

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

On Deck

As we go to press (Thursday noon, April 6th) the Rumford minimum wage bills, *AB 682 and *AB 684, are on deck for hearing before the Assembly Industrial Relations Committee. One of these measures provides simply for a statutory minimum wage of \$1.25 per hour, while the other incorporates such a minimum within a full blown state fair labor standards act with provision for overtime pay at time and one-half beyond 40 hours a week and double time after 48 hours a week or ten hours a day.

These are the first really hot bills to be taken up by the Committee, except for the professional strikebreaker bill (*AB 428), which was referred to subcommittee two weeks ago. The Federation stands almost alone in support of a state minimum wage law at this session of the legislature.

Also on deck in the same committee are Federation bills providing for the establishment of representation machinery in intrastate commerce and repealing the so-called state jurisdictional strike bill. These are *AB 402 and *AB 406 by Hicks, but it is highly doubtful that the committee will be able to get to these bills if it takes up the minimum wage bills.

In the meantime the backlog of Federation-sponsored bills in the Industrial Relations committee is mounting rapidly. There are some fourteen Federation bills on the committee's calendar which have been held over from previous meetings.

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FEDERAL EXTENDED JOBLESS BENEFITS AVAILABLE APRIL 10

The emergency extended unemployment benefits law enacted by Congress recently and assigned into law by President Kennedy will go into operation on April 10th.

On this date State Department of Employment offices will commence taking applications for the payment of extended benefits to an individual whose latest claim was exhausted after June 30, 1960.

It is estimated that the operation of the federal program will make some 30,000 jobless workers eligible for the federal extended benefits, in addition to those who are already drawing extended benefits filed under the state program.

At the present time, under the provisions of SB-133 enacted earlier by the State Legislature, some 57,000 jobless workers who have exhausted their U.I. benefits are eligible for extended



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"RIGHT-TO-WORK" BILL INTRODUCED IN STATE SENATE APRIL 3rd

A bill to outlaw the union shop, camouflaged in a seven-word amendment to a basic policy section of the Labor Code, was introduced in the State Senate this Monday, April 3rd.

The proposed measure is SB 1107, authored by John A. Murdy, Jr. (Republican, Orange County). It has been referred for initial consideration to the Senate Labor Committee which lists Murdy among three Republican members along with four Democrats.

The Murdy "right-to-work" proposal is contained in amendment to Labor Code Section 923, which currently spells out state policy in support of the right of workers to organize for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection.

In the selection or designation of a labor organization for this purpose, the code section now declares that the individual worker "shall be free from interference, restraint, or coercion of employers of labor, or their agents . . ."

To this, Murdy would add "or of labor organizations or their agents", thus converting a provision designed to protect workers in the exercise of their organizational rights into a ve-

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PUBLIC EMPLOYEE "NO STRIKE" MEASURE KILLED

By vote of 6 to 2 this Monday the Assembly Committee on Constitutional Amendments killed ACR 23 (Thelin) designed to prohibit strike activities in public employment.

In addition to outlawing strikes, the measure would have required loss of jobs and forfeiture of civil service rights of all persons who participate in any strike activity.

The amendment was strenuously opposed by organized labor and supported by administrator-dominated organizations such as the California Teachers Association and the California State Employees Association, along with the Irrigation District Association and other representatives of public agencies.

Thelin maintained that since unions were engaged in considerable organizing activity in public employment, it was necessary to set forth "ground rules" at this point by giving the voters an opportunity to express their views. The Constitutional Amendment, however, made no mention of ground rules setting forth the rights of public employees or democratic procedures for implementing those rights. On the contrary, the great bulk of those who supported the Thelin amendment are vehemently opposed to recognition of any organizational or collective bargaining rights for public employees.

Voting to kill the Thelin anti-strike measure were the following: Don Allen (D), Bane (D), Busterud (R), Thomas (D), Williamson (D), and Marks (R). The only two voting for the measure were Dahl (R) and Flournoy (R).

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Assembly Floor Action

In the past week four more Federation bills have been approved by the Assembly and sent to the upper house. One was defeated.

Here they are:

— AB 564 (Gaffney, D.), providing that an employee may not be laid off or discharged for refusal to work in a dangerous place of employment or with dangerous machinery or equipment. This was approved without opposition by a vote of 75-0.

— *AB 693 (Gaffney, D.), requiring contractors to post security for payment of wages and fringe benefit contributions sufficient to cover a wage payment period. The vote on this one was 60 to 13 as follows:

Ayes—Bruce F. Allen, Don A. Allen, Bane, Beaver, Bee, Belotti, Britschgi, George E. Brown, Burton, Busterud, Cameron, Carrell, Casey, Chapel, Collier, Cologne, Coolidge, Crown, Cunningham, Davis, DeLotto, Dills, Elliott, Flournoy, Frew, Gaffney, Garrigus, Grant, Hanna, Hawkins, Hicks, House, Kennick, Kilpatrick, Knox, Leggett, Lowrey, Luckel, Lunardi, Marks, McMillan, Meyers, Mills, Monagan, Mulford, Nisbet, O'Connell, Pattee, Petris, Porter, Rumford, Sumner, Thomas, Unruh, Waldie, Williamson, George A. Willson, Charles H. Wilson, Winton, and Z'berg.

Noes—Bagley, Bradley, Burke, Cusanovich, Dahl, Hegland, Lanterman, Levering, Reagan, Schrade, Shell, Thelin, and Wolfrum.

— *AB 694 (Gaffney), which brings under the contractor's licensing law the installation of items costing \$100 or more to install. This was a close one:

Ayes—Beaver, Bee, George E. Brown, Burton, Cameron, Carrell, Casey, Cologne, Crown, Cunningham, Davis, DeLotto, Dills, Frew, Gaffney, Hanna, Hawkins, Hicks, Kennick, Kilpatrick, Knox, Leggett, Lunardi, Marks, McMillan, Meyers, Mills, Munnell, Nisbet, O'Connell, Petris, Porter, Rees, Rumford, Sumner, Thomas, Unruh, Waldie, Williamson, Charles H. Wilson, Winton, and Z'berg—42.

Noes—Bruce F. Allen, Don A. Allen, Bagley, Bane, Belotti, Bradley, Britschgi, Burke, Busterud, Chapel, Collier, Conrad, Cusanovich, Dahl, Flournoy, Francis, Garrigus, Grant, Hegland, Holmes, House, Lanterman, Levering, Luckel, Monagan, Mulford, Pattee, Reagan, Schrade, Sedgwick, Shell, Thelin, Wolfrum, and Mr. Speaker—34.

