under the guise of establishing a formal representation procedure for all public employees in the state, was loaded with "hooks" to make sure that virtually every bonafide labor organization affiliated with the AFL-CIO would be ruled out of the public employee field.

Finally, the same committee this week also dumped the Metropolitan Transit Authority's proposal to put all their employees on civil service to deny them collective bargaining rights and their right to strike. The purpose of this measure was unmasked by Assemblyman Z'berg who commented that this was the first time he had heard a public agency advance civil service as a device solely for denying basic rights to employees rather than extending employee protections.

Weakened "Fair Housing Bill" Squeaks by Assembly

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wick, Shell, Thelin, George A. Willson, Wolfrum, and Ralph Brown—31.

Even in its weakened form, the Hawkins bill faces a major uphill struggle in the Senate because of the continued and vigorous opposition of the powerful real estate lobby.

The main bone of contention of the real estate interests appears to be that the FEP commission might enforce the fair housing law. As one spokesman for the state real estate association put it: "The members of the commission are appointed by the governor, the majority of them having a prejudice for and sympathy with the cause of the racial minority groups."

On the Assembly floor Hawkins argued that his amended bill is supported "overwhelmingly by the decent, fair minded people of the state." The liberal Assemblyman has noted repeatedly that "those who dip their hands into the public treasury for assistance shouldn't object if a little democracy sticks to their fingers."

In its original form, Hawkins noted, the bill would have extended the racial discrimination ban to privately financed housing as well as publicly supported housing programs. The broader provisions of the bill had to be deleted in the Assembly Ways and Means committee in order to obtain clearance for the floor action taken this Tuesday.

State Assembly Dumps "Little Norris-LaGuardia Act"

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on file for further consideration. A motion was made immediately, however, to send the bill back to committee. This carried by a vote of 52 to 12.

With only five weeks left in the 1961 legislative session, AB 425 is back in the Assembly Committee on Industrial Relations — its point of origin.

The measure is set for hearing again before the lower house Committee for Thursday, May 25th. There isn't much doubt about what is going to happen to it if it's taken up again.