

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

2nd Fed. Bill

The second Federation-sponsored bill to clear the lower house of the legislature was approved by the Assembly last Friday without opposition. The measure is *AB 721 (Cameron, D.) which requires redevelopment plans to make provision for elderly citizens housing.

Also on the Senate side is *AB 337 (Elliott), a bill being pushed hard by the AFL-CIO teachers to give all probationary teachers protections against dismissal without cause that are now enjoyed only in school districts with an average daily attendance of 85,000 pupils or more. The California Teachers Association, whose policies are generally dominated by school administrators, is breaking its back to block this one in the upper house.

U.I. Re-training Benefits.

SB 20 (Collier, D.) is now on its last leg, headed for floor action in the Assembly before landing on the Governor's desk. The senate-passed mea-

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URGE STATE ACTION TO MEET RECREATION NEEDS

Legislation to capture the full recreation potential of multiple-purpose water development projects was urged this week by Thos. L. Pitts, Secretary-Treasurer of the California Labor Federation.

The state AFL-CIO leader called for enactment of an interim study committee measure, AB 261 (Davis-D.), designed to make recreational development and fish and wild life enhancement an integral part of project planning and construction.

The bill was approved by the Assembly committee on Fish and Game this Tuesday, but faces a major financial obstacle in the lower house Ways and Means Committee.

"This is basic legislation true to the principles of sound water development and vital to meeting the recreation needs of a growing population," Pitts said.

AB 261 would apply to all water projects undertaken by the state itself or in cooperation with federal government or local public agencies.

Under its provisions, the cost of maximizing these recreational benefits in project planning and construction would be charged against the general public as the benefits would be available to all the people of California.

By the same token, to the extent that recreation and fish and wild life enhancement costs are allocated to "non-

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STATE JOBLESS TOTAL 556,000; GOV. CONFERENCE GETS NEWS IN DEPTH

Latest figures issued by the state show there were 556,000 Californians out of work in February — 8.5 percent of the state labor force.

Some one hundred representatives of labor, business, and local government attending the Governor's two-day recession conference in Sacramento this Monday and Tuesday, March 13th and 14th, got the news in depth — in terms of the devastating effect unemployment is having throughout the state.

Governor Brown, who chaired the first full day's plenary session, said that state unemployment last month was the highest since the depression of the 30's. (Nationally, it's 5.7 million un-

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Housing for Elderly Vs. Water for Monopolists

A proposed \$100 million (Cal-Vet type) bond issue to finance low cost housing for elderly citizens appeared this week to be running smack into the major obstacle of the 1961 legislative session plaguing all sorely needed programs requiring the use of the state's credit.

Many legislators and capitol observers are beginning to wonder what can be done in situations like this when a voter-approved \$1.75 billion water bond issue has virtually pre-empted the state's precious credit.

The issue is sharpened by the fact that a large portion of the state's credit wrapped up in the water bonds is actually pledged for the delivery of water to land barons in the San Joaquin Valley who are trying to force the state to forego potentially available federal water development funds in order to block the application of federal anti-monopoly protections to their giant land holdings.

The needs of the aged, which must now compete with the needs of the monopolist, were forcefully presented this Tuesday in a report filed in the Senate by an upper house subcommittee on housing and recreational needs of elderly citizens.

The subcommittee called for support of SCA 10 and SB 414 designed to pave the way for issuance of \$100 million in general obligation bonds to correct the shocking housing conditions of the elderly.

Both measures have the solid backing of the California Labor Federation, based on convention action taken last

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L-G REPORT DEADLINE

The U.S. Department of Labor is reminding labor unions that March 31st is the deadline for filing financial reports by those organizations whose fiscal year ended December 31.

The law requires covered unions to file reports within 90 days after they close their books.

Approximately 5,000 of the 6,200 plus reporting organizations in the 10 western states comprising the San Francisco region, close their financial period on December 31, according to Regional Director Harold D. Huxley of the Bureau of Labor-Management Reports.

Labor Department offices throughout the region have been geared to assist local union officials in every way possible during this peak filing period, Huxley said. Most of the locals who filed last year have already received a kit of materials designed to answer the more routine questions that have arisen, based on experience during 1960. Unions with special problems not covered by the materials in the kit are urged to contact their local Bureau of Labor-Management Reports area office for assistance.

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sure cleared the lower house committee on Finance and Insurance this Monday. It provides for payment of U.I. benefits to unemployed persons undergoing re-training as part of the basic benefit structure. At present, such payments are allowed only to jobless workers who have exhausted their benefits when so-called extended benefits are payable to them in periods of heavy unemployment.