— *AB 317 (Rumford, D.), prohibiting nursing and convalescent homes from advertising themselves as "hospitals". Here again, there weren't many votes to spare over the required forty-one for passage of a bill by the Assembly. The breakdown is as follows:

Ayes—Don A. Allen, Bane, Bee, Belotti, George E. Brown, Burton, Busterud, Cameron, Casey, Chapel, Cologne, Crown, Cunningham, DeLotto, Dills, Elliott, Frew, Gaffney, Garrigus, Grant, Hanna, Hawkins, Hegland, Hicks, Kennick, Kilpatrick, Knox, Leggett, Lowrey, Luckel, Lunardi, Marks, McMillan, Meyers, Mulford, Nisbet, O'Connell, Pattee, Petris, Rees, Rumford, Schrade, Thomas, Williamson, George A. Willson, Charles H. Wilson, Winton, Z'berg, and Mr. Speaker—49.

Noes—Bruce F. Allen, Beaver, Britschgi, Burke, Conrad, Dahl, Lanterman, Levering, Reagan,

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COMMITTEE HEARINGS

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

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

Assembly

Tuesday, April 11th

Fish and Game, 3:45 PM, Room 5168

AB 507 and AB 508 (Porter) Mackerel and sardines. **Bad**

Governmental Organization, 1:30 PM, Room 5168

AB 887 (Bee) Prohibits ABC license renewal where applicant is delinquent in wage payments. **Good**

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

AB 1317 (George Brown) Licensing of X-ray technicians. **Good**

AB 265 (Grant) Licensing of home repair service and maintenance shops — creation of state board of customer technical services but contains major shortcomings. **Bad**

AB 1364 (Knox) Requires unit weight price on irregular pre-packaged foods. **Good**

AB 1397 (Bradley) Abolishes office of consumer council. **Bad**

AB 1398 (Bradley) Abolishes economic development agencies. **Bad**

AB 1064 and AB 1065 (McMillan) Barbering and cosmetology bills. **Watch**

AB 1153 (McMillan) License fee schedule revision for barbers. **Watch**

AB 1155, 1156, 1158 and 1159 (McMillan) and **AB 602 and 603 (Bee)** Barber and cosmetology bills. **Watch**

AB 1373 (Porter) License fees for barber college instructors. **Watch**

***AB 552 (McMillan)** Ten per cent limit on private employment agency fees. **Good**

Social Welfare, 1:30 PM, Room 4164

AB 2017 (Burton) Consolidation of various policies in public assistant's programs. **Good**

AB 2128 (George A. Willson) Liberalize relative responsibilities schedule for OAS. **Good**

Water, 1:30 PM, Room 4202

Special hearings on acreage limitation and public power preference bills —

AB 1326 (O'Connor) Good; **AB 2019 (Porter)** Bad; **AB 586 (Z'berg)** Good; **AB 2020 (Porter)** Bad; and **AB 1606 (Burton)** Good.

Finance and Insurance Subcommittee on Disability Insurance, 3:45 PM, Room 4164

***AB 223 (Crown)** Pregnancy benefits. **Good**

***AB 225 (Crown)** Disability benefits while drawing workmen's compensation. **Good**

***AB 228 (Crown)** Disability insurance overpayments. **Good**

***AB 231 (Crown)** Hospital benefit increase. **Good**

***AB 232 (Crown)** Trade dispute disqualification. **Good**

Wednesday, April 12th

Agriculture, 1:30 PM, Room 4202

AB 2099 (Pattee) Seating standards for farm labor busses. **Bad**

Education, 3:45 PM, Room 4202

AB 1993 (Hegland) Temporary teaching credentials in junior colleges. **Watch**

AB 1994 (Beaver) Limits use of school property for public purposes. **Bad**

AB 2001 (Conrad) TV education without teacher. **Watch**

AB 2069 (Francis) Limits academic freedom of teachers in public schools and colleges. **Bad**

Public Health, 1:30 PM, Room 5168

AB 787 (Mulford) Revision of state housing act. **Watch**

Thursday, April 13th

Education subcommittee on Child Care Centers, 1:30 PM, Room 4164

***AB 336 (Elliott)** Raise income limits for child care center admission. **Good**

AB 2105 (Porter) Increase state contribution to child care centers. **Good**

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

***AB 2083 (Knox)** Regulation of hospital service plans. **Good**

AB 570 and AB 571 (Cameron) Regulation of health and welfare plans and classification as to quality. **Good**

AB 569 (Cameron) Convertibility of group policies to individual policies. **Watch**

Industrial Relations, 3:45 PM, Room 5168

***AB 542 (Kilpatrick)** Penalty for failure to pay wages. **Good**

***AB 997 (Gaffney)** Division of Industrial Safety — confidential information. **Good**

AB 720 (Thelin) Prohibits strikes in public employment. **Bad**

AB 1976 (Unruh) Prohibits discrimination in employment of older workers. **Good**

AB 427 (Burton) Prohibits aged discrimination in employment. **Good**

AB 468 and AB 469 (George Brown) Fire Fighters organizational and collective bargaining rights. **Good**

Holdovers:

***AB 401 (Hicks)** Public policy in trade disputes. **Good**

***AB 402 (Hicks)** Repeal unconstitutional "hot cargo" act. **Good**

***AB 695 (Gaffney)** Hot meals for construction workers. **Good**

***AB 562 (Gaffney)** Meal periods during employment on public works. **Good**

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

AB 1016 (Cusanovich) Labor Commissioner authority in controversies regarding charges of private employment agencies. **Bad**

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

AB 2000 (Frew) Construction work on county highways. **Bad**

AB 1625 (Cameron) Fire protection contracts. **Good**

AB 846 (Hanna) Bonds of subdividers. **Good**

AB 191 (Hegland) Force account construction work. **Bad**

AB 1707 (Bradley) Block redevelopment proceedings for one year on 51 per cent vote of property owners. **Bad**

Monday, April 17th

Constitutional Amendments, 1:30 PM, Room 4164

ACA 16 (Winton) Destroys state textbook law. **Bad**

Criminal Procedure, 3:45 PM, Room 5168

AB 1174 (Pattee) Unauthorized entry of property. **Bad**

Education, 3:45 PM, Room 2170

AB 1512 (Charles H. Wilson) Override tax for school district employees insurance. **Good**

AB 2197 (Hanna) Extend teacher tenure law to school districts with 250 or more a.d.a. **Watch**

Transportation and Commerce, 1:30 PM, Room 5168

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

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DIGEST OF BILLS

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Key to Symbols

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

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

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

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

ASSEMBLY BILLS

Amended Bills

***AB 367 (George E. Brown)** Right to organize and collective bargaining bill for employees of school districts and state colleges. Amended in Assembly 3-29-61 delete all references to collective bargaining and other concerted activities. **SC—Watch**

AB 578 and AB 580 (Charles H. Wilson) As amended in Assembly 3-27-61, would require parking districts to set salaries at prevailing rates, but only if "ascertainable". **MI—Bad**

