

Legislative Notes

AB 1240

The fate of the Rumford Fair Housing Bill will be determined on May 22 when AB 1240 is given its crucial hearing before the Senate Committee on Governmental Efficiency. The time is 9:30 a.m., Room 4203.

All affiliates are urged to contact their senators to get behind this key civil rights bill of the 1963 session.

Tax Reform

Assembly Bills 1944 and 1945 (Petris) — two additional bills in the Governor's tax reform program — won clearance this Wednesday from the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee by a narrow 8 to 7 margin. These are the income tax bills, endorsed by organized labor, that will produce \$50,000,000 a year in increased revenues on a permanent basis from a progressive tax source. They combine an income tax withholding system on wage and salary income starting in July 1964 with a quarterly reporting method of payment for those who are not subject to withholding; forgiveness of one-half of the tax liability on 1964 incomes (a tax cut of \$172 million in that year) and a permanent cancellation of tax liability below five dollars for a single person and ten dollars for a married couple, effective January 1, 1964.

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Federation Urges House to Defeat Move to Extend Bracero Program

An eleventh-hour appeal to California's Congressional delegation to end the bracero program this year by voting against legislation that would extend Public Law 78 two more years was made public this week by Thos. L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO.

House action on the proposed extension is expected within the next few weeks.

In a letter dispatched to California's representatives on May 9, Pitts urged the lawmakers to consider the findings of the California Welfare Study Commission before making their "ultimate decision on this issue."

He pointed out that the Commission's recently published report concluded:

"California's almost 150,000 farm laborers and their families are the 'one occupational group in California so deeply locked in poverty that it is set off from all others.'"

"These tragic circumstances," Pitts pointed out, "continue despite



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Senate Unit Dumps Representation Procedures Bill; Assembly Committee Undercuts Women's Eight Hour Law

Committee units of the California Legislature, in two separate actions this week, coupled a body blow against the organizational rights of wage earners with a decision to sacrifice the protections of the historic 8-hour law for women to the greed of manufacturers who are feeding handsomely at the public trough of defense expenditures. Both the Senate Labor Committee and Assembly unit on Industrial Relations shared the dubious honors.

On Monday, the Labor Committee of the upper house killed a Federation-sponsored bill, SB 811 (Holmdahl), which would have established democratic machinery at the state level for the determination of representation and collective bargaining rights in intrastate commerce.

The Assembly Industrial Relations Committee compounded the
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Assembly Unit Bows To Financial Interests

Powerful financial interests in California ran roughshod over the rights of consumers this Tuesday with the blessings of the Assembly Committee on Finance and Insurance.

The Assembly unit, on a voice vote that protected Committee members from being recorded on a key consumer issue, killed AB 2288 — the Warren truth in lending bill — by sending the measure to Interim Committee for "study".

Assemblyman Charles Warren of Los Angeles advanced the bill with the support of Governor Edmund G. Brown to require the full disclosure of the cost of credit to consumers on the face of all contracts involving credit transactions. A.B. 2288 would have established a uniform method of setting forth the finance rate in terms of simple annual interest to enable consumers to protect themselves from interest rates that often run up to twenty and thirty percent without their knowledge.

The bill imposed no limits on interest charges; it merely advanced the cause of the "informed consumer" as basic to the private enterprise system. It drew support from the State's Consumer Counsel, the State AFL-CIO, the State Corporations Commission, the California Association of Consumers, the American Association of University Women, the California Credit Union

Pitts, spokesman for the state's 1.4 million AFL-CIO workers noted that labor's request does not call for

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COMMITTEE HEARINGS

ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, May 21

Criminal Procedure, Room 2133, 1:30 p.m.
SB 368 (Arnold) Conservation facilities in Department of Corrections. **Bad**
SB 311 (Arnold) Prison production. **Watch**
SB 310 (Arnold) Labor prisoners. **Watch**
Finance and Insurance, Room 4202, 3:45 p.m.
AB 670 (Ferrell) Vehicle insurance. **Good**
AB 2291 (Knox) Health care service plans. **Watch**
***AB 482 (Foran)** Attachment and execution. **Good**
AB 1785 (Chapel) Statement of interest charges. **Good**
Public Utilities and Corporations, Room 2117, 1:30 p.m.
AB 1988 (Bagley) Contractors License Law. **Good**
Rules, Room 3188, 9:30 a.m.
SJR 2 (Rodda) Political activities by state employees. **Good**
Transportation and Commerce, Room 5168, 3:45 p.m.
AB 2348 (Kennick) Automotive repair dealers. **Good**

Wednesday, May 22

Governmental Efficiency and Economy, Room 2170, 1:30 p.m.
AB 2367 (Barnes) Cosmetology. **Bad**
AB 1599 (Meyers) Schools of cosmetology. **Watch**
AB 1600 (Meyers) Cosmetology. **Watch**
***AB 2111 (Meyers)** Public works: California preference. **Good**
SB 61 (O'Sullivan) Drycleaning license examination. **Bad**
AB 2364 (Alquist) Operating engineers. **Bad**
AB 2173 (Donovan) Alcoholic beverage licenses. **Watch**
AB 2174 (Donovan) Alcoholic beverages. **Bad**
SB 975 (Gibson) Contractors. **Good**
AB 2506 (Dymally) Coin-operated dry cleaning establishments. **Watch**
AB 2475 (McMillan) Barbering. **Watch**
AB 2144 (Cologne) Alcoholic beverages. **Bad**

Industrial Relations, Room 5168, 3:45 p.m.
AB 2228 (Song) Relating to agricultural employment. **Watch**
AB 2426 (Zenovich) Relating to wages. **Watch**
AB 2444 (Foran) Relating to female employees working hours. **Good**
AB 2483 (Meyers) Relating to minors. **Good**
AB 2485 (Meyers) Relating to migrant workers. **Good**
AB 2513 (Soto) Relating to wages. **Good**
AB 2514 (Song) Relating to crop workers; prevailing wage. **Watch**
***AB 1938 (Petrus)** Prohibit professional strike breakers. **Good**
AB 836 (Frew) Relating to employment contracts. **Watch**
Revenue and Taxation, Room 4202, 3:45-5:30 p.m.
AB 1946 (Petrus) Bank and corporation taxes. **Good**
AB 1950 (Petrus) Gift tax exemption. **Good**
AB 2481 (Crown) Statewide taxation study. **Good**
AB 2165 (Conrad) Motion picture property taxation. **Watch**

Thursday, May 23

Education, Room 4202, 3:45 p.m.
AB 2488 (Monagan) Vocational education. **Watch**
AB 1575 (Veysey) Rights of probationary teachers. **Bad**

Government Organization, Room 2133, 1:30 p.m.

