

Legislative Notes

FED-SPONSORED MEASURES

Many of the legislative proposals advanced by the Federation have already been dropped in the hopper and are available in printed form. These measures are easily identified in the weekly digest of bills carried in Newsletter, starting this week. Federation-sponsored bills are designated by an asterisk(*).

STATE BUDGET

Legislators this Wednesday received Governor Brown's state budget for the coming fiscal year—precariously balanced at \$2.6 billion because of declining state revenues in the current economic recession.

Under the circumstances, the Governor's office and legislators feel "hemmed-in" on liberal programs requiring higher government outlays. It's going to be tough trying to get any liberal program (however "responsible") through the legislature which would throw the budget out of balance. Brown warns: "The budget I sign will be balanced . . ."

Only tax cut proposal okayed by the Governor (many are advocated by Democrats and Republicans alike) is one to remove the sales tax from prescription drugs. He is supporting the approximate \$5 million revenue cut primarily for the benefit of the aged.

STATE WATER PROGRAM

Despite staggering shortages in the \$1.75 billion in bonds approved by the voters, the state budget proposes expenditures to proceed with construction as if all is well.

Five state senators recently urged that the state come to grips with the problem in a state cooperative program with the Kennedy Administration's "new starts" pledge. It was

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FARM LABOR FRONT

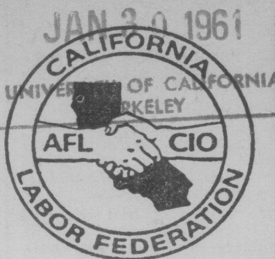
Imperial Valley Strike Tension Mounts

The tense situation in the Imperial Valley lettuce strikes showed signs this week of rapidly coming to a head amidst a rash of administrative and judicial rulings.

Twelve of the largest ranches in the area have been struck in organizing drives involving the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee and United Packinghouse Workers of America. The smallest strike-bound ranch involved has some 700 acres of lettuce under cultivation.

The big lettuce harvest is dominated by corporate giants. There are

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Minimum Wage Bills in Hopper

Two labor-backed measures, proposing a state minimum wage of \$1.25 per hour were dropped in the legislative hopper this Tuesday by Assemblyman William Byron Rumford (D., 17th District, Alameda County).

The veteran Alameda legislator labeled the bills (AB 682 and 684) "moderate and essential in a period of urgent need for action."

Our economy, Rumford said, cannot "afford the economic drain that results from forced subsidy by employers and the public to the low wage industries and individual employers who do not meet 20th century standards of human need and decency."

Both measures are fully applicable to agricultural workers, who are known to suffer most from lack of any minimum wage protection.

One of the Rumford measures establishes the \$1.25 minimum as statutory law (at present, minimum wages in California are set administratively by the Industrial Welfare Commission for only women and minors).

The other and broader measure, in addition to establishing the \$1.25 per hour statutory minimum, also contains all of the provisions necessary for a state fair labor standards act, including overtime pay at time and a half for hours worked beyond 40 a week, and at double time for hours worked in excess of 10 in any

one work day, or 48-hour work week.

The broader measure also contains administrative provisions within the Department of Industrial Relations for establishing a higher minimum wage, or a shorter work week as special conditions of an occupation may warrant. The authority of the Director of Industrial Relations is carefully circumscribed.

On his own motion, or on petition

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Urgency UI Bill Delayed

The Shaw bill (SB 133) to provide urgency extension of unemployment insurance benefits in the current recession was held up for a week by the upper house Insurance and Financial Institutions Committee this Wednesday.

After hearing the labor-backed measure, the committee decided to withhold action until next Wednesday. The delay is generally viewed with deep concern as employers and others are trying to dump the bill.

As reported in Newsletter last week, Shaw amended his bill to provide up to 13 weeks of additional benefits for jobless persons exhausting their claims on a statewide basis, instead of on a regional basis as originally proposed.

The bill would "trigger" the extended benefit bill passed last year so that benefits may be paid in February and March without waiting for the law to be "triggered" after statistics become available in April.

Mounting unemployment, with rates approaching 20 percent in some areas of the state (over 6.1% statewide), and with increasing exhaustion of benefits is reported drying up county funds for indigent aid.

Governor Brown is supporting the Shaw bill as well as pressing urgency legislation to speed up school construction. He has already ordered state agencies to advance pending public works projects in depressed areas of the state.

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES AND MEETING SCHEDULES

Agriculture (13)—Byrne (Chairman), Geddes (Vice Chairman), Cobey, Donnelly, Farr, Murdy, O'Sullivan, Rattigan, Slattery, Stiern, Sturgeon, J. Howard Williams, Robert D. Williams.

Mondays, 10 a.m., Room 4203.

Business and Professions (9)—Johnson (Chairman), McCarthy (Vice Chairman), Backstrand, Gibson, Rattigan, Short, Stiern, Teale, Thompson.

Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Room 3191.

Education (11)—Donnelly (Chairman), Fisher (Vice Chairman), Byrne, Farr, Grunsky, Miller, Murdy, Rattigan, Rodda, Shaw, Stiern.

Wednesdays, 9 a.m., Room 3191.

Elections (7)—Richards (Chairman), Shaw (Vice Chairman), Brown, Fisher, Grunsky, Regan, Rodda.

Mondays, 10 a.m., Room 2040.

Finance (13)—McBride (Chairman), Brown (Vice Chairman), Burns, Byrne, Collier, Donnelly, Gibson, Johnson, McCarthy, Miller, Murdy, Richards, J. Howard Williams.

Thursdays, 9 a.m., Room 3191.

Fish and Game (11)—Farr (Chairman), Slattery (Vice Chairman), Arnold, Begovich, Brown, Cameron, Geddes, Quick, Shaw, Sturgeon, J. Howard Williams.

Tuesdays, 1 p.m., Room 4040.

Governmental Efficiency (11)—Gibson (Chairman), Burns (Vice Chairman), Brown, Collier, Dolwig, Johnson, McAteer, McBride, McCarthy, Regan, Teale.

Wednesdays, 9 a.m., Room 4203.

Institutions (7)—Rodda (Chairman), Sturgeon (Vice Chairman), Begovich, Cameron, Fisher, Thompson, Robert D. Williams.

Tuesdays, 10 a.m., Room 2040.

Insurance and Financial Institutions (9)—Dolwig (Chairman), McAteer (Vice Chairman), Burns, Byrne, Collier, Grunsky, McBride, Miller, Short.

Wednesdays, 1 p.m., Room 3191.

Judiciary (13)—Regan (Chairman), Holmdahl (Vice Chairman), Arnold, Cameron, Christensen, Cobey, Dolwig, Farr, Fisher, Grunsky, O'Sullivan, Rattigan, Shaw.

Thursdays, 9 a.m., Room 4203.

Labor (7)—Hollister (Chairman), Quick (Vice Chairman), Byrne, Cobey, Murdy, Rodda, J. Howard Williams.

Mondays, 1 p.m., Room 4040.

Local Government (9)—Teale (Chairman), Rattigan (Vice Chairman), Arnold, Geddes, McAteer, Regan, Richards, Rodda, Robert D. Williams.

Thursdays, 1 p.m., Room 4040.

Military and Veterans Affairs (9)—Christensen (Chairman), Begovich (Vice Chairman), Backstrand, Cameron, Geddes, Quick, Slattery, Stiern, Robert D. Williams.

Wednesdays, 9 a.m., Room 4040.

Natural Resources (11)—Arnold (Chairman), Cameron (Vice Chairman), Begovich, Christensen, Farr, Geddes, Hollister, McBride, McCarthy, Quick, Slattery.

Fridays, 9 a.m., Room 2040.

Public Health and Safety (7)—Thompson (Chairman), Stiern (Vice Chairman), Holmdahl, Quick, Short, Slattery, Sturgeon.

Thursdays, 1 p.m., Room 2040.