New Bills

AB 2367 Cologne (Crim. Pro.) Willful trespass. Makes it a misdemeanor to willfully trespass by entering any privately owned building or other structure on any land without permission of the owner of such building or structure and refusing to leave when requested by the owner or person in possession. March 24. **LU—Bad**

AB 2368 Bruce F. Allen (M.O. & M.I.) Revises various portions of the Unfair Practices Act (Ch. 4, commencing with Sec. 17000, Pt. 2, Div. 7, B. & P.C.) particularly those relating to offenses against the act. March 24. **MI—Bad**

AB 2370 Dills (P.U. & C.) Discontinuance of common carrier lines. Requires as a condition to an authorization by the Public Utilities Commission for the discontinuance, transfer, or consolidation of facilities of operation of the whole or part of a line facility or function of a common carrier as defined, that the commission requires a fair arrangement to protect the interests of the carrier employees affected. March 24. **RW—Watch**

***AB 2371 Hicks (Ind.R.)** Department of Industrial Relations: certification of welders by. Provides for the certification by the Department of Industrial Relations, as welders, of persons who qualify as specified in the use of a welding device. March 24. **CW, LC—Good**

AB 2375 George E. Brown (Ind.R.) Public employee organizations. Provides that public employees shall have the right to form, join, and participate in activities of employee organizations of their own choosing for the purpose of representation on all matters of employer-employee relations, and for other mutual aid and protection or to refrain from so doing. Provides that employee organizations shall have the right to represent their members before public agencies in matters relating to employer-employee relations and that public agencies shall meet and confer with employee organizations and consider matters presented prior to making determinations. Provides that public agencies shall not interfere with, intimidate, restrain, coerce or discriminate against public employees. Provides that these provisions shall not be deemed to supersede existing law, charters, ordinances, and rules which establish and regulate merit or civil service systems, or provide for other methods of administering employer-employee relations. March 24. **LU, PE—Watch**

AB 2378 Cameron (Pub.H.) Hospital practices and procedures. Creates in the Department of Professional and Vocational Standards a State Board on Hospital Practices and Procedures and prescribes its membership and manner of appointment and term of office of members. Requires the board to adopt rules and regulations prescribing hospital practices and procedures for general and specialized hospitals licensed by the State Department of Public Health. Makes violation of rules and regulations adopted by the board ground for suspension or revocation of the license of a general or specialized hospital. March 27. **PH—Good**

AB 2379 Cameron (Pub.H.) Requires State Department of Public Health to establish, and hospitals licensed by the State to use, a uniform accounting system for hospitals. Requires hospitals licensed by the State to furnish annually to the state department such financial, operational, and ownership information as the state department may require. March 27. **PH—Good**

AB 2380 Ronald Brooks Cameron (Fin. & Ins.) Disability insurance and hospital service plans. Specifies that every insured or subscriber shall be entitled to a full refund of any premium or consideration paid on a policy or contract if he surrenders and requests cancellation of it within 10 days of receipt. March 27. **IN, PH—Good**

AB 2385 Burton (Fin. & Ins.) Unemployment disability insurance. Permits the termination of voluntary plans only on the anniversary date of the plan synchronous with or next following the anniversary date of the plan, or the next following the date of acquisition in the case of a successor employing unit. Permits the termination of voluntary plans for rotational workers only as of the beginning of the calendar quarter synchronous with or next following the anniversary date of the plan. Changes the time for the various advance notices on the cancellations from 60 to 30 days. In effect immediately, urgency measure. March 27. **DI—Good**

AB 2386 (Burton (Elec.)) Registration of voters. Allows an elector who is not registered to vote as of the 90th day prior to a general or direct primary election to take time off from work, without loss of pay, to register either at the beginning or end of his working shift, whichever allows him the most time to register and the least time off from work. Provides that not more than two hours of such time off shall be without loss of pay. Requires the elector to give notice of at least two working days that he desires such time off. March 27. **EL—Good**

AB 2389 Garrigus (Ed.) Exclusion of pupils. Requires exclusion from school and exemption from compulsory full-time education law of pupil over age 15 who has completed the 8th grade or the equivalent thereof, if the principal orders his exclusion, if one-half or more of his teachers petition for his exclusion, or if the pupil and his parent or guardian petition and the governing board grants the petition. Allows readmittance of pupil in following school year. March 27. **SC—Bad**

AB 2390 Garrigus (Ed.) Provides for continuance of employment rights of classified personnel in connection with school district reorganizations, authorizing continuation of employment and employment rights, benefits, and conditions in acquiring districts under specified circumstances involving inclusion of one school district within another and the transfer and division of territories and schools among districts. March 27. **PE, SC—Good**

AB 2392 Casey (Ed.) Waiver of benefits by certificated employees. Makes null and void any contract by an employee to waive benefits of provision of Chapter 2 (commencing with Sec. 13101) of Division 10 of the Education Code, relating to licensing, employment, resignation, dismissal, leaves of absence, and other rights and duties of teachers, except waivers made under provisions allowing waivers to hearing on dismissal or waiver of reemployment rights. March 27. **SC—Good**

AB 2394 Burton (G.E. & E.) Community redevelopment. Deletes prohibition against transfer by a community redevelopment agency of public property to a housing authority or public agency for low-rent public housing projects. Allows a community redevelopment agency to sell, lease or donate real property in a redevelopment area to a housing authority or any public agency for public housing projects. March 27. **HO—Good**

***AB 2408 Petris (Ind.R.)** Apprenticeship funds: payments to. Provides that payments which an employer has agreed to make to a health or welfare fund or other fund for the benefit of his employees, a failure to make which, willfully or with intent to defraud, is a misdemeanor, includes payments to apprenticeship funds. Declares such inclusion to be a clarification of original intent of Legislature and not a substantive change. March 28. **LC—Good**

AB 2413 Hicks (G.E. & E.) Dogs: Use in police work. Provides for the establishment of a trial program for the training and use of dogs in police work by the California Highway Patrol. Provides for a report on the program to be made to the Legislature on or before the 10th legislative day of the 1963 Regular Session. March 28. **SL—Watch**

AB 2427 Lanterman (Mun. & C.G.) County employees retirement. Provides for survivors' allowance under two alternate plans. Makes plan inoperative until the board of supervisors, by majority vote, makes the plan applicable in the county. March 28. **PE—Watch**

AB 2428 Unruh (G.E. & E.) Building designers. Provides for the certification of building designers by the California State Board of Architectural Examiners. Requires as a qualification for certification that an applicant have engaged in the practice of building designing for a period of four years

prior to the effective date of act. Prohibits any agency in business of building designing without a certificate after January 1, 1962. March 29.