AB 2424 (Petrus) American-made materials. **Bad**
AB 1878 (Mills) Public employer-employee relations. **Watch**
AB 1781 (Pattee) Alcoholic beverages. **Bad**
AB 1710 (Burton) California Fair Employment Practice Act. **Good**

Monday, May 27

Education, Room 4202, 3:45 p.m.
AB 2687 (Stanton) Privilege of formal hearing for state college employees. **Good**
AB 3081 (Mills) Textbook purchases from State. **Watch**
AB 3002 (Burgener) Defines academic subject matter. **Watch**
AB 3112 (Unruh) Recording devices in classrooms. **Good**
Judiciary, Room 2170, 3 p.m.
AB 2921 (Deukmejian) Claims and liens of hotel, motel, inn, boardinghouse, apartment house and lodginghouse keepers. **Bad**

Tuesday, May 28

Criminal Procedure, Room 2133, 1:30 p.m.
AB 2841 (Beilenson) Information for arrested persons. **Good**
AB 2827 (Thelin) Construction of statutes. **Bad**
Finance and Insurance, Room 4202, 3:45 p.m.
AB 2861-66 (Unruh) Credit sales. **Good**
AB 2644 (Song) Prepaid health service. **Good**
AB 2624 (Alquist) Advertising. **Good**
AB 2625 (Alquist) Advertising. **Good**
AB 2605 (Dymally) Placement of teachers. **Good**
AB 2651 (Song) Social security: state employees. **Good**
Fish and Game, Room 2170, 1:30 p.m.
AB 2738 (Badham) Reduction of anchovies. **Bad**
Public Utilities and Corporations, Room 2117, 1:30 p.m.
AB 2577 (Stanton) Commercial telephone solicitation. **Good**
Rules, Room 3188, 9:30 a.m.
AB 2927 (Dymally) Intergroup relations. **Good**

SENATE

Tuesday, May 21

Insurance and Financial Institutions, Room 4040, 1:30 p.m.
SB 698 (Rees) Disability insurance. **Bad**
SB 1250 (Holmdahl) Truth in lending. **Good**
AB 270 (Carrell) Automobile sales financing. **Bad**
AB 1749 (Warren) Labor Code: relating to employers. **Watch**
Transportation, Room 4203, 9:30 a.m.
SB 1123 (Farr) Highway advertising. **Watch**

Wednesday, May 22

Education, Room 5007, 9:30 a.m.
SB 847 (Lagomarsino) Technical, agricultural, forestry schools. **Bad**
AB 756 (Winton) Standard supervision credential requirements. **Bad**
Governmental Efficiency, Room 4203, 9:30 a.m.
AB 1239 (Dymally) Changes name of State Fair Employment Practice Commission. **Good**
AB 1240 (Rumford) Fair Housing Bill. **Good**
SB 170 (Rodda) Commission on Intergroup Relations. **Good**
Social Welfare, Room 4040, 10 a.m.
SJR 25 (Geddes) Surplus food stocks to aged. **Good**

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The latter feature alone would benefit 850,000 persons who would be relieved of income tax liability at the lower income levels.

Last week, the same lower house committee cleared four bills in the Governor's tax reform program that would speed up the payment of taxes by insurance companies and plug the "principal office" loophole enjoyed by carriers.

In support of the Petris bills, the Federation testified that the most important aspect of the Governor's reform program "is the permanent enhancement of the State's revenue picture".

"This permanent increase in revenues will come from a progressive source (ability to pay) in our tax structure—not by increasing taxes, but by updating collection methods and relating the collections more closely to the incidence of growth, primarily through income tax withholding and the filing of estimated tax returns by banks and corporations and by persons receiving significant amounts of income from non-withholding sources."

About one-half of regularly employed wage and salary workers would not be subject to withholding because of existing exemptions in the State income tax law.

Opposition this week to the Petris income tax bills came from the California Manufacturers Association, the State Chamber of Commerce, the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, and the California Taxpayers Association. Last week the insurance carriers were the special interest group that opposed the tax reform bills cleared by the lower house Revenue and Taxation Committee.

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Friday, May 24

Elections, Room 3191, 9:30 a.m.
AB 1537 (Danielson) Time for opening and closing polls. **Good**

Monday, May 27

Business and Professions, Room 4040, 9:30 a.m.
AB 1135, 1786, 1789, 1847 (Henson) Contractors. **Watch**
AB 775 (Beilenson) Contractors. **Watch**
SB 1458 (Begovich) Funeral directing and embalming. **Watch**
SB 1362 (Christensen) Bread weight. **Bad**
SB 1480 (Short) X-ray technicians. **Good**
Revenue and Taxation, Room 4040, 1:15 p.m.
SB 1377 (Murphy) Sales tax exemptions. **Bad**

DIGEST OF BILLS

Key to Symbols

CR Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
DI Disability Insurance
EA Employment Agencies, Private
ED Education
EL Elections
HO Housing

IN Insurance (Incl. H & W)
LC Labor Code Changes, General
LI Liens, Attachments & Writs
LS Labor Unions, Individually
LU Labor Unions, General
MI Miscellaneous
PE Public Employees
PH Public Health

RE Recreation
S Industrial Safety
SL State & Local Government
TA Taxation
TR Training & Retraining
UI Unemployment Insurance
WC Workmen's Compensation
WP Water and Power

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No bill may be taken up until 30 days after date of introduction indicated in Digest, except by 2/3 vote.

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ASSEMBLY BILLS

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

BERKELEY

AB 2863 Unruh (Fin. & Ins.) Retail installment sales. Prohibits inclusion in retail installment contract of any provision that buyer agrees to pay any charge for the exercise of his rights to rescind, or avoid the contract. April 25. **MI—Good**

AB 2864 Unruh (Fin. & Ins.) Retail installment sales. Makes provisions of chapter regulating retail installment sales applicable to sales of \$50 or less. April 25. **MI—Good**

AB 2865 Unruh (Fin. & Ins.) Retail installment sales. Restricts computation of service charges, as authorized for retail installment accounts, to unpaid balance of sale amount which remains unpaid after expiration of a full monthly period of 30 days from date of sale. April 25. **MI—Good**

AB 2866 Unruh (Fin. & Ins.) Retail installment sales. Makes referral sale of goods subject to provisions regulating retail installment sales unenforceable and void. Defines referral sale as one where part of inducement offered by seller is rebate, commission or consideration to buyer if he sells or gives information leading to sale by seller of same or related goods. April 25. **MI—Good**

AB 2869 Dymally (G.O.) Human Rights Commission. Establishes Human Rights Commission to administer various antidiscrimination laws. Places the various antidiscrimination laws to be administered by Human Rights Commission in same part of Civil Code as commission. April 26. **CR—Good**

AB 2886 Dymally (C.S. & S.P.) Government employees. Makes regulations of Industrial Welfare Commission as to conditions other than hours and wages applicable to all government employees. April 26. **LC—Good**

