

PITTS ANNOUNCES HEAVY TURNOUT FOR COPE MEET

Thomas L. Pitts, President of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, announced today that trade union leaders from throughout the state will attend a conference on political education and procedures in San Diego April 7 and 8. The conference is sponsored by the Committee on Political Education (COPE), the political arm of the AFL-CIO.

Wives of delegates have been invited to attend and participate in the meetings which will be held in the U. S. Grant Hotel.

The conference is aimed at stimulating COPE's organizational activities involving registration, education, and campaign techniques.

Pitts pointed out that the labor movement is confronted with a concerted, organized drive on the political front by businessmen and industrialists. He said this emphasized the necessity of trade unionists to become involved in political education and to be politically active.

IAC GIVES SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS IN NOTICE OF MEDICAL ASSOCIATION PETITION

Notice is hereby given by the Industrial Accident Commission of the State of California that public hearings to consider a petition of the California Medical Association for the adoption of a revised official minimum medical fee schedule, pursuant to section 5307.1 of the California Labor Code, will be held as follows:

Tuesday, April 28, 1959 — State Building, 217 West First Street, Los Angeles Legislative Assembly Room No. 115, at 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 30, 1959 — Industrial Accident Commission, 1521 - 4th Avenue, San Diego, at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 5, 1959 — Industrial Accident Commission, 965 Mission St., San Francisco, Room 212, at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 7, 1959 — Industrial Accident Commission, 631 J Street, Sacramento, Room 200, at 10:00 a.m.



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FARM WORKERS' MINIMUM WAGE KO'ed BY WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE DEMOCRATS

Governor Brown's minimum wage bill (AB 1223, Hawkins) met with disaster this Monday in Assembly Ways and Means Committee when committee members from his own party voted to dump the state Democratic party platform and exclude "agricultural workers" from its provisions.

The broad exemption of farm workers was inserted by voice vote over the opposition of Assemblyman Hawkins on motion of Lloyd Lowrey (D). Ten

ASSEMBLY ACTS

The Assembly by a vote of 46 to 30 picked up the splinters of the Democratic platform and reinserted a minimum wage for agricultural workers when AB 1223 (Hawkins), came to the floor of the house from Ways and Means Committee with an amendment excepting such workers from the provisions of the minimum wage bill.

Offering a substitute amendment from the floor, Assemblyman Hawkins was successful in having a 90c minimum wage for farm workers adopted. This action constitutes second reading of the bill which will now come up for third reading and final passage from the Assembly before going to the Senate for consideration.

Democrats and four Republicans were present in the committee at the time.

The Lowrey amendment could have been rejected by a simple majority vote.

Instead, most of the Democrats joined the solid Republican block to knock out a \$1.00 per hour agricultural minimum wage which had already been watered down a week ago from the \$1.25 rate that is applicable in AB 1223 for industry. The Democratic party platform calls for the elevation of agricultural workers to a level of "parity" in wages and conditions of work with their brothers and sisters in industry.

Technically, the bill was in Ways and Means Committee only for approval of financial aspects which were negligible. Acceptance of the bill in substantive form had already been given the Brown measure by the Assembly Committee on Industrial Relations last week.

Assemblyman Hawkins, in pleading
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ASSEMBLY UNIT APPROVES \$60 MILLION CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO SALES TAX BILL

The Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation last Thursday gave a "do pass" recommendation to Governor Brown's proposal to load another \$60,000,000 on the backs of consumers who are already carrying two-thirds of the state tax burden.

Embodied in AB 1172 (MacBride-D), and vigorously opposed by organized labor, the measure would impose a selective sales tax of 3 cents per pack on cigarettes and 15% on the wholesale price of other tobacco products.

The consumer tax bill was called up for a quick hearing with AB 1177 (MacBride), Governor Brown's weak income tax measure which would narrow the state personal income tax brackets and increase the maximum

from 6 to only 7%, along with \$500 reduction in personal exemptions, an increase of \$200 in the credit for dependents and a 6 to 10% increase in the standard deduction for those who do not itemize deductions. Brown's income tax measure also carries the "Eisenhower Amendments" of 1954 to the federal income tax law which provide
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HEARINGS

