

Legislative Notes

Water Compromise. Talk of compromising the north-south water rights issue is growing louder and louder in the state capitol. This week, the Assembly passed by a substantial majority two proposed constitutional amendments which satisfy representatives at both ends of the state in the Assembly, but they are headed for trouble in the northern dominated state Senate. Governor Brown has now come up with a new suggestion for a compromise without involving a constitutional amendment that would require a two-thirds vote in the Senate. The Governor's suggestion is to amend a proposed \$960 million state bond issue for the Feather River Project in the Senate to provide that water and power revenues which accrue under state project contracts would be dedicated to paying off the construction bond issue. The thinking behind this is that the amendment would assure southerners that contracts, as entered into after water is ready for delivery, would not be subject to impairment by act of the legislature during the life of the bonds.

The determined effort to win a compromise on the north-south issue is still obscuring the basic issue of who is to get the benefits of state water project undertakings. There's no talk of compromise here. The corporation farmers and other landed monopolists in the lower end of the central valley are literally going to walk away with the public purse, if Governor Brown gets his compromise through the legislature.

Construction Workers. Two more bills affecting construction workers have moved to the Senate side: *AB 317, providing that per diem wages in public works shall include health and welfare, pension, vacation and similar fringe benefits, and *AB 471, providing for the licensing of specialty contractors whose operations are concerned with the installation of and laying of carpets, linoleum, and resilient floor covering. Two other bills, Assembly Bills 159 and 712 (MacBride), requiring contractors to show proof that they are licensed before issuance of building permits, received Senate approval. They go directly to the governor's office as soon as the Assembly concurs in some minor Senate amendments.

Crossfiling Repealed. AB 118 (Munnell) repealing crossfiling by candidates in primary, partisan elections is on the Governor's desk for signature. The Senate came through as we went to press last week, and passed the long sought repealer by a vote of 22 to 15.

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SENATE LABOR COMMITTEE DUMPS STATE MINIMUM WAGE BILL

The Senate Committee on labor, this Monday, rejected the pleas of farm workers, religious and labor leaders when it voted to shelve Governor Brown's state minimum wage bill, AB 1223 (Hawkins), providing a floor of \$1.25 per hour for industry generally and 90 cents for farm workers.

By voice vote of 4 to 3, the Democratic-controlled committee sent the measure to Interim Committee for further study as a means of killing the measure for 1959 session of the legislature. Chairman Robert I. Montgomery (D-Kings Co.) and John J. Hollister (D-Santa Barbara Co.) joined Republican committee members J. Howard Williams and Paul L. Byrne to dump the bill.

Senators Alan Short, Stephen P. Teale and Richard Richards, all Democrats, voted against referral to interim committee.

The dumping action was taken on a substitute motion by Senator Hollister to an original motion by Senator Richards that the bill be given a "do pass" vote. It followed a long parade of witnesses in opposition to the bill by farm groups, and representatives of the California restaurant association, the state hotel association, laundry employers, motion picture theater operators and the state motel associa-

tion, who begged Senators to reject the proposed minimum wage of \$1.25 per hour, reduced to 90 cents for farm workers, because it would "ruin" their "low wage" industries and the state generally.

The vote to kill AB 1223 was interpreted as a victory for the corporate farmers, who have thus far virtually dictated policy to the state Senate.

In announcing the action of the committee, Senator Montgomery pleaded that the action was not "a victory for agriculture or anybody else." His plea, however, was greeted by a chorus of boos from a gallery jam-packed with more than 200 farm workers who traveled to Sacramento from all parts of the state to impress upon Senators the need for putting an end to the exploitation of human misery in California agriculture.

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Social Insurance Liberalization Measures Advanced In The State Legislature

Measures which would significantly liberalize state social insurance programs in the field of workmen's compensation, unemployment insurance, and unemployment disability insurance were advanced this week in state Assembly Committee with the backing of Governor Edmund G. Brown.

Negotiated by the California Labor Federation and representatives of employers and of the insurance industry, the liberalizing proposals were approved by the Assembly Committee on Finance and Insurance and its various subcommittees on social insurance programs, and advanced in the form of omnibus measures.

Workmen's Compensation

The main features of the compromise programs are as follows:

1. Increase the maximum weekly benefit amount for temporary disability

from \$50 to \$65, while boosting the ceiling for permanent disability from \$40 to \$52.50 per week. The minimum benefit for both permanent and temporary disabilities would be increased from \$15 to \$20.

