

Legislative Notes

Professional Strike Breakers

*AB 1938, a Federation-sponsored bill designed to curb the use of professional strike breakers has been introduced in the Assembly by Nicholas C. Petris (D) of Alameda County.

The basic labor bill has been referred to the Assembly Industrial Relations Committee.

Lie Detector Tests

A bill prohibiting employers from demanding, requiring or requesting persons to submit to lie detector tests as a condition of employment failed to receive clearance from the Assembly Industrial Relations Committee this Wednesday. The bill, AB 927 (Knox), after lengthy hearing and heated debate, was rereferred to the Assembly Committee on Criminal Procedures.

Public Employee Political Rights

Federation-sponsored legislation (AB 608—Z'berg) to repeal all restrictions on public employees' political activities has been referred to an Assembly Elections and Reapportionment Subcommittee along with two other measures on the subject authored by Assemblymen John Knox and Nicholas Petris. Hearings on the measures are scheduled as we go to press. The Petris

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Easter Recess Contact of Congressmen Urged by AFL-CIO Representatives

Most Senators and Congressmen will return to their home states and home districts during the Easter Recess.

The AFL-CIO Legislative Action Bulletin urges planning now at the local level for delegation visits by key AFL-CIO central body representatives and other local unions.

Here are some of the key issues advanced by the Legislative Department for discussion during the Easter Recess:

1. Continuing high unemployment shows we need a substantial tax cut to boost the economy . . . but tax loopholes must also be plugged.
2. Health benefits for the aged through social security.
3. Anti-labor proposals in Congress should be opposed.
4. Consumer protection is needed . . . Truth-in-Packaging . . . Truth-in-Lending . . . anti-monopoly drug pricing.



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Federation Executive Council Meeting To Receive Report on Legislature

The Executive Council of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, will meet in regular session on April 6th and 7th in San Francisco, it was announced this week by Secretary-Treasurer Thos. L. Pitts.

One of the major items on the agenda, Pitts said will be his report to the thirty-six-member executive body on the status of the State AFL-CIO's legislative program before the 1963 Session of the California Legislature, which has completed its eleventh week since convening on January 7th.

The Federation is sponsoring well over a hundred bills designed to improve social insurance programs, plug existing gaps in state labor laws, extend the benefits and protections of these laws and programs to all workers, and improve the climate of labor-management rela-

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Radical Right Links Exposed

A new leaflet that documents the links existing between a host of relatively new rabid right wing groups and such management organizations as the National Association of Manufacturers, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Right to Work Committee has just been published by the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education.

"The Target is You," title of the leaflet, discusses the threats of the right-wing groups to the American labor movement and to the security of the nation.

It supplies vital information needed to discuss intelligently the distortions and distracts of the attacks of the ultra-reactionaries in the U.S.

Today, the 6-page leaflet points out, more than one thousand right-wing organizations blanket the nation. They claim to represent more than four million active members. Most of them espouse these goals:

- Prevent new social welfare and liberal legislation, weaken or repeal already enacted laws;
- Undermine our public schools and turn them into indoctrination grounds for future rights by censoring textbooks, gagging teachers;
- Impeach Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court;
- Wreck the United Nations;
- Repeal the income tax;
- Maintain rigid segregation.

Most of these goals are far-fetched and unobtainable, it is pointed out,

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COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Assembly

Monday, March 25

Education, Room 4202, 3:45 p.m.
AB 559 (Ryan) Curriculum research and development. **Watch**
AB 843 (Casey) Child care centers. **Watch**
Judiciary, Room 2117, 3:45 p.m.
AB 1288 (Dannemeyer) Liens; construction payments. **Good**
AB 1087 (Cologne) Apportionment of mechanic's lien and prior encumbrance. **Watch**
Municipal and County Government, Room 2133, 3:45 p.m.
AB 1097 (Ashcraft) County property. **Watch**
AB 1098 (Ashcraft) County purchasing agents. **Watch**
SB 295 (Rattigan) Contractors' licenses. **Good**
AB 894 (Petris) Housing authorities' powers. **Good**
Public Health, Room 5168, 1:30 p.m.
AB 160 (Carrell) Poisons—airplane glue (as amended). **Watch**

Tuesday, March 26

Finance and Insurance, Room 4202, 3:45 p.m.
AB 463 (Waldie) Savings and loan associations. **Watch**
AB 270 (Carrell) Automobile sales financing. **Bad**
Fish and Game, Room 2170, 1:30 p.m.
AB 792 (Kennick) Fish nets and districts. **Watch**