Assembly

April 6th

Civil Service & State Personnel, 1.30 pm

AB 1077 Meyers. Leaves of Absence from State Civil Service. **Good**

Criminal Procedure, 3.45 pm

AB 269 Francis. Chemical tests for intoxication. **Bad**

Education, 3.45 pm

AB 1622 Z'berg. Powers and duties of school district superintendents. **Good**

AB 1408 Donahoe. Nursery Schools. **Good**

AB 1349 B. F. Allen. School administrators' credentials. **Watch**

AB 1457 Elliott. Tenure of school district employees. **Good**

Finance & Insurance, 1.30 pm

*AB 1524 Beaver. Hospital service plans. **Good**

AB 1525 Beaver. Group life insurance policies. **Bad**

AB 1526 Beaver. Industrial Group Life Insurance. **Watch**

AB 831 Unruh. U.I. Appeals board referees. **Good**

AB 415 Rees. Unemployment insurance. **Watch**

*AB 476 Elliott. Unemployment insurance. **Good**

AB 1701 Pattee. Unemployment insurance. **Bad**

Finance & Insurance Subcommittee on Unemployment Comp. Disability, 8 pm

*AB 442 Burton. Unemployment insurance. **Good**

*AB 478 Elliott. Unemployment insurance. **Good**

AB 939 Levering. Disability insurance. **Bad**

AB 1182 Levering. Disability insurance. **Bad**

AB 1656 C. H. Wilson. D.I. Hospital benefits. **Watch**

AB 1706 Reagan. Unemployment insurance. **Bad**

Ways & Means, 1.30 pm

AB 320 Winton. Reporting of campaign finances. **Bad**

AB 979 MacBride. State employees retirement system. **Watch**

AB 1029 Masterson. Practice of cosmetology. **Watch**

AB 1303 Grant. Oil and gas. **Watch**

April 7th

Fish & Game, 3.45 pm

AB 1818 Coolidge. Restricts sardine catching. **Bad**

Governmental Efficiency & Economy, 3.45 pm

AB 1358 MacBride. Professional inspectors. **Watch**

AB 601 Miller. Issuance of contractors license. **Good**

*AB 677 Geo. E. Brown. Posting of plans by contractors. **Good**

*AB 701 Pattee. Contracts for public works. **Good**

*AB 702 Pattee. Contracts for public works. **Good**

AB 1482 Busterud. Standard small loaf of bread. **Watch**

Finance & Insurance Subcommittee on Workmens Compensation, 3.45 pm

*AB 526 Masterson. Workmens comp. **Good**

AB 636 Waldie. Workmens comp. **Watch**

*AB 751 Masterson. Workmens comp. **Good**

AB 771 O'Connell. Workmens comp. **Good**

*AB 1384 Hanna. Workmens comp. **Good**

*AB 333 Rees. Workmens comp. **Good**

*AB 865 Rees. Workmens comp. **Good**

*AB 1389 Hanna. Workmens comp. **Good**

AB 98 Hanna. Workmens comp. **Good**

*AB 728 Masterson. Workmens comp. **Good**

*AB 729 Masterson. Workmens comp. **Good**

AB 1260 Rees. Workmens comp. **Watch**

*AB 422 McCollister. Workmens comp. **Good**

*AB 731 Crown. Workmens comp. **Good**

*AB 732 Crown. Workmens comp. **Good**

Government Organization, 1.30 pm

AB 1097 Holmes. Sale to minors. **Good**

Water, 1.30 pm

AB 1304 B. F. Allen. State water projects, sale of water. **Bad**

AB 1305 B. F. Allen. Flood control & water conservation projects. **Bad**

April 8th

Education, 3.45 pm

AB 1692 Waldie. Teaching credentials. **Bad**

Judiciary, 3.45 pm

AB 1268 Hanna. Mechanics liens. **Bad**

Subcommittee of Judiciary, 2.30 pm

AB 1319 E. R. Geddes. Execution of judgement. **Watch**

AB 1608 Burton. Exemptions from attachment and executions. **Good**

AB 1609 Burton. Exemptions from attachment and executions. **Good**

AB 1610 Burton. Exemptions from attachment and executions. **Good**

AB 1611 Burton. Exemptions from attachment and executions. **Good**

AB 1612 Burton. Exemptions from attachment and executions. **Good**

AB 1613 Burton. Exemptions from attachment and executions. **Good**

AB 1614 Burton. Exemptions from attachment and executions. **Good**

AB 1615 Burton. Exemptions from attachment and executions. **Good**

AB 1616 Burton. Exemptions from attachment and executions. **Good**

AB 1617 Burton. Exemptions from attachment and executions. **Good**