Public Utilities (7)—Short (Chairman), O'Sullivan (Vice Chairman), Backstrand, Begovich, Hollister, Holmdahl, Thompson.

Fridays, 1 p.m., Room 4040.

Revenue and Taxation (11)—Grunsky (Chairman), Miller (Vice Chairman), Arnold, Burns, Collier, Gibson, Holmdahl, McAteer, McBride, O'Sullivan, Teale.

Mondays, 1 p.m., Room 3191.

Rules (5)—Burns (Chairman), McCarthy (Vice Chairman), Brown, Miller, Murdy.

Thursdays, on adjournment.

Social Welfare (7)—Cobey (Chairman), Robert D. Williams (Vice Chairman), Backstrand, Hollister, Johnson, O'Sullivan, Sturgeon.

Wednesdays, 1 p.m., Room 4040.

Standing Committees of Legislature

This page lists the composition and regularly scheduled meetings of state Senate and Assembly Committees, which frequently hold life-and-death control over bills.

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 chairmen listed on this page, c/o State Capitol, Sacramento. Bill digests carry the committee to which a bill has been referred.

Transportation (13)—Collier (Chairman), Backstrand (Vice Chairman), Christensen, Dolwig, Donnelly, Gibson, Hollister, Holmdahl, McAteer, McCarthy, Richards, Shaw, Short.

Tuesdays, 9 a.m., Room 4203.

Water Resources (13)—J. Howard Williams (Chairman), Murdy (Vice Chairman), Christensen, Cobey, Dolwig, Donnelly, Fisher, Johnson, Miller, Regan, Richards, Teale, Thompson.

Fridays, 9 a.m., Room 3191.

ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEES AND MEETING SCHEDULES

Agriculture (15)—House (Chairman), Williamson (Vice Chairman), Beaver, Britschgi, Cologne, Frew, Garrigus, Holmes, Lowrey, Lunardi, Monagan, Pattee, Schrade, Sedgwick, Winton.

Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m., Room 4202.

Civil Service and State Personnel (7)—Meyers (Chairman), Z'berg (Vice Chairman), Beaver, Burke, Cunningham, House, Kennick.

Mondays, 3:45 p.m., Room 4168.

Constitutional Amendments (8)—Marks (Chairman), Don Allen (Vice Chairman), Bane, Busterud, Dahl, Flournoy, Thomas, Williamson.

On call of chairman.

Criminal Procedure (13)—O'Connell (Chairman), Kilpatrick (Vice Chairman), Bruce Allen, Burton, Cologne, Crown, Francis, Knox, Petris, Sumner, Thelin, Winton, Wolfrum.

Mondays, 3:45 p.m., Room 5168.

Education (18)—Hanna (Chairman), Garrigus (Vice Chairman), Bruce Allen, Bee, George Brown, Busterud, Casey, Collier, Cusanovich, Elliott, Flournoy, Gaffney, Hegland, Porter, Reagan, Sedgwick, Waldie, Winton.

Mondays and Wednesdays, 3:45 p.m., Rooms 2170 and 4202.

Elections and Reapportionment (17)—Crown (Chairman), Grant (Vice Chairman), Bane, George Brown, Burton, Busterud, Conrad, Elliott, Francis, Luckel, Meyers, Munnell, Petris, Reagan, Rees, Unruh, George Willson.

Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m., Room 2170.

Engrossment and Enrollment (3)—Mills (Chairman), Bee, Burke.

On call of chairman, Room 4175.

Finance and Insurance (20)—Rees (Chairman), Cameron (Vice Chairman), Burke, Burton, Casey, Crown, DeLotto, Hanna, Hicks, Leggett, Levering, Monagan, Munnell, Pattee, O'Connell, Reagan, Rumford, Thelin, Unruh, Waldie.

Mondays, 1:30 p.m., Room 2170.

Fish and Game (9)—Davis (Chairman), Thomas (Vice Chairman), Don Allen, Burke, Hicks, Mills, Pattee, Waldie, Wolfrum.

Tuesdays, 3:45 p.m., Room 5168.

Government Organization (14)—Winton (Chairman), Petris (Vice Chairman), Bagley, Carrell, Coolidge, Marks, McMillan, Mulford, Rees, Rumford, Schrade, Shell, George Willson, Z'berg.

Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m., Room 5168.

Governmental Efficiency and Economy (11)—McMillan (Chairman), Knox (Vice Chairman), Bradley, Cameron, Cusanovich, Elliott, Hanna, Kennick, Levering, O'Connell, Williamson.

Tuesdays, 3:45 p.m., Room 2170.

Industrial Relations (11)—Elliott (Chairman), George Brown (Vice Chairman), Cusanovich, Gaffney, Hicks, Knox, Leggett, Levering, Mills, Reagan, Shell.

Thursdays, 3:45 p.m., Room 4168.

Judiciary — Civil (12)—Sumner (Chairman), George Willson (Vice Chairman), Bagley, Bradley, Busterud, Carrell, Hanna, Leggett, Marks, Thelin, Waldie, Z'berg.

Wednesdays, 3:45 p.m., Room 4164.

Legislative Representation (7)—Britschgi (Chairman), Carrell (Vice Chairman), Bee, Chapel, Dahl, Pattee, Charles Wilson.

On call of chairman.

Livestock and Dairies (16)—Belotti (Chairman), Pattee (Vice Chairman), Bagley, Beaver, Britschgi, Frew, Garrigus, House, Lowrey, Monagan, Porter, Schrade, Sedgwick, Williamson, Charles Wilson, Winton.

Wednesdays, on adjournment of Agriculture, Room 4202.

Manufacturing, Oil and Mining Industry (11)—Bruce Allen (Chairman), Kennick (Vice Chairman), Casey, Crown, Garrigus, Grant, Holmes, House, Luckel, Shell, Unruh.

Tuesdays, 3:45 p.m., Room 4168.

Military and Veterans Affairs (8)—Frew (Chairman), Luckel (Vice Chairman), Don Allen, Cameron, Cunningham, Francis, Monagan, Mulford.

Thursdays, 1:30 p.m., Room 2196.

Municipal and County Government (12)—Bradley (Chairman), DeLotto (Vice Chairman), Don Allen, Britschgi, George Brown, Flournoy, Hegland, Lanterman, Nisbet, Thomas, George Willson, Wolfrum.

Thursdays, 1:30 p.m., Room 2170.

Natural Resources, Planning and Public Works (7)—Lowrey (Chairman), Casey (Vice Chairman), Cusanovich, Francis, Grant, Kilpatrick, Meyers.

Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m., Room 2196.

Public Health (13)—Rumford (Chairman), Mulford (Vice Chairman), Cameron, Coolidge, Cunningham, Dills, Grant, Hegland, Holmes, Lunardi, Marks, Thelin, Wolfrum.

Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m., Room 5168.

Public Utilities (12)—Cunningham (Chairman), Burke (Vice Chairman), Britschgi, Chapel, Cologne, Dills, Hawkins, Holmes, Luckel, Lunardi, McMillan, Charles Wilson.

Wednesdays, 3:45 p.m., Room 5168.

Revenue and Taxation (16)—Charles Wilson (Chairman), Hegland (Vice Chairman), Bradley, Chapel, Dahl, DeLotto, Dills, Hawkins, Hicks, Knox, Lanterman, Mulford, Munnell, Petris, Shell, Thomas.

Thursdays, 3:45 p.m., Room 2170.

Rules (7)—Hawkins (Chairman), Bane, Conrad, Nisbet, Schrade, Sedgwick, Waldie.

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m., Room 3188.

Social Welfare (10)—Burton (Chairman), Leggett (Vice Chairman), Bagley, Cologne, Elliott, Flournoy, Hawkins, Kennick, Mills, O'Connell.

Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m., Room 2196.

Transportation and Commerce (16)—Beaver (Chairman), Gaffney (Vice Chairman), Bane, Belotti, Carrell, Chapel, Cologne, Dahl, Frew, Kennick, Kilpatrick, Lunardi, Meyers, Mills, Rumford, Wolfrum.

