

Cal Delegation Divided on Bracero Extension Bill

The California delegation in the House of Representatives voted 21 to 16 in support of the "bracero" extension bill that was defeated by the House last week in an historic 174 to 158 vote.

Seven Democrats joined fourteen Republicans to continue the bracero importation system which the New York Times described editorially this week as "a device perpetuating the exploitation of domestic farm workers by permitting growers to draw on a limitless pool of low-wage labor from south of the Rio Grande."

The 16 members of the California delegation who opposed extension beyond the December 31, 1963 expiration date of Public Law 78 were all Democrats. (There is one vacancy in the State's thirty-eight-member delegation.)

The vote was as follows ("paired" means the Congressman was not present but paired either for or against extension as indicated):

Voting for Extension

Democrats: Hagen; Hanna (paired); Johnson; Leggett; McFall; Moss; and Sisk—7.

Republicans: Baldwin; Bell; Clausen; Gubser; Hosmer (paired); Lipscomb; Mailliard; Martin; Smith; Talcott; Teague; Utt; Wilson, Bob; and Younger—14.

Voting Against Extension

Democrats: Burkhalter; Brown (paired); Cameron; Cohelan; Corman; Edwards; Hawkins; Holified; King; Miller; Roosevelt; Roybal; Shelley (paired); Sheppard; Van Deerlin; Wilson, Chas. H. (paired)—16.

Full Employment "Policy" Bill Signed Into Law

Governor Edmund G. Brown has signed into law a bill calling for an annual "state of the economy" report to the Legislature by him and future governors.

SB 370, introduced by Senator John W. Holmdahl (D) Alameda County, also provides for annual recommendations from the governor for state action to stimulate employment and gives official recognition to state efforts to achieve full employment.

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Labor Unit Revives 'Hot Cargo' Repealer; Senate Dumps It

Federation-sponsored legislation repealing the state's unconstitutional "Hot Cargo and Secondary Boycotts Act" was revived this week by the Senate Labor Committee and then dumped on the Senate floor.

Overtaking an earlier decision several weeks ago, the Labor unit gave a "do pass" recommendation to the repealer bill this Monday. The measure is SB 889, authored by Senator Eugene McAteer, Chairman of the Senate Labor Committee.

On the floor of the Senate this Wednesday, however, Senator Howard Way of Tulare County secured rereference of the bill to the Senate Governmental Efficiency Committee. The action was taken by voice vote with many senators absent because of simultaneous committee meetings in progress.

It is very doubtful that anything can be done to revive the labor bill again.

Enacted in 1941, the hot cargo and secondary boycotts act was declared unconstitutional in 1947 in a decision that said its provisions were "too sweeping, vague and un-

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Automation Commission Bill Sent to Governor

Legislation creating a California Commission on Manpower, Automation and Technology is headed for the Governor's office for signature.

The labor-supported measure, AB 49 (Elliott), was passed by the State Senate this Monday on a 30 to 2 roll call vote. Its effect is to provide a statutory base for a similar commission which has been functioning on a limited basis by Executive Order of the Governor.

The commission is to consist of 29 members—4 Senators, 4 Assem-

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Fair Housing Action Postponed Again

The Senate Committee on Governmental Efficiency this week again postponed further consideration of AB 1240, the Rumford Fair Housing Bill.

Senator Luther Gibson of Solano County, Chairman, announced that the key civil rights measure will be put to a vote of the upper house committee on June 12th.

The cause of the further delay was attributed to the huge backlog of Senate bills which had to be given priority because of a Thursday deadline for Senate action on its own bills under the joint rules of the Legislature.

Meanwhile, the ultimate fate of the Rumford bill is still very much in doubt. It is anticipated that the Governmental Efficiency Committee will report out a bill, but its provisions may be seriously weakened, necessitating a floor effort to restore the effectiveness of the ban on housing discrimination.

William Becker, Secretary-Treasurer of the California Committee for Fair Practices which is coordinating the drive behind AB 1240, is urging "another round of urgent messages" to Senators in support of the Rumford bill.

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COMMITTEE HEARINGS

ASSEMBLY

Monday, June 10

Municipal and County Government,
Room 2133, 3:45 p.m.

SB 705 (Bradley) Financing county capital improvements. **Bad**

SB 856 (Rees) Regional planning districts. **Watch**

Public Health, Room 5168, 1:30 p.m.