Here's a New One

It's a good one too, but its chances of passage may not be so good. SB 882 (Holmdahl, D.) would require the Governor to submit to each regular session of the legislature an Economic Report setting forth:

(1) The levels of employment, production, and purchasing power obtaining in the State and the levels needed to carry out a Policy for Full Employment;

(2) Current and foreseeable trends in the levels of employment, production, and purchasing power;

(3) A review of the economic program of the State and a review of economic conditions affecting employment in the State or any considerable portion thereof during the preceding year and of their effect upon employment, production, and purchasing power;

(4) A program for carrying out the policy declared in the Policy for Full Employment, together with such recommendations for legislation as he may deem necessary or desirable.

The bill is tied to another measure by Holmdahl (SB 813) which would establish a state policy acknowledging the responsibility of the state to foster and promote full employment with maximum production and purchasing power, and directing the state to do all in its power to promote and foster this objective.

If these bills ever reach the floor, we might see a good test vote.

Civil Rights

Another civil rights bill is moving. AB 101 (Elliott, D.), cleared by Governmental Efficiency and Economy this Tuesday, would establish effective procedures for eliminating racial restrictions upon the transfer of property in redevelopment and urban renewal projects.

Up for Senate Passage

As we go to press, SB 282 (O'Sullivan, D.) is on the Senate floor for passage. It contains Governor Brown's pilot program permitting the state Department of Public Health to maintain a health program for seasonal agricultural workers and their families.

This bill in itself isn't much, but it may be the beginning of better things.

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Within the limits of this weekly publication, Newsletter will attempt to inform affiliates of important measures scheduled for hearing under a three-day "hearing notice" required by the legislature.

To be on the safe side, as bill digests are carried in Newsletter, affiliates should drop a note to committee chairmen requesting notice of hearings on bills of interest. Write the committee chairmen, c/o State Capitol, Sacramento. Bill digests carry the committee to which a bill has been referred.

Assembly

Tuesday, March 21st

Education Sub-Committee, 3:45 PM, Room 2196

AB 362 (Bee) Public education programs for mentally gifted minors. **Good**

AB 1000 (Winton) Increased financial support for schools. **Watch**

AB 1272 (Chapel) State support for adult education. **Watch**

Finance and Insurance Sub-Committee on Unemployment, 1:30 PM, Room 4168

***AB 911 (Munnell)** Filing proposed regulations with State Advisory Council. **Good**

***AB 913 (Munnell)** Maximum employer tax rates. **Good**

AB 922 (Elliott) Benefit overpayments. **Good**

Fish and Game, 3:45 PM, Room 5168

AB 474 (Grant) Sale and importation of halibut. **Bad**

Governmental Organization, 1:30 PM, Room 5168

AB 705-709 (Lanterman) Conflict of interest of special officers and employees. **Watch**

AB 1541 (Winton) Bidding on public works. **Good**

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

AB 982 (Beaver) Cartwright Act Amendments. **Watch**

AB 1351 (Winton) Contractors complaints by cities and counties. **Watch**

AB 1595 (Winton) City and county testing of qualifications of employees of contractors. **Watch**

AB 1762 (Busterud) Exemption from contract or licensing law. **Bad**

AB 858 (Hanna) Regulate home improvement business. **Watch**

AB 1364 (Knox) Weights and measures—unit price for non-uniform packages. **Good**

Social Welfare, 1:30 PM, Room 4164

AB 1570 (Winton) Employment of mentally or physically handicapped persons. **Watch**

AB 1602 (Burton) Employment aid to needy children program before Congress. **Good**

AB 1122 (Burton) Aged aid for aliens. **Good**

Water, 1:30 PM, Room 4202

AB 1377 (Z'berg) Seventy-five percent requirement on repayment contracts before construction. **Good**

Wednesday, March 22nd

Education, 3:45 PM, Room 4202

AB 1361 (Garrigus) Credential revision with emphasis on subject knowledge. **Watch**

AB 1772 (Bee) CTA bill to create state commission on teacher licensure. **Watch**

AB 1773 (Bee) CTA bill on licensing of school teachers. **Watch**

AB 1764 (Hanna) Workshop for the handicapped. **Watch**

Public Health, 1:30 PM, Room 5168

AB 264 (Grant) Restaurant sanitation. **Watch**

AB 244 (Hegland) Schools of cosmetology. **Watch**

AB 1589 (Rumford) RN liability for civil damages. **Watch**

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

AB 1056 (Kennick) Manager cosmetologists. **Watch**

AB 1057 (Kennick) Floor space requirements for cosmetology establishments. **Good**

AB 787 (Mulford) Issuance of housing standards by reconstituted state housing commission and state housing division. **Watch**

AB 1633 (Lunardi) Registered Nurse proof upon employment. **Watch**

***AB 344 (Geo. Brown)** Nursing care standards in county hospitals. **Good**

Thursday, March 23rd

Education sub-committee, 3:45 PM, Room 2196
(Same bills as set for Tuesday, March 21)