AB 2890 Cusanovich (G.E. & E.) Drycleaning. Requires that a certificate of registration be issued evidencing qualification to engage in one or any combination of the following: cleaning, spotting, pressing, dyeing, renovating, or operating a school or college. Revises qualifications for obtaining a certificate to require two months' experience in each of activities specified above for which a certificate is sought, rather than one year's experience. Requires State Board of Dry Cleaners to give one month's credit as experience for each 15 hours of training in an approved school, rather than permitting board to give credit as experience to training in a school. Provides that no demonstration by manual examination shall be required except of an applicant seeking a certificate for the activity of pressing. April 26. **LS—Bad**

AB 2893 Carrell (Trans. & C.) Motor vehicles. Makes unlawful the performance by licensed manufacturer, transporter or dealer of any act specified in Sec. 285 of Veh.C., relating to sale of autos, between midnight Saturday and midnight Sunday. April 26. **LS—Watch**

AB 2896 Foran (Ind.R.) Tanks and boilers: safety. Includes certain boilers which are not presently covered within provisions governing safety in employment with respect to tanks and boilers. April 26. **S—Good**

AB 2898 Foran (Trans. & C.) Relocation payments: state highways. Authorizes Department of Public Works to make relocation payments to tenants of low-cost housing project who are displaced by acquisition of property of project for state highway, to cover their reasonable and necessary moving expenses, out of any state or federal funds which are made available for such purpose. April 26. **HO—Good**

AB 2903 Beilenson (Fin. & Ins.) Required medical examinations. Requires medical reason for rejection to be disclosed to applicant for insurance when insurer requires applicant to be examined by doctor it employs, retains or designates. April 26. **IN—Good**

AB 2906 Henson (Fin. & Ins.) Disability benefits. Provides for payment of disability benefits to surviving spouse or dependent children where individual eligible to receive disability benefits dies before receiving maximum amount of benefits. April 26. **DI—Watch**

AB 2910 Henson (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation: trainees. Entitles certain trainees participating in on-the-job training programs under federal legislation, while engaged in active participation in such a program, to benefits under the workmen's compensation laws. April 26. **WC—Good**

AB 2916 Crown (G.E. & E.) Cleaning, dyeing and pressing. Deletes provision stating that the law relating to drycleaning does not apply to any hotel or resident club that renders any cleaning, dyeing, spotting, sponging, or pressing services for their guests or employees only. April 26. **LS—Good**

AB 2918 Mulford (Mun. & C.G.) State Housing Law. Permits city or county to request a hearing before the State Housing Appeals Board to show cause for nonenforcement; and requires a decision adverse to the city or county if such hearing is requested, before the Department of Industrial Relations is authorized to enforce the State Housing Law and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder within the city or county. April 26. **HO—Bad**

AB 2919 Mulford (Mun. & C.G.) State Housing Law. Deletes provisions which require the building department, housing department, or health department of a city to enforce the State Housing Law and regulations promulgated thereunder and requires that the legislative body of every city, county, or city and county determine officer or officers within the city, county, or city and county who shall enforce such law and regulations. April 26. **HO—Watch**

AB 2921 Deukmejian (Jud.) Liens of innkeepers. Includes apartment housekeepers in with hotel, motel, boardinghouse and lodginghouse keepers as one who shall have a lien upon the baggage and other property of guests, boarders or lodgers for proper charges due. Specifies that notice of public auction of such baggage or other property shall, among other things, contain the address of the claimant and the address of the place where such property is stored. April 26. **LI—Bad**

AB 2927 Dymally (Rls.) Intergroup relations. New act. Establishes an Intergroup Relations Study Commission, consisting of 25 members, to study intergroup relations and make recommendations to the Legislature in 1965 on means of improving such relations. April 26. **CR—Good**

AB 2934 Flournoy (Rev. & Tax.) Taxation of insurers. Reduces rate of tax imposed upon insurers with respect to gross premiums received upon policies or contracts arising out of any "Insured Employees Welfare Benefit Plan." April 26. **IN—Bad**

AB 2939 Badham (Ed.) School instruction. Prohibits teaching in public schools of any theory opposed to recognized sectarian doctrine as factual academic subject matter, including but not limited to the Darwinian theory of evolution or the nonexistence of a deity. April 26. **MI—Bad**

AB 2941 Waldie (Ind.R.) Employment of aliens. Excepts schoolbus drivers from provisions prohibiting the employment of aliens by public bodies. April 26. **LC—Watch**

AB 2944 Waldie (L. & D.) Meat. Makes it unlawful to substitute in any sale any inferior or cheaper cut of meat unless the purchaser specifically agrees to such substitution, rather than without informing the purchaser that such substitution is being made. April 26. **MI & LS—Good**

AB 2947 Danielson (Elec. & Reap.) Political activities of public employees. Repeals present provisions prescribing political activities of county and city employees. Declares provisions of act constitute matter of statewide concern and thus preempt field on subject of act. Prohibits officers and employees of local agency from receiving or soliciting political contributions from other personnel of agency; prohibits solicitation and receipt of political contributions on agency property with specified exceptions; prohibits nominees or candidates for offices of agency from promising employment benefits to officers or employees of agency; and prohibits officers and employees of agency from taking active part in campaign for or against candidate for office of agency, or for or against ballot measure relating to recall of officer of agency. Provides that limitations set forth in statutes on political activities of state employees are only restrictions on such subject with specified exception. April 26. **PE—Watch**

AB 2948 Beilenson (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation. Eliminates disability payments for permanent disabilities of 5 percent or less under the workmen's compensation laws. April 26. **WC—Bad**

AB 2949 Beilenson (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation: death benefits. Provides that where compensable injury and pre-existing disease concur to cause death, compensation shall be allowed only in the proportion that the death is attributable to the injury. April 26. **WC—Bad**

AB 2953 Meyers (Mun. & C.G.) Purchase of supplies. Requires preference for the bids of California manufactured supplies and materials when a municipal utility district awards contracts therefor, if such bids do not exceed out-of-state bids of more than 5 percent. April 26. **LS—Watch**

ASSEMBLY BILLS (Continued)