2. Boost the death benefit for a totally dependent spouse from \$12,000 to \$17,500, and for a totally dependent spouse with children from \$15,000 to \$20,500, both payable weekly at the

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HEARINGS Assembly

May 4th

Criminal Procedure, 3.45 pm

*AB 1407 O'Connell. Wire tapping prohibition. **Good**

Education, 3.45 pm

AB 2299 Garrigus. Corporal punishment of pupils. **Watch**

AB 1427 O'Connell. Right of teachers to inspect records. **Good**

AB 358 Elliott. Lunch periods for teachers. **Good**

Finance and Insurance, 8 pm

AB 963 Rees. Rees-Doyle Act administration costs. **Bad**

*AB 1163 Rees. Rees-Doyle Act scope. **Good**

AB 1164 Rees. Rees-Doyle Act extension. **Watch**

Also, re-referral of unemployment insurance and unemployment disability insurance bills to full committee with recommendations.

May 5th

Fish & Game, 3.45 pm

AB 823 Nisbet. Sale and importation of halibut. **Watch**

Government Organization, 1.30 pm

AB 2209 Kennick. Purchase and consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors. **Watch**

AB 2210 Kennick. Minors in public premises where liquor is sold. **Watch**

AB 2211 Kennick. Presenting false evidence by minors. **Watch**

AB 2248 Coolidge. Administration of state correctional institutions. **Bad**

SB 406 Johnson. Employment of minors on premise of liquor licensee. **Watch**

SB 419 Johnson. Evidence of majority and identity. **Watch**

Water, 1.30 pm

AB 989 Davis. Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. **Bad**

AB 1863 Davis. Sierra County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. **Bad**

AJR 23 and 25. Z'berg and Bruce Allen. Trinity River Partnership. **Good**

SB 494 Christensen. Humboldt County Flood Control District. **Bad**

Governmental Efficiency & Economy, 3.45 pm

AB 1135 S. R. Geddes. Practicing as a contractor. **Watch**

SB 8 Short. Disposal of housing authority property. **Watch**

*AB 469 S. R. Geddes. Contractor's license re owner-builder. **Good**

SB 703 Short. Community redevelopment law. **Good**

May 6th

Education, 3.45 pm

SB 899 Fisher. Probationary teacher protections. **Good**

Public Health, 1.30 pm

AB 1627 Rumford. Advertising by M.D.'s and Dentists. **Bad**

SB 393 Thompson. Canneries. **Good**

AB 2029 Grant. Gas appliances and vents. **Bad**

AB 2246 Grant. Trailer coaches. **Watch**

Public Utilities and Corporations, 1.30 pm

AB 1917 Bee. **Good**

AB 1697 O'Connell. Democracy in corporations. **Good**

AB 1549 Reagan. Train crews. **Bad**

May 7th

Industrial Relations, 3.45 pm

AB 2302 Bee. Women's 8 hour law re beauty shops. **Bad**

AB 2025 Beaver. Posting of prevailing rates. **Watch**

Municipal and County Government, 1.30 pm and 8 pm

AB 1896 Rees. Metropolitan multipurpose districts. **Bad**

Transportation and Commerce, 1.30 pm

AB 1843 Grant. Trailer coaches. **Watch**

AB 1311 Gaffney. Force account limit for bridge and highway districts. **Watch**

May 11th

Education, 3.45 pm

AB 2377 DeLotto. State Bd. meetings. **Watch**

AB 2380 DeLotto. Transfer of school districts. **Bad**

AB 2423 and 2429 Donahoe. Classified school district employees. **Watch**

AB 2225 and 2226 Munnell. School district employees leaves of absences. **Good**

AB 2160 E. R. Geddes. Child care centers. **Good**

Judiciary—Civil, Subcommittee on Trade Practices, 8 pm

Assembly Bills 1336, 1337, 1338, 2352, 2353, 2399 and 1476. Unfair Trade Practices. **Bad**

Transportation and Commerce, 1.30 pm

AB 2424 Levering. Vehicle salesmen. **Bad**

May 12th

Governmental Efficiency and Economy, 3.45 pm

AB 146 Cunningham. Acting as a contractor without license. **Good**

AB 1548 Hanna. Contractor's bond. **Watch**

AB 1696 O'Connell. Democracy in professional and vocational organizations. **Watch**