AB 1618 Burton. Exemptions from attachment and executions. **Good**

AB 1619 Burton. Homesteads. **Good**

*AB 304 Gaffney. Execution of judgement. **Good**

Elections & Reapportionment, 1.30 pm

AB 534 Masterson. Voting at general elections. **Watch**

AB 1456 Lunardi. Absent voters. **Good**

AB 1351 O'Connell. Co. & Municipal offices. **Good**

Public Health, 1.30 pm

AB 1787 Chapel. Food warehouse sanitation. **Good**

AB 1820 Hegland. Local hospital districts. **Bad**

AB 1824 Hegland. Local hospital districts. **Watch**

AB 1825 Hegland. Local hospital districts. **Watch**

AB 1256 Grant. Restaurant sanitation requirements. **Watch**

Public Utilities & Corporations, 3.45 pm

AB 1833 Chapel. Atomic energy. **Bad**

April 9th

Industrial Relations, 3.45 pm

*AB 479 Elliott. Cost of uniforms. **Good**

AB 570 Geo. Brown. Collective bargaining by public employees. **Watch**

SB 493 Montgomery. Transportation of farm laborers. **Good**

Municipal & County Government, 1.30 pm

AB 1739 McCollister. Limited civil service. **Bad**

AB 1079 Nisbet. Public projects of general law cities. **Watch**

AB 1080 Nisbet. Public projects of general law cities. **Watch**

*AB 232 Dills. Disability retirement allowances. **Good**

*AB 233 Dills. County employees retirement systems. **Good**

*AB 256 Dills. County employees retirement systems. **Good**

*AB 1240 Miller. Fire protection districts. **Good**

*AB 1243 Miller. Firemen. **Good**

April 13th

Civil Service & State Personnel, 1.30 pm

AB 1420 Z'berg. State civil service pay. **Watch**

AB 1890 Geo. Brown. Payroll deductions. **Good**

AB 1891 Geo. Brown. Retirement & Social Security plans. **Good**

*AB 1467 Thomas. Civil Service promotional exams. **Good**

*AB 1903 S. R. Geddes. Promotion in civil service. **Good**

Criminal Procedure, 3.45 pm

*AB 1407 O'Connell. Interception of communications. **Good**

AB 2040 O'Connell. Evidence in criminal cases. **Good**

AB 2041 O'Connell. Warrants of arrest. **Good**

Education, 3.45 pm

AB 1816 Garrigus. Certification of public school personnel. **Watch**

AB 1870 Garrigus. Number of pupils in a classroom. **Good**

AB 1083. Bane. School district employees. **Good**

Finance & Insurance, 1.30 pm

AB 1979 Beaver. Foreign life insurers. **Watch**

*AB 1163 Rees. Health & welfare programs. **Good**
AB 1164 Rees. Employee Health and Welfare Programs. **Watch**

Finance & Insurance Subcommittee on D.I., 8 pm

AB 876 Reagan. Unemployment insurance. **Bad**
*AB 439 Burton. Unemployment insurance. **Good**
*AB 441 Burton. Hospital benefits. **Good**
*AB 353 Geo. Brown. Unemployment insurance. **Good**
*AB 475 Elliott. Disability payments. **Good**
*AB 494 Unruh. Disability benefits. **Good**
AB 322 Munnell. Unemployment insurance. **Bad**
*AB 1075 Unruh. Disability benefits. **Good**

April 14th

Finance & Insurance Subcommittee on Workmen's Comp., 3.45 pm

*AB 740 Hawkins. Permanent disability indemnity. **Good**
*AB 1015 Crown. Disability payments. **Good**
*AB 737 Crown. Dependents benefits. **Good**
*AB 735 Crown. Disability payments. **Good**
*AB 743 Hawkins. Temporary disability payments. **Good**
*AB 744 Hawkins. Temporary disability payments. **Good**
*AB 736 Crown. Physical & Vocational rehabilitation. **Good**
AB 25 Hanna. Waiting period. **Good**
AB 1136 Reagan. Disability payments. **Bad**
AB 1137 Reagan. Disability payments. **Bad**

Fish & Game, 3.45 pm

AB 802 Davis. Cost accounting. **Good**

Governmental Efficiency & Economy, 3.45 pm

AB 1789 Masterson. Fair trade contracts. **Good**
AB 1790 Masterson. Fair Trade contracts. **Good**
AB 1791 Masterson. Fair Trade contracts. **Good**
AB 645 S. R. Geddes. Housing research center. **Good**

Water, 1.30 pm

AB 1306 B. F. Allen. Construction of water plan. **Bad**
AB 1313 B. F. Allen. Water resources development. **Bad**
AB 1063 B. F. Allen. California water plan. **Bad**