Mondays and Thursdays, 1:30 p.m., Room 5168.

Water (20)—Porter (Chairman), Lunardi (Vice Chairman), Beaver, Belotti, Collier, Davis, Flournoy, Frew, Garrigus, Kilpatrick, Lanterman, Levering, Lowrey, Monagan, Nisbet, Schrade, Sedgwick, Sumner, Williamson, Z'berg.

Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m., Room 4202.

Ways and Means (22)—Unruh (Chairman), Coolidge (Vice Chairman), Bruce Allen, Bane, Bee, Belotti, Collier, Conrad, Davis, DeLotto, Gaffney, House, Lanterman, Lowrey, McMillan, Munnell, Nisbet, Petris, Porter, Rees, Sumner, Winton.

Mondays and Thursdays, 1:30 p.m., Room 4202.

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 Workman'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 5 Burton (Soc. Wel.) Eliminates citizenship requirement for old age assistance. Jan. 6. **SW—Good**

AB 17 Charles H. Wilson (Ind. R.) Provides for collective bargaining between hospitals or institutions and their employees. Provides that their disputes shall be submitted to arbitration. Provides that the chapter shall not be applicable to any state, hospital district, county or city hospital or institution. Provides for the election and certification of labor organizations to represent such workers by the State Conciliation Service. Jan. 3. **LU—Bad**

AB 18 Winton (Elec. & Reap.) So-called "Purity of Elections" law. Hamstrings operations of COPE's. Jan. 3. **EL—Bad**

AB 19 Charles H. Wilson (Ed.) Repeals provision prohibiting bands and orchestras of institutions supported in whole or in part by public funds or receiving tax exemptions as educational institutions from furnishing music at an event where admission is charged by any private person, partnership operating for profit, or corporation organized for profit. Jan. 3. **MU—Bad**

AB 30 Bruce F. Allen (Soc. Wel.) Provides that aliens, otherwise eligible who have resided continuously in the United States for 20 years are eligible for old age assistance, instead of only those aliens who have lived in the United States for 25 years and were not eligible to citizenship prior to December 24, 1952. Requires an alien who applies for aid to submit evidence that he is proceeding diligently within the limits of his ability to qualify for citizenship. Jan. 3. **SW—Watch**

AB 41 Elliott (Soc. Wel.) Provides that aliens, otherwise eligible, who have resided continuously in the United States for 25 years at the time of making application, are eligible for old age assistance, instead of only those aliens who have lived in the United States for 25 years and were not eligible to citizenship prior to Dec. 24, 1952. Requires any noncitizen who applies for aid to submit evidence that he is proceeding diligently, within the limits of his ability, to qualify for citizenship. See AB 5. Jan. 3. **SW—Watch**

AB 44 Belotti (Elec. & Reap.) Provides for crossfiling for partisan offices at the direct primary election. Jan. 3. **EL—Bad**

AB 48 Belotti (NR & PW) Requires State Park Commission to make payments on state park lands to each county in which the lands are located in an amount equal to 2 percent of the taxes levied, on the total assessed valuation of land within the county. Jan. 3. **RE—Bad**

AB 60 Rumford (Rev. & Tax.) Exempts medicines prescribed for treatment of human beings from sales tax. Jan. 4. **TA—Good**

AB 65 Carrell (Jud.—Civ.) Extends privilege given to newspaper owners and reporters to keep secret their source of news information to reporters and other persons connected with news-magazines, press associations, wire services, and radio and television stations. Jan. 4. **NT—Good**

AB 69 Burton (Jud.—Civ.) Requires the suspension or revocation of any license issued by the State authorizing the conduct of any profession, vocation, or calling, upon a showing that the licensee has engaged in a persistent course of conduct of discrimination against persons requesting performance of services, based solely upon race, creed, color, or national origin. Jan. 4. **CR—Good**

AB 77 Hegland (P.U. & C.) Requires publicly owned public utilities selling gas or electricity to pay in lieu property taxes to school districts. Jan. 4. **TA—Bad**

AB 78 Francis (Crim. Pro.) Revises law relating to transactions involving obscene matter and penalties therefor, and disposition of obscene matter. Codifies definition of "obscene." Generally provides more severe penalties for second and subsequent offenses than for first offense. Adds provision treating separately the use of minors in such transactions and purveying of obscene matter to minors. Provides procedure whereby injunction can be secured against preparation or distribution of obscene matter. Applies penalties to employers of violators. Jan. 4. **MI—Bad**

AB 81 Francis (Crim. Pro.) Prohibits transmission of television programs within this State for reception within the State for which a viewing charge is made if the program is simultaneously broadcast in the regular manner as a free broadcast anywhere in this State. Jan. 4. **NT—Watch**

AB 82 Francis (P.U. & C.) Prohibits transmission of television signals ori-

ginating in the State from point to point within the State without first obtaining a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Public Utilities Commission. Jan. 4. **NT—Watch**

AB 90 Luckel (Rev. & Tax.) Provides that taxes imposed by Cigarette Tax Law are conclusively presumed to be direct taxes on the retail consumer, thus permitting deduction of such taxes in computing income taxes. Jan. 4. **TA—Good**

AB 92 Pattee (Jud.—Civ.) Provides for state grand jury, consisting of 19 persons appointed by Judicial Council, to examine into conduct of executive branch of state government, for purpose of ascertaining whether or not such conduct is lawful and whether or not rights of individual citizen are adequately protected. Authorizes state grand jury to conduct hearings, public or private, and to issue subpoenas, and grants to it right of access to offices of state agencies and their books and other papers. Authorizes state grand jury to employ counsel and other personnel. Empowers Judicial Council to adopt rules, not inconsistent with law, to effectuate laws relating to state grand jury. Jan. 4. **SL—Bad**

AB 96 Burton (Soc. Wel.) Revises relatives' responsibility contribution scale to exempt an additional \$800 in monthly income, and changes net income ranges on which contributions are based accordingly. Increases standard deduction allowed relatives from 20 percent to 25 percent of gross income, and includes within standard deduction expenses necessary to produce income, as well as specified taxes. Jan. 4. **SW—Good**

AB 99 Burton (Soc. Wel.) Increases maximum supplemental grant from \$115 to \$165 for old age assistance recipients. Jan. 4. **SW—Good**

AB 101 Elliott (G.E. & E.) Requires that lessees and purchasers of real property acquired in redevelopment and urban renewal projects and owners of property improved as a part thereof be obligated to refrain from restricting the rental, sale, or lease of the property on any such basis. Requires that redevelopment plans and urban renewal plans contain a provision requiring submission of all deeds, leases, or contracts for the transfer of land in the project to the redevelopment agency for approval and requires that such deeds, leases, or contracts contain prescribed nondiscrimination or nonsegregation clauses. Authorizes a civil action by the redevelopment agency or any person injured thereby, to restrain any breach of any of the prescribed covenants and to recover actual damages. Jan. 4. **CR—Good**

AB 108 Conrad (Elec. & Reap.) Eliminates provision which, after Jan. 1, 1962, would preserve the registration of a voter who votes at the direct primary election but not at the general election. Jan. 4. **EL—Bad**

AB 126 Schrade (Elec. & Reap.) Provides for crossfiling for partisan offices at the direct primary election. Jan. 5. **EL—Bad**

AB 142 Dahl (Fin. & Ins.) Specifies that individual's failure, following referral by public employment office, to apply for, or his refusal to accept, suitable employment with governmental agency because of refusal to take loyalty oath, shall be deemed voluntary and without good cause for unemployment insurance benefit eligibility purposes. Jan. 9. **UI—Bad**

AB 144 Levering (G.E. & E.) Extends Defense Production Act exemption from women's 8-hour law. Jan. 9. **LC—Bad**

AB 154 Lowrey (Trans. & C.) New act, to transfer right, title, interest, and jurisdiction over San Francisco Harbor and facilities thereof to the City and County of San Francisco from the San Francisco Port Authority. Jan. 9. **SL—Watch**