AB 1340 Bane. Education requirement for barber's certificate. **Bad**

AB's 1789-91 inclusive, Masterson. Fair trade contracts. **Good**

AB 1591 Backstrand. Subcontracting bids. **Watch**

May 13th

Education, 3.45 pm

AB 2376 Porter. Employees of reorganized school districts. **Good**

AB 2364 Hegland. State Bd. of Education. **Bad**

May 14th

Municipal and County Government, 1.30 and 8.00 pm

AB 1354 Rees. Redevelopment displacement housing. **Watch**

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

*AB 233 and 256 Dills. County employee retirement. **Good**

AB 1341 Dills. Safety members of county retirement systems. **Good**

AB 1058 MacBride. Safety member county pension formula. **Watch**

AB's 1230 and 1231 Ralph M. Brown. OASDI integration with county systems. **Bad**

AB 1962 MacBride. OASDI for firefighters. **Bad**

AB's 1892-95 George E. Brown. County retirement liberalization. **Good**

HEARINGS Senate

May 4th

Labor, 1.30 pm

SB 944 Miller. Train crews. **Good**

Public Utilities, 10 a.m.

SB 369 Dolwig. Disposition of property of railroad common carriers. **Bad**

SB 857 Miller. Railroad safety of employment. **Good**

SB 904 Short. Illumination of cabooses. **Good**

May 5th

Elections, 10 am

AB 195 Conrad. Cancellation of voter registrations. **Bad**

AB 236 Conrad. Presidential voting for new residents. **Watch**

Business and Professions, 1.15 pm

SB 609 Gibson. Barber Training courses. **Watch**

SB 610 Gibson. Suspension of contractor's license. **Watch**

SB 564 Shaw. TV advertising. **Good**

SB 511 Christensen. Highway projects under state contract act. **Bad**

Fish & Game, 1 pm

SB 56 Murdy. F&G Commission powers over commercial fishing. **Bad**

SB 150 Murdy. Anchovies canning limit. **Bad**

May 6th

Education, 10 am

AB 1457 Elliott. Tenure transfer. **Good**

Governmental Efficiency, 9.30 am

AB 113 Elliott. Discrimination in redevelopment projects. **Good**

AB 320 Winton. "Purity of Elections" bill. **Bad**

*AB 608 Pattee. Public works informal bids. **Good**

AB 55 Sedgwick. Yuba County water agency. **Bad**

Local Government, 1 pm

SB 644 Cobey. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. **Watch**

*AB 528 Masterson. Fire fighters workmen's compensation re hernia, heart trouble and pneumonia. **Good**

Revenue and Taxation, 8 pm

AB 1172 MacBride. Governor's cigarette and tobacco tax bill. **Bad**

May 7th

Judiciary, 1.30 pm

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

*SB 546 Shaw. Workmen's compensation attorney's fees. **Good**

Public Health and Safety, 1 pm

AB 1368 Rumford. Standards for quality of air. **Good**

May 11th

Revenue and Taxation, 1.15 pm

AB 1177 MacBride. Governor's income tax bill. **Bad**

May 13th

Education, 10 am

SB 1031 Miller. Teacher credentials. **Good**

Local Government, 1 pm

SB 1174 Stiern. School district employee retirement. **Watch**

SB 1130 Murdy. Employment by county of persons over retirement age. **Watch**

AB 1111 Geo. E. Brown. Replacement of damaged property of public employees. **Good**

AB 1113 Geo. E. Brown. Replacement of property of school district employees. **Good**

AB 1820 Hegland. Construction contracts of local hospital districts. **Bad**

WAGE BILL DUMPED

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A large group of the farm worker delegations demonstrated their disgust with the legislative treatment handed them with make-shift posters reading: "Brown help us—our children are starving," "Senators and Assemblymen, if you have families think of our children," "Help, Help, Give us a living wage, we are human," and "The Farmers get the gravy, we get starving wages."

Assemblyman Gus Hawkins, in presenting the bill before the Senate Labor Committee, pointed out that the \$1.25 minimum wage in the bill was the bare amount necessary for an individual to maintain himself, let alone a family. The liberal legislator said that he could not defend the lower rate of 90 cents for farm labor inserted on the Assembly side. "It was a liberal concession to agriculture" Hawkins added. "The farmers have already cashed in."

Hawkins was followed by Cesar Chavez of Oxnard, representing the Community Service Organization, who introduced two spokesmen for Mexican-American farm workers in support of a floor on agricultural wages. Rafael Gonzales, one of the witnesses, said he had just completed a work period of fourteen straight days, ten hours a day, and received only \$75.00—in other words 53½ cents an hour.