CW—Bad

AB 2430 Sedgwick (Ed.) Requires district governing board, in districts not required to dismiss probationary teachers for cause only, at request of probationary certificated employee served with dismissal notice, to give written statement of reasons for dismissal; but specifies that board's determination of sufficiency of reasons shall be conclusive; and that no judicial review therefrom shall lie. March 29.

SC—Bad

AB 2436 Beaver (C.S. & C.P.) Salary ranges for state employees. Authorizes the State Personnel Board to establish salary ranges above prevailing rates for comparable service in other public employment or private business when the needs of recruitment and retention of qualified personnel require. March 30.

PE—Good

AB 2441 Bagley (L. & D.) Egg standards. Provides that an egg with localized clot no more than 1/8 inch in diameter shall not be considered blood diffused into the white. Redefines "firm white" and defines "reasonably firm white" and "loss." Revises percentage tolerances for unsound eggs in containers of bulk lot of the grades A, AA and B, and prescribes percentage of eggs which may be second or "loss." Deletes provision prohibiting tolerances for eggs cracked to the extent the contents exude to outside surface. March 30.

MI—Bad

AB 2455 Williamson (Water) Kern County Water Agency. New act. Creates Kern County Water Agency, consisting of territory of Kern County, to provide water for present and future beneficial use. Designates powers and duties of agency, including control of flood waters, draining and reclaiming land, acquisition, storage, and distribution of water, co-operation with federal, state, and local agencies, and contracts with member units. Provides for management of agency and authorizes levy and collection of taxes and issuance of general obligation and revenue bonds. Embraces "master district" concept which would force city residents to subsidize water for land barons. March 30.

WP—Bad

AB 2466 George E. Brown (P.U. & C.) Utility districts: employee organizations. Provides that the employees of a municipal utility district or a public utility district shall have the right of self-organization, and to join and participate in the activities of employee organizations for the purpose of collective bargaining. Sets up procedures for employees to be represented by an employee organization, and provides for the submission of disputes to the State Conciliation Service. Provides that the district board shall, upon authorization of its employees, make deductions from wages and salaries for the payment of dues. March 30.

PE—Good

ACA 50 Don A. Allen (C.A.) Adds Sec. 31d, Art. IV, Cal. Const. Allows the Legislature to authorize the investment of public retirement system funds in common or preferred stock. March 16.

PE—Watch

ACA 55 Waldie (C.A.) Public housing projects. Requires that the election on a proposed low cost housing project in unincorporated territory be held in the area of interest affected by the proposed project, as determined by the board of supervisors, rather than either within the town in which the project will be located or on a county-wide basis. Permits the inclusion of an entire city or town within the area of interest. Authorizes, if the legislative body of a city determines that contiguous unincorporated territory would be within the area of interest of a proposed low cost housing project, and the board of supervisors so finds, submission of proposition for the development, construction, or acquisition of the project to the electors of not only the city, but also the electors of such unincorporated territory. Prescribes the form of the ballot for an election on a low rent housing project. March 23.

HO—Watch

ACA 56 Rees (C.A.) Superintendent of Public Instruction. Provides that Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Governor, rather than be elected by the people. March 23.

SC—Bad

A.C.A. 58 Burton (C.A.) Deletes provisions which require that before a low rent housing project is developed, constructed, or acquired by the State or any city, county, district, authority, agency or other subdivision or public body of the State, it be approved by the voters of the city, town, or county in which it is to be located. March 27.

HO—Good

ACA 60 Schrade (C.A.) Crossfiling at primary elections. Authorizes a candidate for a party nomination at the direct primary election to crossfile in the primary of other parties. Requires that a candidate obtain his own party nomination as a condition to being nominated to the same office by any other party. March 28.

EL—Bad

ACA 62 Z'Berg (C.A.) Property taxation: assessment of dams. Provides that a specified apportionment, according to population, be made of the assessed value of the total electric utility property attributable to dams used for the generation of hydroelectric energy, electric generating plants and electric transmission systems to the counties in which the properties of such utilities are located. March 30.

WP—Watch

***ACR 75 Bruce F. Allen** (Rls.) Home construction standards. Requests the Attorney General to investigate possible fraud and other illegal acts as to quality standards in the home building industry. March 23. CW, HO—Good

SENATE BILLS

Amended Bills

SB 800 (Shaw) As amended in Senate 3-27-61, makes "sex" a criteria of discrimination which is forbidden under the Unruh civil rights act of 1959.

Watch

New Bills

SB 971 Cobey (Soc.Wel.) County welfare departments. Provides that in order to be eligible for an educational leave, the employee must execute an agreement to return to the county welfare department to render one year of service, instead of a period of service which shall be at least double the period of time the employee is to be on leave. Provides that the indemnity bond required of the employee going on leave may be waived if the board of supervisors declares that the interests of the county will be protected by written agreement. Also provides that notwithstanding any other provisions in this section to the contrary, the board of supervisors may provide educational leaves to employees under such conditions as may be prescribed in an agreement or plan entered into by this State with the federal government. March 17.

SW—Watch

SB 972 Cobey (Soc.Wel.) Aid to needy children. Provides that no child deprived of parental support because of separation or desertion, and adds to this, annulment, divorce, including filing for divorce, annulment, or separate maintenance, shall be considered a needy child if the period of absence is less than three months. Also provides that caseworker services shall be made available immediately upon the filing of an application. March 17.

SW—Bad

SB 974 Cobey (Soc.Wel.) Aid to needy children. Requires that laws relating to aid to needy children be reasonably and fairly construed, rather than liberally construed. March 17.

SW—Bad

SB 975 Cobey (Soc.Wel.) Aid to needy children. Extends the responsibility of a stepfather to support his wife's children to any adult male person assuming the role of spouse to the mother though not legally married to her. Deletes provision requiring that the stepfather's liability for support of his wife's children not exceed the wife's community interest in his income. March 17.

SW—Watch

SB 976 Cobey (Soc.Wel.) Aid to needy children. Provides that in cases of dispute the application and supporting documents pertaining to the case of an applicant or recipient, and on file in the Department of Welfare or any

county office, shall be open to his inspection or to the inspection of his attorney or agent. March 17.

SW—Good

SB 977 Cobey (Soc.Wel.) Aid to needy children. Exempts from consideration in computing aid grants 50 percent of earnings of recipient under 18 years of age; to take effect upon amendment of federal statutes or rules and regulations to so permit. March 17.

SW—Watch

SB 978 Cobey (Soc.Wel.) Increases maximum aid grant for needy children confined in institutions or boarding homes from \$75 to \$85 per month. March 17.

SW—Good

SB 979 Cobey (Soc.Wel.) Aid to needy children. Revises scale for amount of aid payable to needy families to bring it up to date. Changes date following which federal increases or decreases in aid will operate to raise or lower maximum grants from January 1, 1951 to January 1, 1961. March 17.