AB 155 Elliott (Fin. & Ins.) Repeals the presumption of ineligibility to receive unemployment disability benefits applied to individuals disqualified from receiving unemployment compensation benefits for leaving work because of a trade dispute. Jan. 9. **DI—Watch**

AB 172 Hawkins (Jud.—Civ.) Provides that no owner, manager, announcer, commentator or other person connected with or employed by a radio or television station shall be held in contempt by a court, the Legislature, or an administrative body for refusing to disclose the source of any item of news broadcast or telecast by such radio or television station. Jan. 9. **NT—Good**

AB 176 Bruce F. Allen (Soc. Wel.) Requires the State Personnel board to establish a program to assist state agencies in fully utilizing the services of qualified handicapped persons, with particular emphasis on the utiliza-

- tion of services of blind persons. Authorizes the board to adopt regulations, consistent with a basic policy of recruiting and retraining the most qualified persons, which are needed to facilitate hiring, assignment, and retention of blind and other handicapped persons. Jan. 9. **SW—Watch**
- AB 177 George E. Brown** (Ind. R.) Exempts persons licensed or engaging in business under the Private Employment Agency Law from prohibitions against charging a fee for registering a person for public work or for referring to, or assisting and attempting to place a person in, public work. Limits prohibition of placing an order for workmen on public work where a fee is involved, to placing such an order with a person or agency not licensed or engaging in business under the Private Employment Agency Law. Jan. 10. **EA—Bad**
- AB 191 Hegland** (Mun. & C.G.) Allows a purchasing agent of a county employing a purchasing agent and with a population of 500,000 or over, to employ independent contractors to furnish labor, furnishings, materials and supplies for the construction or repair of county buildings or facilities, costing not more than \$10,000, without obtaining bids, and preparing specifications and meeting other requirements as are otherwise required for purchases costing more than \$2,000. Jan. 10. **CW—Bad**
- AB 192 Hegland** (Mun. & C.G.) Exempts from provisions generally requiring that work on county building exceeding \$4,000 (\$5,000 in some counties) in cost, exclusive of the cost of materials exempt from the contract requirements, be done under contract, the construction, improvement or repairs of any facility or structure used solely in connection with a county industrial farm or road camp, if a major portion of such work is done by prisoners confined in such institution. Provides that if the county employs a purchasing agent, furnishings, materials, and supplies to be used in such work may be purchased by him in accordance with designated laws governing purchase by a purchasing agent, without obtaining bids, letting contracts, preparing specifications, or compliance with other formalities otherwise applicable. Jan. 10. **CW—Bad**
- AB 193 Hegland** (Mun. & C.G.) In provision which allows the board of supervisors, in cases of emergency to replace or repair structures without adopting plans and specifications or giving notice for bids to let contract, changes the amount to be paid when the work is done by contract to require paying the contractor the actual cost of compensation insurance, as well as use of materials, tools, material and labor, expended by him, plus not more than 15 percent to cover all profits and administration, rather than all profits, supervision, and the expenses. Deletes requirement that not more than the lowest current market price be paid for materials. Jan. 10. **CW—Bad**
- AB 206 Chapel** (Crim. Pro.) Provides that every person who maliciously defaces, as well as every person who injures or destroys, the property of another is guilty of a misdemeanor, and specifies that such defacement or injury need not be such as to permanently damage the property. Jan. 10. **LU—Bad**
- AB 221 Crown** (Elec. & Reap.) Requires state to publish election and registration data by districts. Jan. 11. **EL—Good**
- *AB 222 Crown** (Fin. & Ins.) Waives seven-day waiting period if the disability exceeds seven days or is caused by accidental means regarding disability insurance. Jan. 11. **DI—Good**
- *AB 223 Crown** (Fin. & Ins.) Eliminates provisions excluding from benefit coverage disability due to pregnancy, and adds language providing for inclusion of such unemployment disability in coverage. Jan. 11. **DI—Good**
- *AB 224 Crown** (Fin. & Ins.) Increases weekly benefit amount by \$5 for each of not to exceed five dependents—spouse and children for unemployment disability insurance. Jan. 11. **DI—Good**
- *AB 225 Crown** (Fin. & Ins.) Eliminates requirement that, where workmen's compensation claim has been filed for same period of disability, the unemployment disability benefits awarded be reduced by the amount of workmen's compensation temporary disability entitlement. Jan. 11. **DI—Good**
- *AB 226 Crown** (Fin. & Ins.) Increases from 26 weeks to 39 weeks the maximum time for which weekly unemployment disability benefits shall be payable in one benefit period. Jan. 11. **DI—Good**
- *AB 227 Crown** (Fin. & Ins.) Increases, in one dollar increments, from \$65 to \$70, the maximum unemployment compensation disability insurance weekly benefit amount; and increases, in \$25 increments, from \$1,500 to \$1,625, the respective high quarter base period earnings needed to qualify for the higher benefits. Jan. 11. **DI—Good**
- *AB 228 Crown** (Fin. & Ins.) Provides that no claim for overpayment of DI benefits may be assessed against a person on account of any disallowance, by Industrial Accident Commission, or any Department of Employment lien on workmen's compensation award under Section 4903, Lab. C., rather than only in respect to liens involving duplicate benefit awards; and provides that payment, by Industrial Accident Commission, of full amount or compromise amount of any such lien shall be full discharge, rather than only in the case of duplicate award liens. Jan. 11. **DI—Good**
- *AB 229 Crown** (Fin. & Ins.) Freezes unemployment compensation base period earnings credits for person suffering disability exceeding 60 days in duration, provided it does not exceed two years in duration. Jan. 11. **DI—Good**
- *AB 230 Crown** (Fin. & Ins.) Increases additional benefits from \$12 to \$20 for each day of hospital confinement under DI program. Jan. 11. **DI—Good**
- *AB 231 Crown** (Fin. & Ins.) Eliminates provision prohibiting receipt of additional hospital benefits under DI program where claimant is serving a waiting period pursuant to workmen's compensation or employer's liability law affording cash benefits. Jan. 11. **DI—Good**
- *AB 232 Crown** (Fin. & Ins.) Removes trade dispute disqualification with respect to DI benefits. Jan. 11. **DI—Good**
- *AB 233 Crown** (Fin. & Ins.) Eliminates provision which suspended operation of requirement that approval of a voluntary plan under DI program will not result in selection of risks adverse to the Disability Fund, thereby reinstating such requirement. Jan. 11. **DI—Good**
- *AB 234 Crown** (Fin. & Ins.) Requires director to requisition the 1944 and 1945 worker contributions in the Unemployment Trust Fund for deposit in the Disability Fund; and provides, in respect to making up annual deficits in extended liability account in Disability Fund, for removal of upper limits on assessments of voluntary plan carriers for such purposes and upper limits on amounts otherwise to be credited; and specifies that interest augmentations shall be deposited rather than credited to the account. Jan. 11. **DI—Good**
- *AB 235 Crown** (Fin. & Ins.) Eliminates requirement that employer have consented to institution of voluntary plan under DI program. Jan. 11. **DI—Good**
- *AB 236 Crown** (Fin. & Ins.) Specifies that disqualification for willful misstatement made to receive DI benefits shall arise, only if statement is made with intent to defraud. Jan. 11. **DI—Good**
- *AB 237 Crown** (Fin. & Ins.) Eliminates provisions authorizing, upon claimant's prior consent, the payment of hospital benefits directly to hospital to extent of daily rates under DI program. Jan. 11. **DI—Good**
- *AB 238 Crown** (Fin. & Ins.) Eliminates from provisions barring department's recovery of overpayments received without fault of recipient, language which makes bar operative only if recovery would be against equity and good conscience under DI program. Jan. 11. **DI—Good**
- AB 244 Hegland** (Pub. H.) Prohibits a school of cosmetology from advertising student work to the public for pay through any medium. Eliminates exception as to work expressly designated as student work. Specifies requirements for persons to be employed as instructors in a school of cosmetology. Prohibits any school from advertising a guarantee of a job placement for its students. Prohibits any school from having an appointment book or sheet, or allowing its students to have an appointment book or sheet. Limits the number of hours the school may remain open to the public for supervised practice to 5 consecutive hours in any school day. Requires the school to register the hours of supervised practice with the board, and prohibits change of hours without board approval. Makes other changes. Jan. 11. **BC—Watch**
- AB 249 Cameron** (Pub. H.) Deletes provisions which make records of State Department of Public Health regarding hospitals confidential. Jan. 11. **PH—Watch**
- AB 260 Garrigus** (Ind. R.) Specifies that the Department of Industrial Relations shall not have the power to fix maximum hours of male minors between 16 and 21 years of age who are employed in agriculture work or processing or packing of fruits or vegetables rather than all male minors between 18 and 21 years of age. Lowers the minimum age to which the provisions regulating the hours of employment of minors apply, from 18 to 16 years of age. Jan. 11. **FL—Bad**
- AB 261 Davis** (F. & G.) Provides for annual transfer from State Lands Act Fund to Department of Water Resources of not exceeding \$3,000,000 for use in payment of costs of state and joint state-federal water projects attributable to fish and wildlife enhancement and recreation. Requires incorporation of fish and wildlife enhancement and recreation features in planning of such projects and provides for payment of costs of such features, including necessary lands and works and additional storage capacity, from funds transferred to department. Requires approval of California Water Commission before such payments are made. Requires department to re-evaluate allocations of project costs to reflect any rate changes which would result from expenditure of the transferred funds. Jan. 11. **RE—Good**
- AB 264 Grant** (Pub. H.) Repeals, adds various secs., H. & S.C., to regulate sanitation of restaurants, itinerant restaurants, vehicles and vending machines. Jan. 11. **PH—Watch**
- AB 265 Grant** (G.E. & E.) Provides for licensing and regulation of persons engaged in the repair, maintenance or servicing of television, radio and home appliances. Creates the State Board of Consumer Technical Services to administer the law, and provides for its organization, powers and duties. Creates the State Consumer Technical Service Fund and appropriates it for the administration of the chapter. Jan. 11. **MI—Watch**
- AB 267 Rees** (Mun. & C.G.) Enacts the Metropolitan Area 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. Jan. 11. **SL—Watch**
- AB 268 Kennick** (At the request of the Governor) (Soc. Wel.) Provides that a recipient shall be entitled to a basic grant of aged aid which when added to his income equals \$95 per month, instead of a grant,