Ernest Galarza, representing the National Agricultural Workers union pointed out that 90-cent minimum, although grossly inadequate, was the least the Senate could do for down-trodden farm workers.

Support of a floor on wages was also expressed by Joe M. Stutz, a Chico row-crop grower, and Lester Grube, a San Jose egg producer and distributor. Both farmers said agriculture in the state could not only afford the 90-cent minimum in the bill, but could also pay the \$1.25 applicable to industry. Grube read into the record the support of Stockton farmer Fred Van Dyke, a recent republican candidate for Congress in the Stockton area.

Solid backing of the bill by religious leaders, and especially the farm labor minimum wage, was expressed by Father Thomas McCollough of the Catholic Rural Life Conference, Reverend Douglas Still, of the Migrant Ministry of the State Council of Churches, and Rabbi Irving Hausman, of the Northern California Board of Rabbis. Rabbi Hausman told the Senators that the measure posed a "moral and religious issue."

Speaking on behalf of the newly formed Citizen's Committee for Agri-

Horseracing & Inheritance Tax Measures Go to Senate

The Assembly this Monday approved another 20,400,000 in Governor Brown's tax increase program to balance the state budget.

The lower house sent to the Senate AB 1173 and AB 1176, both authored by Assemblyman Thomas J. MacBride, which would increase horseracing revenues by \$12.4 million a year and inheritance taxes by \$8 million a year, respectively.

Thus far, the lower house has concurred in five of the 8 points in Brown's tax program, which as a whole would increase taxes by \$202.2 million in fiscal year 1959-60 and \$256.6 million in the first full year of operation.

Besides the horseracing and inheritance tax measures approved this week, the five points approved include AB 1172, imposing a consumer excise on cigarettes and other tobacco products; AB 1177, increasing personal income taxes; and AB 1171, advancing the payment date for the insurance gross premium tax. Together the five bills passed by the Assembly would produce \$140.1 million of the requested \$202.2 million for fiscal year 1959-60, and \$148.8 million of the requested \$256.6 for the first full year of operation of Brown's proposals.

The advancement of payments in the insurance gross premiums tax has also

been passed by the Senate, and has been signed into law.

A special hearing on the cigarette and tobacco tax measure has been scheduled by the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee for Wednesday, May 6th, at 8 p.m. The income tax measure is scheduled for hearing Monday, May 11th, at 1:15 p.m.

The horseracing and inheritance tax measures, which passed the Assembly this week by roll call votes of 44 to 32 and 46 to 27 respectively, have just been referred to the Senate tax committee, and are not likely to come up for a few weeks.

The remaining major items still to be moved in either house by the Governor's forces are the bank and corporation tax increase, the severance tax on oil, and the beer excise tax bill. Political observers predict freely that the Governor will find it exceedingly difficult to win approval of these measures in either house of the legislature.

Organized labor is firmly opposed to the imposition of any additional consumer taxes as advanced in Governor Brown's cigarette and beer tax proposals.

It is the position of labor that should the Legislature give Brown only part of his tax program, he is duty bound to veto measures which upset the balance of added tax burden recommended by his administration.

culture Workers, Acting Secretary James Murray challenged the contention of the corporate farm groups that a minimum wage would destroy California agriculture's competitive position with other states. Murray handed the Senators a table showing that California farmers virtually control the national production of major crops in California that use seasonal hand labor. In 19 of 21 major seasonal hand labor crops in the state, he said, California ranks first in production, having a virtual monopoly in many crops.

C. J. Haggerty, Secretary of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, told the Committee that a statutory minimum wage law was long overdue in our industrial state. Specifically, in regard to agriculture, the state AFL-CIO leader pointed out that farm wages have been falling year after year because of the unlimited supply of cheap imported farm labor from Mexico under the Mexican national program. "Farm wages in California, as a percentage of factory wages, have

declined from 62.1% to 47.3% over the past ten year period, 1948 to 1958," Haggerty said.

Speaking for the culinary workers in the state, Mr. Callahan, secretary of the California State Council of Culinary Workers, urged enactment of the measure as necessary for the protection of about 50% of the workers in this service industry who are unorganized.

Final action of the referral of the bill to interim committee followed an unsuccessful effort by Senator Richard Richards to restore the 90-cent agricultural worker minimum to the \$1.25 rate proposed for industry generally. Richards' proposal was tabled on motion of Senator Williams.

The only hope for Governor Brown's minimum wage bill rests in the remote possibility of withdrawing the bill from committee on the floor of the Senate. The upper house, however, has a long standing tradition against such withdrawal.