- AB 2954 Thelin** (G.O.) Alcoholic beverages. Deletes provision prohibiting a new original public premises license from being issued, and a public premises license from being transferred from county to county, unless the applicant can show that substantial public demand cannot otherwise be satisfied. Prohibits a license from being issued or transferred from premises to premises for premises to be operated under a retail license within 500 feet, rather than 200 feet, of existing premises operated under a license of the same type. Deletes exception therefrom for instance where applicant can show that the licensing of his particular business would serve a public demand not otherwise satisfied by existing licensed premises. April 26. **LS—Watch**
- AB 2956 Bagley** (Rev. & Tax.) Personal income taxes. Imposes personal income taxes upon the basis of an unspecified percentage of federal taxes imposed with respect to same income for taxable year. To take effect only if Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 43 is adopted by the voters. April 26. **TA—Watch**
- AB 2960 Bagley** (Rev. & Tax.) Contractors: city taxation of. Declares that cities may impose taxes for revenue on contractors. Provides, under specified conditions, for a proportionate refund of the annual tax for quarters in which no business is transacted in the city. April 26. **LS—Watch**
- AB 2961 Bagley** (Rev. & Tax.) Contractors: city taxation of. Declares that cities may impose taxes for revenue on contractors. Prohibits discrimination against contractors without fixed place of business within city. April 26. **LS—Watch**
- AB 2965 Ferrell** (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation. Provides for determination of average weekly earnings of workers who have not been employed regularly on basis of hourly rate being earned at time of injury, rather than on basis of present formulae. April 26. **WC—Watch**
- AB 2972 Veneman** (G.O.) Alcoholic beverages: telephone sales. Provides no offsale licensee shall sell alcoholic beverages by telephone order unless the recipient upon delivery is able to furnish documentary proof he or she is over 21 years of age. April 26. **LS—Watch**
- AB 2976 Z'berg** (N.R., P., & P.W.) Housing and community development. Adds Pt. 1 (commencing with Sec. 15000), Div. 13, H. & S.C.; amends Sec. 56 and repeals Ch. 3 (commencing with Sec. 75), Div. 1, Lab.C. Enacts the "State Housing and Community Development Law," which creates and prescribes powers and duties of a Department of Housing and Community Development with a Division of Housing Standards, a Division of Housing Development, and a Commission of Housing and Community Development. Abolishes the Division of Housing of the Department of Industrial Relations and transfers its functions to the Department of Housing and Community Development. Makes NO provision for financing of housing programs. April 26. **HO—Watch**
- AB 2978 Z'berg** (Fin. & Ins.) State employees: unemployment insurance. Brings the State and all of its employees not holding civil service or permanent tenure positions under unemployment compensation and unemployment compensation disability insurance coverage on a mandatory basis, and eliminates present elective coverage provisions for such purposes. April 26. **UI & DI—Watch**
- AB 2981 Meyers** (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation. Includes state college, policemen within those persons to whom certain presumptions concerning hernia, tuberculosis, heart trouble and pneumonia apply with respect to injuries on the job, and who are entitled to leave of absence with pay in lieu of temporary disability payments when disabled on the job. April 26. **WC—Watch**
- AB 2998 Milias** (Pub.H.) Mentally retarded persons. Requires Department of Public Health to provide diagnostic services for mentally retarded persons over 21 years of age. April 26. **PH—Good**
- AB 3001 Young** (C.S. & S.P.) State employees. Requires appointing power to consider in determining activities of state officers or employees which are inconsistent, incompatible, or in conflict with duties, question of whether activity involves such time demands as would render performance of duties less efficient. Authorizes State Personnel Board to adopt rules governing application of incompatibility provision, including rule providing for notice to employees prior to determination of proscribed activities and for appeal from such determination and its application to employee. Makes other technical and clarifying changes. April 26. **PE—Good**
- AB 3002 Burgener** (Ed.) School credentials. Defines "academic subject matter area" as used in the 1961 law re licensing of certificated school personnel (Ed.C. Secs. 13187, et seq.) to include speech, art, and drama. April 26. **ED—Watch**
- AB 3003 Garrigus** (Ed.) Certificated employees' sick leave. Directs governing board of school district to provide for industrial accident or illness leave of absence for certificated employees. Provides that leaves granted under this section are in conjunction with workmen's compensation and insurance and upon exhaustion of such leave, regular leave may be used. Provides that the governing board may grant additional leave as it deems appropriate and employees on any paid leave of absence are required to endorse to the school district disability indemnity checks received on account of industrial accident and illness in return for the school district salary warrants. Provides that benefits are available only after 3 years of continuous service with the school district and employees while receiving benefits shall remain within the State unless authorized to travel outside the State. April 26. **WC—Watch**
- AB 3004 Stanton** (Ed.) State Teachers' Retirement. Provides for participation in the federal old age, survivors and disability insurance program, in addition to participation in the State Teachers' Retirement System, of members of such system, who are school district employees, on a district basis. Authorizes division into separate coverage groups; of members in each district, with respect to those who desire coverage and those who do not, and provides for referendum of employees in each district. April 26. **PE—Good**
- AB 3007 Stevens** (G.E. & E.) California Housing Conciliation Commission. Creates the California Housing Conciliation Commission to investigate discrimination in housing and dislocation due to public improvements as well as alleged declines in property value both on an individual complaint and general study basis. The commission is also to encourage and work toward voluntary solutions. April 26. **CR—Watch**
- AB 3008 Britschgi** (G.E. & E.) Cosmetology. Deletes examiners from list of employees which the Director of Professional and Vocational Standards is permitted to employ to carry out law regulating practice of cosmetology. April 26. **LS—Watch**
- AB 3010 Britschgi** (G.E. & E.) Cosmetology act. Deletes provision requiring applicant for specified license to pay an initial license fee. Combines examination and license fees. April 26. **LS—Watch**
- AB 3011 Elliott** (Ed.) Handicapped adults: vocational rehabilitation. Directs that special classes in public schools be provided for the vocational rehabilitation of handicapped adults. Provides that appropriations for purposes of the chapter shall be available only to meet requirements of federal participation under the Vocational Rehabilitation Amendments of 1954. Authorizes Department of Education to establish standards necessary to secure federal financial participation. Appropriates.....to the Department of Education for purposes of act. April 26. **TR—Watch**
- AB 3013 Meyers** (C.S. & S.P.) State civil service. Provides if a person is assigned to duties of any class other than that to which his position is allocated, the time worked shall be compensable overtime. April 26. **PE—Watch**
- AB 3018 Meyers** (Rev. & Tax.) Personal income taxes. Imposes personal income taxes upon the basis of an unspecified percentage of federal taxes imposed with respect to same income for taxable year. To take effect only if Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. is adopted by the voters. April 26. **TA—Watch**
- AB 3024 Meyers** (G.E. & E.) Professional inspectors. Creates the California State Board of Professional Inspectors. Provides for the certification of principal professional inspectors, professional building inspectors, professional electrical inspectors, professional mechanical inspectors and professional inspectors in training, and prohibits any person from using the title associated with a certificate that he does not hold and prohibits any person who does not hold a certificate from using the title professional inspector. Prescribes the qualifications of candidates for the various certificates and provides for examinations and the issuance, revocation, and suspension of certificates. Creates the California State Board of Professional Inspectors Fund, and provides for the payment of fees. April 26. **LS—Watch**
- AB 3036 Dills** (M., O., & M.I.) Buy American Act exception. Makes the Buy American Act inapplicable to imports containing minerals of American origin if the country, from which imported, is a contracting member of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and to which was exported a total tonnage of American minerals equalling or exceeding the tonnage of the imports containing the minerals. April 26. **LS—Bad**
- AB 3038 Bane** (Elec. & Reap.) Registration of voters. Provides procedure whereby person may apply for and return affidavit of registration by mail. April 26. **EL—Watch**
- AB 3039 Bane** (Elec. & Reap.) Indexes of registration. Provides that, on and after April 1, 1966, in counties in which tabulating equipment is used to produce indexes of registration, indexes shall also be produced by street addresses, in numerical order, and supplied to same persons, committees, and agencies as presently provided. April 26. **EL—Good**
- AB 3040 Bane** (Elec. & Reap.) Voting procedures. Changes name of State Commission on Voting Machines and Vote Tabulating Devices to State Commission on Voting Procedures. Requires commission to conduct studies and hold hearings to determine whether all persons in State are afforded equal opportunity to register to vote. April 26. **EL—Good**
- AB 3044 Bane** (G.O.) Constitutional Revision Commission. Creates Constitutional Revision Commission to provide Legislature and Joint Committee on Legislative Organization with facts and recommendations relative to revision of State Constitution. Provides for its membership, consisting of both legislators and citizens. Provides commission terminates 90 days after commencement of 1965 Session. April 26. **SL—Watch**
- AB 3048 Meyers** (Ind.R.) Discrimination against older workers. Makes it unlawful for an employer or employment agency in connection with prospective employment to print or circulate or cause to be printed or circulated any statement, advertisement or publication which expresses any limitation, specification or discrimination respecting individuals between 40 and 64, or any intent to make such limitation, specification or discrimination. April 26. **UI—Good**
- AB 3062 Meyers** (G.E. & E.) Contractors. Makes willful departure from accepted trade standards for good and workmanlike construction a cause for disciplinary action under specified conditions. April 26. **SL—Watch**

