

Legislative Notes

Three Fed Bills Move

Three Federation-sponsored bills were launched into legislative orbit this Wednesday upon receiving initial committee approval in the lower house.

*AB 418 (Knox) repeals the authority granted the Department of Agriculture in 1957 to allow numerical tolerances (short-weights) for packaged goods sold in grocery stores. The consumer protection measure, designed to preserve the concept of net weights, won the approval of the Assembly Governmental Efficiency and Economy Committee and was sent to the floor of the Assembly.

*AB 419, also by Assemblyman Knox, broadens and extends the authority of the Labor Commissioner to regulate private trade schools under the private employment agencies law when employment is held out as an inducement for enrollment in the trade schools. The Labor Commissioner would be required to establish standards to prevent deceptive and misleading advertising concerning job availability, skills acquired, and the length of time required to learn a trade or skill. It also provides for the development of standards governing placement activities and requires fulfillment of a promise of placement or return of the training fees charged.

The Knox trade school regulatory measure won the approval of the Governmental Efficiency and Economy Committee over the opposition of a long list of private trade school operators who flooded the committee hearings. The bill, however, must go to the lower house Ways and Means Committee because it contains an implied appropriation for enforcement. Initial committee approval was on a roll call vote as follows:

Voting Aye—Danielson, Ferrell, Greene, Knox, Warren, Song, and McMillan (7)

Voting No—Cusanovich, Deukmejian, Mulford, and Stevens (4)

Absent—Barnes and Kennick (2)

The third Federation measure to win Committee approval this week was *AB 319 (Davis) which strengthens the Labor Code provisions governing security for wages in logging operations. The Davis bill received a "do pass" recommendation from the Assembly Committee on Industrial Relations and was sent to the floor of the lower house.

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Subcommittees to Review Social Insurance Bills

The Assembly Finance and Insurance Committee, this week, named three subcommittees to review all proposed social insurance legislation affecting workmen's compensation, unemployment insurance and unemployment compensation for disability.

Going into the eighth week of the 1963 General Session, the lower house unit announced that at its next regular meeting on Tuesday the various social insurance bills introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Finance and Insurance Committee will be sent to the appropriate subcommittee. This includes:

—Thirty-three unemployment insurance bills advanced by the Federation to restore the integrity of a program that Secretary-Treasurer Thos. L. Pitts said "is being starved under a financing system that has permitted employers to achieve tax cuts at the expense of the program's grossly inadequate benefit structure."

—The Federation's comprehensive program for the improvement of workmen's compensation, embodied in more than thirty bills, giving top priority to the provision of "long overdue" rehabilitation benefits.

—Twenty-one bills sponsored by the Federation to improve the state's "unique" unemployment disability program, which is financed by employee contributions.

(The scope of these programs was outlined in the January 25th and February 1st issues of *News Letter*.)

Each of the three subcommittees is composed of five members, named as follows by Finance and Insurance Chairman James R. Mills (D) of San Diego:

Disability Insurance Subcommittee: Jack T. Casey (D) Bakersfield, Chairman; Stewart Hinckley (R) Redlands; John Moreno (D) Santa Fe Springs; John G. Vene-man (R) Modesto; and George A. Willson (D) Huntington Park.

Workmen's Compensation Subcommittee: George N. Zenovich (D) Fresno, Chairman; Hale Ashcraft (R) Rancho Santa Fe; Anthony C. Beilenson (D) Beverly Hills; Houston I. Flournoy (R) Claremont; and John T. Knox (D) Richmond.

Unemployment Insurance Subcommittee: Jerome R. Waldie (D) Antioch, Chairman; Tom Bane (D) North Hollywood; Phillip Burton (D) San Francisco; Howard J. Thelin (R) Glendale; and Victor V. Veysey (R) Brawley.

It is still undetermined and unannounced whether or not the subcommittees will meet on a weekly basis. When they do meet, subcommittee sessions will be held as follows: Disability Insurance Subcommittee — Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.; Workmen's Compensation Subcommittee—Thursday, 1:30 p.m.; Unemployment Insurance Subcommittee—Thursday, 3:45 p.m.

Legislative Roster Sent Affiliates

The Federation's Legislative Roster has been mailed out to all affiliates this week.

In addition to identifying legislators by District, the Roster gives the composition of State Assembly and Senate Standing Committees and a schedule of their regular meetings for the 1963 General Session of the California Legislature.

The Roster is designed to facilitate communications with individual legislators and committees on legislative issues of interest to organized labor and the general public.

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It includes logging contractors and sawmill operations contractors within the scope of the wage security provisions and increases to four weeks the minimum wage period to be secured.