SW—Watch

SB 980 Cobey (Soc.Wel.) Aid to needy children. Requires each county to administer the provisions of law relating to aid to needy children in such a manner as to achieve the greatest possible reduction of dependency and to promote the rehabilitation of recipients. March 17.

SW—Watch

SB 982 Cobey (Soc.Wel.) Aid to needy children. Requires the State Social Welfare Board to establish scale of suggested contributions for absent parents, and to distribute copies thereof to the courts, county welfare departments, district attorneys, and, upon request, to other officers or agencies. Expressly states that the use of the scale shall be optional. March 17.

SW—Watch

SB 984 Cobey (Soc.Wel.) Aid to needy children. Provides that any parent whose absence is the basis upon which an application is filed for and in behalf of a child shall be required to complete under penalty of perjury a statement containing such information as is pertinent to determining his ability to support his children, including income statements, number of dependents for whom he is providing support, amount he is contributing regularly toward the support of each child, and his current monthly living expenses. Makes it a misdemeanor to refuse or willfully fail to complete such statement. March 17.

SW—Watch

SB 985 Cobey (Soc.Wel.) Aid to needy children. Revises and restates law relating to the duty of the district attorney to enforce the support liability of parents. Provides that if an adult person willfully receives or uses any

part of an aid grant for a purpose other than a purpose for which the grant is made is guilty of a misdemeanor. Defines "adult person" to include any person of the age of 18 or older. Requires the district attorney to prosecute violations in the improper receipt and use of aid to needy children. Requires the district attorney to bring an action against a person if he finds that such person is contributing to the delinquency of the child. Authorizes the district attorney to maintain a civil action to determine the paternity of the child in any case in which the paternity of the child is in question. Makes it a misdemeanor for a person to willfully make a false statement or misrepresentation or to knowingly fail to disclose a material fact to obtain aid. Also makes it a misdemeanor for a person who, knowing that he is not entitled thereto, attempts to obtain aid or to continue to receive aid to which he is not entitled, or a larger amount than that to which he is entitled. Provides that if aid has been applied for or granted to a child of divorced parents, or parents who are legally separated, or who are in the process of becoming divorced or legally separated, the district attorney may apply to the superior court for an order directing either parent or both to show cause why an order of support for the child should not be entered, or why the amount of support previously ordered should not be increased, or why the parent should not be held in contempt for his failure to comply with any order of support previously entered. March 17. **SW—Watch**

SB 993 O'Sullivan (Agr.) Agricultural Labor Commission. Creates an Agricultural Labor Commission to act as a factfinding body to ascertain, study and analyze the problems of labor management relations in California agriculture and prescribes its membership and powers and duties. Appropriates \$10,000 to the commission to be used in carrying out its purposes. March 17. **FL—Watch**

SB 994 Dolwig (Ins. & F.I.) Base period wages for U.I.: Specifies that wages used in determination of benefit eligibility of individual in one benefit year shall not be used determining his eligibility in subsequent benefit year. March 17. **UI—Bad**

SB 1003 Arnold (Soc. Wel.) Old age assistance. Provides that the net earnings of the spouse of a recipient of old age assistance, up to \$200 a month, shall not be considered community property for the purposes of the Old Age Security Law. Permits deduction of expenses incurred in connection with such earnings. Provides that where the spouse is engaged in seasonal employment the estimated annual earnings shall be prorated on a monthly basis. March 20. **SW—Good**

SB 1004 Holmdahl (B. & P.) False advertising. Makes it unlawful to sell or offer for sale any merchandise bearing the words "Made in U.S.A.," "Made in America," "U.S.A.," or similar words when the merchandise or any article, unit, or part thereof, has been entirely or substantially manufactured or produced outside of the United States. March 20. **MI—Good**

SB 1020 Miller (Ed.) Junior college personnel. Removes requirement that teachers and administrators in junior colleges hold credentials issued by the State Board of Education. Authorizes the governing board of each school district maintaining a junior college to establish standards for the selection and employment of teaching and administrative personnel for its junior colleges. Provides for such personnel to be members of the State Teachers' Retirement System even though not holding state credentials. March 22. **SC—Watch**

SB 1021 Fisher (Ed.) Dismissal of school district employees. Requires the governing board of any school district with an average daily attendance of less than 85,000 to give a certificated probationary employee, who is not rehired for the ensuing school year, a written statement of the reasons for dismissal, if the employee requests such statement. Specifies that no right of judicial review exists on the question of reasons for such dismissal. Requires governing board to transmit statement of reasons for dismissal of such employee, and probationary certificated employees dismissed during the school year, to the State Department of Education. Requires the department to analyze such statements by category and report thereon to the Legislature at each general session. March 22. **SC—Bad**

SB 1028 Grunsky (Ins. & F.I.) Small loans. Increases from \$300 to \$800 the amount of loans subject to the provisions of the Small Loan Law and makes changes necessitated by this increase. Makes changes in the amount of service charges, insurance charges, and interest which may be charged. Adds provisions regulating the financing of insurance premiums by persons holding a license under the Small Loan Act with regard to premium finance agreements, maximum interest rates and charges, precomputation of charges and application of payments, and statements of accounts. March 23. **MI—Bad**

SB 1030 Geddes (Trans.) Provides that the Department of Motor Vehicles shall suspend for 15 days the driver's license of any person who is convicted of two or more violations for exceeding speed laws during any one calendar year. March 23. **MV—Bad**

SB 1031 Miller (G.E. & E.) Governmental immunity from tort liability. Re-enacts the doctrine of governmental immunity from tort liability which was discarded by decisions of the State Supreme Court in January of 1961. March 24. **SL—Bad**

SB 1037 Dolwig (Ins. & F.I.) Disability insurance policies. Defines the term "noncancelable and guaranteed renewable policy" and "guaranteed renew-

able policy" and specifies under what circumstances a policy may be designated a noncancelable and guaranteed renewable policy or a guaranteed renewable policy. Prohibits described representations concerning such policies. Provides penalty for violation of provisions. March 27. **IN—Watch**

SB 1045 McAteer (Lab.) Workmen's compensation: presumptions regarding heart trouble. Provides that presumption that heart trouble arose out of and in the course of employment of certain types of public employees shall be conclusive after 10 years employment, rather than disputable. March 27. **WC—Good**

SB 1048 Dolwig (Wat. Res.) Requires planning and construction of water projects include utilization of projects for recreational needs and enhancement of fish and wildlife; provides for payment of costs of such features from funds appropriated to Department of Water Resources, upon approval of California Water Commission. Requires department to alter rates for water or power for projects in which costs allocation would be changed by expenditures therefor. Appropriates \$850,000 from General Fund to department for expenditure for such purposes during 1961-62 fiscal year and declares legislative policy to make annual appropriation of necessary funds to be used for such purposes. March 27. **WP, RE—Good**