Industrial Relations, 3:45 PM, Room 4168

***AB 428 (Burton)** Prohibit professional strike breakers. **Good**

***AB 464 (O'Connell)** Welfare contributions by public agencies. **Good**

***AB 350 (Geo. Brown)** Political activities of public employees. **Good**

***AB 625 (Geo. Brown)** Application of IWC wage orders to public agencies. **Good**

***AB 562 (Gaffney)** Prohibit hiring of construction employees for fee. **Good**

***AB 565 (Gaffney)** Medical director and assistant for Division of Industrial Safety. **Good**

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

AB 191 and 192 (Hegland) Bidding procedures and permissible force act. **Bad**

AB 846 (Hanna) Wage claims priorities in administration of estates. **Good**

Revenue and Taxation, 3:45 PM, Room 2170

AB 1522-24 (Dahl) Motor vehicle license and registration fee—exempt. **Bad**

AB 1769 (DeLotto) Uniform sales tax collections schedule—prevent retail pocketing of excess collections. **Good**

Monday, March 27th

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

AB 1165 (Z'berg) Increase retirement benefits. **Good**

Criminal procedure, 3:45 PM, Room 5168

AB 445 (O'Connell) Prohibit employment inquiries regarding arrests not involving convictions. **Good**

Tuesday, March 28th

Fish and Game, 3:45 PM, Room 5168

AB 507, 508 Sardines and Mackerel. **Bad**

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

***AB 560, *AB 692, *AB 693, *AB 698, *AB 701, *AB 552, *AB 694, *AB 699—**
(Held over from previous hearing)

AB 1757 (Monagan) Public housing in redevelopment projects. **Good**

AB 602, 603 (Bee) Practice of Cosmetology, temporary permits and inspectors. **Watch**

AB 265 (Grant) Licensing of persons regarding home appliance repairs, service and maintenance. **Watch**

AB 891 (Z'berg) Cartwright Act — exclusive dealing amendment. **Watch**

Rules, 9:00 AM, Room 3188

AJR 21 (Cusanovich) Repeal federal income tax for starving millionaires. **Bad**

Senate

Tuesday, March 21st

Business and Professions, 1:00 PM, Room 3191

SB 713 (Gibson) Inactive contractor licenses. **Watch**

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

Fish and Game, 1:30 PM, Room 4040

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

Wednesday, March 22nd

Education, 9:30 AM, Room 3191

SB 572 (Rodda) State college personnel leaves of absence. **Good**

SCA 8 (McCarthy) Elective State Board of Education; appointive Superintendent of Public Instruction. **Bad**

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DIGEST OF BILLS

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Key to Symbols

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

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

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

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

ASSEMBLY BILLS

AB 948 Hicks (Departmental) (F. & G.) Provides for maximum age limit of 31 years for any examination for position of fish and game warden without affecting eligible lists in effect in September, 1961. Jan. 30. **FI—Bad**

AB 1147 Thomas (Departmental) (F. & G.) Sardines. Prohibits packing or processing of sardines in a reduction plant during time when sardines may not be taken for such purposes except as authorized when part of load of mixed fish. Jan. 31. **FI—Good**

AB 1313 Thomas (F. & G.) Extends season on sardines for use in a reduction plant or by a packer from December 31 to March 1. Feb. 6. **FI—Good**

AB 1314 Thomas (F. & G.) Provides synthetic twine used in bait nets must be equivalent in size to cotton seine twine rather than equivalent in size or strength. Adds mackerel to fish which may be taken with a bait net in District 19A. Deletes prohibition against possessing in District 19A any species of fish on a boat carrying a bait net other than those species which may be taken there with a bait net. Feb. 6. **FI—Good**

AB 1639 Davis (F. & G.) Establishes an "unbudgeted reserve" of \$2,500,000 in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund declaring such reserve to be available for expenditure only by specific appropriation separate from any budget bill. Feb. 15. **FI—Good**

AB 2004 Petris (G.E. & E.) Authorizes redevelopment of disaster areas if the Governor has certified the need for disaster assistance and if the legislative body certifies that an area is in need of redevelopment. Authorizes legislative body to approve and carry out redevelopment of a disaster area without going through the administrative procedures presently required by law for redevelopment. March 1. **CW—Bad**

AB 2007 Petris (Pub.H.) Community redevelopment. Specifically permits any public body to acquire land in redevelopment project area, and to make advances, loans, and grants of money to redevelopment agency; authorizes agencies to develop building sites for parks, playgrounds and other necessary improvements, in addition to present purposes. Eliminates requirement that community redevelopment agency must secure permit from Commissioner of Corporations to sell or offer for sale its bonds or notes. Eliminates requirement of sending notice by first class mail, in addition to notice by certified mail to last known addressee, or hearings on adoption of redevelopment plan or amendments to plan. Exempts all property, rather than real property, of agency from levy of execution or other judicial process. Restates the mandatory requirements applicable to redevelopment plans in more generalized language. Makes various other technical changes. March 1. **HO—Watch**