Automation Commission Bill

AB 49 (Elliott) establishing a statutory base for the Governor's automation commission, which won approval of the Assembly Industrial Relations Committee last week, has been referred to the lower house Ways and Means Committee to pass upon a \$100,000 appropriation contained in the bill.

The statutory commission would be called the "California Commission on Manpower, Automation and Technology," composed of thirteen members appointed by the Governor, three Senators and three Assemblymen, and six ex officio members representative of State Departments having an immediate interest in job training programs. The thirteen Governor-appointed members include five each from labor and management and three representing the general public.

The main function of the Commission is to assume responsibility for undertaking coordinated labor market studies and surveys to project skilled needs into the future so that proper training programs may be undertaken within the framework of planned community approaches to skilled development. Provision is also made in the Elliott bill for the Commission, in modified form, to double as a state manpower advisory committee for the administration of the Federal-State Manpower Development and Training Act of 1962.

Braceros

California's powerful corporate growers have launched a major campaign to extend the bracero importation program (Public Law 78) which is due to expire this year unless renewed by Congress. The big growers are fighting desperately to hold on to this source of cheap labor, which they have used to beat down the wages of domestic workers, deny them employment opportunities, and maintain a perpetual state of chaos in the domestic labor market.

Resolutions have been introduced in both the Senate and the Assem-

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COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Assembly

Monday, March 4

Civil Service and State Personnel, Room 2117, 1:30 pm

AB 147 (Z'berg) State employees vacations. **Watch**

*AB 609 (Z'berg) Prohibit working out of classification—State employees. **Good**

Education, Room 4202, 3:45 pm

AB 409 (Flournoy) Holidays for school employees. **Good**

AB 158 (Casey) Salaries for school cafeteria personnel. **Bad**

Public Health, Room 5168, 1:30 pm

AB 183 (Belotti) Agriculture exemption from State housing law. **Bad**

Tuesday, March 5

Criminal Procedure, Room 2133, 1:30 pm

AB 536 (Cologne) Blood test samples—physicians and surgeons. **Bad**

Wednesday, March 6

Election and Reapportionment, Room 5168, 1:30 pm

AB 41 (Conrad) New resident voting. **Watch**

AB 42 (Conrad) Voting hours. **Bad**

Governmental Efficiency and Economy, Room 2170, 1:30 pm

ACA 8 (Cologne) Elected State Board of Education—appointed Superintendent. **Bad**

Industrial Relations, Room 5168, 3:45 pm

AB 110 (Belotti) Apprenticeship clearing-houses. **Good**

AB 619 (Elliott) Wages on public works. **Watch**

AB 708 (Mulford) Employment of alien librarians by college or university. **Watch**

Thursday, March 7

Education, Room 4202, 3:45 pm

AB 87 (Dymally) Compensatory education for culturally deprived. **Good**

Transportation and Commerce, Room 5168, 3:45 pm

AB 535 (Cologne) Fire extinguishers. **Bad**

Monday, March 11

Education, Room 4202, 3:45 pm

AB 711 (Casey) Text books for foreign languages. **Watch**

AB 1110 (Kennick) School district health and welfare benefits. **Good**

Senate

Monday, March 4

Business and Professions, Room 4040, 9:30 am

SB 61 (O'Sullivan) Removes requirement of dry cleaning agency license. **Bad**

SB 295 (Rattigan) Contractors' licenses. **Good**

SB 347 (O'Sullivan) Abolishes State Board of Dry Cleaners. **Bad**

Tuesday, March 5

Agriculture, Room 3191, 1:00 pm

SB 157 (Rattigan) Extends New York dressed poultry exemptions from inspection. **Bad**

Insurance and Financial Institutions, Room 4040, 1:30 pm

SJR 5 (Regan) Itinerant unemployment insurance offices. **Good**

Wednesday, March 6

Education, Room 5007, 9:30 am

SB 79 (Stiern) Creates Teachers' Professional Standards Commission. **Watch**

Governmental Efficiency, Room 4203, 9:30 am

SB 562 (Cameron) Permits purchase of foreign made turbines for State water project. **Bad**

Thursday, March 7

Institutions, Room 2040, 9:00 am

SB 361 (Farr) Use of prison inmates for fire fighting. **Bad**

Labor Dept's 50th Birthday Nears; Celebrations Planned

The U. S. Department of Labor's fiftieth anniversary celebration will be launched in Washington, D.C. next Monday, March 4, when President Kennedy is scheduled to join leaders of organized labor and management in a day-long program.