Wednesday, March 27

Elections and Reapportionment, Room 5168, 1:30 p.m.
AB 300 (Henson) Special elections. **Good**
AB 499 (Winton) Campaign contributions and expenditures. **Watch**
AB 295 (Bane) Affidavit of registration. **Good**
Finance and Insurance Subcommittee on Disability Insurance, Room 4164, 1:30 p.m.
AB 1085 (Cologne) Coverage of agricultural labor. **Bad**
AB 1369 (Knox) Elective coverage: self-employed. **Watch**
Government Efficiency and Economy, Room 4202, 1:30 p.m.
AB 1240 (Rumford) Fair housing bill. **Good**
AB 176 (Bagley) Publicly assisted housing: discrimination. **Good**
AB 1239 (Dymally) Fair Employment Practice Commission. **Good**
AB 1201 (Farrell) Fair Employment Practice Commission. **Watch**
Industrial Relations, Room 5168, 3:45 p.m.
AB 804 (Mills) Wages: public works contracts. **Good**
AB 822 (Elliott) Employment of aliens. **Bad**
AB 1248 (Soto) Operation of heavy equipment. **Bad**
Revenue and Taxation, Room 2170, 3:45-5:30 p.m.
AB 56 (Carrell) Local vehicle license fees. **Bad**
AB 316 (Veneman) Property tax exemption. **Bad**
AB 825 (Rumford) Sales and use taxes. **Watch**

Thursday, March 28

Finance and Insurance Subcommittee on Workmen's Compensation, Room 4168, 1:30 p.m.
***AB 421 (Rumford)** Workmen's compensation. **Good**
***AB 429 (Rumford)** Workmen's compensation: commutation. **Good**
***AB 431 (Rumford)** Workmen's compensation; subsequent injuries. **Good**

AB 759 (Henson) Workmen's compensation, state retirement. **Watch**
Government Organization, Room 2133, 1:30 p.m.
AB 234 (Britschgi) Alcoholic beverage sale hours. **Bad**
AB 1200 (Britschgi) Administrative regulations. **Watch**

Monday, April 1

Education, Room 4202, 3:45 p.m.
AB 1031 (Winton) Textbooks. **Bad**
ACA 18 (Winton) Textbooks. **Bad**
Judiciary, Room 2117, 3:45 p.m.
AB 1511 (Cusanovich) Mechanics' liens. **Watch**
***AB 1531 (Williamson)** Jury duty compensation. **Good**
Public Health, Room 5168, 1:30 p.m.
AB 596 (Rumford) Bakeries and bakery products. **Watch**

Tuesday, April 2

Finance and Insurance, Room 4202, 3:45 p.m.
AB 1324 (Casey) Savings and loan associations. **Bad**
Fish and Game, Room 2170, 1:30 p.m.
AB 1508 (Davis) Director of Fish and Game. **Watch**

SENATE

Monday, March 25

Revenue and Taxation, Room 4040, 1:15 p.m.
SB 608 (Nisbet) Sales and use tax exemptions. **Bad**

Tuesday, March 26

Agriculture, Room 3191, 1:00 p.m.
SB 489 (Stiern) Eggs. **Good**
Insurance and Financial Institutions, Room 4040, 1:45 p.m.
SB 690 (McCarthy) Workmen's compensation: employer's reimbursement. **Bad**
SB 691 (McCarthy) Workmen's compensation—exclusive remedy. **Bad**
Local Government, Room 4040, 9:30 a.m.
SB 664 (Bradley) Construction of subdivision improvements. **Good**
SB 679 (Bradley) Public works: prevailing wages. **Bad**
Rules, Room 3189, 11:30 a.m.
SCR 34 (Rodda) Workmen's Compensation Study Committee. **Bad**
Transportation, Room 4203, 9:30 a.m.
SB 515 (Farr) Ambulance Service. **Good**

Wednesday, March 27

Education, Room 5007, 9:00 a.m.
SB 152 (Cameron) Certificated employees of school districts. **Good**
SB 417 (Rodda) School personnel licensing. **Bad**
SB 247 (Grunsky) Public school district expenditures. **Bad**
SB 718 (Grunsky) Repeals and adds Div. 4 and 5 (Commencing with Secs. 801 and 1601) etc., Ed. C. **Watch**
SB 292 (Bradley) Elementary school required courses. **Bad**
AB 409 (Flourmoy) Paid holidays for classified school employees. **Good**
Fish and Game, Room 3191, 1:30 p.m.
SB 652 (Cameron) Fish and Game Commission. **Good**
Governmental Efficiency, Room 4203, 9:30 a.m.
SB 404 (Bradley) Fair employment practices. **Watch**
SB 405 (Bradley) Fair Employment Practice Commission. **Watch**
SB 406 (Bradley) Fair employment practice hearings. **Watch**
SB 407 (Bradley) Fair employment practices; conciliation. **Good**
SB 750 (Bradley) Fair Employment Practice Commission. **Watch**