AB 2008 Thomas (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation. Provides that an employee may, after a change of physicians has been made pursuant to existing law, select still another physician of his choice. The employer or insurance carrier shall be liable for the reasonable cost of treatment. March 1. **WC—Good**

AB 2010 Gaffney (Ind.R.) Maritime industrial safety. Adds provisions relative to provisions to be made for the safety of persons engaged in loading or unloading ships or vessels in regard to handtrucks; handtools; the storage of materials; curbs or rails on docks, wharves or piers; the inspection of equipment; dock plates; and the use of internal combustion engines. Provides that added sections shall not limit division's safety orders. March 1. **IS—Good**

AB 2011 Kilpatrick (G.E. & E.) Building departments: furnishing of information regarding residential buildings. Requires prescribed local and state agencies to furnish specified information to prospective purchasers or sellers of residential buildings. Authorizes State Building Standards Commission to adopt regulations implementing and making specific the information which is required to be furnished. Authorizes an agency to charge a reasonable fee for furnishing the information. March 1. **CW—Good**

AB 2013 Coolidge. School textbook publishers. Requires the price quoted by a publisher at which the publisher will furnish high school textbooks to school districts to not exceed the lowest price the publisher has made for the books offered anywhere in the United States, rather than the lowest

price the publisher has made for the books offered anywhere in the United States under similar conditions of transportation and marketing. To take effect immediately. urgency measure. March 1. **PR, SC—Good**

AB 2014 Hawkins (P.U. & C.) Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority. Places the authority under the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission, including the fixing of rates, fares, tolls, rents and other charges. March 1. **SC—Watch**

AB 2016 Nisbet (Fin. & Ins.) Provides that volunteer policemen, irrespective of remuneration, shall receive benefits based upon maximum average weekly earnings provided by workmen's compensation provisions. March 2. **WC—Watch**

AB 2019 Porter (Water) State water resources development. Provides that there shall be no contract limitation, under Burns-Porter Act, on amount of water which may be delivered, or land which may be served, because of amount of land in single ownership, but authorizes contracting entity to adopt differential pricing formulas related to water service provided by it. March 2. **WP—Bad**

AB 2026 Grant (Pub.H.) Creates and defines category of recreational trailer parks and provides for promulgation of regulations concerning such parks allowing variations on specified subjects by the Division of Housing. Repeals certain provisions of code relating to variations and relaxation of requirements of auto and trailer park facilities. March 2. **HO—Watch**

AB 2029 Sedgwick (Pub.H.) Establishes as a separate class of trailer parks, "recreational trailer parks," and prescribes requirements for such trailer parks. Deletes provisions prescribing minimum side and rear yard areas for trailer sites in trailer parks and authorizing Division of Housing to relax requirements regarding trailer parks for trailer parks in resort or recreation areas. March 2. **HO—Watch**

AB 2034 Bradley (Soc. Wel.) Limits fiscal year expenditures for aid to needy children to \$70,000,000 for old age assistance; to \$132,000,000; and for aid to the disabled to \$7,750,000. March 2. **SW—Bad**

AB 2047 Bradley (Jud.) Palo Alto-Mountain View and San Jose-Alviso Municipal Courts. Specifies that in determining the filing fees to be paid to the clerk in civil actions and proceedings which are based on the amount of the prayer of the complaint, the amount of the prayer is to be determined by the principal amount exclusive of interest, exemplary damages, attorneys' fees and costs. March 3. **MI—Bad**

AB 2051 Eusterud (Pub.H.) Redevelopment agencies. Authorizes an agency to acquire real property outside of a project or redevelopment area for the purpose of assisting in relocation of persons from the project area. March 3. **HO—Good**

***AB 2058 Meyers** (Trans. & C.) Motor vehicle liability insurance. Provides that convictions of violations of laws applicable to motor vehicle operation shall not, of itself, constitute a condition or risk for which an admitted insurer may refuse to issue, issue under conditions less favorable, or require a higher rate, premium or charge for a policy of motor vehicle liability insurance. Creates within the Insurance Department, the Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Commission consisting of 5 members appointed for four years by the Governor. Provides that the commission shall establish and regulate premium rates and the conditions required for the issuance of motor vehicle liability insurance policies. March 3. **IN, MV—Good**

***AB 2059 Meyers** (Trans. & C.) Provides that traffic officers shall not permit vehicles carrying metal or other heavy material to proceed unless the load is safely loaded and secured. March 3. **MV—Good**

***AB 2060 Meyers** (Trans. & C.) Motor vehicles: liability insurance. Provides that age or occupation as well as race or color, or any of them, shall not constitute a condition or risk for which an admitted insurer may refuse to issue, issue under conditions less favorable, or require a higher rate, premium or charge for a policy of motor vehicle liability insurance. March 3. **IN—Good**