SB 1057 Holmdahl (Gov. Eff.) Economic Advisory Committee. Creates Economic Advisory Committee to act in advisory capacity to Governor and Legislature to study economic factors relative to full employment and economic conditions of State, and to formulate and recommend economic policy of the State, and to report thereon annually to Governor and Legislature. Committee to be composed of five faculty members in economics or comparable department, one from each of the following institutions: the University of California at Berkeley, the University of California at Los Angeles, Stanford University, a state college in central part of State, and a private college from southern part of the State; such members to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate and to serve six year terms, except for first members whose terms will be staggered. Sec. 2 of act to take effect if and when SB 813 of the 1961 Regular Session is enacted, at which time Sec. 1 of act will be repealed. March 28. **SC—Watch**

SB 1058 Farr (Ed.) Television in state colleges. Allows the Director of Education, with approval of State Board of Education, until 91st day after adjournment of 1961 Session, and thereafter the Trustees of the California State Colleges, on behalf of a state college, to enter contracts to transmit television broadcasts, and to purchase time over and own, lease, or operate television transmitting facilities for use in providing educational noncommercial television broadcasts. To take effect immediately, urgency measure. March 29. **SC—Watch**

SB 1060 Christensen (L.Gov.) Acquisition of property for beaches and parks. Provides that the Department of Natural Resources shall not acquire any land for the state park system unless and until the consent of the board of supervisors in the county in which the land is located has first been obtained. March 29. **RE—Bad**

SB 1061 McCarthy (B. & P.) Schools of cosmetology. Provides that no license shall be granted to operate a school of cosmetology unless the school has at least 5,000 square feet of which 3,500 square feet is for working practice and for a separate facial room, in addition to the required separate lecture room and separate locker room and 1,500 square feet is for administration and other purposes. Requires every school of cosmetology to have three full-time instructors engaged solely in teaching, rather than two instructors. Provides that if the daily attendance averages more than 100 students for a period of three months an additional instructor is to be engaged for each three month's average of 25 students after the first 100, rather than requiring additional instructors if the daily attendance of either day or night school averages more than 50 students for a period of three months. Requires schools conducting night classes to have a minimum of two instructors engaged solely in teaching. March 29. **BC—Watch**

SB 1080 Miller (L.Gov.) Labor claims. Repeals provision disallowing labor claims for labor performed in any road district unless claim is accompanied by a report showing certain information such as the nature of work, and hours. March 29. **CW, SL—Watch**

SJR 27 Cobey (Soc.Wel.) Aid to dependent children. Memorializes Congress to amend the Social Security Act to permit the payment of federal aid for dependent children confined in boarding homes or foster homes. March 17. **SW—Good**

SJR 28 Cobey (Soc.Wel.) Aid to dependent children. Requests Congress to amend the Social Security Act to permit federal financial participation in aid grants in kind in mismanagement cases. March 17. **SW—Watch**

SCR 36 Cobey (Wat. Res.) State water resources development. Requests Department of Water Resources, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, and San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District to renegotiate water service contracts, under Burns-Porter Act, particularly provisions re options for acquiring additional water, cost allocation and repayment, and uniformity required of subsequent contracts. March 17. **WP—Watch**

SCR 38 Teale (Wat. Res.) Expenditure of funds under the Burns-Porter Act. Requests Governor to include such expenditures in annual budget and Budget Bill submitted to Legislature. March 21. **WP—Watch**

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

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Tuesday, April 18th

Fish and Game, 3:45 PM, Room 5168

AB 1313 (Thomas) Sardines. **Good**

SB 518 (Farr) Trawl nets. **Good**

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

***AB 701 (Gaffney)** Public works contracts and sub-contracts. **Good**

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

AB 1396 (Bradley) Repeals state FEP law. **Bad**

AB 2169 (Leggett) Contractors licensing law —limitations. **Bad**

AB 1610-11 (O'Connell) Membership on board of cosmetology and examination requirements. **Watch**

AB 1612 (O'Connell) Exempts cosmetology schools from supplying tools for students. **Bad**

AB 2133 (Hanna) Exemptions from contracting law. **Good**

AB 2134 (Hanna) Licensing application for contractors after suspension. **Good**

AB 1297 (Pattee) Limitations on barber colleges. **Good**

AB 1372 (Elliott) Replacement housing for low and middle income families in redevelopment projects. **Good**

Natural Resources, 1:30 PM, Room 2196

AB 2241 (Hanna) Cancellation of contracts on public works. **Good**

Senate

Tuesday, April 11th

Business and Professions, 1:00 PM, Room 3191

SB 600 (Thompson) Instructors in barber colleges. **Bad**

SB 940 (Gibson) Qualifying of individuals for contractors license—revision. **Watch**

SB 599 (Thompson) Course of instruction in barber colleges. **Watch**

Institutions, 10:00 AM, Room 2040

SB 212 (Stiern) Regional advisory council on planning of hospitals. **Watch**

Wednesday, April 12th

Education, 9:30 AM, Room 4202

AB 868 (Casey) Teacher Sabbatical leaves. **Good**

AJR 22 (Bruce F. Allen)—Federal aid to education in segregated schools. **Good**

SB 751 (Rodda) Community rehabilitation workshops. **Watch**

SB 572 (Rodda) Sabbatical leaves for state college teachers. **Good**

Governmental Efficiency, 9:30 AM, Room 4203

SB 813 and SB 882 (Holmdahl) State economic policy and planning for full employment. **Good**

SB 582 (Geddes) Vending stands in public buildings — hot and cold foods. **Watch**

SB 699 (Collier) Creates state department of transportation. **Watch**

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

SB 830 (Teale) Charges by pawn brokers for personal property taxes on pledged articles. **Bad**

Social Welfare, 1:00 PM, Room 4040

SB 325 (Rattigan) and SB 705 (Miller) Aged "indigent" medical care program implementing federal legislation. **Watch**

Thursday, April 13th

Judiciary, 10:00 AM, Room 4203

SB 419 (Rattigan) Employment of handicapped women and minors at less than minimum wage. **Watch**

Judiciary on Adjournment, Room 4202

SB 243 (Burns) Unfair trade practices: establish presumption of intent to injure competitors. **Bad**

Local Government, 1:15 PM, Room 4040

SB 251 (Miller) Force account labor in sanitary districts. **Bad**

SB 913 (McCarthy) Acquisition of temporary housing projects from federal government by redevelopment agencies or housing authorities. **Watch**

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

AB 249 (Cameron) Confidential records of hospitals. **Watch**

SB 881 (Farr) CHP enforcement of regulations re operation of ambulances. **Watch**