The observance will be followed by conference and banquet sessions in sixteen cities across the nation, including an afternoon *seminar and dinner celebration in San Francisco on April 15th, and a Los Angeles dinner on April 25th.*

Secretary-Treasurer Thos. L. Pitts will co-host the San Francisco ceremonies to be held in the Fairmont Hotel, commencing at 2:00 p.m. with a seminar on "the crisis of unemployment," followed by a social hour at 6:00 p.m. and a dinner meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The Los Angeles affair will be a dinner celebration at the Statler-Hilton Hotel featuring C. J. "Neil" Haggerty, President of the AFL-CIO Building Trades Department and former Secretary-Treasurer of the California Labor Federation, as the main speaker.

In San Francisco, the afternoon seminar on the "Crisis of Unemployment" will be conducted by Jack T. Conway, Executive Assistant to I.U.D. President Walter Reuther and former Deputy Administrator of the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency. Conway will be assisted by a battery of experts with open discussion from the floor. The San Francisco dinner will feature Assistant Secretary of Labor James J. Reynolds as the main speaker on the subject of "The Dignity of Labor in a Free Society."

Invitations and dinner reservation cards are currently being sent out. Contact the Los Angeles and San Francisco offices of the Department of Labor for further information on the festivities being planned.

Public Health and Safety, Room 4040, 9:00 am

SCR 19 (McAteer) Postpones effective date of new nursing home rates. **Bad**

Monday, March 11

Business and Professions, Room 4040, 9:30 am

SB 436 (Weingand) Contractors' licensing. **Good**

Judiciary, Room 4203, 9:00 am

SB 42 and 43 (Cobey) Liability of and claims against public officers and employees. **Watch**

SB 47 (Cobey) Workmen's compensation for persons pressed into fire service. **Good**

DIGEST OF BILLS

Key to Symbols

CR Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	IN Insurance (Incl. H & W)	RE Recreation
DI Disability Insurance	LC Labor Code Changes, General	S Industrial Safety
EA Employment Agencies, Private	LI Liens, Attachments & Writs	SL State & Local Government
ED Education	LS Labor Unions, Individually	TA Taxation
EL Elections	LU Labor Unions, General	TR Training & Retraining
HO Housing	MI Miscellaneous	UI Unemployment Insurance
	PE Public Employees	WC Workmens Compensation
	PH Public Health	WP Water and Power