April 15th

Education, 3.45 pm

AB 1328 E. R. Geddes. Prohibited instruction in schools. **Watch**

Public Utilities & Corporations, 3.45 pm

AB 1727 Lunardi. Transmission of train orders. **Watch**
AB 1697 O'Connell. Government of corporations. **Watch**

April 16th

Municipal & County Government, 1.30 pm

AB 1969 MacBride. Old age & survivors insurance. **Bad**

AB 919 Bradley. Metropolitan fire protection authorities. **Good**

AB 920 Bradley. Fire protection districts. **Watch**

HEARINGS

Senate

April 6th

Labor, 1.30 pm

SB 876 Rodda. F.E.P.C. **Watch**
SB 506 Slattery. Camp toilet facilities. **Watch**
*AB 880 Kilpatrick. Public Works contracts. **Good**

April 7th

Business & Professions, 1.30 pm

SB 75 McCarthy. Regulation of outdoor advertising. **Bad**
SB 534 Gibson. Water well drilling contractors. **Watch**
AB 596 E. R. Geddes. Use of psychologists' title. **Good**

Elections, 10 am

*SB 742 Miller. Election of school district board members. **Good**

Fish & Game, 1 pm

SB 878 Miller. Fish & Seafood Advisory Board. **Watch**
SB 378 Farr. Delivery of fish for commercial purposes. **Watch**
SB 379 Farr. Receipts for fish taken for commercial purposes. **Good**
AB 1254 Hegland. Fishing & hunting licenses. **Watch**

Subcommittee on Insurance & Financial Institutions, 10 am

SB 17 Collier. Unemployment insurance. **Watch**
*SB 81 Short. Unemployment insurance. **Good**
*SB 82 Short. Unemployment insurance. **Good**
*SB 118 Short. Unemployment insurance. **Good**
*SB 180 Richards. Unemployment insurance. **Good**
*SB 181 Richards. Unemployment insurance. **Good**
*SB 182 Richards. Unemployment insurance. **Good**
*SB 183 Richards. Unemployment insurance. **Good**
*SB 184 Richards. Unemployment insurance. **Good**
*SB 207 Burns. Unemployment insurance. **Good**
*SB 313 Short. Unemployment insurance. **Good**

SB 640 Byrne. Disability insurance voluntary plans. **Bad**
SB 709 Teale. Unemployment insurance. **Watch**
SB 945 Miller. Unemployment insurance. **Watch**

Governmental Efficiency Subcommittee on Alcoholic Beverages, 10 am

SB 97 Farr. Issuance of alcoholic beverage licenses. **Watch**

SB 842 Hollister. Limitation of general off-sale licenses. **Bad**

AB 756 Burton. Discipline of alcoholic beverage licensees. **Good**

AB 1323 Holmes. Citation of licensees. **Good**

April 8th

Education, 10.30 am

AB 1008 E. R. Geddes. Compensation of public school employees. **Good**
AB 807 Masterson. School district employees. **Good**

Insurance & Financial Institutions, 1.30 pm

SB 807 Byrne. Group disability insurance. **Watch**
SB 809 Byrne. Group life insurance. **Bad**
SB 492 Montgomery. Workmens Compensation. **Watch**

Local Government, 1.00 pm

AB 812 Rumford. Temporary housing projects. **Bad**
AB 551 Masterson. Vacations for county employees. **Good**
AB 552 Masterson. Premium payments from public funds. **Good**
SB 899 Fisher. Dismissal of school district employees. **Good**
SB 999 Teale. Mariposa County Water Agency. **Bad**

Governmental Efficiency, 9.30 am

SB 703 Short. Community redevelopment law. **Good**
AB 1059 MacBride. Political activities by state employees. **Good**

Judiciary (Subcommittee No. 1) 10 am

AB 890 Hawkins. Discrimination in public assisted housing. **Good**

April 9th

Judiciary, 10 am

SB 815 Regan. **Bad**
SB 84 Montgomery. Industrial nuisances. **Bad**

April 14th

Business & Professions, 1.30 pm

AB 600 Miller. Licensing of contractors. **Bad**
AB 993 Rumford. Definition of pharmacy. **Watch**
SB 467 Holmdahl. Clinical laboratory technology. **Watch**

Fish & Game

SB 453 Erhart. Fish & Game regulations. **Watch**

April 15th

Education, 10.30 am

AB 915 Donahoe. Special lecturers for schools. **Watch**
AB 955 MacBride. Public school teachers institutes. **Watch**
AB 535 Masterson. Salaries of teachers. **Good**

Governmental Efficiency, 9.30 am

SB 486 Gibson. Construction of state buildings. **Watch**

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for the "rapid write-off" for depreciation purposes of property used in trade or business to produce income.