AB 2062 Bane (Ind.R.) Wages: deductions from wages. Prohibits deductions from employee's wages in excess of 50 percent of gross wages. Add provision exempting deductions for payments to credit unions from provisions respecting assignment of wages. March 6. **LC—Bad**

AB 2069 Francis (Ed.) Prohibits teachers of high schools, junior colleges, state colleges, and University of California from engaging in partisan political activities in classrooms and on campus or involving students; and extends prohibition against indoctrination and inculcation of pupils in public school system in communism to cover socialism and the doctrines or tenets of any organization or group advocating violent overthrow of government. March 6. **SC, CR—Bad**

AB 2073 Leggett (Fin. & Ins.) Specifies the maximum amount of weekly benefits which may be paid to a husband and a wife residing together who have both filed a claim for benefits shall be 1½ times the maximum weekly benefit payable to an individual. March 6. **UI—Bad**

***AB 2083 Knox** (Fin. & Ins.) Nonprofit health service organizations. Requires every nonprofit organization whose purpose is to distribute the cost of health services by means of aleatory contracts to file after January 1, 1962, various schedules of rates and services of the organizations with the Insurance Commissioner for his approval. Specifies that the commissioner shall not approve any rates which are found to be excessive or discriminatory. March 7. **IN—Good**

AB 2090 Rumford (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation: psychologists. Includes psychologists among those persons included in definition of physician for purposes of workmen's compensation but denies psychologists right to represent themselves as physician because of this inclusion. March 8. **WC—Good**

AB 2092 Rumford (Mun. & C.G.) Compensation of county employees. Requires county boards of supervisors in fixing the compensation for county officers and employees to set each salary or wage at an amount at least equal to the prevailing salary or wage paid for service of the same quality under similar employment by private industry or other public agencies. March 8. **PE—Good**

AB 2096 Z'berg (Jud.) Provides that the Board of Governors or a committee of the state bar may investigate persons the board has reason to believe have violated or threatened violation of provisions of code prohibiting the unlawful practice of law and unlawful solicitations, as well as matters relating to the State Bar, the discipline of its members or the practice of law. Permits the bar to enjoin such conduct in a civil action. Allows the board or its committees in disciplinary proceedings, under specified circumstances, to use authenticated transcripts of the testimony of a witness given in a civil action or special proceeding to which the person complained of is a party or on whose behalf the action is prosecuted or defended. Extends from 100 to 150 miles the distance that a witness may be compelled to travel to a hearing. March 8. **MI—Bad**

AB 2099 Pattee (Agr.) Prohibits operation of any farm labor bus used primarily or regularly for the transportation of farm laborers when carrying more passengers on each seat than number for which seat was originally designed, and in no case when amount of seat space provided for each passenger is less than 16 inches. March 8. **FL—Bad**

ACA 35 Pattee (C.A.) Abolishes Fish and Game Commission and creates Joint Legislative Commission on Fish and Game of five members of Senate appointed by, and serving at pleasure of, Senate Rules Committee and five members of Assembly appointed by, and serving at pleasure of, the Speaker of the Assembly, to have all powers and duties of Fish and Game Commission. Feb. 14. **FI—Good**

ACA 47 Busterud (C.A.) Changes membership of Commission on Judicial Appointments. Sets six-year terms of office for municipal court judges. Requires Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of a judge of a superior court or municipal court until the office is filled by the election of a judge at the second general state election after the vacancy. Makes appointment effective when confirmed by a majority of the members of the Commission on Judicial Appointments. Deletes provision under which, with certain exceptions, a vacancy in office of superior court judge is filled by the election of a judge for the full term at the next general state election after January 1, after the vacancy occurs, with certain exceptions. March 7. **SL—Bad**

SENATE BILLS

SB 518 Farr (Departmental) (F. & G.) Deletes requirement that designated portions of trawl nets be constructed of cotton webbing and allows other than glass floats for such nets. January 31. **FI—Good**

SB 524 Farr (F. & G.) Marine Research Committee. Extends for two years the privilege tax on sardines, mackerel, squid, herring and anchovies. Jan. 30. **FI—Good**

SB 604 Begovich (F. & G.) Marine Research Committee. Provides one member of Marine Research Committee shall be appointed from and be a representative of an organized sportsmen's group interested in marine resources rather than a representative of organized sportsmen's groups generally. Jan. 31. **FI—Watch**

SB 881, Farr (Pub.H. & S.) Authorizes the Department of California Highway Patrol to adopt and enforce regulations relating to operation and equipment of ambulances. March 6. **IS—Watch**