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

ASSEMBLY BILLS

- AB 1036 Winton** (G.O.) Alcoholic beverages: closing hours. Requires onsale licensees to be closed to the public between 2:15 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. of the same day. Excepts from requirement establishments determined by the Director of Alcoholic Beverage Control to be hardship cases, restaurants and hotels. Feb. 6. **LS—Watch**
- AB 1043 Donovan** (Mun. & C.G.) Industrial farms, road camps. Authorizes superintendent of county industrial farm or road camp, when so authorized by rule of board of supervisors, to establish regulations to implement rules of board governing administration of such institutions. Feb. 6. **LS—Watch**
- AB 1056 Willson** (Jud.) Unemployment disability insurance. Codification to maintain codes; makes no substantive change. Feb. 6. **DI—Watch**
- AB 1062 Willson** (Jud.) Employment. Codification to maintain codes; makes no substantive change. Feb. 6. **LC—Watch**
- AB 1079 Greene** (Ed.) General courses of study. Requires instruction in foreign language for elementary students in grade 6 and continuing through grade 6 or 8, as the case may be, if the students can benefit by it as determined by the school district, rather than requiring foreign language instruction to be given without limitation. Feb. 6. **ED—Bad**
- AB 1085 Cologne** (Fin. & Ins.) Coverage of agricultural labor. Revised provisions requiring worker contributions of agricultural workers for disability insurance purposes to require them only where the individual worker earns more than \$100 per month from an employer, rather than where the employer pays more than \$100 in wages to such workers in a calendar quarter. Feb. 6. **DI—Bad**
- AB 1087 Cologne** (Jud.) Apportioning liens and encumbrances. Provides for apportionment between mechanic's lien and prior encumbrance where property subject to such lien and other property not so subject is all subject to such prior encumbrance, in order that mechanic's lienor can pay off prior encumbrance only on property subject to such mechanic's lien. Feb. 6. **LI—Watch**
- AB 1097 Ashcraft** (Mun. & C.G.) County property. Permits the board of supervisors in counties having a population of over 1,000,000 and employing a purchasing agent to direct the purchasing agent to engage independent contractors to construct or repair certain facilities, where the cost is not more than \$10,000, without following requisite formalities for obtaining bids and related matters. Creates an exception to existing law, which requires such formalities for work costing in excess of \$4,000. Feb. 7. **LS—Watch**
- AB 1098 Ashcraft** (Mun. & C.G.) County purchasing agents. Gives purchasing agents in counties with population of 900,000 or more, rather than 2,000,000 or more, the duty to engage independent contractors to perform sundry services where the estimated aggregate cost does not exceed \$6,500. Feb. 7. **LS—Watch**
- AB 1109 Zenovich** (Mun. & C.G.) Employment of aliens. Exempts student assistants and interns in state and county public social services training programs from the prohibition against the employment of aliens by state departments or any city or county. Feb. 7. **LC—Watch**
- AB 1110 Kennick** (Ed.) School district taxation. Allows all school districts, rather than those with an average daily attendance of at least 400,000, to levy additional tax to provide funds for the payment of all or part of the charges for officer and employee health and welfare benefits under provisions allowing a school board to provide such benefits. Feb. 7. **PE—Good**
- AB 1128 Pattee** (Agr.) Fresh eggs. Deletes requirements on sale of eggs represented as "ranch eggs" or "farm eggs." Deletes prohibition against sale of eggs represented as "fresh eggs" which have been held in cold storage over 30 days. Requires eggs sold as fresh eggs to be of Grade AA, rather than grade A, quality. Feb. 11. **LS—Watch**
- AB 1138 Gonsalves** (Elec. & Reap.) Time off for voting. Authorizes voter registered to vote at statewide election to absent himself from his employment for last four consecutive hours of regular working shift, without loss of pay, if regular working shift occurs while polls are open. Eliminates existing provision authorizing voter to absent himself from employment for up to two hours, without loss of pay, if he needs such time off to enable him to vote. Feb. 11. **EL—Watch**
- AB 1142 Willson** (W. & M.) Industrial Accident Commission referees. Provides that salaries of such referees shall be no less than those for superior court judges in counties having a population of less than 100,000 persons. Feb. 11. **WC—Watch**
- AB 1143 Willson** (W. & M.) Industrial Accident Commission referees. Provides that salaries of such referees shall not exceed those for superior court judges in counties having population of more than 100,000, nor be less than the salaries of superior court judges in other counties. Feb. 11. **WC—Watch**
- AB 1144 Willson** (W. & M.) Industrial Accident Commission referees. Provides that salaries of such referees shall not be limited by reference to salaries of commission members. Feb. 11. **WC—Bad**
- AB 1155 John L. E. Collier** (Ed.) Higher education instruction costs. Provides that students at state colleges must pay the State for the cost of their instruction over an extended period of time and the State will withhold money from the University of California unless university students obligate themselves to make such payments. Feb. 11. **ED—Bad**
- AB 1161 Stanton** (Ed.) California State College Press. Authorizes Trustees of California State Colleges to establish a California State College Press to publish scholarly works, especially those authored by state college faculty members. Feb. 11. **LS—Watch**
- AB 1167 Flournoy** (Ed.) School district basic aid. Reduces basic aid from \$125 to \$120 per unit of average daily attendance. To take effect immediately, urgency measure. Feb. 11. **ED—Bad**
- AB 1173 Knox** (Ind.R.) Wages. Provides that a labor organization which normally represents employees in the building and construction industry for collective bargaining purposes may represent such employees in proceedings under the provision relating to the payment of wages. Feb. 11. **LC—Watch**
- AB 1181 Dymally** (Ed.) Certificated school employees: records. Prohibits school districts and their employees from maintaining any records relating to any certificated employee which are not open to inspection by the employee to whom they relate. Requires all ratings, reports, or other material concerning an employee compiled subsequent to his employment by the district to be open to his inspection. Makes violation of the section by a district employee a misdemeanor as to both the employee and his immediate superior who, knowing of the violation, assents to it or fails to take action to prevent it. Provides for a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100. Feb. 12. **PE—Good**
- AB 1194 Knox** (Mun. & C.G.) Firemen: maximum working hours. Provides that period of employment of firemen employed by local agencies shall not exceed 56 hours a week. Feb. 12. **LS—Watch**
- AB 1195 Petris** (Elec. & Reap.) Hours for voting. Provides that polls shall remain open until 8 o'clock p.m., instead of 7 o'clock p.m., in any county which uses voting machines. Feb. 12. **EL—Good**
- AB 1199 Stanton** (Mun. & C.G.) Firemen's leaves of absence. Requires that firemen with more than five years of completed service within the department be granted an annual leave of absence from active duty of not less than 30 consecutive days, instead of only 15. Feb. 12. **LS—Good**
- AB 1200 Britschgi** (G.O.) Administrative regulations. Requires state agency to file with each regulation or order of repeal adopted by it statement of purpose of same and certificate that it is not intended to accomplish result proposed by bill which was considered and rejected by Legislature. Feb. 12. **SL—Watch**
- AB 1201 Ferrell** (G.E. & E.) Fair Employment Practice Commission. Expands the commission from 5 members to 7 members, one of the new members to be appointed for an initial term of 3 years and the other for an initial term of 2 years. Expands number of members necessary to constitute a quorum from 3 to 4. Feb. 12. **LC—Watch**
- AB 1208 Burton** (Mun. & C.G.) Human relations commissions. Allows the board of supervisors in any county, rather than merely in counties with a population of at least 2,000,000, to establish a human relations commission. Feb. 12. **CR—Good**