Thursday, March 28

Institutions, Room 2040, 9:00 a.m.
SB 636 (Short) Community mental health services. **Good**

Radical Right Links Exposed

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but the one goal all rightists share is well within the range of possibility—further laws aimed at the ultimate destruction of strong, effective unions.

The new COPE leaflet warns that "combatting the right wing at the national and local level is imperative if organized labor is to meet this challenge successfully. The battle must be waged in cooperation with other groups under attack. Working with teachers, clergymen, P.T.A.'s, liberal farm groups, youth movements, minority and civil liberties groups, and many others, unions can counteract right-wing activity and, by doing so, encourage broader understanding in the community of labor's rightful place in it."

In corroborating the interlocking directorate that exists between the extremists and employer groups, the leaflet observes that one-fourth of the members of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Committee on Voluntary Unionism are directly connected with the National Right-to-Work Committee. It also notes that Glenn A. Green, an avowed Birch Society member, joined the NRTWC in 1961 as vice president and director of information.

Copies of the leaflet may be obtained from COPE, 815 16th St., N.W. Washington 6, D.C.

SB 361 (Farr) Removal of prison inmates. **Bad**
Rules, Room 3191, 2:00 p.m.
SJR 2 (Rodda) Excluding state employees from Hatch Act. **Good**

Monday, April 1

Business and Professions, Room 4040, 9:30 a.m.
SB 316 (Short) Containers: quantity of commodities. **Good**
Judiciary, Room 4203, 9:00 a.m.
SCA 9 (O'Sullivan) Funds for support of public schools. **Watch**
SB 655 (Lagomarsino) Arrest. **Bad**
SB 42 (Cobey) Liability of public entities, officers and employees. **Watch**
SB 43 (Cobey) Claims and actions against public entities, officers and employees. **Watch**
SB 47 (Cobey) Workmen's compensation. **Good**

Labor, Room 5007, 10:00 a.m.
SB 763 (Weingand) Labor law enforcement. **Good**
***SB 319 (Davis)** Security for wages in logging operations. **Good**

Tuesday, April 2

Local Government, Room 4040, 9:30 a.m.
SB 705 (Bradley) Financing county capital improvements. **Bad**
SB 524 (Holmdahl) State Housing Law. **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 1616 Monagan (Ind.R.) Public works: work hours. Except where time and one-half is paid, limits employment of such workmen to 8 hours a day or 40 hours a week, rather than to just 8 hours a day. Requires that records be kept of hours worked each calendar day and each calendar week. Increases penalty for violation of maximum hours limitation from \$10 to \$25 a day. March 4. **LC—Watch**

AB 1625 Z'berg (Water) State water resources development. Declares state policy as to the sale of power generated in connection with state water projects. March 4. **WP—Watch**

AB 1641 Thelin (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation. Provides that where employee suffers permanent disability from combined effects of prior disease and subsequent compensable injury, compensation shall be allowed only for proportionate contribution of the injury to the combined condition. March 4. **WC—Bad**

AB 1642 Thelin (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation. Provides that the language of the Workmen's Compensation Law shall be liberally construed by the courts and the Industrial Accident Commission for the purpose of extending the benefits provided therein. Requires the facts of each case to be determined with equal regard to the rights of all parties and with the sole objective to ascertain the truth. March 4. **WC—Bad**

AB 1643 Thelin (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation. Provides that disability or death is noncompensable where principal cause of disability or death is a nonoccupational disease, unless disease was solely and proximately caused by injury or is shown to have been suddenly and substantially aggravated under specified circumstances. March 4. **WC—Bad**

AB 1645 Veysey (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation. Provides that a permanent disability rating based in whole or in part on subjective factors may not be commuted until one year from the date it is determined, except to pay specified liens. March 4. **WC—Bad**

AB 1647 Flournoy (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation. Excludes from definition of "injury" prior disability disease or impairment, or any exacerbation of worsening thereof, concerning which the employer and employee have agreed as a condition of initial employment that the employer shall not be liable. Makes agreement invalid unless submitted to or approved by Industrial Accident Commission. March 5. **WC—Bad**