FEPC REFERENDUM TITLE ISSUED

Sponsors of a move to block the California fair employment practices bill enacted into law just recently secured a title and summary of the measure from the Attorney General's office this Tuesday to put the anti-discrimination act to a referendum vote.

The move was immediately unmasked by the California Committee for Fair Employment Practices, chief sponsors of the new law, as an irresponsible effort on the part of a few individuals who do not enjoy the support of responsible businessmen or any other respected group in California.

The referendum petition would require 262,789 signatures of registered voters to be certified by the secretary of the state by the 19th of September in order to postpone the effective date of the FEP act, and place it on the November 1960 general election ballot.

J. Rupert Mason of San Francisco, a retired investment banker, filed the referendum petition with the Attorney-General for title and summary. Issuance of the title and summary was mandatory on the part of the state Attorney-General.

C. J. Haggerty, Secretary-Treasurer of the California Labor Federation AFL-CIO, predicted in Sacramento that the referendum is doomed to fail. He urged organized labor throughout the state to work with the California Committee for Fair Employment Practices to thoroughly unmask the effort to prevent the FEP bill from taking effect.

Organized labor was one of the primary proponents of the FEP act, and worked closely with the California FEP committee and Governor Brown's office to secure enactment this year.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES

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Installment Credit. Governor Brown has signed AB 500 (Unruh) into law. Aimed at installment buying racketeers, the bill requires a breakdown of the cash sale price, financing charges, total costs and due dates on credit sales involving \$50 or more. The maximum charges on installment buying permitted in the bill are designed to eliminate only outrageous rates. They do not disturb the generally high service charge practices that prevail in the installment buying fields. For example, the bill permits charges up to 18 percent a year on balances of less than \$1,000 a year on retail installment accounts. The measure, however, is a definite step in the right direction.

SOCIAL INSURANCE MEASURES ADVANCED

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temporary disability rate of \$65 per week; increase the maximum death benefit in the case of partial dependency from \$12,000 to \$15,000.

3. Provide that employee compensation in the case of serious and wilful misconduct on the part of employer shall be increased by one-half to a maximum of \$7500, together with costs and expenses up to \$250, instead of the present \$3750 ceiling.

4. Raise the level of wage loss compensation in the case of life pensions for permanent disabilities from 10% to 15% where the permanent disability is seventy percent; from 20% to 30% for an eighty percent disability; from 30% to 45% for a ninety percent disability; and from 40% to 60% for a one hundred percent permanent disability.

5. Boost burial benefits from \$400 to \$600.

6. Permit the IAC, upon denial of a petition to reduce a final permanent disability award, to order payment to an injured employee of all costs for the furnishing of X-ray, laboratory services, medical reports, and medical testimony, incurred by the injured employee in connection with the petition to reduce his award.

7. Provide for reimbursement to an injured employee of expenses reasonably, actually, and necessarily incurred for medical testimony to prove a contested claim, in addition to X-rays, and laboratory fees, and medical reports; provide also that injured employee shall be given reasonable expenses for transportation, meals, lodging, together with one day of temporary disability benefit for each day of lost wages, when requested to submit to a physical examination.

8. Provide, in regard to medical care, that employer shall have a maximum of fourteen days to comply with a request for change of physicians, and that in the event the injured employee is not notified of the available physicians within the 14-day period, he shall be permitted to select a physician of his own choice at the expense of the employer or insurance carrier; give injured employee in a serious case the right to select his own consulting physician at the expense of the employer.

9. Eliminate the present waiting period when the industrial injury requires hospitalization.

Unemployment Insurance

Compromise proposals for liberalization of unemployment insurance would include the following:

1. Increase the maximum weekly benefit from \$40 to \$55, by (1) the

addition of ten steps to the existing schedule providing a one-dollar increase in benefits for each additional \$40 of high quarter earnings, and (2) five added steps providing for a one-dollar increase in benefits for each additional \$45 in high quarter earnings.

2. Raise from \$3 to \$12 a week the casual earnings allowed an unemployed person without affecting his weekly benefit.

3. Extend the maximum duration period of benefits from 26 to 39 weeks whenever the state-wide unemployment ratio exceeds six percent of the labor force.

The extended duration of benefits would be financed by a tax on employers in the amount of one-fourth of one percent.

4. Increase employer contributions into the unemployment insurance fund by raising the ceiling on taxable wages from \$3000 to \$3600, eliminating the zero contribution rate, and providing a minimum merit contribution rate of three tenths of one percent both in the high and low contribution schedules, combined with a maximum tax rate of three percent instead of two and seven tenths percent.