ASSEMBLY BILLS (Continued)

AB 1209 Badham (Soc. Wel.) Old-age assistance. Revises relatives' contribution scale to commence at incomes of \$201 or over, instead of \$401 or over, and to grant \$50, rather than \$200, exemption for each dependent. Changes income ranges up to \$1,000, on which scale is based, so that each range covers \$25 in income, rather than \$50. Extends liability for support to spouse, as well as adult children, of recipient. Eliminates provision requiring State Social Welfare Board to prescribe criteria, methods of investigation, and test check procedures respecting determination of maximum amount of contribution required of individual, and provides instead that board of supervisors shall determine ability of responsible relative to contribute and to designate amount to be paid. Reduces income exemption for specified taxes from 25 percent to 20 percent of gross income, but permits deduction for traveling expenses incurred in connection with trade or business. Requires relative to submit to county form relative to ability to pay, and specifies procedure for enforcement of relative's liability by county. Eliminates relative's right to appeal to State Social Welfare Board for modification of required contributions, and also provision requiring county to give prior notice to relative of its intent to contact his employer regarding his earnings. Feb. 13. **MI—Bad**

AB 1211 Badham (Soc. Wel.) Old age assistance. Authorizes county to require applicant and spouse to give lien on real property as condition of receiving aid, and provides for enforcement of lien at death of recipient or earlier with written permission of Department of Social Welfare. Feb. 13. **MI—Bad**

AB 1212 Badham (Soc. Wel.) Aid to needy children. Provides aid grant to needy family shall be sum, which when added to income, equals sum determined by multiplying minimum wage by number of working hours in month. Deletes existing provisions making amount of aid payable dependent on needs, up to maximums fixed on basis of number of children in family. Feb. 13. **MI—Bad**

AB 1239 Dymally (G.E. & E.) Fair Employment Practice Commission. Changes the name of the State Fair Employment Practice Commission to the State Human Rights Commission. Feb. 14. **CR—Good**

AB 1240 Rumford (G.E. & E.) Discrimination in housing. Extends present law prohibiting discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry in the selling, renting, or leasing of any publicly assisted housing accommodations to all housing accommodations, except a single-unit dwelling occupied in whole or in part by the owner as his residence. Extends prohibition against discrimination to financial institutions and real estate brokers and salesmen. Declares it unlawful for any person to aid, encourage, or compel the commission of any discriminatory acts prohibited by the act or the present law, or to attempt to do so. Authorizes the State Fair Employment Practice Commission to prevent violations of the act, and establishes a procedure for its investigation and action on complaints of alleged violations. Authorizes the commission, following the filing of a complaint, to file with the county recorder a notice that it has taken jurisdiction of the complaint relating to the renting or sale of certain property within the county. Provides that this shall be notice to all persons of the alleged violation. Also authorizes commission to bring action in superior court to prevent rental, lease or sale of property until commission completes investigation and makes determination. Declares it a misdemeanor to interfere with the commission in its performance of duties, or to violate an order of the commission. Feb. 14. **CR—Good**

AB 1246 Song (Jud.) Fair employment practices. Authorizes the Fair Employment Practice Commission to initiate complaints. Feb. 14. **CR—Watch**

AB 1248 Soto (Ind.R.) Operation of heavy equipment. Prohibits any person from driving or operating heavy equipment either on or off highway unless licensed as a driver qualified to drive or operate such heavy equipment. Prohibits person from employing or knowingly permitting or authorizing any other person to drive or operate any heavy equipment unless person is so licensed. Provides Department of Motor Vehicles to perform licensing functions. Defines heavy equipment. Feb. 14. **LC—Bad**

AB 1272 Foran (Ind.R.) Isolated apprentices: supplemental instruction. Authorizes Department of Education to provide supplemental instruction to apprentices who cannot, because of the small number of apprentices or distance from existing programs, be enrolled in existing classes. Feb. 18. **TR—Watch**

AB 1273 Hinckley (Ed.) Loans to college students. Establishes a student loan program to provide or guarantee loans to California residents who are attending college and who graduated in the upper 15 percent of their high school graduating class. Provides for repayment of such loans over 10-year period after finishing college. Provides that program is to be administered by the State Scholarship Commission. Feb. 18. **ED—Watch**

AB 1275 Davis (Rev. & Tax.) Sales and use taxes. Exempts items of personal property which are necessary to personal health and sanitation. Feb. 18. **TA—Good**