Both the consumer and income tax measure have been temporarily delayed by referral to the lower house Ways and Means Committee. It is expected, however, that the bills will be cleared quickly by this committee and referred for floor action in about a week.

Labor Testimony

C. J. Haggerty, Secretary Treasurer of the California Labor Federation, registered labor's opposition to the cigarette and tobacco tax bill in a lengthy and detailed statement presented to the Assembly committee when it was heard.

Haggerty pointed out that Governor Brown's own budget analysis shows that the sales tax and other consumer levies are already producing two-thirds of state revenues as compared with only a combined 17% yield from the state's income and corporation taxes.

"In the face of these facts," he said, "we do not see how it is possible to justify the imposition of any additional consumer taxes on the citizens of this state."

Haggerty quoted heavily from a recent study of California's sales tax structure issued by the State Board of Equalization which confirms organized labor's position that existing consumer taxes are forcing low and middle income families to carry a much heavier effective tax load than the upper income groups and the wealthy. This is the first conclusive study of California's unfair consumer taxes.

The labor leader added: "Those who support consumer taxes say that they are the least painful of all—'Just a few pennies at a time from everyone,' they say. I am afraid the consumer taxes are painless only to the well off, who pay the least proportionately."

Haggerty also challenged the contention that the Governor's tax program spreads the burden of additional taxes on all groups fairly. This program, in the imposition of additional consumer taxes, "ignores the existing burden of taxation in the state," Haggerty said.

In regard to the Department of Finance's arguments that California is only one of five states that do not levy a cigarette and tobacco tax, Haggerty answered: "On the surface these appear to be rather convincing arguments, but if you look behind them you will find that the Department has engaged in a bit of intellectual irresponsibility. . . . The base for comparison is not a single selective sales tax but con-

UNION LABEL SHOW IN SAN FRANCISCO WILL MARK GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

When the Union-Industries Show, sponsored by the Union Label and Service Trades Department, AFL-CIO, opens in San Francisco, May 1, it will mark the Golden Anniversary of the Department.

Secretary-Treasurer Joseph Lewis, who heads up the national Department says that plans are practically complete for this year's show which will have the rather fitting location for a Golden Anniversary by being in the City by the Golden Gate. The Union-Industries show is staged each year in a different city under the sponsorship and direction of the Department.

Hundreds of colorful and action-packed displays of union made goods and union services will fill Brooks Hall at the San Francisco Civic Center May 1-6. There will be no charge for admission and there will be gifts and souvenirs topping a value of \$80,000 awarded to those attending the show.

sumer taxes in general. . . . If you compare the consumer tax base of all the states, you will find that California is above the national average without levying a cigarette and tobacco tax."

Haggerty told the committee it had "no alternative but to accept or reject AB 1172 for what it is—a bill which proposes another 'breach' in the 'ability to pay' principle of taxation."

Eight Democrats and one Republican voted to give the bill a "do pass" with two Democrats and five Republicans in opposition to the measure. The roll call was as follows: **Yes**; DeLotto, Masterson, Munnell, Petris, Rees, Unruh, Charles Wilson, MacBride (all Democrats) and Bradley (R). **No**; Chapel, Dahl, Lanterman, Mulford, Shell (all Republicans) Thomas and Hawkins (Democrats).

The roll call vote followed rejection by voice vote of an amendment offered by Charles Wilson (D) to increase the proposed cigarette tax from 3 to 5 cents per pack.

The income tax measure, AB 1177, received an 11 to 6 favorable recommendation. All Republicans, with the exception of Bradley, voted against the measure, while all Democrats voted for the bill.

Assemblyman Hawkins announced in committee that he would seek amendments to the weak Brown income tax bill to impose tax rates up to 15% on the upper incomes. Such an amendment, supported by organized labor, would provide additional revenues to more than offset the money that would be obtained from the cigarette and tobacco sales tax.

CAMERON ENDORSED FOR ELECTION IN SEVENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

The Executive Council of the California Labor Committee on Political Education endorsed Ronald Cameron for the post of State Senator from the seventh senatorial district, comprising the counties of Sierra, Nevada, and Placer.

A special election is being held on April 7 as the result of the vacancy which occurred with the election of Harold T. (Bizz) Johnson to the United States Congress last November.

All affiliates in that area have been alerted to throw all possible support behind Cameron and to work energetically for his election. With the many important issues coming before the State Legislature, all unionists are urged to work for the victory of a candidate pledged to support many of labor's legislative objectives.