SB 882 Holmdahl (Gov. Eff.) Provides that Governor shall transmit annual Economic Report to Legislature setting forth a review and analysis of various economic factors affecting the State and a program for carrying out the Policy for Full Employment. Act to be operative only if and at such time as Senate Bill 813 takes effect. March 6. **SL—Good**

SB 898 Brown (Pub.H. & S.) High explosives. Repeals provisions governing the sale, storage, transportation, use or possession of high explosives. March 7. **IS—Bad**

SB 907 Teale (Wat. Res.) Prohibits expenditure of funds appropriated by California Water Resources Development Bond Act until after investigation and report to Governor and Legislature. March 7. **WP—Watch**

SB 908 Fisher (Lab.) Hours of employment for women. Permits employment of women up to 10 hours per day and 54 hours per week, rather than 8 hours and 48 hours, respectively, if the women are paid time and a half for work over 8 hours per day and 48 hours per week. Provides further that subsequent employers who employ women for hours which when added to previous hours cause the women to work more than 8 hours per day or 48 hours per week, shall pay such women time and a half for hours in excess of a total of 8 hours per day and 48 hours per week. March 7. **LC—Bad**

SB 913 McCarthy (L.Gov.) Redevelopment. Extends effective date of provisions permitting a redevelopment agency or housing authority, which has acquired temporary housing projects from the federal government, to contract with a school district to provide for furnishing of improvements, services and facilities by the school district, from the 91st day after the 1961 Regular Session to June 30, 1962. March 8. **HO—Watch**

SB 916 McCarthy (B. & P.) Contractors' State License Board. Provides that the power of the board to review and sustain or reverse any action or decision of the Registrar of Contractors does not extend to his actions or decision reached after proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. March 8. **CW—Watch**

SB 925 Gibson (Gov. Eff.) Pilotage Rate Committee. Creates Pilotage Rate Committee for San Francisco, San Pablo, and Suisun Bays, consisting of five members appointed by Governor pursuant to specified procedure, and sets forth the terms of office, qualifications, and compensation of such members. Requires secretary and employees of Board of Pilot Commissioners for San Francisco, San Pablo, and Suisun Bays to perform clerical, administrative and other services reasonably required by committee. Makes continuing appropriation from Board of Pilot Commissioners' Special Fund for expenses of committee. Establishes functions of committee to make biennial reports to Legislature concerning pilotage rates, provides for public hearings for purpose of information gathering, and sets forth factors to be considered by committee in making its recommendations. To become operative on July 1, 1962. March 9. **MI—Watch**

SB 928 Thompson (Pub.H. & S.) Foods, Makes it unlawful to keep, transport or display at a temperature exceeding 50 degrees F. any packaged processed food which is perishable or will support the growth of pathogenic micro-organisms, rather than making it unlawful to keep or display any perishable canned meats, canned meat products, and packaged processed fresh foods which will support such growth at such temperature. Provides that as an alternate to labeling such foods with words "Perishable keep refrigerated" as presently required they may be labeled with words of a similar meaning. Excepts dry-type wrapped sandwiches from provisions. March 9. **PH—Watch**

SB 931 Teale (Wat. Res.) State water resources development. Requires Department of Water Resources to secure approval by California Water Commission of annual budgets for expenditure of funds appropriated by California Water Resources Development Bond Act. March 9. **WP—Watch**

SB 937 Sturgeon (Ed.) Workshops for the severely handicapped. Establishes a program for the encouragement of establishment and expansion of non-profit workshops or rehabilitation facilities for severely handicapped individuals under the direction of the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation in the Department of Education. Specifies that moneys appropriated for purposes of the provisions shall be available solely to meet requirements of federal participation under Section 2 or Section 3 of the Vocational Rehabilitation amendments of 1954. Appropriates \$100,000 from General Fund to Department of Education for purposes of the program. March 10. **VT—Watch**

SB 938 Rodda (Gov. Eff.) Placement service. Requires the public employment offices established by the Director of Employment to provide a placement service for teachers in public schools and institutions. March 10. **SC—Good**

SB 940 Gibson (B. & P.) Contractor's license: qualifying individual for. Prohibits an individual who qualifies for a contractor's license on behalf of an individual or firm from qualifying for an additional firm unless specified conditions are met. Exempts persons presently so acting therefrom. March 10. **CW—Watch**

STATE JOBLESS TOTAL 556,000

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employed as of mid-February — the highest level since the summer of 1941).

It's a situation, Brown pointed out, in which there is little hope of "spontaneous" improvement in the near future.

The unemployment picture is particularly disheartening, he said, because the greatest unemployment is among older workers, minorities and young workers with families under 25 years of age. The Governor set the tone of the conference, and his aides spelled it out in detail with the help of some federal officials.

Director of Employment Irving H. Perluss noted that the state had taken a number of steps to fight unemployment: distribution of extended U.I. benefits passed recently by the legislature; searching business and industry for jobs, stressing hire now policies; acceleration of some public works; the release of school construction funds; the provision of surplus foods and the like.