AB 1282 Foran (Fin. & Ins.) Employers' reserve account rulings. Eliminates provisions pursuant to which last or base period employer may relieve reserve account of charges for benefits allowed on the basis of circumstances surrounding termination of claimant's employment. Feb. 18. **UI—Watch**

AB 1287 Casey (Ind. R.) Building and construction industry. Provides that if an employer in the industry pays an employee wages or fringe benefits with a bad check, draft, or voucher, the wages or fringe benefits shall continue as a penalty from the due date of the check, draft, or voucher, but not for more than 30 days. Feb. 18. **LS—Good**

AB 1288 Dannemeyer (Jud.) Construction payments. Requires that original contractor claiming benefit of mechanic's lien law, provide person with whom he has contracted written statements, under penalty of perjury, declaring that wages and materials have been paid. Feb. 18. **LI—Good**

AB 1294 Dannemeyer (Ind.R.) Employees' actions. Provides that in actions to enforce employee demands for not to exceed \$200, the Labor Commissioner's certificate that such claims are valid, due, and payable shall be prima facie evidence of such facts. Feb. 18. **LC—Good**

AB 1300 Collier (Rev. & Tax.) Personal income tax: deduction. Permits amounts paid to domestic servants for domestic services to be deducted in computing taxable income under Personal Income Tax Law. Feb. 18. **TA—Bad**

AB 1324 Casey (Fin. & Ins.) Savings and loan associations. Permits domestic incorporated insurers, workmen's compensation insurers, and mortgage insurers to invest in accounts in certain savings and loan associations and requires the Insurance Commissioner to accept them as deposits of securities. Permits insurance companies to invest in certain savings and loan associations, without limiting the companies to excess fund investments. Feb. 19. **WC—Bad**

AB 1328 Willson (Jud.) Mechanics' liens. Provides that when certain persons who are entitled to file mechanics' liens in those instances in which the funds with which the cost of the work of improvements are, wholly or in part, to be defrayed from the proceeds of a building loan, give the requisite notice to, and file a proper bond with any of the designated holders of funds, furnished or to be furnished by the owner or lender or any other person as a fund from which to pay construction costs or arising out of a construction or building loan, then the person holding such funds must withhold from the borrower or other person to whom said lender, instead of said owner, may be obligated to pay out of said fund an amount of money equal to the claim, rather than withholding sufficient money to answer such claim and any lien that may be filed therefor. Permits the holder of such funds, without liability to the claimant, to make payments or advances out of the funds, subsequent to the filing of a claim, for the purpose of completing the work of improvements pursuant to a pre-existing construction or building loan agreement. Feb. 19. **LI—Bad**

AB 1338 Waite (Ind.R.) Filing of employee injury reports. Provides that the section, which exempts an employer or insurer who files a report of an injury to an employee with the Division of Labor Statistics and Research from making any similar report which is required by State law, does not exempt such an employer or insurer from making any report which is required pursuant to Sec. 25826, H. & S.C., re radiation exposure of individuals. Feb. 20. **WC—Good**

ACA 16 Dymally (Mun. & C.G.) Low-rent housing projects. Requires, before any low-rent housing project may be developed, constructed or acquired by any state public body, that the project be approved by the county board of supervisors, if it is to be located in an unincorporated area, or by the legislative body of the city, if it is to be located within the city, rather than by the voters of the city, town, or county in which it is to be developed, constructed, or acquired. Feb. 11. **HO—Good**

ACA 17 Floumoy (Ed.) Public school system. Eliminates provisions requiring that in apportionment of the State School Fund there shall be apportioned to each district no less than \$120 per pupil in average daily attendance during the preceding fiscal year and in no event less than \$2,400. Feb. 11. **ED—Good**

ACA 18 Winton (Ed.) Elementary school basic textbooks. Requires State Board of Education to select, and adopt and maintain a list of recommended basic textbooks, rather than to provide, compile, or cause to be compiled a uniform series of textbooks, for use in day and evening elementary schools. Requires adoption from the list, by school district governing boards or county boards of education, of textbooks for use in the day and evening elementary schools under conditions prescribed by the Legislature; and requires Legislature to determine respective classes of districts for which governing boards, or county boards, shall adopt textbooks. Makes various related technical changes. Feb. 18. **ED—Bad**

ACA 19 Thelin (Elec. & Reap.) Election of public officers. Provides that state, legislative, and city elective officers shall be elected in odd-numbered years, and extends terms of incumbents by one year if their re-election would otherwise occur in even-numbered years. Provides that Senate specifically shall be elected in odd-numbered years. Feb. 18. **EL—Bad**

ACA 20 Mills (Rev. & Tax.) Property tax. Authorizes counties, cities and counties, and cities to reduce tax rate on, or exempt, improvements and personal property. Feb. 19. **TA—Good**