- not to exceed \$95, which when added to his income equals his actual need. Provides that the amount of the basic grant shall be adjusted annually by the State Social Welfare Board to reflect increases in the cost of living, as determined in accordance with indexes published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. Deletes provision allowing the Department of Social Welfare to delay for two months any change in grant for an amount of \$2 or less. Jan. 11. **SW—Good**
- AB 269 Kennick** (At the request of the Governor) (Soc. Wel.) Provides that a recipient shall be entitled to a basic grant of blind aid which when added to his income equals \$115 per month, instead of a grant, not to exceed \$104, which when added to his income equals his actual need. Provides that the amount of the basic grant shall be adjusted annually by the State Social Welfare Board to reflect increases in the cost of living, as determined in accordance with indexes published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. Eliminates provisions that a recipient whose combined income and basic grant is less than \$115 shall receive a supplemental grant sufficient in amount to bring his combined income and grant to \$115. Jan. 11. **SW—Good**
- *AB 274 Waldie** (Fin. & Ins.) Increases amount payable for unreasonable delay or refusal to pay workmen's compensation from 10 percent to 50 percent. Jan. 12. **WC—Good**
- *AB 275 Waldie** (Fin. & Ins.) Includes household domestic service workers under the workmen's compensation laws. Jan. 12. **WC—Good**
- *AB 276 Waldie** (Fin. & Ins.) Repeals \$7,500 maximum on the one-half increase in compensation award for injuries due to serious and willful misconduct. Jan. 12. **WC—Good**
- *AB 277 Waldie** (Fin. & Ins.) Provides that the Insurance Commissioner shall base classifications of risks and premium rates and merit rating systems with respect to workmen's compensation insurance upon the experience of the State Compensation Insurance Fund. Jan. 12. **WC—Good**
- *AB 278 Waldie** (Fin. & Ins.) Provides rehabilitation benefits to one suffering a permanent industrial injury under workmen's compensation program. Jan. 12. **WC—Good**
- *AB 279 Waldie** (Fin. & Ins.) Requires reports to be filed semi-annually with the Industrial Accident Commission by the employer or insurer indicating all workmen's compensation payments made, together with the manner and time of payments and the date of termination. Makes violation a misdemeanor. Jan. 12. **WC—Good**
- AB 288 Luckel** (G.E. & E.) Excepts from the definition of activities constituting unlawful employment practices situations where proscribed activities occur in connection with state laws requiring that only citizens of the United States or of the State be employed. Jan. 12. **CR—Watch**
- *AB 310 Crown** (Fin. & Ins.) Changes from \$3,600 to unspecified amount, the maximum amount of annual wages in covered employment upon which worker contributions will be required under DI program. Jan. 12. **DI—Good**
- *AB 317 Rumford** (Pub. H.) Prohibits any rest home or convalescent home from using the name or title "hospital." Jan. 12. **PH—Good**
- *AB 319 Waldie** (Fin. & Ins.) Provides that awards for the payment of temporary disability workmen's compensation shall carry interest at 7 percent per year from the last day in each week for which compensation is found to have been payable but not paid. Jan. 12. **WC—Good**
- *AB 320 Waldie** (Fin. & Ins.) Requires Insurance Commissioner to compute as part of any workmen's compensation rate a 10 percent allocation of the total employer premiums, to be deposited at least semi-annually in a Rehabilitation Fund to be administered by Industrial Accident Commission and provide rehabilitation payments in accordance with orders of the commission. Jan. 12. **WC—Good**
- *AB 321 Waldie** (Fin. & Ins.) Permits, if an employee is temporarily disabled, a workmen's compensation disability payment from the first day the injured employee leaves work or is hospitalized as a result of the injury where the injury causes a disability of more than seven rather than 49 days. Jan. 12. **WC—Good**
- *AB 322 Waldie** (Fin. & Ins.) 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. Jan. 12. **WC—Good**
- AB 323 Waldie** (Fin. & Ins.) Provides that total temporary disability workmen's compensation payments for one injury shall not extend beyond 520 compensable weeks rather than 240 compensable weeks within a period of five years. Jan. 12. **WC—Good**
- *AB 324 Waldie** (Fin. & Ins.) Requires Industrial Accident Commission to fix fees for services of attorneys where award is recovered by injured employee or employee's dependent. Provides that such fees shall be paid by the employer or the insurer and not by the employee or dependent and that they shall not be deducted from the award. Jan. 12. **WC—Good**
- *AB 325 Waldie** (Fin. & Ins.) Eliminates presently fixed maximum amounts under workmen's compensation death benefits. In case of total dependency, provides for payments based on temporary disability indemnity, to continue in favor of a surviving wife until her death or remarriage, with an increase of 25 percent where there are also dependent minor children. In case of partial dependency, provides for continuance of payments during period of dependency. Jan. 12. **WC—Good**
- *AB 326 Waldie** (Fin. & Ins.) Increases maximum expenses from \$600 to \$750 under workmen's compensation. Jan. 12. **WC—Good**
- *AB 327 Waldie** (Fin. & Ins.) Provides for extra weekly payments of \$5 for a wife and \$5 for each additional dependent up to total of five additional dependents under workmen's compensation. Jan. 12. **WC—Good**
- *AB 328 Waldie** (Fin. & Ins.) Provides that with respect to petitions alleging disability under workmen's compensation has decreased or terminated the conclusion that the temporary disability continues at least one week following filing of the petition is conclusive rather than only rebuttable. Jan. 12. **WC—Good**
- *AB 329 Waldie** (Fin. & Ins.) Increases minimum workmen's compensation weekly temporary disability indemnity payment from \$20 to \$25, and maximum weekly amount of such payment from \$65 to \$150. Increases minimum weekly permanent disability indemnity payment from \$20 to \$25, and maximum weekly amount of such payment from \$52.50 to \$150. Increases from \$52.50 to \$150 the weekly permanent disability indemnity payment for a minor whose probable earnings cannot be reasonably determined. Repeals provisions on average annual earnings. Jan. 12. **WC—Good**
- *AB 330 Waldie** (Fin. & Ins.) Provides that in determining average earnings for purpose of disability indemnity under workmen's compensation, in absence of a written contract to contrary, where employment is for a stated hourly rate, it is to be presumed that the employment is for 8 hours a day, 5 day a week, and the average weekly earnings no less than 95 percent of the hourly rate multiplied by 40. Jan. 12. **WC—Good**
- *AB 331 Waldie** (Fin. & Ins.) Eliminates provisions requiring employee to submit to medical examination at request of employer under workmen's compensation. Provides that medical, surgical and hospital treatment shall be at expense of, rather than provided by, employer. Omits provisions on change of physician when requested by employee. Makes other related changes. Jan. 12. **WC—Good**
- *AB 332 Waldie** (Fin. & Ins.) Provides that "vocational rehabilitation" includes training in schools, colleges, by tutors or on the job, and permits the supplying of occupational tools. Provides that "physical restoration" includes the furnishing of hearing aids, braces, trusses and other necessary medical equipment, and deletes a provision excluding curative treatment for acute or transitory medical conditions. Requires appointment of an officer to act as a liaison between the Department of Education and organizations of employees, and requires the department to follow the progress of individuals who have completed rehabilitation programs. Jan. 12. **VT—Good**
- *AB 333 Waldie** (Fin. & Ins.) Reduces from 14 to 7 days the time within which an employer or insurance carrier has, after an injured employee requests a change of physicians, to nominate three physicians from which the employee may choose. Jan. 12. **WC—Good**
- *AB 334 Waldie** (Fin. & Ins.) Requires employer on written request of injured employee to submit copies of all medical reports in his possession or under his control to employee within 10 days of the request, and thereafter, if no application or petition is filed with the Industrial Accident Commission, within 5 days of receipt. Makes failure to comply a refusal to provide medical care. Jan. 12. **WC—Good**
- *AB 335 Waldie** (Fin. & Ins.) Includes a safety engineer among those representatives of an employer whose serious and willful misconduct which injures an employee will result in increased compensation for such employee under workmen's compensation. Jan. 12. **WC—Good**
- *AB 336 Elliott** (Ed.) Increases maximum income eligibility requirements by 15 percent with respect to admission to child care centers. Jan. 12. **SC—Good**
- *AB 337 Elliott** (Ed.) Requires that probationary employees of any school district, rather than districts having an average daily attendance of 85,000 or more, be dismissed for cause only. Specifies that the hearing provided by the existing law for a dismissed employee is a hearing to determine the cause of his dismissal. Requires that no employee be denied the right to such hearing. Jan. 12. **SC—Good**
- AB 338 Unruh** (W. & M.) Eliminates relatives' responsibility requirements in Old Age Security Law. Jan. 12. **SW—Good**
- AB 343 George E. Brown** (Pub. H.) Provides that the practical experience which qualifies an applicant from another state or country to take the examination for licensing as a barber or apprentice barber in this State is to be obtained in a barbershop which was open to the general public. Jan. 16. **BC—Good**
- *AB 344 George E. Brown** (Pub. H.) Authorizes the State Department of Public Health to promulgate regulations establishing minimum nursing care hours per patient in public medical institutions, such regulations to consider the applicable nursing classifications and the procedures of the affected institution. Jan. 16. **PH—Good**
- *AB 345 George E. Brown** (G.E. & E.) Provides that when any holiday specified in section describing state holidays falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be a holiday. Makes such Fridays holidays for state employees. Jan. 16. **PE—Good**