AB 1650 Foran (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation. Provides that in preparing and amending a schedule for determining percentage of permanent disabilities and in determining percentage of permanent disability apart from the schedule no account shall be taken of subjective symptomatology not supported by manifest compatible physical impairment. March 5. **WC—Bad**

AB 1655 Thelin (Fin. & Ins.) Industrial Accident Commission. Eliminates present system of selecting members of Industrial Accident Commission by Governor. Provides instead that members shall be composed of judges of superior court assigned to serve on commission by Chairman of Judicial Council. Provides that members of commission in office on effective date of bill shall automatically become judges of the superior court if they are qualified by law to be judges of that court. Makes other related changes. March 5. **WC—Bad**

AB 1656 Thelin (Jud.) Unclaimed personal property. Allows hospitals to sell at public auction personal property which has been unclaimed for a period of 90 days following the departure of the owner from the hospital; provided that no such sale shall take place prior to four weeks after notice is sent to the owners; allows hospitals to use proceeds for expenses due the hospital and costs of storage and sale. Provides that balance is to go to the county if not claimed within one week and if not claimed within one year thereafter it is to go into the county general fund. March 5. **LI—Bad**

AB 1662 Knox (Mun. & C.G.) Formation of local agencies. Creates the Local Agencies Formation Commission made up of 9 members appointed by the Governor. Specifies that it is the function of the commission to approve or disapprove of incorporations of cities and formation of special districts and to study the state law with regard thereto. Suspends formation proceedings until commission has rendered decision and terminates proceedings if commission disapproves formation. The method and composition of the Commission is faulty and does not provide for adequate representation by interested segments of the public,

including labor. Also no appeals procedure from a decision of the Commission is provided.

Authorizes the commission to appoint an executive officer and authorizes the executive officer to appoint other personnel. March 5. **SL—Watch**

AB 1663 Knox (Mun. & C.G.) Urban affairs. Creates Coordinating Council on Urban Policy, composed of 18 members appointed by the Governor, to represent various entities and agencies, to investigate problems resulting from the development of urban areas, to develop long-range policies to meet such problems and to advise the Governor.

The method and composition of the Council is faulty in that it does not provide for adequate representation by interested segments of the public, including labor.

Provides for executive committee of council, and appointment of executive secretary and staff. March 5. **SL—Watch**

AB 1684 Cologne (Fin. & Ins.) Makes workers' contributions for disability insurance which specified employers of agricultural labor are required to withhold from wages, due and payable by the employers on the second day of January in each year. March 5. **DI—Bad**

AB 1690 Casey (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation. As to each injury it determines causes permanent disability, requires Industrial Accident Commission to set forth the objective and subjective portions and percentage of each. Provides payments for permanent disability shall be made for one week in advance as to percentage not due to subjective complaints but only from the date it is found to be permanent rather than from the date of last payment; and that first payment for portion due to subjective complaints shall be made one year after disability becomes permanent. March 5. **WC—Bad**

AB 1692 Petris (Pub.H.) Mobilehomes. Provides that a person may sell or offer to sell a self-propelled mobilhome with a water and waste system which does not meet the standards prescribed by the Division of Housing if the division determines that use thereof does not create a public health problem and if all other standards prescribed by the division for mobilehomes are met. March 6. **HO—Bad**

AB 1693 Davis (Fin. & Ins.) Entitles active law enforcement members of warden service of the Wildlife Protection Branch of the Department of Fish and Game who are disabled in connection with the course of their employment to leave of absence without loss of salary, in lieu of temporary disability payments, if any, payable under workmen's compensation provisions, for not more than one year or until retirement on permanent disability pension. March 6. **WC—Watch**

AB 1697 Carrell (Mun. & C.G.) Law enforcement employees' organizations. Exempts from the authority of public agencies to prohibit participation by their law enforcement employees in employee organizations, the joining or participation in any employee organization which is composed solely of such peace officers and which is not subordinate to any other organization. March 6. **LS & PE—Bad**

AB 1704 Waite (Fin. & Ins.) Authorizes Industrial Accident Commission, at any time after an application for compensation is filed with it and prior to termination of its jurisdiction, upon the agreement of any party to the matter to pay the cost, to direct the employee to be examined by a doctor either selected by the commission or agreed upon by the parties. March 6. **WC—Watch**