5. Extend unemployment insurance coverage to state, county, and municipal employees, financed at cost to the public agencies involved; full coverage for employees of nonprofit organizations. Governor Brown to date has not specifically endorsed the extended coverage for state employees because of the added cost to the state.

Disability Insurance

The unemployment disability insurance compromise includes an increase in the maximum weekly benefit amount from \$50 to \$65 by the addition of fifteen steps to the present schedule increasing benefits in the amount of \$1 for each additional \$25 of high quarter earnings.

In addition, it would require so-called voluntary plans to pay their full share of extended liability benefits in connection with disabilities that occur after unemployment.

Action

The workmen's compensation compromise proposal received the approval of the Assembly Committee on Finance and Insurance this Monday and is embodied in AB 1015 (Crown). The program, however, will have to be cleared by Assembly Ways and Means before it reaches the floor of the lower house.

In regard to unemployment insurance and unemployment disability insurance, the compromise programs received the approval of the respective subcommittees of the Finance and Insurance Committee this Monday. They will be before the full committee on May 4.

ASSEMBLY BILLS

AB 2539 DeLotto (Transportation and Commerce) Creates a Motor Vehicle Department Advisory Board of five members appointed by the Governor from specified branches of the automobile industry. Provides that the members shall serve without compensation for four-year terms. Contains no labor representatives.

Authorizes the board to advise the Director of Motor Vehicles on matters affecting businesses licensed under the Vehicle Code, to review with the director all proposed legislation affecting such businesses, to hold hearings and report findings and recommendations to the director, to review disciplinary actions taken against businesses regulated by the Vehicle Code, and to make recommendations to the director prior to his final decision on what disciplinary action is to be taken. Appropriates \$10,000 from the Motor Vehicle Fund in augmentation of the appropriation in support of the Department of Motor Vehicles. April 20. **Bad**

AB 2545 Masterson (Public Health) Expands the present law to add housing authorities to the list of entities, public or private, which are permitted to invest their funds in the bonds or other obligations of a redevelopment agency. April 20. **Good**

AB 2548 Geddes. (Revenue and Taxation) Repeals State Sales and Use Tax Law and Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law. Changes personal income tax rates to unspecified percentages to effect revenue cuts. April 20. **Good**

AB 2550 Crawford (Civil Service and State Personnel) Provides that only the names of the three persons standing highest on the employment list shall be certified to the appointing authority.

Provides where the appointed person was not the highest of the persons certified, the higher persons on the list shall be notified in writing of the appointment and of the reasons therefor by the appointing power and they shall have the right to appeal to the State Personnel Board within a specified time.

Prohibits sending of letters to determine the interest of a person on any employment list by any agency other than the State Personnel Board. April 20. **Good**

AB 2551 Shell (Government Organization) Provides that the State Department of Agriculture, rather than the State Department of Public Health, shall enforce Sec. 383b, Pen. C. which relates to fraudulent sales of nonkosher meat products as kosher. April 20. **Watch**

AB 2553 Bradley (Government Organization) Revises provisions establishing qualifications of members of State Board of Cosmetology and increases from \$20 to \$30 the amount which member of the Board is to receive for each day at board meetings.

Deletes provisions relating to classification of junior operator, junior electrologist and permanent waver.

Increases from 30 days to 120 days the time within which a photograph of an applicant may be taken prior to making application.

Requires evidence as condition to licensing of school of cosmetology that the establishment of such school in the particular area will not be detrimental to the public welfare. Excludes tools from articles which a school is required to furnish free to its students.

Includes cosmetology instructor among those persons licensed in other states who may make application to the board for licensing under the reciprocity provisions. April 20. **Bad**

AB 2566 Britschgi (Education) Provides that school districts establishing a payroll deduction plan for payment of dues to any local or statewide professional organization must afford the same services to all such organizations who have members in the district upon receipt of written authorization of the members.

Prohibits deductions for payment of dues directly to national professional organization. April 20. **Good**

AB 2557 Masterson (Education) Requires a school district or other employing agency to pay to the Retirement Annuity Fund in the State Teachers' Retirement System, one-half of the contribution presently required to be made to that fund by a member with respect to salary amounts up to \$10,000.

Permits the school district or other employing agency to pay all or any part in excess of one-half of the member's contribution to that fund with respect to salary amounts up to \$10,000.