Friday, April 14th

Public Utilities, 1:00 PM, Room 4040

SB 643 (Dolwig) PUC regulation of carriers. **Bad**

Monday, April 17th

Agriculture, 9:00 AM, Room 4203

SB 993 (O'Sullivan) Creates agricultural labor commission as fact-finding and study body. **Watch**

SB 1 and SB 3 (Rattigan) Labeling requirement of California-grown poultry. **Good**

Elections, 10:00 AM, Room 2020

AB 1496 (Charles H. Wilson) Length of party membership in filing for partisan office. **Watch**

Judiciary on Adjournment, Room 4203

AB 644-47 (Hicks) Liens for salaries and preferred labor claims. **Good**

Labor, 1:30 PM, Room 4040

SB 908 (Fisher) Emasculates eight-hour law for women. **Bad**

Revenue and Taxation, 1:30 PM, Room 3191

SB 111 (McBride) Exempts from bank and corporation taxes SUB trust fund. **Good**

Tuesday, April 18th

Business and Professions, 1:00 PM, Room 3191

SB 589 (Short) Unfair practices by automotive repair shops. **Watch**

SB 822 (McCarthy) Subcontracting by general contractors. **Watch**

SB 823 (McCarthy) Bidding procedures for prime bidders in subcontracting on public works. **Watch**

Judiciary, 7:30 PM, Room 4203

SB 81 (Regan) Registration of narcotic offenders — broad powers. **Bad**

KENNEDY HOUSING BILL

Here are the major points of the Kennedy housing bill introduced in congress:

- \$2.5 billion over the next four years in grants for slum clearance and urban renewal projects, plus \$80 million for urban planning assistance over the same period. In both cases, the federal government's grants would constitute two-thirds of the total cost of projects.

- Authorization for the Public Housing Administrator to contract for the approximately 100,000 additional dwelling units originally contemplated in the Housing Act of 1949.

- Increasing from \$50 million to \$100 million the authorization for direct loans to sponsors of housing projects for the elderly, plus broadening of the existing law to include public bodies or agencies as well as non-profit corporations.

- An additional \$50 million for loans to communities for such public facilities as water, sewer, highway and transit facilities. This would raise the loan authorization level for such pro-

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Sedgwick, Shell, Sumner, Thelin, and Wolfrum —14.

The defeated bill was *AB 405, requiring that payroll information be provided employees with their pay checks. It was lost by vote of 29 to 44, but the essential features of the bill are contained in another measure, AB 1502, approved a few days earlier.

Question????

Did someone ask about the Federation's programs for liberalization of workmen's compensation, unemployment insurance, and disability compensation? All the bills embracing these programs — some 108 of them — are still in subcommittees of the lower-house Committee on Finance and Insurance. It is to be noted that sixty-four of the session's 120 legislative days have already been used up.

OASDI for State Employees

This is a really hot issue for state employees. They were effectively denied the privilege under federal law of coordinating their state employees retirement system with the federal OASDI program when the California State Employees Association successfully defeated a referendum vote on the issue following the 1959 legislative session. Tens of thousands of state employees are fuming mad, because such coordination would provide an inexpensive means of substantially increasing the whole level of retirement and survivors benefits.

The Federation and affiliated unions organizing among state employees are actively pushing AB 873 (Bane, D.) which would give state employees the opportunity to select coordination without a referendum vote of all state employees. The bill, however, is still waiting a hearing in the Assembly Committee on Civil Service and State Personnel. Its companion, SB 1105 (Rodda, D.) was just introduced this Monday and is in the Senate Committee on Governmental Efficiency.

Teacher Credentials

The Fisher reform bill, SB 57, which reduces the number of credentials and places greater emphasis on subject matter knowledge in the training of teachers, was recently approved by the Senate by a 23 to 12 vote. It was given a preliminary hearing in the Assembly Education committee this Wednesday along with opposing bills sponsored by the California Teachers Association.

As in any reform measure, the Fisher is drawing some heavy opposition from some rather powerful "educator" groups — mostly administrator or ad-

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PITTS URGES ACTION ON "BLUE CARD" IMPORTATION OF MEXICANS

Thos. L. Pitts, Secretary-Treasurer of the California Labor Federation, this week called upon Secretary of Labor Arthur Goldberg to investigate abuses in the importation of so-called "blue-card" Mexican nationals under the McCarran-Walter Act.

Pitts warned that many of these individuals are being brought into the country for use in agricultural labor without adequate protection for either the Mexicans or domestic workers. As abuses in the "bracero" program are being made public greater and greater reliance is being placed by growers on "blue card" immigrants as a substitute for "braceros."

At the present time there are some 203,000 "Blue Card" immigrants in California, most of them working in agriculture.

In a letter to Goldberg, Pitts made it clear that organized labor is "in favor of a liberal open-door policy as the foundation of our nation's immigration statutes".

"However," Pitts said, "the provisions of Public Law 414 (McCarran-Walter Act) along with the manner in which they appear to have been implemented in many instances, raise many grave questions . . . with respect to their impact upon the state and national economies, and particularly domestic agricultural workers."

The AFL-CIO leader quoted from a report of the Solicitors' Office of the United States Department of Labor, which points out that admission of "Blue Card" immigrants for employment is governed by the express provisions of the McCarran-Walter Act, namely, Section 212 (a) 14.

The provisions of this section prohibit the admission of any alien seeking entrance for the purpose of performing skilled or unskilled labor if the Secretary of Labor determines and certifies that (1) sufficient qualified workers in the United States are available at the time of the visa application in the area of employment, or (2) the employment of such aliens will adversely affect the wages and working conditions of domestic workers.

Pitts noted, however, that this provision is being implemented by an arrangement between the Department of Labor, the Department of State, and the U.S. Attorney General, which reviews only those importations that are in groups of 25 or more.

As a result, through recruitment agents in Mexico, agricultural employers are able to hold out promises of employment and bring in Mexican immigrants as strike breakers in groups of 24 or less without review as to their adverse effect on domestic labor.

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FEDERAL EXTENDED JOBLESS BENEFITS AVAILABLE APRIL 10

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It is estimated that a total of some \$85,000,000 will be paid out in California to jobless workers under the federal program between its effective date and termination on June 30, 1962. Some 155,000 unemployed individuals are expected to receive these benefits during the program's lifetime.

In Sacramento this week AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Thos. L. Pitts urged all local organizations to acquaint their unemployed members with the filing requirements of the new federal program. They are as follows:

1. The Department of Employment will start taking claims on Monday, April 10th.

2. On that date persons who have not filed for State extended benefits and who have exhausted their regular benefits after June 30, 1960 should file for the federal benefits. There will be no waiting period, but because of a time lag in processing checks, there will be no payment until the second week, at which time a double check will be issued.