AB 1710 Burton (G.O.) Makes California Fair Employment Practice Act applicable to discrimination on account of age. March 6. **LC—Good**

AB 1715 Waldie (Crim. Pro.) Arrest. Allows peace officer to make arrest without warrant for misdemeanor he reasonably believes to have been committed outside his presence, as well as for a misdemeanor he reasonably believes to have been committed in his presence. March 6. **CR—Bad**

AB 1717 Pattee (Ind.R.) Provides that a labor camp shall be deemed to conform to health and sanitation provisions if it conforms to regulations under the federal statute relating to Mexican agricultural workers. March 7. **LC—Bad**

AB 1726 Casey (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation. Provides that in determining existence of permanent disability, no account shall be taken of subjective symptoms or cosmetic changes in specified instances. March 7. **WC—Bad**

ASSEMBLY BILLS (Continued)

AB 1727 Casey (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation. Provides that in determining percentage of permanent disability, no allowance shall be made for subjective complaints or for anatomical, physiological, functional or cosmetic changes except in specified instances. March 7. **WC—Bad**

AB 1745 Garrigus (Ed.) Classified employees' sick leave. Directs governing boards of school districts to provide for industrial accident or illness leaves of absence for classified employees. Provides that leaves granted under this section are in conjunction with Workmen's Compensation Law and are to be used in lieu of regular leave which is to be used when the leave of this section is exhausted. Requires employee on any paid leave of absence to endorse to the school district wage loss benefit checks received under workmen's compensation laws. Makes section applicable to districts with merit system. Provides for placement on re-employment list for 39 months after all available leave has been exhausted. March 11. **WC—Watch**

AB 1746 Davis (Ind.R.) Requires that employees be allowed time off for jury service without loss of pay, except that per diem received by employee from jury service may be deducted from wages. March 11. **LC—Good**

AB 1749 Warren (Ind.R.) Requires an employer, when he has entered into an agreement providing for payments by him into a plan for an employee, to furnish the employee annual statements indicating whether and for what periods such payments have been made and, when the employment of the employee is terminated, to furnish him with a similar statement covering the period since the last annual statement. March 11. **LC—Watch**

AB 1750 Warren (Ind.R.) Wage deduction statements. Provides that such statements, which employers are presently required to furnish at the time of each payment of wages, shall show not only wage deductions, but also the period of time covered by each payment, the name or social security number of the employee, and the name of the employer. March 11. **LC—Good**

AB 1758 Dannemeyer (Jud.) Mechanics' liens. Permits the State or any public board, commission, or officer thereof, or any political subdivision thereof, to file a notice of completion of certain contracts, structures or works of improvement within 10 days after acceptance, instead of within 10 days after completion. March 11. **LI—Watch**

AB 1761 Petris (Elec. & Reap.) Voting by late registrants. Requires county clerk to register voters from 53d to 5th day before general election, but provides that such voters shall vote at central polling place and only for presidential electors, Members of the Legislature, Members of Congress, and state officers. March 11. **EL—Good**

AB 1776 Beilenson (Jud.) Mechanics' liens. Broadens application of provision that where lot work or improvement is subject to acceptance by any public or governmental authority, the completion of such work shall be deemed to be the date of its acceptance for mechanic's lien purposes, to cover any work or improvement subject to such acceptance. March 11. **LI—Watch**

AB 1785 Chapel (Fin. & Ins.) Statement of interest charges. Adds Div. 12 (commencing with Sec. 30000), Fin. C. Requires that contractual charges be separately stated including the total cost of credit and also requires a statement of the cost of credit as a rate of interest, in terms of simple interest on a declining balance. Makes this provision applicable to all transactions involving an extension of credit except those classes of transactions determined by the Commissioner of Corporations to be between parties substantially equal in their understanding of the agreement. States that the intention of the Legislature is that it supplement rather than supplant existing provisions. Requires that advertising by one who extends credit shall show the rate of finance charge in the same manner, if the advertising makes any specific reference to the rate of interest. Makes a violator civilly liable to the other party to the agreement to a maximum of \$2,000, and makes a willful violator guilty of a misdemeanor for the first offense and a felony for a second offense. March 11. **MI—Good**

SENATE BILLS

SB 911 Dolwig (Ins. & F.I.) Workmen's compensation. Prohibits referee of Industrial Accident Commission from trying or hearing any contested issue of law or fact in a workmen's compensation proceeding when it is established that he is prejudiced against any party or attorney in the proceeding. Provides for establishing such prejudice on motion without notice supported by a prescribed affidavit. Provides that when motion is made and affidavit is filed, the matter shall thereupon be assigned to another referee. March 7. **WC—Watch**