Authorizes the levy and collection of a special tax to provide for the payment of the obligations created. April 20. **Good**

AB 2573 O'Connell (Fish and Game) Provides for inspection of plants packaging or canning crabmeat without cooking by the Division of Cannery Inspection and if the plant is found to be in a sanitary condition containers of crabmeat so packed may be designated as packed in an approved plant on approval of the designation by the State Board of Public Health. April 22. **Watch**

AB 2574 Waldie (Municipal and County Government) Provides for determination of the minimum retirement allowance of a member of a local system which has been integrated with the federal system of old age benefits, to be made at the time of retirement of the member whether he is then fully insured or otherwise under the federal system. April 12. **Good**

AB 2578 Britschgi (Education) Provides for annual determination of amount necessary for school construction and debt service on school district bonds and state bonds for school building aid and costs of administration of the act. Requires the levy of a tax in each county to raise 70 percent of such amount and a transfer from the General Fund to the State School Building Construction Fund created by the bill of 30 percent of such amount. Provides for apportionment from such new fund to school districts of the amounts needed for school construction and debt service and for the payment from such fund of the debt service on the state bonds and the costs of administration. Divides State into 10 regions and provides for equalization of assessments for the purposes of the bill.

Provides for the transfer to the new fund of the proceeds of state school bonds. Prescribes duties of the State Allocation Board, the Department of Education and the State Controller and county and school district officers. April 22. **Watch**

AB 2582 Meyers (Transportation and Commerce) Authorizes the continued collection of Bay Bridge tolls at existing rates, with surplus revenues to be used by the California Toll Bridge Authority to assist in financing additional San Francisco Bay crossings of any type adjacent to or south of the Bay Bridge. April 23. **Watch**

AB 2589 Bruce F. Allen (Education) Removes prohibition against employment of aliens by the State or a county or city, as to student assistants at a college or university which is supported wholly or partially by the State. April 23. **Bad**

AB 2608 Beaver (Public Utilities and Corporations) Specifies that a trainman will not be considered as having been off duty at any off duty point other than his home terminal for the purposes of the Labor Code provisions requiring such off duty, unless he is furnished or provided with money to obtain, a suitable place to rest and adequate meals. April 24. **Good**

AB 2611 Burton (Criminal Procedure) Makes it a misdemeanor for a person to falsely allege in campaign material that a candidate is a Communist or Fascist, Communist or Fascist sympathizer, has the endorsement of Communists or Fascists, or is a follower of the Communist or Fascist line.

Makes such statements in campaign material libelous on their face and provides that they shall not be presumed privileged communications for the purpose of the law making libel the subject of a civil suit for damages. April 24. **Good**

AB 2612 Burton (Governmental Efficiency and Economy) Requires the suspension or revocation of any license issued by the State authorizing the conduct of any profession, vocation, or calling, upon a showing that the licensee has engaged in a persistent course of conduct of discrimination against persons requesting performance of services, based solely upon race, creed, color, or national origin. April 24. **Good**

ACR 113 Bee (Rules) Requests the Governor to appoint a committee of 15 persons representing public and private interests in music to encourage creative musical efforts on the West Coast. Designates the committee as the Committee to Encourage Selection, Performance and Publication of Music of Merit by Western Composers. April 24. **Good**

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

*Sponsored by the California Labor Federation, A.F.L.-C.I.O.

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SENATE BILLS

SB 1213 Short (Insurance and Financial Institutions) Specifies that an unemployed individual who is unable to work or unavailable for work on one or more normal work days of the week shall, nevertheless, be eligible for benefits for the week, but that the weekly benefit amount shall be reduced by one-seventh of his weekly benefit amount for each day for which he was unable to work or unavailable for work. April 14. **Good**

SB 1256 Williams (Labor) Revives unconstitutional state "hot cargo" and "secondary boycott" act and provides, that it shall be unlawful for any labor organization or its agents to engage in or to induce or encourage the employees of any employer to engage in, a strike or concerted refusal in the course of their employment to use, manufacture, process, transport, or otherwise handle or work on goods or other materials or to perform any services, where an object thereof is (1) forcing or requiring any employer or other person to cease using, selling, handling, transporting or otherwise dealing in the products of any other employer or person, or to cease doing business with any other employer or person, or (2) forcing or requiring any other employer to recognize or bargain with a labor organization as the representative of his employees.