ACR 41 Willson (Rls.) Industrial Accident Commission referees. Recommends to State Personnel Board that salary schedules for Industrial Accident Commission referees be re-evaluated giving cognizance to their essentially judicial functions. Feb. 21. **WC—Watch**

AJR 21 Pattee (Rls.) Mexican nationals: farm labor. Requests Congress to extend authorization for Mexican nationals to enter United States as farm laborers. Feb. 18. **LS—Bad**

Kennedy Renews Plea for Aged Health Care Under SS in Special Message to Congress

An expanded version of hospital insurance for the aged under social security has been introduced by President Kennedy in a special message to Congress as the "cornerstone" of a broad program to improve the lot of elderly persons in such areas as housing, food, income, consumer protection and counseling, tax relief and employment opportunities, as well as health.

The Kennedy Administration's hospital insurance bill is being sponsored again by Senator Clinton P. Anderson (D. New Mex.) and Rep. Cecil R. King (D. Calif.).

As outlined by the President, the new Anderson-King bill would provide:

- Up to ninety days hospitalization for each illness with a minimum deductible of \$20 and a maximum of \$90 based on \$10 a day for the first nine days.

- Or, 45 days of hospitalization with no deductible.

- Or, 180 days of hospitalization with the patient paying the first 2.5 days of average cost.

- Up to 180 days of nursing home care after transfer from a hospital.

- All costs above the first \$20 for hospital out-patient diagnostic services.

- All costs for up to 240 home health-care visits a year by visiting nurses and physical therapists.

- Coverage of all social security and railroad retirement beneficiaries, with costs borne by an increase of one-fourth of one percent in payroll contributions of both workers and employers, plus an increase from the present \$4800 to \$5200 in the ceiling on annual earnings against which the contributions are levied.

- Coverage of about 2.5 million persons over 65 not eligible for social security, with costs borne from general revenues during a "transitional" period. Administration sources said this provision would cost about \$360 million over a five year period.

The difference from the compromise bill worked out by Anderson and Senator Jacob J. Javits (R.-N.Y.), which was narrowly defeated in the Senate last year, is that the Administration now proposes that retired persons be given a set of benefit options with a varying deductible, rather than the fixed benefit ceiling of ninety days of hospitalization proposed last year.

The 1963 bill also contains no provision to permit the use of private insurance carriers or for administration of the plan by private organizations such as Blue Cross. Both points were part of last year's compromise and also are contained

in a new bill introduced by Javits and four other GOP liberal Senators, including California's Thomas H. Kuchel.

The President's message also noted that the proposed increase in the ceiling on the social security wage base from \$4800 to \$5200 a year would automatically boost the maximum monthly retirement benefit for millions of workers from the present \$127 to \$134, and for families from \$254 to \$268.

Pitts Attacks Welfare "Night Raids"

The human and social costs of indiscriminate mass night raids on the homes of welfare recipients far exceed "the trifling potential economic savings" that may be realized from them, state AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Thos. L. Pitts said recently.

In a statement submitted to the state Social Welfare Board at an all-day hearing in San Francisco last week, Pitts roundly condemned raids such as those staged in Alameda County several months ago.

Such raids "weaken the fabric" of the nation's civil liberties and the coverage given them in communications media "cannot help but prejudice the average citizen against legislative proposals designed to bring about needed improvements in the state's welfare laws," he asserted.

Noting that such raids had been directed against random groups of welfare recipients without reasonable grounds for suspecting fraud, Pitts declared.

"Dragnet methods of this type are repugnant to our way of life. They are no more in line with the spirit of a free people than would be police detention of all the residents of a particular street in one of our cities on the grounds of suspected complicity in a neighborhood burglary."

Pitts pointed out that "the aura of emergency" generated by such raids "inevitably leaves the impression that a vast and expensive plot against taxpayers must surely be afoot."

This works to the disadvantage of the minority groups since "it is

AFL-CIO Film Catalog Supplement

A supplement to the AFL-CIO's Catalog "Films for Labor" is now available from the national office in Washington, D.C.

Twenty-seven new films added to the AFL-CIO Film Library since May 1961 when the last catalog was issued are included in the supplement.

The supplement, plus the original catalog listing over 300 films, may be obtained from the AFL-CIO Pamphlet Division, 815 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington 6, D.C. The AFL-CIO Education Department prefers not to distribute the supplement without the full film catalog. It will automatically be inserted in "Films for Labor" in all future orders.

Some of the newer films in the supplement include: an automation film "A Wonderful Servant"; "Land of Promise"; "Jobs for America"; "New York City's Teachers Strike"; and "Superfluous People."

common knowledge that a disproportionately large percentage of our social welfare recipients are members of minority groups."