ASSEMBLY BILLS (Continued)

AB 3065 Petris (Rev. & Tax.) Sales and use taxes. Requires monthly reports and payment of sales and use taxes by taxpayers whose average monthly tax liability is \$500 or more. To become operative on July 1, 1964. **TA—Good**

AB 3066 Petris (Rev. & Tax.) Pay television business tax. Imposes a tax of 10 percent of the gross receipts derived from such business upon the privilege of engaging in the pay television business in this State. April 26. **LS—Watch**

AB 3070 Burton (Rev. & Tax.) Personal income taxes. Imposes personal income taxes upon the basis of an unspecified percentage of federal taxes imposed with respect to same income for taxable year. To take effect only if Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 43 is adopted by the voters. April 26. **TA—Watch**

AB 3081 Mills (Ed.) Textbook purchases. Authorizes purchase from State, at cost, by school districts, of needed basic textbooks in addition to those provided free under any distribution allotment. April 26. **ED—Watch**

AB 3082 Mills (Ed.) School textbook requisitioning. Provides for withholding of a portion of basic state aid allowances from school districts which fail to comply with requirements in requisitioning state adopted textbooks. April 26. **ED—Good**

AB 3084 Mills (C.S. & S.P.) Public employee organization. Deletes provision that chapter relating to public employee organizations does not supersede existing provisions relating to employer-employee relations in public employment; deletes provision that public employees have right to refuse to join public employee organizations; deletes provision permitting public employee to represent himself individually in employment relations; provides for voluntary arbitration of employment differences; provides that coercion of public employees is misdemeanor and repeals provision permitting public agency to prohibit law enforcement agencies from joining public employee organizations. April 26. **PE—Bad**

AB 3087 Meyers (G.E. & E.) Cosmetology. Provides that under certain circumstances students enrolled in a school of cosmetology or electrology are to be considered as persons who are employed for purposes of Labor Code and the orders of the Division of Industrial Welfare. April 26. **LS—Good**

AB 3088 Meyers (Ed.) Classified school employees. Extends to classified employees of county superintendent of schools, and to classified employees of school districts having an average daily attendance of 250 or more and which have not adopted a merit system of employment, the same tenure rights as provided for teachers except that a probationary period of one year shall be provided and probationary employees may be dismissed or demoted without a statement of cause of an appeal to the governing board. April 26. **PE—Good**

AB 3095 Moreno (Mun. & C.G.) Community redevelopment. Requires, for approval of a redevelopment plan which may result in displacement of occupants of housing facilities, that legislative body find that permanent facilities are available in the community for the persons displaced at rents or purchase prices comparable to those in the community at the time of their displacement, rather than that the redevelopment agency has a feasible method or plan for the relocation of displaced persons. April 26. **HO—Good**

AB 3101 Stevens (Fin. & Ins.) Disability insurance policy provisions. Revises various provisions relating to disability insurance policy provisions to prevent duplicate payment and overpayment of disability, medical and hospital benefits where insured purchases or is covered by more than one policy; and repeals various provisions rendered inconsistent. April 26. **IN—Bad**

AB 3111 Kennick (M., O., & M.I.) Petroleum. Revises state laws regarding petroleum products. April 26. **MI—Watch**

AB 3112 Unruh (Ed.) Public school classes. Makes unlawful, without prior consent of school authorities, use of electronic listening or recording devices in public school classrooms. April 26. **ED—Good**

AB 3114 Burton (Soc. Wel.) Assistance to needy blind. Establishes maximum average grant of \$120 per month for recipients and prescribes adjustment procedure when average grant is more than or less than this figure. Eliminates maximum limitation on individual aid grants. Prescribes bases and procedures for computation of cost-of-living adjustment and directs

State Department of Social Welfare to make appropriate adjustments in the grants. April 26. **MI—Good**

AB 3115 Henson (Ind. R.) Boiler inspection. Authorizes Division of Industrial Safety to permit water tube boilers to operate 24 months between internal inspections under certain conditions. Deletes provision permitting external inspections of installed fire boilers in addition to annual internal and external inspection. April 26. **S—Watch**

AB 3122 Warren (Agr.) Processed foodstuffs marketing act. Provides for orders regulating marketing, preparing and processing of processed foodstuffs. April 26. **MI—Good**

ACA 46 Carrell (Rev. & Tax.) Property tax assessment. Eliminates requirement that property be assessed at its full cash value, that utility property be assessed at its true value, and that assessments when equalized conform to the true value of property. April 24. **TA—Bad**

ACA 48 Meyers (G.O.) California Farm and Home Authority. Authorizes the Legislature to create the California Farm and Home Authority for the purpose of establishing standards for home construction and guaranteeing loans made for such construction, when made by recognized lending institutions. Permits the giving or lending of the funds or credit of the State for this purpose. April 24. **HO—Watch**

ACA 50 Pattee (C.A.) Alcoholic beverages. Deletes provision stating that in exercise of rights and powers granted by Section 22 of Article XX the Legislature shall not constitute the State or any agency thereof a manufacturer or seller of alcoholic beverages. April 25. **LS—Watch**