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for the retention of farm labor in the bill, said he had expected a move to knock this group out of the bill but not until it reached the floor of the Assembly. He expressed amazement and disappointment over its acceptance by the Ways and Means Committee. It is recognized that farm workers are the one group most in need of the bill.

In its present form, AB 1223 is considered an exceedingly weak bill. Besides agriculture, the bill contains exemptions for newsboys, voluntary workers for non-profit corporations and certain domestic workers. It also provides for a lower rate of only 92 cents for learners.

An attempt in Ways and Means to also exempt salesmen who work on a commission basis was rejected by the committee. Following this rejection AB 1223 was sent to the floor of the assembly in emasculated form by roll call vote of 12 to 5 with another five members absent.

An attempt to restore the coverage of the measure for farm workers is certain to be made on the floor of the Assembly where members of the entire lower house will have the opportunity to vote their position on the record.

ASSEMBLY BILLS

- AB 2146 DeLotto** (Public Health) Makes provisions of the State Housing Act relating to dwellings applicable in unincorporated areas in any county where board of supervisors, by resolution finds it necessary to public health and safety. March 20. **Good**
- AB 2153 Geddes** (Civil Service and State Personnel) Provides for coverage of members of the State Employees' Retirement System other than school district contract members, under the Federal Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance program on the divided system basis as provided by the Social Security Act.
- Modifies the formula for determining retirement allowances and contribution rates as to members who are brought under the federal program.
- Appropriates necessary funds, and provides procedure, for employee and employer contributions under the federal program.
- Provides for suspension of compulsory retirement provisions as to local miscellaneous members during integration proceedings. March 20. **Good**
- AB 2155 McMillan** (Government Organization) Limits number of onsale general premises to one for each 2,000, rather than 1,000 inhabitants in a county and provides issuance of such licenses based on increased population shall not exceed one for each increase of 2,000, rather than 1,000 inhabitants in a county. Provides that only onsale general licenses, rather than all onsale licenses, shall be counted in determining whether additional licenses can be issued in any county. Provides not more than 20 additional onsale general licenses, whether originally issued or transferred from another county, shall be issued in any county in one calendar year.
- Increases original fee for onsale general license from \$6,000 to \$10,000, and for onsale general license for seasonal business from \$2,000 to \$7,500. Authorizes transfer of onsale general licenses and onsale general licenses for seasonal business from one county to another county upon payment of additional transfer fee of \$5,000. March 20. **Watch**
- AB 2158 Masterson** (Finance and Insurance) Permits private medical and hospital care plans offered by nonprofit corporations or by authorized nonprofit hospital service plans to be substituted for unemployment compensation disability hospital benefits provided under the code, where the benefits so obtainable are greater than those under the code, the substituted benefit plan was agreed to by collective bargaining, and the substitution will be effective for at least one year but terminable by either the employer or the employee group upon notice filed with the director of employment.
- Prescribes a formula for adjusting employees' unemployment compensation disability tax contributions, based upon the proportion of the total used in the hospital benefit part of the disability program, with exempted contributions to be utilized by the parties to finance the substitute program. March 20. **Bad**
- AB 2160 Ernest R. Geddes** (Education) Provides for certification of persons guiding, supervising and caring for children in state child care centers. March 20. **Good**
- AB 2161 Gaffney** (Industrial Relations) Requires the Director of Employment to establish and maintain a placement service devoted to securing gainful employment for persons who, solely because of restrictions imposed on their employability based on their advanced age, are not readily able to secure employment. March 20. **Good**
- AB 2171 Pattee** (Municipal and County Government) Increases the maximum limitation upon work contracts of harbor districts which may be awarded without competitive bidding from \$500 to \$3,000. March 23. **Watch**