SB 912 (Ins. & F.I.) Workmen's compensation. Makes applicable after bill becomes effective current provision regarding denial of written request filed with Industrial Accident Commission seeking change in its rules or regulations if not set for public hearing within prescribed time. March 7. **WC—Watch**

SB 916 Sturgeon (Lab.) Workmen's compensation. Provides that on objection of any interested party, there can be no commutation of payment of a permanent disability award until after one year from date when the disability rating was made. March 7. **WC—Bad**

SB 918 O'Sullivan (B. & P.) Containers. Provides that if food in a container is a solid, no free flowing moisture, juice, or other liquid shall be included in the weight thereof as expressed in the statement on the container designating the quantity. March 7. **LS & MI—Good**

SB 939 Burns (Ins. & F.I.) Workmen's compensation. Provides that date of injury in case of loss of hearing caused by cumulative effects of injurious noises shall in no event be held to be prior to six months after termination of employee's last employment exposure to injurious noises. Makes related changes. March 12. **WC—Bad**

SB 948 Miller (Ins. & F.I.) Workmen's compensation. Provides for appointment by Chairman of Industrial Accident Commission, rather than by the commission, of secretary or any one assistant secretary to act as deputy commissioner. Limits such appointment to action during vacation, illness, or absence from State of commissioner. Requires that appointment be noted in commission's minutes, and that fact of deputization be noted on any order, decision, or award on which deputy acts. March 12. **WC—Watch**

SB 950 Teale (Jud.) Deficiency judgments. Modifies section generally prohibiting deficiency judgment on purchase money mortgage by providing that the section shall not apply and the deficiency judgment may be had when a deed of trust or mortgage is given by a contractor or builder to secure payment on loan obtained for purpose of erecting or completing improvements or making alterations or repairs on real property with a view to selling the property to third parties. March 13. **MI—Bad**

SB 951 Murdy (Jud.) Hospital liens. Provides that a hospital licensed under the laws of this State, which furnishes medical or other services of a reasonable value in excess of \$100 to any injured person by reason of an accident or wrongful act which does not fall within the provisions relating to workmen's compensation, whether or not furnished during an emergency period, shall have a lien upon any damages in excess of \$100

recovered by the person, his heirs, or personal representative to the amount of the reasonable value of the medical or other services. March 13. **LI—Watch**

SB 956 Short (Gov. Eff.) Provides that State Personnel Board shall consider wages prevailing in private industry and major local jurisdictions in establishing salaries for laborers, workmen and mechanics. March 13. **LS—Bad**

SB 957 O'Sullivan (B. & P.) Self-service dry cleaners. Exempt self-service drycleaning establishments from the coverage of statutory provisions administered and enforced by the State Board of Dry Cleaners. March 13. **LS—Bad**

SB 958 Farr (Jud.) Mechanics' liens. Provides that materials specially made, fabricated or altered at the request of the owner or person acting by his authority or under him and not salable in the ordinary course of business shall provide the materialman with a lien upon the real property, regardless of whether such materials were actually used in the construction. March 13. **LI—Watch**

SB 960 Cobey (Gov. Eff.) Public officers and employees. Expressly authorizes the Trustees of the California State Colleges and the Regents of the University of California to issue rules and regulations for the administration of their employer-employee relations. March 13. **LS & PE—Watch**

SB 961 Cobey (Gov. Eff.) Gives organizations representing public employees standing to sue. March 13. **LS & PE—Good**

SB 962 Cobey (Gov. Eff.) Public officers and employees. Makes expressly inapplicable to state employees the provision authorizing public agencies to prohibit law enforcement employees from forming, joining or participating in employee organizations. March 13. **PE—Good**

SB 963 Cobey (Gov. Eff.) Firefighters: right to organize. Makes provisions governing the rights of employees of fire departments and fire services to form, join, or assist labor organizations inapplicable to employees of fire departments and fire services of the State, leaving the rights of such employees regarding labor organizations subject to the law governing public employees generally. March 13. **PE & LS—Bad**

SB 973 Teale (Gov. Eff.) Public agencies: performance of services. Amends law relating to the joint exercise of powers to authorize agreements entered under such law to provide for personnel, equipment or property of one or more public agencies which are parties to the agreement to be used in lieu of contributions or advances of funds. Permits funds to be paid to and disbursed by an entity created by agreement between agencies, as well as paid to and disbursed by one of the agencies. Permits more than one party to an agreement to execute the agreement, and permits one or more parties to provide all or a portion of the services agreed upon. Provides that a public entity created by agreement, under the same conditions as are provided for a commission or board created by agreement, may sue and be sued in its own name. Adds federal departments and agencies to those local agencies which may contract for the furnishing of supplementary fire or police protection among themselves. Makes other technical changes. March 14. **PE & LS—Watch**

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tions for economic growth of the State.