- SB 1 Rattigan** (Agr.) Provides that a California name or address, or the word "California" on chicken poultry meat, or packages of such meat, is a representation that the poultry was raised in this State, unless the meat or package is conspicuously marked otherwise. Jan. 2. **PH—Good**
- SB 2 Rattigan** (Agr.) Provides that a California name or address, or the word "California" on egg labels is a representation that the eggs were produced in this State, unless the label plainly indicates otherwise. Jan. 2. **PH—Good**
- SB 3 Rattigan** (Agr.) Repeals authorization for labeling poultry as "California Grown." Requires all chicken poultry meat and packages of such meat offered for retail sale as a fresh product to be tagged, marked, or otherwise labeled to indicate state where grown or raised and also to state the name of any preservative drug to which the product has been subjected. Jan. 2. **PH—Good**
- SB 6 McCarthy** (Rev. & Tax.) Exempts medicines for human consumption and orthopedic, surgical, dental, ocular and ophthalmologic devices or appliances or restorations and their appurtenances, applied or dispensed by a duly licensed person or sold or delivered upon the prescription of a duly licensed person, from sales tax. Jan. 2. **TA—Good**
- SB 20 Collier** (Rls.) Provides that an unemployed individual shall be entitled to unemployment compensation benefits while enrolled in a re-training program at any time during the period he is entitled to unemployment compensation benefits instead of just during the period he is entitled to extended duration unemployment compensation benefits. Jan. 4. **UI—Good**
- SB 33 Farr** (L. Gov.) Allows school districts or a county superintendent of schools on behalf of school districts, to acquire, construct, maintain, and operate translators or other devices for relaying television signals. Deletes provision that Section 8857, re contracts by district and county superintendents for participating in or procuring educational television broadcasts, does not authorize a district or superintendent to own, lease, or operate, a television broadcasting station. Jan. 5. **NT—Watch**
- SB 57 Fisher** (Ed.) Establishes new credentialing system composed of five types of credentials. Prescribes requirements for credentials and services authorized thereby. Preserves validity of credentials previously issued, and allows renewal thereof, and allows issuance of old type of credentials to specified persons. Jan. 9. **SC—Watch**
- SB 62 Fisher** (at the request of the Governor) (Rev. & Tax.) Exempts medicines prescribed for treatment of human beings from sales tax. Jan. 9. **TA—Good**
- SB 101 McBride** (Rev. & Tax.) Permits an employee to exclude from gross income amounts up to \$100 per week received by him from his employer as wages or in lieu of wages during absence from work on account of personal injuries or sickness. To take effect immediately, tax levy. Jan. 11. **TA—Good**
- SB 104 McBride** (Rev. & Tax.) Permits farmer to deduct in the year of purchase the cost of specified fertilizers, as well as the cost of application under bank and corporation tax law. Jan. 11. **TA—Bad**
- SB 108 McBride** (Rev. & Tax.) Permits farmers to deduct in the year of purchase the cost of specified fertilizers, as well as the cost of their application under personal income tax. Jan. 11. **TA—Bad**
- SB 110 McBride** (Rev. & Tax.) Exempts from taxation specified "real estate investment trusts" from bank and corporation taxes. Jan. 11. **TA—Bad**
- SB 111 McBride** (Rev. & Tax.) Exempts, under specified conditions, a trust which provides for the payment of supplemental unemployment compensation benefits from bank and corporation taxes. Jan. 11. **TA—Good**
- SB 121 Rodda** (Elec.) States legislative intent that county clerks shall deputize as registrars volunteers provided by qualified political parties, service organizations, and bona fide labor organizations, and that such volunteers shall be permitted to register voters in the precincts in which they reside and such other places as the clerk may approve. Provides that registration period shall close 30 days, rather than 53 days, prior to the election for which registrations are taken. Requires the county clerk to maintain facilities at the county seat and in cities having a population of 20,000 or more, for 30 days prior to the close of registration, so that persons may register from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Jan. 11. **EL—Good**
- SB 122 Rodda** (Elec.) Authorizes the county clerk to impose a reasonable charge for verifying or precincting signatures on an initiative or referendum petition. Requires that money collected be deposited in the general fund of the county. Jan. 11. **EL—Watch**
- SB 127 Slatery** (Agr.) Makes unlawful specified unfair trade practices with respect to the right of a farmer to voluntarily join specified co-operative bargaining associations. Jan. 11. **MI—Bad**
- SB 131 Thompson** (Rls.) Raises from \$12 to \$40 the assumed average weekly earnings of partners for purposes of computation of workmen's compensation. Jan. 11. **WC—Watch**
- SB 133 Shaw** (Ins. & F.I.) Urgency bill to provide extended payment of unemployment insurance benefits during Feb. and March. Jan. 11. **UI—Good**
- SB 134 Richards** (Soc. Wel.) Vastly liberalizes relatives' responsibility regarding old age assistance program. Jan. 11. **SW—Good**
- SB 135 Richards** (Soc. Wel.) Same as SB 134 regarding disability aid. Jan. 11. **SW—Good**
- SB 136 Richards** (Soc. Wel.) Vastly liberalizes relatives' responsibility regarding aid to the blind. Jan. 11. **SW—Good**
- SB 143 McCarthy** (Rls.) Provides for crossfiling for partisan offices at the direct primary election. Jan. 12. **EL—Bad**
- SB 145 Thompson** (B. & P.) Provides for the licensing and regulation of nurses' registries by the Labor Commissioner. Defines such registries to mean persons who engage in the occupation of procuring commitments for nursing services. Jan. 12. **EA—Bad**
- SB 163 Cobey** (Wat. Res.) Requires Department of Water Resources to apply surplus system power revenues to reduce only agricultural water users rates without limitation on subsidies to landed monopolists. Jan. 16. **WP—Bad**
- SB 166 Collier** (Ed.) Eliminates provisions requiring public schools to close for Lincoln's and Washington's birthdates, Admission Day, and Veterans' Day; adds provisions specifying that if district governing board does not close schools on these days suitable exercises be conducted; and revises provisions respecting exercises on the days preceding Lincoln's and Washington's birthdates to require them if the schools are to be closed on the birthdates. Jan. 16. **SC—Bad**
- *SB 168 Regan** (Ed.) Provides that vocational rehabilitation includes training in schools, colleges, by tutor or on the job. Permits the supplying of occupational tools. Provides for the furnishing of hearing aids, braces, trusses and other necessary medical equipment, and eliminates the exclusion of providing curative treatment for acute or transitory medical conditions. Authorizes appointment of an officer to serve as a liaison between the Department of Education and organizations of employees. Requires the Department to follow the progress of individuals who have completed rehabilitation programs. Jan. 16. **VT—Good**
- *SB 169 Regan** (Lab.) Reduces from 14 to 7 days the time within which employer or insurance carrier must, upon demand of injured employee for change of physicians, nominate at least three additional competent physicians or else employee may select physician of his choice under workmen's compensation. Jan. 16. **WC—Good**
- *SB 170 Regan** (Lab.) Authorizes disability payment during first seven days after employee leaves work as result of injury causing temporary disability if injury causes disability of more than seven, rather than 49, days under workmen's compensation. Jan. 16. **WC—Good**
- *SB 171 Regan** (Lab.) Provides for payment of a reasonable attorney's fee to a claimant when a petition to reduce a workmen's compensation permanent disability rating award is denied. Jan. 16. **WC—Good**
- *SB 172 Regan** (Lab.) Increases minimum weekly temporary disability indemnity payment from \$20 to \$25, and maximum weekly amount of such payment from \$65 to \$150 for workmen's compensation. Increases minimum weekly permanent disability indemnity payment from \$20 to \$25, and maximum weekly amount of such payment from \$52.50 to \$150. Increases from \$52.50 to \$150 the weekly permanent disability indemnity payment for a minor whose probable earnings cannot be reasonably determined. Repeals provisions on average annual earnings. Jan. 16. **WC—Good**
- *SB 173 Regan** (Lab.) Requires Insurance Commissioner to compute as part of any workmen's compensation rating a 10 per cent allocation of the total employer premium which is to be deposited as least semi-annually in a Rehabilitation Fund to be administered by Industrial Accident Commission and provide rehabilitation payments in accordance with orders of the commission. Jan. 16. **WC—Good**
- *SB 174 Regan** (Lab.) Provides, in addition to temporary disability benefits, dependency benefits of \$5 per week for a wife and \$5 per week for each additional dependent up to a total of five under workmen's compensation. Jan. 16. **WC—Good**
- *SB 175 Regan** (Lab.) Requires that medical treatment for employees be provided under workmen's compensation at the expense of the employer, rather than by the employee. Deletes provision making employer liable for treatment expenses of the employee incurred because of the neglect or refusal of the employer to provide treatment. Repeals provisions requiring the employer to tender one change of physician upon request of the employee. Deletes statement that provisions relating to change of physician do not apply where the employer maintains for his employees an approved hospital and staff. Deletes requirements that controversies between employer and employee be determined by the Industrial Accident Commission on request of either party. Repeals requirements that employees receiving compensation submit, at reasonable intervals, to examination by a physician provided and paid for by the employer. Removes provision that no compensation is payable when the employee's death or disability is caused by his unreasonable refusal to submit to medical treatment. Jan. 16. **WC—Good**
- *SB 176 Regan** (Lab.) Requires the Industrial Accident Commission to determine a reasonable attorney's fee for services rendered by an employees' or dependent's attorney whenever an award for compensation is recovered by an injured employee or an award for death benefits is recovered by a dependent of a deceased employee. Requires the attorney's fee to be paid by the employer or the insurer, or in part by each. Provides that no attorney fee under this section shall be paid by the employee or dependent, or deducted from the award recovered by the employee or dependent, or be made a lien, pursuant to Section 4903, against the compensation awarded. Jan. 16. **WC—Good**