Pitts urged the Board "to reject any and all demagogic appeals in behalf of lawless law enforcement as a price far in excess of the theoretical value of any monetary savings that might be realized."

If such raids are sanctioned, he said, "then we must be perfectly candid and admit that our laws and regulations are to be fashioned on a class basis under which the normal rights of privacy and due process do not apply in the case of those at the bottom of our economic ladder . . .

"Organized labor in California maintains that human values must take precedence over dollar values. Our social welfare programs are properly and validly the right of any child or adult who requires their assistance without being subjected to humiliation and the taint of suspected criminal behavior by the responsible public authorities."

While conceding that proper investigatory procedures must be developed to probe suspected fraud cases, Pitts called on the Board "to safeguard against procedures which brush the innocent as well as the guilty in an indiscriminate manner."

The hearings were called by the Board to gather testimony to be considered in adopting appropriate regulations and standards of procedure for welfare case investigations.

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bly calling for extension of the much-abused Bracero program. They are SJR 10 (Lagomarsino) and AJR 21 (Pattee), both memorializing Congress for extension of Public Law 78.

Anti-Bias Bill Setback

The State Assembly this Tuesday sidetracked the first major anti-bias bill of the session to reach the lower house floor—AB 15 (Burton) making discrimination grounds for suspension or revocation of any license issued by the State. On a point of order raised by Assemblyman Charles J. Conrad, Republican Minority Leader, the measure was sent to the Ways and Means Committee for consideration of an "implied appropriation," even though the bill's author had a Legislative Counsel's opinion pointing out that similar legislation in 1961 was considered by the Assembly without having it referred to Ways and Means.

The parliamentary maneuver was widely interpreted as an effort in the Assembly to hold up consideration of civil rights legislation until after a vote on April 2nd in the City of Berkeley on a fair housing ordinance.

In a speech earlier this week, Assembly Speaker Jesse Unruh was reported by the press to have referred to the Berkeley referendum election as a means of suggesting caution, declaring that even the best possible solution is meaningless unless accepted by the public. He is reported as having said that Berkeley is a cosmopolitan community and that if the proposed ordinance is defeated "it will be a warning signal for the re-evaluation of legislation in this field."

Senate Kills Move To Liberalize Key Committees

The U.S. Senate this week smothered a move to enlarge key committees to ease the way for the Administration's tax reduction and medical care programs by voting 68 to 17 against a liberal proposal to increase the Finance Committee from 17 to 21 members.

Senator Joseph S. Clark (Dem., Pa.) who urged the enlargement to make room for more liberal members said the present committee control means that President Kennedy's tax bill and health care for the aged under social security as well as other forward looking legislation "will be crippled if not destroyed."

Clark, backed in both instances by Senator Paul H. Douglas (Dem.,

In this light, the action by the Assembly on the Ways and Means referral has a significance beyond AB 15. The Rumford Fair Housing Bill (AB 1240) which is the "target bill for 1963" in the civil rights field, is currently waiting for a hearing in the Assembly Governmental Efficiency and Economy Committee. This key legislation must also go through Ways and Means.

Governor's UI-DI Bills

Two bills introduced this week by Assemblyman Phillip Burton (AB 1492 and 1493) are reported to embrace the Governor's legislative program in unemployment insurance and unemployment disability insurance. The two measures, respectively, increase only the minimum benefit in the two social insurance programs from \$10 to \$25 a week. As we go to press, the bills are still not in print and there has been no opportunity to review them.

Ill.) also moved to enlarge the Appropriations Committee from 27 to 29 members but this was defeated by a 70 to 12 vote.

A third proposal to enlarge the Foreign Relations Committee from 17 to 21 members was withdrawn.

Subsequently the Senate approved all committee assignments, both Democratic and Republican, putting southerners in the chairmanships of 10 of the Senate's 16 standing committees, one more than they had in the 87th Congress.

The chairmanships are filled strictly according to seniority. Among the committees chaired by southerners are:

Agriculture: Allen J. Ellender, La.

Armed Services: Richard B. Russell, Ga.

Finance: Harry F. Byrd, Va.

Foreign Relations: J. William Fulbright, Ark.

Government Operations: John J. McClellan, Ark.

Judiciary: James O. Eastland, Miss.

Labor: Lister Hill, Ala.

Post Office and Civil Service: Olin D. Johnston, S.C.

Rules and Administration: B. Everett Jordan, N.C.

Other committee chairmen include:

Aeronautical and Space Sciences: Clinton P. Anderson, N.M.

Appropriations: Carl Hayden, Ariz.

Commerce: Warren G. Magnuson, Wash.

District of Columbia: Alan Bible, Nev.

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Public Works: Pat McNamera, Mich.

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