The full scope of labor's involvement in legislation extends beyond the immediate interests of workers as wage earners; it embraces proposed legislation in the field of civil rights, housing, education, consumer welfare, public health, planning for growth, and other areas vital to the public's welfare.

"We are here in Sacramento to carry out the mandates of our 1962 Convention," Pitts said. "Legislation has been introduced as directed by the Executive Council based on these mandates, and it is my responsibility to report back on how matters are shaping up in the State Capitol."

"As elected and responsible officers of our State AFL-CIO movement," Pitts added, "the Vice Presidents who make up the Federation's Executive Council will get a straightforward report on the current status of pending legislation. Although it is too early to pass judgment on the session, the level of progress achieved thus far will be a matter for frank discussion along with the problems that have developed in the areas of labor's broad interests."

Pitts noted that the Executive Council, as the governing body of the Federation between Conventions, has the authority "to order whatever action it deems necessary and appropriate to carry out the mandates of the Convention on the legislative front."

As of this date, no major labor or social insurance legislation has reached the floor of either House.

In the social insurance field, on the Assembly side, subcommittees on workmen's compensation, UCD, and unemployment insurance of the parent Finance and Insurance Committee have been appointed, and all pending legislation has been referred to these committees for preliminary review. The subcommittees on workmen's compensation and unemployment insurance have held "orientation" meetings, and began this week to conduct hearings on Federation-sponsored measures.

"By the time the Executive Council meets," Pitts said, "we should be in a better position to measure the kind of progress being made."

The San Francisco sessions of the Executive Council on April 6th and 7th will be held in the Fairmont Hotel.

Consumer Message Due Legislature

California Consumer Counsel Helen Nelson has announced that the first comprehensive message on consumer issues from a California governor to the Legislature is being readied by Governor Brown. It is expected to be presented in the near future.

In his Inaugural Message in January, the Governor said: "Important areas remain in which the legislative process can be brought to bear to give the consumer still further protections."

His forthcoming message, Consumer Counsel Nelson points out, is expected to make specific recommendations in such areas as consumer credit, packaging and labeling and repair services.

In the meantime the Consumer Counsel's Office reports that plans for previously announced legislative information conferences are proceeding as follows:

For Northern California Consumers—Conference and workshops on consumer legislation will be held in Sacramento on Saturday, April 20, at the Senator Hotel.

For Southern California Consumers—Date and place for a conference in Los Angeles is not yet determined. The tentative date of April 6 is not feasible because of prior commitments of many interested groups and individuals.

For San Francisco Peninsula and Central Coastal Areas—Plans are under way for a public meeting on consumer legislation sponsored by the Palo Alto Coop. Saturday, May 4, is the date.

Easter Recess

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strikes at strategic defense facilities, compulsory arbitration with court injunction enforcement. Senate Labor Committee.

HR 333 (Martin) Apply anti-trust laws to labor unions, forbid industry-wide bargaining. House Judiciary Committee.

HR 1891 (Ashbrook) Requires NLRB-conducted secret pre-strike vote. House Labor Committee.

HR 1897 (Bonner) Compulsory arbitration in maritime strikes and lockouts. Hearings under way in House Merchant Marine Committee.

Legislative Notes

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measure (AB 856) applies only to public employees of cities and counties and continues certain restraints. The Knox bill (AB 939), on the other hand, applies to all public employees and removes political restraints during off-duty hours.

Farm Labor Contractors

The lower house committee on Industrial Relations has given a "do pass" recommendation to a bill by Assemblyman John Williamson (D) of Bakersfield which would require a labor contractor to maintain records of compensation he receives from a grower and the compensation he pays to his employees. Under the bill, AB 718, the information will be made available for inspection by the farm workers employed by the labor contractor.

"Compensatory" Education

The McAteer "compensatory education" bill (SB 115), is moving along. Having passed the Senate already, the bill this week won clear-

ance from the Assembly Education Committee and is now in the Lower House Ways and Means Committee.

There is no Ways and Means problem, however, as the Governor's budget carries an appropriation to launch the pilot program of special educational aids to the culturally deprived.