- AB 2176 Samuel R. Geddes** (Agriculture) Adds rabbits to the list of livestock in connection with which performance of services in raising, feeding, and management are excluded from unemployment insurance coverage as agricultural labor. March 24. **Bad**
- AB 2178 O'Connell** (Governmental Efficiency) Creates within Department of Professional and Vocational Standards a Board of Examiners for Operating Engineers consisting of three members appointed by the Governor for four-year terms. Provides for the issuance after examination of an operating engineer's license to person who qualifies therefor. Provides for the issuance of licenses without examination to persons who make application to the board within 12 months after the effective date of the act and who meet required qualifications. Prohibits use of title "licensed operating engineer" unless the person using such title possesses a license. March 24. **Watch**
- AB 2190 Coolidge** (Government Organization) Establishes the Division of Labor Law Enforcement and Industrial Welfare in the Department of Industrial Relations and transfers to that combined division the functions and duties of the Division of Industrial Welfare and the Division of Labor Law Enforcement presently in the department. March 24. **Watch**
- AB 2192 Coolidge** (Government Organization) Provides for allocation of costs of administration of the Workmen's Compensation Law among insurers and self-insurers on a pro rata basis and creates a fund in the State Treasury for the deposit of funds collected. March 24. **Bad**
- AB 2193 Coolidge** (Government Organization) Specifies that any payment to a contractor made under a contract, for material and labor and equipment rental in connection with extra work not included in the original plans and specifications, shall not exceed, in addition to the total amount paid to him to cover the cost of labor and material and in addition to the prescribed rental rates for equipment rented, 15 percent of the total amount for material and labor costs, and 15 percent of prescribed equipment rental rates. March 24. **Watch**
- AB 2208 Cusanovich** (Education) Provides that the governing board of any school district, situated wholly or partly in a city having a population of over 1,900,000, may make repairs to school buildings, grounds, apparatus, or equipment by day's labor or force account when the total cost of labor does not exceed \$3,000. March 24. **Watch**
- AB 2219 Bradley** (Municipal and County Government) Provides that owners of property within a community redevelopment or urban renewal area shall have a mandatory right, which is transferrable, to redevelop their own property in the manner and time fixed in the redevelopment or renewal plan. Permits them to acquire adjacent property.
- Requires that notice of the right to participate in the plan be mailed to property owners and a property map be made available to them. Prohibits the exercise of eminent domain until property owners have been given opportunity to participate. March 25. **Bad**
- AB 2225 Munnell** (Education) Authorizes governing board of school district to grant leaves of absence to noncertificated employees for appearance in court as a witness other than as a litigant, to serve on a jury, or to respond to official orders of governmental jurisdictions for reasons not brought about through connivance or mis-conduct of the employees.
- Permits board to pay employee an amount up to the difference between the employee's regular earnings and any amount received for jury or witness fees. March 25. **Good**
- AB 2226 Munnell** (Education) Authorizes the governing board of a school district to grant leaves of absence to certificated employees for appearance in court as a witness other than as a litigant, to serve on a jury, or to respond to official orders of governmental jurisdictions for reasons not brought about through connivance or misconduct of the employee. Permits the board to pay the employee an amount up to the difference between the employee's regular earnings and any amount received for jury or witness fees. March 25. **Good**
- AB 2241 Bruce F. Allen** (Elections and Reapportionment) Prohibits person from giving, paying or receiving compensation for securing signatures of electors on any initiative, referendum or recall petition. March 25. **Good**
- AB 2257 Meyers** (Civil Service and State Personnel) Repeals various provisions relating to retirement of members of the State Employees' Retirement System for disability. Provides that any member of system, irrespective of category of membership or age or amount of service, who is incapacitated as the result of industrial disability shall be retired