But in the face of this, Perluss admitted he was stumped by a mysterious upturn in unemployment. Noting that the number of persons claiming unemployment insurance has increased by about 10% in the last two weeks alone, Perluss said "the reasons for this jump are not yet clear."

Organized labor has been warning right along that this is a recession which in large part stems from the failure of the economy to expand sufficiently in the face of rapidly increasing productive efficiency resulting from the introduction of automated practices and other technological advancements.

John F. Henning, Director of Industrial Relations, came closer to the problem when he pointed out that record levels of employment month after month are not enough. He said 5,592,000 Californians were employed in February — 75,000 more than a year ago.

He added, however, that the increase was only one-third of the 225,000 who entered the California labor force in the past 12 months. This has been combined with an actual drop in employment in most basic industries — manufacturing, agriculture, construction and mining.

In terms of social welfare case loads, Social Welfare Director John Wedemeyer explained that unemployment was the main cause for a \$21.8 million increase in child welfare and general relief since 1956.

And so it went. No really new evidence was brought to bear on the problem. But the rehash, with current figures, was enough to awaken those who

may still be wearing rose-colored glasses.

Ewan Clague, Commissioner of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, made it clear that the problem was more than just a current recession problem. He outlined it in terms of a long-run economic challenge of maintaining full employment when both productive efficiency and additions to the labor force are growing at accelerated rates.

Many labor officials present (some 31 in all) left the conference well briefed on the situation. Whether a program of action will come out of it remains to be seen.

Otis Brubaker, research director of the Steelworkers, stressed adjusting to automation, raising purchasing power of the people to take up our increased industrial capacity, up-dating minimum wages, jobless benefits, social security payments, social welfare programs, and proceeding with shorter work-weeks without pay reductions.

Brubaker warned that labor liked the promise of automation, but warned that some groups may begin to oppose it if more is not done to re-train workers who are displaced and who are unable to find other employment.

Federation Secretary-Treasurer Thos. L. Pitts stressed aspects of the emergency action program advanced earlier this month by the Executive Council of the State AFL-CIO (see last Newsletter).

He again urged the state to invoke the emergency relief act now on the statute books, which Social Welfare Director John M. Wedemeyer said would cost about \$15 million in six months. According to Wedemeyer, this is a legislative problem and "we don't have the financing now."

Pitts seized upon complaints about "foreign competition" from foreign goods to point out how American capital and funds are being exported to take advantage of miserable wages and working conditions in foreign countries. He named oil companies having tankers built in foreign shipyards and the arrangement worked out in southern California to bring Texas gas to California via a Mexican pipeline to take advantage of low wage levels.

The burden of the AFL-CIO leader's plea, however, was to warn that the major added stimulus to the economy in the current recession and the decade ahead lies in government programs to satisfy the mounting and urgent social needs of the people: recreation, health, education and welfare facilities, rapid transit, urban redevelopment and all the needs associated with our decaying urban areas and largely unplanned suburban sprawl.

Re-training programs were stressed

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

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Governmental Agencies, 9:30 AM, Room 4203
SB 559 (Geddes) Housing administrator for the elderly. **Good**
SB 623 and 624 (Grunsky) CTA bills on licensing of school teachers. **Watch**
Insurance and financial institutions, 1:30 PM, Room 3191
SB 629 (Shaw) UI disqualifications. Refusal to take loyalty oath in job application. **Bad**
Social Welfare, 1:00 PM, Room 4040
SB 568 (Farr) Opportunity work center revolving fund. **Good**

Thursday, March 23rd

Local Government, 1:15 PM, Room 4040
SB 334 (Farr) Monterey Peninsula airport district. **Bad**
Public Health, 1:30 PM, Room 2040
SB 412 Color additives and adulteration of foods. **Watch**

Friday, March 24th

Public Utilities, 1:00 PM, Room 4040
SB 293 (Backstrand) Exemptions from PUC jurisdiction of certain water companies. **Bad**
SB 643 (Dolwig) PUC registration of carriers — revision. **Bad**

Monday, March 27th

Elections, 10:00 AM, Room 2040
SB 121 (Rodda) Provide for increased number of voting registrars. **Good**
Labor, 1:30 PM, Room 4040
AB 598 (Petriss) Failure to pay wages as required by law — misdemeanor. **Good**
SB 548 (Short) Civil actions by IWC to enforce wage orders and collections. **Watch**

Tuesday, March 28th

Institutions, 10:00 AM, Room 2040
SB 212 (Stiern) Reconstituted state advisory hospital and health council with provision for similar regional and advisory planning; domination by hospitals and medical profession. **Bad**

APPRENTICE DROPOUTS 50%

About half of the workers apprenticed in the construction industry in this country drop out of apprenticeship programs before completing their training, according to a report just released by the U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training.