School Bonds

ACA 5, a proposed Constitutional Amendment authored by Assemblyman Byron Rumford to permit approval of local school bonds by a 60% vote instead of the present two-thirds majority required, has reached the floor of the Assembly. The lower house Committee on Education gave it clearance on Wednesday by a 12 to 6 vote. Experience indicates that although many sorely needed bond issues fail because of the two-third majority requirement, most of these defeated bond issues would have passed under a 60% requirement.

Deceptive Packaging Story Revealed

The story of deceptive packaging and other related practices is told in detail in a new pamphlet, "It's What's Inside That Counts," recently issued by the Industrial Union Department of the AFL-CIO.

Noting that the packaging industry now has a \$20 billion annual volume and that the experts predict consumers will pay half again as much for packaging in the next five years, the publication states that it's time "to see if the nation is getting its money's worth or whether the container is being used to deceive."

The new I.U.D. pamphlet makes a strong case for "truth-in-lending" legislation introduced into both the U.S. Senate and House by Senator Philip A. Hart (D, Mich.) Rep. Emanuel Celler (D, N.Y.). The pamphlet looks into deceptive practices in labeling, into the problem of weights and sizes, into adulteration, cheating, slack fill, and faked sales. It outlines what the consumer can do to protect himself, but stresses the need for new laws to give the buyer an even break.

"Consumers have been victims of a hidden inflation that robs millions from the food budget," the pamphlet charges.

"A pound isn't a pound any more. More often than not, yesterday's pound container has given way to 15 ounces or some other odd amount. The half-pound, likewise, has given way to seven ounces or less. The same is true of the quart or the pint. Such is the state of affairs that packages now offer a bargain of a 'jumbo full pound' or a 'giant half-quart,'" the I.U.D. pamphlet says.

Senator Hart has estimated that packaging costs to the average consumer amount to \$190 annually or \$16 a month. "That is a high price

Minimum Wage Extension Cited As Key Objective

Extension of the federal minimum wage law to include some four million workers not now covered—including employees of restaurants, hotels, laundries and hospitals—is cited as one of organized labor's "immediate objectives" in Congress by AFL-CIO Legislative Director Andrew J. Biemiller.

Biemiller pointed out that many of these workers receive "scandalous wages" of as little as forty cents an hour. In the course of an interview on Labor News Conference, a public affairs program carried by the Mutual Radio network and sponsored by the AFL-CIO, Biemiller rejected the argument that extension of wage-hour coverage would price some low paid workers out of jobs.

Instead, he said, the effect of raising substandard wages would be to reduce unemployment.

"The primary weapon in fighting unemployment in the United States is to increase purchasing power," he declared.

"Biemiller explained that the AFL-CIO's three-step program was:

- First, to extend coverage to workers in need of it.
- Second, to educate people of the need to reduce hours.
- And, third, to raise the minimum wage.

to pay," says the I.U.D. pamphlet "for containers which can't be eaten and serve no other purpose except to hold a product." The Hart-Celler bill would require packages to show net weight prominently; prohibit deceptive pictures on packages; bar use of optical illusions in packaging to make packages to appear bigger than they are, and otherwise provide for consumer protection.

U.S. Aide Attacks Child Labor Plan

The American Farm Bureau Federation wants to "liberalize" child labor law to permit children 14 and 15 to work in factories.

A Farm Bureau policy statement blandly alleges that regulations related to the hiring of minors 14 or 15 years old in industry are "so restrictive that they virtually eliminate employment of such minors, with socially undesirable consequences."

This contention was promptly repudiated by Assistant Labor Secretary Esther Peterson who said she didn't "see anything liberal about increasing the exploitation of children" and pointed out that there is too much exploitation of them already.

"In many states children much younger than 14 work from sunrise to sunset alongside their parents in the fields. Their living conditions are disgraceful and they have little or no opportunity for schooling."

Speaking on the "As We See It" program on the ABC radio network which is sponsored by the AFL-CIO, Mrs. Peterson branded the Farm Bureau's position as "ridiculous" because "socially undesirable consequences come about when children are in factories." Children of migrant workers, she said, are in effect "condemned to a whole life of migrant farm work since they have no chance to learn anything else. That is a socially undesirable consequence which ought to concern the Farm Bureau and all citizens, but unfortunately there is a feeling," she said, that such conditions do not exist.

Child labor laws aren't nearly as restrictive as we are led to believe because the laws permit children to work after school, she added.

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