ACA 53 Dymally (Elec. & Reap.) State education officers. Provides that the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be appointed, instead of being elected, and shall serve at the pleasure of the board. Removes the Legislature's discretion to provide for appointment or election of a State Board of Education and requires the Legislature to provide for election of sixteen members to the State Board of Education by districts composed of five contiguous assembly districts. Makes appropriate provision to continue present Superintendent of Public Instruction and board members in office. April 26. **ED—Bad**

ACA 56 Meyers (Rls.) Legislative sessions. Abolishes the budget sessions of the Legislature in even-numbered years. Provides that regular sessions of the Legislature, of same scope, in terms of subject matter, as present general sessions in odd-numbered years, shall be held annually. Provides that such annual regular sessions may not be longer than 100 calendar days excluding Saturdays and Sundays, rather than, as now prescribed for general sessions, 120 calendar days excluding Saturdays and Sundays. Provides that at any regular session, no bill, other than the Budget Bill, shall be heard by any committee or be acted upon by either house until 20 calendar days, rather than, as now prescribed for general sessions, 30 calendar days, have elapsed following date of introduction. April 26. **SL—Watch**

ACA 59 Allen (Elec. & Reap.) Election of state officers. Provides that primary elections for state officers shall be held in August, commencing in 1966 and every fourth year thereafter. Provides four-year terms for Members of Assembly elected in 1964 and thereafter. Extends terms of Senators elected in 1962 from 1966 to 1968, and provides that all Senators shall thereafter be elected for four-year terms at same times and places as are Members of the Assembly. April 26. **SL—Bad**

ACA 64 Meyers (Rev. & Tax.) Income taxes. Authorizes Legislature to impose state income taxes by referring to federal laws, including any income tax computed under those laws, as they may be changed from time to time. April 26. **TA—Watch**

ACR 74 Belotti (Ind.R.) State Housing Law. Requests the Department of Industrial Relations to hold public hearings during the 1963-1965 interim period for the purpose of ascertaining whether, in fact, unreasonable applications of the State Housing Law, or rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, to dwellings in unincorporated areas have caused hardships. April 23. **HO—Bad**

AJR 42 Veysey (Rls.) Agricultural workers. Memorializes Congress to provide for a uniform minimum wage for agricultural workers. April 25. **LS—Watch**

SENATE BILLS

SB 1292 Short (B. & P.) Electronic repair dealer registration. Creates within the Department of Professional and Vocational Standards a Bureau of Electronic Repair Dealer Registration and vests therein the duty to register and regulate service dealers as defined. Makes it unlawful to act as a service dealer without being registered with the bureau. April 18. **MI—Watch**

SB 1308 Petersen (Ins. & F.I.) Workmen's compensation: attachment and execution. Exempts money paid as workmen's compensation from attachment and execution except in the case of a person who has been allowed a lien by the Industrial Accident Commission. April 22. **WC—Good**

SB 1318 Farr (Ins. & F.I.) Unemployment insurance: appeals referees. Requires that Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board referees have, at time of appointment, been active members of California State Bar for five

years and possess other requirements prescribed by State Personnel Board. Affords exception for presently employed nonattorney member referees, and makes other technical changes. April 22. **UI—Bad**

SB 1326 Begovich (Lab.) Safety in employment. Prohibits operation of an internal combustion engine in an underground place of employment. April 22. **S—Watch**

SB 1331 Miller (Gov. Eff.) Public assistance. Provides for payment of aid to needy children of unemployed parents, as well as to children one of whose parents is absent from home or is mentally or physically incapacitated. Permits payment of aid to needy child over 16 years of age if child is regularly attending training program or is applying his earnings to county approved plan for further education or preparation for future employment. Permits recipient to own, over and above other personal property allowed, motor vehicle of reasonable value used for work or to