3. Claimants who have already filed under the state extended benefits program need only report on their regular report day. Their transfer to federal benefits will be processed by the Department of Employment. **It is to be noted, however, at the time of this transfer that present state program recipients who are also receiving a private or public pension (other than O.A.S.D.I.) will experience a reduction in their benefit amount for each dollar received under the pension.** This is because of a provision in the new federal law which requires the cut to match pension payments other than O.A.S.D.I. The reduction is restricted to those cases where the pension is received from a base period employer. Estimates are that approximately 2% of extended benefits claimants fall in this category.

4. Claimants are also urged to bring their old I.D. cards with them when they apply for federal extended benefits commencing on the 10th.

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ministrator - dominated organizations and the college education department instructors who teach "methodology" courses.

Community Redevelopment

AB 1757 (Monagan, R.) has been approved by the Assembly. It authorizes a redevelopment agency to sell land to a public housing authority for the construction of low-rent public housing programs.

There are other bills coming up which are designed to require the provision of replacement housing within the reach of low- and middle-income families being pushed out by redevelopment projects.

This issue is getting hotter and hotter. Many minority group individuals who are forced to live in blighted areas are justifiably asking why they should support redevelopment programs that fail to meet their basic housing needs.

The bills on deck are designed to find a solution to this pressing problem.

"Right-to-Work" Bill Introduced In State Senate April 3rd

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hicle for suppressing the negotiation of a union shop or other union security contract by the labor organization selected by the employees.

A "labor organization" is defined in the bill as "any labor union, central labor council, district labor council or any combination thereof."

Commenting on the introduction of the bill, State AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Thos. L. Pitts said:

"I don't think the clever wording of this bill is going to confuse or fool anyone. Its design and purpose is quite obvious. It is a "right-to-work" bill just as vicious as the detailed proposition submitted to the voters in 1958 and rejected by a million votes.

"What is most surprising is that it should be introduced so soon after emphatic rejection by the voter of the anti-labor concept behind the "right-to-work" proposal.

"I feel confident that responsible leaders of both the Democratic and Republican parties will condemn the proposal for what it is — another attempt to destroy the constructive and time-tested framework for organization and collective bargaining that exists in California. Both parties, I am pleased to note, have declared in their platforms that they support the right of labor and management to negotiate union shop contracts and other union security agreements."

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In addition to investigating this major abuse and taking appropriate action, Pitts urged exploration of other aspects of the operation of Public Law 414. These include:

1. Wide-spread offers of "permanent employment" to immigrants made on a frivolous basis by employers in order to enlarge the pool of low-cost labor available to the agricultural economy. Pitts said that "there is every reason to believe that generous offers of permanent employment could very easily be filled from the ranks of domestic agricultural workers if any genuine recruitment effort were made."

2. A thorough check on past employer sponsors of immigrants to determine their performance with respect to actual employment of such immigrants and the period of time and conditions under which they were employed.

3. Review and possible interpretation of Section 212(a) of the Immigration Law which deals with "immoral classes" as a basis for requiring an affirmative statement of the potential immigrants' refusal to serve as a strike-breaker. Pitts said that the refusal of Federal administrators to recognize such a statement in effect gives the official stamp of approval to strike-breaking activity and necessarily raises a moral issue.

In pressing Goldberg for action, Pitts said that organized labor is highly pleased to witness the Labor Department's concern for the welfare of the working people as displayed by Goldberg's tours to some of the depressed areas in the nation.

"Without any intention of taking away from the importance of the problems of manufacturing and similar workers affected during the past year by the recession," Pitts added, "I would like to impress upon you the fact that those conditions are a permanent feature of the lives of most of our two million agricultural workers."

KENNEDY HOUSING BILL

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jects to \$200 million.

• \$45 million for a five-year extension of the farm housing program.

FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE FRONT

(The following is the substance of a letter directed to state and central labor bodies by the national AFL-CIO)

The fight for a fair minimum wage law was dealt a setback last week in the House of Representatives. On one non-record vote a leadership modification of the House Committee bill, which the AFL-CIO supported, was rejected 185-186.

On a subsequent roll call vote, the House adopted the wholly inadequate Kitchen-Ayres substitute, 216 to 203.

The Kitchen-Ayres bill passed by the House would extend coverage to only 1.3 million new workers (compared with the Kennedy proposal's 4.3 million) and would provide no overtime protection for them. It would set a flat \$1.00 an hour minimum for newly covered workers, while the Kennedy proposal would have set a \$1.00 minimum which would rise to \$1.25 after three years. For presently-covered workers, the House-passed Kitchen-Ayres bill would increase the minimum to a flat \$1.15, while the Kennedy proposal would have provided \$1.15 now and \$1.25 after two years.

Clearly, if a fair bill is to become law this year, the Senate must pass the Kennedy proposal virtually unchanged, so that the best possible bill can come out of conference.

This will not be an easy task. Last year, the vote on the important Monroney amendment was won by the slim margin of 50 to 48. The political complexion of the Senate since then is substantially unchanged. And recently, the prime opponent of minimum wage legislation — the American Retail Federation — called on retailers to flood the Capitol during the Senate debate.

Senator Monroney has announced that he will again fight for his amendment, which would exempt from coverage all retail stores and chains **unless** the chain had two stores in two different states. The Monroney amendment would automatically exempt about one million workers from coverage, and produce the absurd result of exempting such chains as New York's Bohack food store chain which has 140 outlets and does \$175,000,000 worth of business annually.

Adoption of Kitchen-Ayres in the House gave a psychological push to the Monroney amendment, thus making it even more of a threat this year than last.

Majority Leader Mansfield has announced that the bill will be on the floor during the week of April 10. It is anticipated that the bill on the floor will be a new McNamara bill, S. 1457, which the AFL-CIO expects to support.

The Legislative Department has prepared an **Action Bulletin** urging all AFL-CIO members to write to their Senators immediately, asking them to vote for the McNamara bill, S. 1457, without amendments.

At this stage, the fight is crucial. Every resource must be employed to assure Senate passage of the McNamara bill.

Every local organization is urged to exert every effort to encourage as many people as possible, AFL-CIO members and non-members, to write Senators Thomas Kuchel and Claire Engle promptly, asking them to vote for the McNamara bill, S. 1457, without amendments.

• **A two-year experiment in making FHA-insured 40-year no-down-payment mortgages available to families of modest incomes. The present general mortgage ceiling of \$9,000 on a one-family house would be retained, but the ceiling allowed in high-cost areas would be raised from \$12,000 to \$15,000.**

• **A new program of low-interest FHA loans for rental and cooperative**

housing projects for families earning too much to qualify for low-rent public housing.

• **New authority for FHA to insure loans of up to \$10,000 for basic structural improvements or additions to houses becoming dilapidated or obsolete, with repayment at no higher than 6 percent over a 25-year period.**