The study, "Apprentice Dropouts in the Construction Industry," was conducted at the request of the Construction Industry Joint Conference, top labor-management group in the industry.

also, and the creation of a state mortgage authority, patterned after the Cal-Vet program, to make adequate housing available for low and moderate income families priced out of the housing market by high interest rates, land speculation and the like.

He noted that new home starts "are way, way, way down," and that the impetus of new home building to meet real needs is essential to help the sagging California economy.

In all of these, the state AFL-CIO leader pleaded for state action in a fully coordinated and supplemental program undertaken with the federal and local governments.

FORM 3547 REQUESTED

URGE STATE ACTION TO MEET RECREATION NEEDS

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reimburseables", the price of water would be reduced for the users.

In support of early enactment by the legislature, Pitts declared: "In the past year the voting public has been treated to a lot of promises about the potential for recreation development in the state water program.

"These, indeed, will remain only promises with little or no hope of fulfillment unless the legislature acts now to fill a major program and policy vacuum in state law by passage of AB 261.

"Recreation is one of our greatest unmet social needs.

"It is therefore vital that water development be recognized as an indispensable part of any recreation program that pretends to meet these needs. Working people are dependent upon the availability of public facilities within their financial means.

"The Department of Water Resources can talk from now until doomsday about all the recreation benefits we are going to get out of water development, but the truth is that unless these benefits are made a part of planning from the outset, their full potential will be lost.

"AB 261 provides for such assurances in water project planning and construction. Organized labor agrees wholeheartedly also with the principle in AB 261 that recreation benefits are a proper charge to be borne by the general taxpayers.

"Although such benefits may be concentrated in given project areas in various parts of the state, it is known that with today's highways and automobiles, people travel from all parts of the state to enjoy them.

"Further, we urge outright rejection of any viewpoint that looks upon recreation development as some kind of a frill to be tacked onto the end of a project only if development funds permit.

"The needs of our exploding population should be reason enough to reject this approach. But more important, we must give special consideration in state planning to the increased leisure being acquired by workers as they be-

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year when AFL-CIO delegates vehemently opposed use of the state's credit to finance monopoly and strongly supported its use for aged housing and other state programs geared to the great social needs of the state (and all urgent at this time to help combat the recession).

In support of their recommendations, the Senate subcommittee commented as follows regarding the particular housing and recreation needs of the elderly:

"There exists in California an acute shortage of sanitary and safe housing facilities for older persons of low income which has resulted in thousands of senior citizens being denied adequate housing at rents they can afford to pay.

The report continued:

"The committee was absolutely shocked to learn that in many cases these rents were being paid to slum owner landlords whose properties were not only overcrowded but physically deteriorated to such an extent that they are a serious menace to the health and safety of the occupants and local community."

The program recommended by the Senate Subcommittee would provide for direct loans for home purchases and direct loans for construction of low rent housing. It would be modeled after the highly successful Cal-Vet pro-

come more and more efficient in the production of goods and services.

"Entering as we are the age of automation, compounded by population growth, maximum development of recreation facilities becomes a matter of urgent necessity.

"We believe that the legislature and Department of Water Resources have an obligation to the people of this state to make certain that recreation aspects are not slighted simply because water development is an expensive business.

"This is the essence of the concept of multiple-purpose development. If the state can't afford to undertake full development of the recreation potential, then it can't afford to go into the water development business."

or veterans farm and home

for SCA and SB 414, loans would be extended to houses costing \$15,000 with eligibility restricted to persons 60 years of age or older and living in California for five years or more. Only low income aged persons would qualify.

The basis of the whole program lies in providing low-interest, long-term loans so that housing costs may be substantially cut through use of the state's credit.

The \$100 million in bonds being proposed for this high purpose is only a fraction of the amount of water bonds (using the same state credit) that would be devoted to meeting the "pressing" needs of giant landholders like Southern Pacific, the Kern Land Company and Tejon ranch (owned in large part by Chandler and Los Angeles Times interests).

The question "what can be done?" is squarely before the legislature. The answer cuts across any substantial action that can be undertaken by the state in the current recession.

Several Senators have already indicated the direction in which they believe the state should move. They would have the state join in Kennedy's "New Frontier" by accepting his administration's offer to enter a real federal-state partnership program for water development which would vastly increase federal funds in the West and California for vital water development.

As originally planned by the federal government before the land barons talked the state into financing their monopoly schemes, the federal government would develop the water for the valley by completing the central valley project. This water, it is also pointed out, would be cheaper for valley users who are now complaining about the high price of state water.

But more important, a federal-state approach would free the monopoly grip on the state's precious credit. Such an approach might also remove the shackles on "responsible liberalism" so that the aged may be helped and the state permitted to develop other programs geared both to our growing social needs in urban problem areas and stimulating economic growth and full employment.

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