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- seek work, and other personal property connected with his efforts to become self-supporting. Requires that to extent feasible and practical, aid shall be paid semi-monthly, if greater portion of industry in area pays its employees semi-monthly. Prescribes standards to be used in determining whether parent is unemployed, and conditions with which he must comply to remain eligible for aid. Provides that whenever practical and feasible, unemployed parent or other employable family member shall be assigned to community work or training project. April 23. **MI—Good**
- SB 1332 Stiern** (Ed.) Special prevocational school programs. Authorizes school districts to establish, for purposes of reducing elementary and high school dropouts, special programs in prevocational education for potential dropout pupils who have demonstrated aptitudes. Authorizes waiver of specified otherwise compulsory courses of study, and educational concentration in prevocational courses for those purposes. April 23. **TR—Watch**
- SB 1340 Nisbet** (Gov. Eff.) Rehabilitation. Creates Department of Rehabilitation in Health and Welfare Agency, headed by a director appointed by the Governor. Transfers to the new department various functions concerning vocational rehabilitation, except with respect to the blind, now exercised by the Department of Education. Transfers to the Division for the Blind of the Department of Social Welfare various rehabilitation functions pertaining to the blind, now exercised by the Department of Education. Adds Director of Rehabilitation as member of Coordinating Council on Programs for Handicapped Children. To become operative October 1, 1963. April 23. **TR—Watch**
- SB 1346 Regan** (Ins. & F.I.) Workmen's compensation. Provides for leave of absence without loss of salary for not more than one year in lieu of disability payments under workmen's compensation laws for forestry members of the State Employees' Retirement System whose principal duties consist of active fire suppression and who have had 10 years or more of service in a forestry position. April 23. **WC—Watch**
- SB 1348 Holmdahl** (Gov. Eff.) Pre-emption by legislation. Provides that it is not the intention of the Legislature to pre-empt any field, to the exclusion of counties and cities, and no statute or combination of statutes shall be interpreted as evidencing any such legislative intent, unless there is in effect a specific statutory declaration of intention of the Legislature to pre-empt the field. Would permit local "right to work" laws. April 23. **LU—Bad**
- SB 1358 Lagomarsino** (Jud.) Sex offenses. Provides that the provisions of the Penal Code shall not, after effective date of bill, be interpreted as evidencing an intent of the State to pre-empt the field of criminal aspects of sexual activity, and any county or city may adopt ordinances, supplementary to state law, in such field. April 23. **CR—Bad**
- SB 1362 Christensen** (B. & P.) Bread weight. Deletes provisions which establish tolerances in weight for standard bread loaves; specifies weight for each type of standard loaf, including a new "small loaf," and requires the Director of Agriculture to establish reasonable tolerances in weights for standard bread loaves. April 23. **MI—Bad**
- SB 1377 Murdy** (Rev. & Tax.) Sales tax. Exempts sales generally of tangible personal property purchased solely for use outside this State. April 24. **TA—Bad**
- SB 1379 Rees** (Ed.) Countywide vocational high schools. Requires each county superintendent of schools to establish and maintain a countywide vocational high school for pupils in the county. Allows a school district to do so. Provides for countywide tax for such schools. Appropriates funds from General Fund to State School Fund for such purposes. April 24. **TR—Watch**
- SB 1380 Rees** (Gov. Eff.) Preferences in public purchase. Provides that provisions of law requiring preferences for American-made materials in public purchases do not apply where products are purchased with a view to use in the production or transmission of goods for commercial use. April 24. **LS—Bad**
- SB 1396 Stiern** (Pub. H. & S.) Farm Labor Center Law. Provides for acquisition and operation of farm labor centers by housing authorities established pursuant to the Housing Authorities Law (Ch. 1 (commencing with Sec. 34200), Pt. 2, Div. 24, H. & S.C.). Prescribes powers and duties of such housing authorities with respect to such farm labor centers. April 24. **HO & LS—Watch**
- SB 1405 Farr** (Wat. Res.) Advertising: waterways. Prohibits, with certain exceptions, advertising displays on watercraft or waters of this State and upon lands adjacent to waters where advertising is primarily designed for persons using or on the waters. April 24. **LS—Watch**
- SB 1426 Grunsky** (Ed.) Private schools. Prohibits persons or other entities owning or representing private schools offering training to adults from making prescribed types of representations, advertisements, or solicitations. Prescribes penalties for violation of such provisions. Exempts certain colleges and universities from such provisions. April 25. **TR—Watch**
- SB 1427 Dolwig** (Ins. & F.I.) Unemployment insurance funds. Requires Director of Employment, prior to November 10, 1964, to requisition from State's account in the Unemployment Trust Fund moneys necessary to repay benefits paid in this State under the temporary Unemployment Compensation Act of 1958; but makes requirement applicable only if the Legislature appropriates from Contingent Fund and pays to the United States specified moneys owing; and transfers specified minimum sum from General Fund to Unemployment Fund. Makes repayment requirements inapplicable if federal government enacts legislation removing obligation. April 25. **UI—Watch**
- SB 1618 Miller** (Ed.) Teacher dismissal proceedings. Repeals provision allowing, in a court hearing on the dismissal of a certificated school district employee, the testimony of expert witnesses and consideration by a court of a report of members of a commission on personnel standards maintained by a statewide professional educational association or a statewide organization of school district governing boards. April 26. **PE—Good**
- SB 1619 Miller** (Ed.) School expenses. Includes salaries of librarians employed by a junior college district in the computation of salaries of classroom teachers for purposes of the provision requiring each school district to expend specified percentages of the district's current expense of education for the payment of salaries of classroom teachers. April 26. **PE—Watch**
- SB 1620 Miller** (Lab.) Private employment agencies. Provides that a person employing part-time personal services to, for, or under the direction of, a third person is not a "labor contractor," and therefore not an "employment agency" for purposes of the provisions governing private agencies, whether or not such services are in business offices or industrial establishments. April 26. **EA—Bad**
- SJR 25 Geddes** (Soc. Wel.) Surplus food for aged. Urges federal government to make more surplus food available to senior citizens and to non-profit senior citizen organizations. May 1. **MI—Good**

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gram to the children of the unemployed along with other liberalizations in the categorical aid programs, was passed by the Senate on Wednesday by a 30 to 9 vote.

Overall, the package is handsome, but the protections against exploitation of the unemployed person in qualifying for the extended ANC benefits are not all that they should be. This will require careful policing at the local level under State standards when the extension goes into operation.

The liberalization package was amended into AB 59 on the Senate side. Concurrence in the Senate

amendments, however, is expected in the Assembly without any trouble. Assemblyman Phillip Burton has been steering the bill through the Legislature.

Public Employee Political Rights

A "do pass" recommendation was given to AB 856 (Petrus) by the Assembly Elections and Reapportionment Committee this Wednesday. In pre-empting the field of political activities, the measure gives public employees at the local level the right to participate fully in political campaigns for State and federal offices during their off-work hours. Restrictions on participation in local political activities is left to local option along with authority to curb political activities during working hours. Similar legislation got by the

Assembly two years ago, but was defeated in the Senate.

On another public employee front, the Assembly Civil Service and State Personnel Committee gave a "do pass" recommendation to a Federation-sponsored measure (AB 609—Z'berg) which would curb the practice of employing State employees out of classification. The bill is on the Assembly floor for passage.

Probationary Teachers

The AFL-CIO teachers won a significant victory on the floor of the Assembly this Tuesday. AB 1575 (Veysey) a CTA bill which would have destroyed protections for probationary teachers achieved two years ago, was re-referred to committee from the lower house floor.

Senate Unit Dumps Representation Procedures Bill; Assembly Committee Undercuts Women's Eight Hour Law

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injury on Wednesday with the approval of AB 983 (Bane), a bill aimed at reinstituting a version of the so-called defense production act to allow defense producers to work women up to 10 hours a day and 54 hours a week under a special "emergency exemption permit" issued by the Department of Industrial Relations. The effect of the Bane bill would be to undercut the women's 8-hour law which has been on the statute books for almost half a century.

Although the Bane bill appears to be well greased by the Assembly leadership for passage through the lower house, it still has a long way to go.

Two years ago the Senate dumped the old defense production act (originally enacted during the Korean War) when the defense producers were unable to offer a shred of evidence justifying its extension in the face of heavy unemployment.

The inability of the proponents to demonstrate any adverse effect of the law's expiration on the national defense effort or California's favorable industrial climate also blocked passage of an almost identical Bane bill in the Senate last year during a special session of the legislature.

Nothing has transpired since then to justify the Assembly Committee's action this Wednesday. Bane did not advance any evidence to justify the bill. In fact, cancellation of the "Skybolt" contracts in the defense sector of the economy was pinpointed last week by the Department of Employment as an important factor contributing to an increase in unemployment that saw the April seasonally adjusted rate of joblessness in California jump to 6.2% — exceeding the national average of 5.7% for the same month.

Over the opposition of the state AFL-CIO, the Assembly unit nevertheless yielded to the pressures of manufacturers seeking to undermine the 8-hour law in the name of "national defense." A "do pass" recommendation was given the Bane bill on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Badham (R), Burgerer (R), Cusanovich (R), Dymally (D), and Song (D)—6.

NOES: Elliott (D) (Ch.), Foran

(D), Gaffney (D), and Veysey (R)—5

AB 983, in providing for reinstatement of the defense production act, is designed to side-step the women's eight hour law as such. At the same time, Bane won Committee approval of another bill (AB 984) which removes all of the existing exemptions in the 8-hour law itself and provides for an 8 hour day within a 40 hour workweek, instead of a 48 hour workweek.

The surface conflict in objectives of the two bills is reconciled by the apparent ulterior purpose Assemblyman Bane has in mind. His interest in strengthening the 8-hour law appears to exist only to the extent that AB 894 will help secure the broadside exemption in AB 893 that would undercut the law.