Specifies that above prohibition does not apply to the expressing of any views, arguments, or opinions or dissemination thereof, if such expression contains no threat of reprisal or force or promise of benefit. April 20. **Bad**

SB 1258 Gibson (Public Utilities) Exempts from registration as a public utility, passenger stages, 98 percent of whose operation rather than all of whose operations are exclusively inside a single city or city and county. April 20. **Watch**

SB 1269 Short (Labor) Deletes present provisions relating to the method of computing average earnings of an employee for the purposes of temporary and permanent disability indemnity and adds new provisions setting forth the methods of computing average weekly earnings under various circumstances of employment. April 20. **Watch**

SB 1283 Berry (Public Utilities) Revises requirements for gas and water service lines to permit use of lead, brass, or plastic lines, as well as steel or iron lines, and requires that shutoff valve be located outside the structure served where it will be accessible at all times, rather than in a readily accessible location outside the building. April 22. **Watch**

SB 1287 Miller (Insurance and Financial Institutions) Provides that a life insurer may enter into pension contracts, containing provision for the accumulation, investment, management and operation of one or more special pension plan funds, and which provides that its liability with respect to such fund or funds shall abide by and reflect the results of its management and operation thereof.

Provides that a life insurer may establish, in connection with any pension contracts issued by it, one or more special pension funds and prescribes use of separate accounts, proper investment procedure and restrictions, and insurer's ownership interest in assets thereof. April 14. **Good**

SB 1288 O'Sullivan (Agriculture) Provides that cattle owned by the producer of the cattle, which are slaughtered for his consumption, may be transported to any licensed frozen food locker plant to be skinned, split and quartered by the operators of such plants. The skinning, splitting and quartering of such cattle at the licensed frozen food locker plant would not require a slaughter's license. April 23. **Watch**

SB 1292 Stiern (Local Government) Permits a board of supervisors to establish a county safety commission for the purpose of investigating accidents, establishing safety rules and regulations, and performing other acts to promote safety of county employees. Describes the composition of the commission, the compensation of commissioners and the information to be contained in the ordinance establishing the commission. Validates, for a limited period, county safety commissions established prior to enactment of that measure. April 23. **Watch**

SB 1294 Dolwig (Transportation) Provides that no chauffeur's license shall be required of any person operating any piece of special highway construction equipment which may be moved on a highway only with the permission of the authority having jurisdiction of that highway. April 24. **Watch**

SB 1298 Stiern (Agriculture) Provides that persons engaged in the preparation of egg products who are not required to obtain a license for such preparation shall register with the State Department of Public Health. April 24. **Watch**

SB 1301 Donnelly (Governmental Efficiency) Establishes state employment category of career executive, with not more than five such positions to be authorized for each state department, agency, board and commission, and authorizes administration of the program by the State Personnel Board.

Requires an examination for eligibility, but provides that the selection, employment, tenure and separation of appointees to such positions need not be governed by the State Civil Service Act. Provides for reinstatement to his permanent civil service position of any person who vacates such position for a period of tenure as a career executive. April 24. **Bad**

SCR 57 Collier (Transportation) Urges all state and local agencies having jurisdiction over planning, development, construction, and operation of public transportation facilities, including highways and bridges, parking facilities, and motor and rail transit facilities, to co-operate in the planning and development of public transportation facilities. April 23. **Good**

SENATE APPROVES BROWN "LABOR REFORM" BILL

Governor Brown's so-called "democracy in labor" bill, SB 209 (Teale), received the blessings of the Senate this Wednesday when the upper house sent it to the Assembly by roll call vote of 30 to 6.

Approval was given the measure after a mild one-hour debate without modification or even the offering of any amendments.

As passed by the upper house, the Governor's measure carries a series of amendments adopted previously which make the bill acceptable to organized

labor in accordance with a supporting statement of policy voted by the merger convention of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO last December.

SB 209 would establish so-called democratic standards for local union constitutions, provide for the filing of financial reports with the Department of Industrial Relations, and regulate the placement of unions in trusteeship by national or international unions.

The roll call on passage by the Senate was as follows:

Voting AYE: Arnold, Beard, Brown,

Burns, Christensen, Cobey, Collier, Coombs, Donnelly, Erhart, Farr, Fisher, Gibson, Hollister, Holmdahl, Johnson, McCarthy, Miller, Montgomery, O'Sullivan, Rattigan, Regan, Richards, Rodda, Short, Slattey, Stiern, Teale, Cameron, and Thompson.

Voting No: Byrne, Dilworth, Dolwig, Grunsky, Murdy, and Williams.

Absent or not voting: Berry, McAteer, Shaw, and McBride.

Those voting against passage of the bill generally favored a "stronger" anti labor bill.