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for disability and receive a specified allowance, unless member is an employee of a contracting agency which has not elected to be subject to the provisions of this section in the manner prescribed therein. Provides that industrial death of any member of system, irrespective of category of membership, will result in payment of special death benefit, unless member is an employee of a contracting agency which has not elected to be subject to the provisions of this section in the manner prescribed therein. Makes other technical changes. March 25. **Watch**

AB 2265 Burton (Elections and Reapportionment) Provides that a voter who changes his address within the county may request the county clerk, by card, to change his residence on his affidavit of registration, and requires the clerk to do so unless the voter's signature on the card does not conform to that appearing in his affidavit of registration. Provides that a voter whose residence is so changed on his affidavit need not reregister, and authorizes him to vote from his new residence. Makes it a misdemeanor for any person to sign the name of another person to a card requesting a transfer of residence. March 26. **Good**

AB 2266 Burton (Finance and Insurance) Requires an employer or insurance carrier to give notice to the employee and the Industrial Accident Commission of rejection of a claim or termination of benefits.

Requires the commission upon receipt of such notice to cause an application for benefits to be filed and to hold a hearing thereon.

Provides that time limitations on commencement of proceedings for collection of benefits shall not commence to run until such a notice is given. March 26. **Good**

AB 2267 Burton (Finance and Insurance) Provides for compensation for a self-inflicted injury where such injury was inflicted by the employee due to a mental state caused by a prior compensable injury. March 26. **Good**

AB 2268 Burton (Finance and Insurance) Requires the Industrial Accident Commission to enter into a plan of co-operation with the Department of Education for the rehabilitation of employees disabled in industry through the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation. March 26. **Good**

AB 2269 Burton (Finance and Insurance) Permits the Industrial Accident Commission, or a panel thereof, to refer disputed medical questions in connection with workmen's compensation proceedings to its own medical examiners or to an independent medical examiner. March 26. **Good**

AB 2270 Burton (Finance and Insurance) Permits an injured employee to institute proceedings for medical, surgical and hospital benefits at any time after the date of injury and during his lifetime. Grants continuing jurisdiction to the Industrial Accident Commission for such purposes. March 26. **Good**

AB 2271 Burton (Finance and Insurance) Provides that awards for the payment of temporary disability compensation shall carry interest from the last day to each week for which compensation is found to have been payable but not paid. March 26. **Good**

AB 2272 Burton (Finance and Insurance) Provides that the period within which proceedings may be commenced for collection of death benefits under the workmen's compensation law is one year from the date of death where no benefits have been furnished but there has been a timely filing of an application for compensation with the Industrial Accident Commission by any party in interest. March 26. **Good**

AB 2273 Burton (Finance and Insurance) Extends period of time within which an injured employee may institute proceedings for compensation on the ground that the original injury has caused new and further disability from 5 years to 18 years. March 26. **Good**

AB 2299 Garrigus (Education) Permits governing board of school district to adopt rules and regulations authorizing teachers, principals, and other certificated personnel to administer reasonable corporal punishment to pupils when such action is deemed an appropriate corrective measure. March 30. **Watch**

ACA 33 Porter (Water) Declares state policy re water resources development, and authorizes Legislature to issue bonds in an unspecified amount for construction of the Feather River Project, as now authorized. Requires such bonds to be issued from time to time, in sufficient amounts to provide for completion of the project to enable delivery of water in Northern, Central and Southern California, and authorizes contracts for such delivery with any public or private entity or entities therein as provided by law. Contains no anti-monopoly protections or distribution of benefits. Prohibits Legislature from impairing state water contracts, except by law with two-thirds of members elected to each house voting in favor thereof, and authorizes suit against State to enforce contract rights. March 25. **Bad**

ACA 36 Porter (Water) Declares state policy re water resources development, and authorizes Legislature to issue not to exceed \$1,500,000,000 in bonds for such purpose, to be expended only when appropriated by two-thirds vote of members elected to each house of Legislature. Contains no anti-monopoly protections or distribution of benefits. Prohibits Legislature from impairing state water contracts and authorizes suit against State to enforce contract rights. March 25. **Bad**

ACA 38 Masterson (Constitutional Amendments) Requires a 60 percent, rather than a 66-2/3 percent, favorable vote by the electors on the incurring of indebtedness by a county, city, or school district. Extends application of the requirement to any other public district or corporation having limited and defined territorial limits. Requires a majority vote to authorize the issuance by such public agencies of revenue bonds or obligations payable from a special fund. Makes certain exceptions from above provisions and defines various terms.

Effective on the 91st day after adjournment of the 1961 Regular Session. March 26. **Watch**

SENATE BILLS

SB 1034 Hollister (Labor) Requires every picket to carry a sign stating whether the labor dispute is with the employer or his employees. March 23. **Bad**

SB 1048 Dolwig (Water Resources) Prescribes principles and requirements as to the full and integrated development of the State's water resources by federal, state, local and private entities. Provides power give away to private entities. March 24. **Bad**

SB 1058 Montgomery (Governmental Efficiency) Provides that any person who retired for service may be employed as a teacher in evening schools, or as a teacher of classes of adults, for not to exceed 90 days a fiscal year and may be paid not more than \$1,500 a fiscal year without affecting his status as a retired teacher. March 25. **Good**

SB 1072 Miller (Insurance and Financial Institutions) Increases from \$40 to \$50 in steps of \$1, the maximum unemployment compensation weekly benefit amount, and increases in increments of \$45 for each step the minimum high quarter base period wages which must have been received to qualify for the new benefit amounts. Makes the new benefit amounts payable on new claims filed on or after the 91st day after adjournment of the 1959 Regular Session. Increases, effective after December 31, 1959, from \$3,000 to \$3,600 the maximum calendar year wages upon which employer tax contributions shall be payable. Revises the employers' tax rate schedules to establish a minimum tax rate of 0.3% and a maximum rate of 3.0%, with the later rate to be payable if the employer's net balance of reserve is less than 5 1/2%. March 26. **Watch**