It was evident on Committee approval of the bill to strengthen the law that the intent is to drop AB 894 as soon as the ulterior purpose has been served. None of the employer groups enjoying exemptions from the 8-hour law even bothered to appear against AB 894. Bane knows that the measure, since it would remove the agricultural exemption from the 8-hour law among others, stands no chance of getting by the Senate.

This cynicism and willingness to use the plight of agricultural workers for "leverage" to aid defense manufacturers, however, was not something that could be taken lightly on the Senate side this Monday. **Holmdahl Bill**

The defeat of Senator Holmdahl's SB 811 — the Federation's representation procedures bill—was primarily at the hands of agri-business and the corporate growers who carried the day. The Holmdahl bill would have provided election procedures to establish representation and bargaining rights for agricultural workers as well as other wage earners in intrastate commerce who fall outside the jurisdiction of the federal labor-management relations act and NLRB procedures. No machinery exists at the state level to implement state policy favoring organization for collective bargaining and other concerted activities.

The opposition to SB 811 was led by the Associated Farmers, the California Farm Bureau Federation

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"Little Norris-LaGuardia Act"

SB 812 (Holmdahl)—the Federation's "Little Norris-LaGuardia Act" which would curb the issuance of anti-labor ex parte injunctions—ran into serious trouble this week in the Senate. The important labor bill was scheduled for hearing on Monday in the upper house Judiciary Committee where it was considered to have a chance of winning clearance to the floor of the Senate.

The Committee, however, sent the bill to the Rules Committee for re-referral. This means that the bill will probably be sent to the Senate Labor Committee which this week killed the Holmdahl representation procedures bill, SB 811. (See lead story).

Full Employment Policy

SB 370 (Holmdahl) is on the Governor's desk for signature. This is a significant measure that establishes a full employment policy for the State and requires the Governor to submit an economic message to the Legislature each year with recommendations for achieving full employment. The impact of the measure will be to bring focus on how the State can supplement federal activities in coming to grips with the unemployment problem.

The Assembly approved the bill by a 50 to 11 vote last Friday, and the Senate concurred in some minor Assembly amendments this Tuesday before sending it to the Governor for his signature.

Social Welfare Package Bill

AB 59 (Burton), the Social Welfare liberalization bill which includes extension of the ANC pro-

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and the Agricultural Council of California—the traditional spokesman for agri-business and opponents of any legislation that would improve the miserable conditions of life and labor of agricultural workers.

Without interfering with the collective bargaining process, SB 811 was aimed at promoting the peaceful resolution of representation issues and discouraging unnecessary use of economic force where democratic procedures would be more satisfactory and less costly to workers, management and the public at large.

The defeat of the Holmdahl bill was by voice vote of the 7-member Senate Labor Committee.

Assembly Unit Bows To Financial Interests

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League, Consumer Cooperative groups and others.

The line up against the bill included the California Bankers Association, the State Savings and Loan League, the California Retailers Association, and a University of Michigan professor named Robert W. Johnson, who was hired for the occasion by various loan associations and credit groups. The gist of the special interests pitch against AB 2288 was the proposition that disclosure of the true cost of credit in simple annual interest terms would actually "confuse" the consumer. It was pointed out by Assemblyman Warren that banks and savings and loan associations use the simple annual interest rate concept in advertising to attract savings, but this did not appear to impress the opposition.

Warren indicated his amazement that any person of good will should be opposed to an "informed" consumer. As State Consumer Counsel Helen Nelson put it: "Money lenders are retailers of credit; like retailers of merchandise, they should honor the practice of setting a price."

Warren also reminded the lower house unit (controlled 13 to 7 by Democrats) that "truth in lending" was a plank in the platform of "one of the two major parties"—namely the Democratic Party. The Committee, however, bowed to the special interests of the banks, savings and loan associations, and other money merchants.

Committee Chairman James R. Mills of San Diego prohibited any questioning of either proponents or opponents of the measure during their testimony. Following an hour and a half of pro and con statements, Mills asked for a motion on the disposition of the bill before the Committee. A deadly silence followed, which was broken by the mo-

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any type of "special consideration for these workers."

"Quite the contrary," he declared, "a legislative program designed merely to place farm workers on an equal footing with other Americans would bid fair to tie up the Congress and the several state legislatures for a full session."

Labor's appeal, he explained, "is rather a plea for discontinuing the unprecedented role of government as agribusiness' active partner in depriving domestic farm workers of any voice in determining their conditions of employment."

Public Law 78 was enacted in 1961 during the Korean conflict as emergency legislation to meet a labor shortage. During its first year 192,000 braceros were brought in. Although the labor shortage has long since passed, the law has been repeatedly extended and the annual importation of braceros has more than doubled. From 1956 to 1959, for example, a minimum of 433,000 braceros were used each year.

Although domestic farm workers are denied unemployment insurance, minimum wage coverage, and

tion to kill the bill by sending it to Interim Committee. Assemblyman Jack T. Casey of Bakersfield made the motion, seconded by Victor V. Veysey of Brawley.

Assemblyman Phillip Burton of San Francisco attempted to save the measure by calling on Dr. Richard Morse of Kansas State University to answer allegations by the opponents that "truth in lending" would only serve to "confuse" the consumer. Morse, however, a consumer credit expert and Chairman of President Kennedy's Consumer Advisory Committee, was effectively foreclosed from answering Burton's questions by Assemblyman John T. Knox, who successfully moved the previous question on Casey's Interim Committee motion.

protection of their rights to bargain collectively, the braceros, at the insistence of the Mexican government, are guaranteed a minimum amount of work, workmen's compensation, free housing and transportation and subsistence when work is not available.

In 1960, a minority report issued by the House Agriculture Committee that studied the depressing effect the bracero program has had on farm wages reported:

"In nearly seven out of every ten cases, farm wages in these bracero using areas either declined or remained the same in the six-year period, 1953-1959, when pay in other industries sharply rose. In two out of every ten cases, wages actually dropped."

Only about two percent of the nation's farmers use braceros. Such farms are usually large-scale operations and are frequently corporate owned. In many cases the actual ownership is in the hands of large food processing companies.

This is the background that prompted organized labor's appeal to Congress to prevent an extension of Public Law 78.

Burton followed with an attempt to amend the bill to make the penalty provisions more acceptable, but he was ruled out of order. He then advanced a substitute motion, seconded by Anthony C. Beilensen of Beverly Hills, to give the bill a "do pass" recommendation. Burton and Beilensen were the only two audible "aye" votes in support of AB 2288 as the substitute motion was immediately put to a voice vote and defeated.

The final blow to the consumer, sending the bill to Interim Committee on a voice vote, was perfunctory. The financial interests enjoyed a day in firm control of this key Committee in the Assembly.

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