Minimum Wage

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of 20 or more residents, the Director is given the authority to investigate an occupation "to ascertain whether a substantial number of employees in such occupation are receiving wages less than the reasonable value of the services rendered, or less than sufficient to maintain the health and general well being of the workers."

Where such conditions are found to exist, the Director may issue appropriate orders and regulations, setting the minimum wage rate and maximum hours that would apply in this special occupational category. In no case, however, could the minimum rate be less than \$1.25 per hour, nor the maximum work week be in excess of 40 hours.

In introducing the bill, Rumford said:

"I consider these bills moderate and essential legislation in a period of urgent need for action.

"The urgency for action rests not only with those relatively few unfortunate workers who may still earn below \$1.25 per hour, but also in the health of our state economy, our continued growth and prosperity and the needs of many business men.

"Based on reports of the Department of Labor which I have seen, minimum wage increases have been proven to have no significant adverse effect on employment opportunities. These fears are invariably raised in opposition to minimum wage legislation, but they do not square with the facts.

"The real issue is whether our economy can afford the economic drain that results from forced subsidy by employers and the public to low wage industries and individual employers who do not meet 20th century standards of human need and decency.

"This subsidy by the public and fair-minded employers is a key issue in the current recession which California and the nation are facing.

"The passage of my bill would eliminate this drag on our economy by providing a new stimulus for badly lagging purchasing power of consumers who do not have the money income necessary to purchase the increasing product of our ever more efficient economy.

"The additions to purchasing power in the hands of those who

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nations. Goldberg announced that if the state agency does not make a finding within the 48-hour period, then the U.S. Department of Labor will step in and make the determination.

One of the major problems hamstringing organizational efforts of farm workers has been the prolonged delay between the onset of a strike and the issuance of a strike determination decision, which is the basis on which braceros are removed from a struck ranch.

Goldberg is expected to come to grips with the entire bracero issue on strike-bound farms where growers are trying to use cheap imported labor from Mexico as a means of breaking the organizing drive. Under federal law, where a strike takes place and is recognized as such by the Department of Employment, braceros must be withdrawn. But even this requirement is being undermined by compromising decisions in the Imperial Valley situation.

On the big Church ranch involving 1000 acres, an earlier decision to withdraw braceros when AWOC members struck last week has now been modified to restrict the withdrawal to only a quarter of the acreage. This was done under a finding that AWOC struck only a portion of the Church acreage. The fiction was advanced that the rest of his acreage was really separate and therefore should be allowed the use of braceros as strikebreakers.

One government spokesman under the Kennedy Administration observed that this was equivalent to ruling that slavery was prohibited on the "north 40" but could be freely indulged in on the rest of the farm. The decision, however, is

are most in need, and who would immediately put their increased wages into the purchasing power stream, would be a shot in the arm to our California economy and would help many retail merchants throughout the state.

"The burden of economic recessions falls on the working people, but also on many business people, and especially the small retail merchant who does not have the funds to tide him over a recession period.

"I consider this minimum wage bill the very minimum of what we can do here in California to help the 'New Frontier' of the Kennedy Administration to get America moving again and expand our economy sufficiently to maintain the health, welfare and prosperity of our people."

expected to be put under sharp scrutiny by Goldberg.

Compounding the legal maze, Superior Court Judge Elmer Heald this Thursday issued a restraining order enjoining picketing at the struck Church and Freedman ranches. The Heald decision was based on grower contentions that the purpose of the strikes was illegal. The sole purpose, according to the growers, was to repeal Public Law 78 which permits the use of braceros.

Further complicating the situation, AWOC charged the state Farm Placement Service of gross violations of gate hiring requirements for domestic workers. A long standing ruling has required, as a condition for the use of braceros, that growers hire qualified domestics when they apply for employment at the growers' gate. Failure to hire such workers is cause for removal of braceros. AWOC contends that requirement is being violated by allowing the growers to refer job seeking domestics to the Imperial Valley Farmers Association offices in El Centro for "completing their applications" and their subsequent re-referral by the Association to other farms.

AWOC is protesting that this enables IVFA to dissipate the strength of organized workers and at the same time maximize the employment of braceros.

This concession, AWOC points out, promotes grower abuses. As an example, Calexico workers living next to immense lettuce ranches are sent from the state employment office to individual growers. The grower in turn sends them to the IVFA offices in El Centro before they are sent finally to a distant ranch perhaps 40 miles from the workers' homes. Instances have been reported where workers have been mishandled in this manner for 18 hours a day during which they managed to get only six hours of paid employment.

State Director of Employment Irving H. Perluss insists that under his rulings a worker may be sent to the IVFA for processing of his application but then must be sent back to the grower to whom the worker originally applied for employment.

AWOC, however, points to dozens of complaints filed with the Farm Placement Service in El Centro demonstrating that the Perluss orders are being observed only in the breach.

The gate hiring violations were also rapidly coming to a head with hopes of clarifying decisions in the immediate future.

In the meantime, observers on the scene were praising the courage of the farm workers in the face of the cumbersome process of government decision making, hand-to-mouth living conditions, and the extremely tense situation resulting from so-called citizens' committees being whipped by growers toward vigilante action.

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pointed out that the federal government should construct big Oroville Dam (keystone unit) and other flood control and conservation projects which the state's own hired experts say must be built to meet the promises of Prop. No. 1, but which can't be financed by the bond issue. The Senators' approach recognizes that California's water problems are western problems which can't be resolved without a federal-state approach.

The budget submitted to the legislature this week, however, commits the state to building Oroville on an essentially "go-it-alone" basis. This means state taxpayers will have to cough up more funds when the water bonds run out instead of securing federal financing.

The reason for this approach was brought out in the open at a recent conference on water at the Davis campus of U.C. The Feather River Project Ass'n (front promoters of the state program for landed monopolists) argued that the federal government must be kept out of the program at any cost to the state. What the Association didn't say outright was said by former Water Resources Director Harvey Banks. He warned state program supporters not to be fooled by the federal participation angle because it would mean the application of federal reclamation law to water users—those nasty protections for taxpayers against monopoly and speculation.

This Wednesday one seasoned capitol observer was heard commenting: There may be a current shortage of state funds for badly needed liberal programs in the state, but it appears that there are plenty of funds for anti-public programs for the big landowners.

HEALTH INSURANCE PROPOSALS

Time for a change! Assemblyman Phillip Burton (D., San Francisco) has introduced AB 605, a Federation-backed bill which would establish a state health care program based on the coverage of workers and their dependents under the Unemployment Insurance Code.

(The measure complements another

Fed-backed bill introduced by Carlos Bee, AB 489, providing aged health care under social insurance, as covered by Newsletter last week.)

The services available under the Burton bill would be general medical and dental care, including preventive diagnostic medicine; therapeutic treatment; home, office and hospital visits; laboratory and X-ray services; and drugs used in the course of treatment at a hospital.

Commenting on the bill, Burton stated, "Not since 1947, under Earl Warren, has the California legislature considered the urgent need for comprehensive medical coverage to protect the health and security of the citizens of this state. The arguments for such coverage are overwhelming, and well known, and insure the inevitable adoption of such legislation across the nation. California can lead the nation by being first to recognize and act upon this need."

The bill provides for free choice of physician and hospital, as well as allowing the individual to use more expensive hospital accommodations than provided for in the act if he pays the difference in cost. The Burton bill would also allow any resident not regularly subject to coverage to come under the act by paying a premium set by the California Health Service which would be established by the act. The cost of these services would be financed by a payment by the employer equal to 3 per cent of all taxable wages (taxable wages under the Unemployment Insurance Code are now \$3600 per year).

The measure would create a California Health Service Authority to administer its provisions. Nine members of the authority would be chosen as follows: three members to be licensed physicians, one of which to have hospital administration experience; two members to be representatives of employers; two members to be representatives of labor; and ex-officio members to be the Director of Public Health and the chief executive officer of the Department of Employment.

It would also create a Medical Advisory Board and a Hospital Service Advisory Board.

The Burton bill contains a provision to allocate funds for the assistance of physicians and surgeons taking postgraduate and refresher study. Under its provisions, private plans that provide at least equal service and are free to the employees would be allowed to substitute for this plan.

Other approaches to the health care problem are being sponsored by Assemblyman Ronald Brooks Cameron (D.,

Western Labor-Management Reports Bureau Head Named

Harold D. Huxley of San Francisco has been named as regional director of the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor-Management Reports it was announced this week by John L. Holcombe, national commissioner of the bureau.

Huxley will head up a ten-state staff of BLMR investigators and technical-assistance specialists. The latter work closely with labor and management to explain the law and its requirements to ensure fuller understanding and compliance.

(Holcombe was in San Francisco and Los Angeles recently to address labor-management symposiums on Landrum-Griffin under the auspices of the University of California's Institutes of Industrial Relations.)

(Holcombe introduced to the public the first edition of a "Register of Reporting Labor Organizations." This is a list of unions who have reported to the Labor Department under the terms of Landrum-Griffin, giving the union's name, location by city and state, its affiliation, and the federal file number which interested persons may refer to in requesting further information from the Labor Department.)

Huxley's regional headquarters will be located in San Francisco.

Huxley is a veteran of 27 years in government, the past eight of them as deputy regional director of the Labor Department's employment security bureau here. Born in Minnesota in 1904, Huxley was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. During and after World War II, he was a commander in the U. S. Navy. He served on the United Nations Truce Team in Palestine in 1948 under the late Count Folke Bernadotte of Sweden. Huxley was governor of the Caroline Islands in the Pacific prior to this assignment.

Los Angeles) which would require the grading of voluntary health insurance plans by the amount they return in benefits out of premiums paid the carriers (AB 570 and 571).

The southern legislator has other bills in the mill to provide tighter regulation of hospitals aimed at protecting consumers and communities against inefficient organization and administration.