SB 564 (Teale) Advisory Hospital Council. **Watch**

Tuesday, June 11

Transportation and Commerce,

Room 5168, 3:45 p.m.

SB 1020 (Collier) Safety regulations of highway common carriers, etc. **Bad**

Wednesday, June 12

Governmental Efficiency and Economy,

Room 2170, 1:30 p.m.

SB 866 (Bradley) Fair employment practices. **Watch**

SENATE

Monday, June 10

Business and Professions,

Room 4040, 9:30 a.m.

AB 2127 (Meyers) Specialty contractors. **Watch**

SR 188 (O'Sullivan) State Board of Dry Cleaners. **Watch**

AB 1814 (Quimby) Contractors. **Watch**

AB 2630 (Beilenson) Contractors. **Good**

Judiciary, Room 4203, 9 a.m.—also on adjournment and at 8 p.m., if necessary.

AB 1799 (Foran) Safety in employment. **Good**

AB 1294 (Dannemeyer) Employees' actions. **Good**

AB 2513 (Soto) Wages. **Good**

AB 1887 (Meyers) Homesteads. **Good**

Note: Bills not reached at this meeting will be heard at the June 17 meeting, commencing at 9 a.m.

Labor, Room 5007, 10:30 a.m.

AB 836 (Frew) Employment contracts. **Watch**

AB 2009 (Kennick) Private employment agencies. **Bad**

AB 2444 (Foran) Female employees. **Good**

AB 2483 (Meyers) Relating to minors. **Good**

AB 2634 (Soto) Farm labor contractors. **Good**

Revenue and Taxation, Room 4040, 1:15 p.m.

AB 1950 (Petrus) Gift tax exemptions. **Good**

AB 2961 (Bagley) City license taxes upon contractors. **Bad**

Wednesday, June 12

Education, Room 5007, 9:30 a.m.

AB 2488 (Monagan) Vocational education. **Watch**

AB 3112 (Unruh) Public schools. **Good**

Fish and Game, Room 3191, 1:30 p.m.

AB 2936 (Thomas) Commercial sardine season. **Good**

Governmental Efficiency, Room 4203, 9 a.m.

AB 147 (Z'berg) Vacations for state employees. **Watch**

AB 545 (Gaffney) Dangerous work. **Good**

AB 856 (Petrus) Political activities of public employees. **Good**

AB 1239 (Dymally) Changes name of State Fair Employment Practices Commission. **Good**

AB 1240 (Rumford) Fair Housing Bill. **Good**

AB 1272 (Foran) Supplemental instruction for isolated apprentices. **Watch**

AB 1359 (Beilenson) Television and radio repairs. **Good**

AB 1605 (Dymally) Real estate licensees. **Good**

AB 1663 (Knox) Urban affairs. **Watch**

AB 2397 (Meyers) Disciplinary proceedings in civil service. **Good**

AB 2863 (Unruh) Retail installment sales. **Good**

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Assembly Urged to Reject Eight-Hour Law Exemption

The California Labor Federation has called upon the State Assembly to defeat 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 ten hours a day and fifty-four hours a week under a system of special "emergency exemption permits" issued by the Department of Industrial Relations.

The measure is on the floor of the Assembly having won clearance from both the lower house Committees on Industrial Relations and Ways and Means.

In a communication directed to all Members of the Assembly, Secretary-Treasurer Thos. L. Pitts called attention to the "regrettable" circumstances under which it was still necessary to direct an appeal to the Members of the Assembly in opposition to AB 983 "despite continued high levels of unemployment."

"In the name of 'national defense', without a shred of evidence justifying its need, AB 983 would undermine the State's half-century old eight-hour law for women in a sector of our economy that accounts for approximately 35 percent of our manufacturing production statewide and close to 50 percent or more in some major defense production areas of the State," Pitts said.

The State AFL-CIO leader warned that nothing has transpired since 1961 to warrant reinstitution of the defense production act which was permitted to expire in that year. The following contrary facts were advanced in urging a "No" vote:

1. Seasonally adjusted unemployment in California, at 6.2 percent of the labor force in April, is higher than the national average and reflects an increase over a year ago.
2. High levels of unemployment and of surplus labor are characteristic of all the defense production areas in the State. In fact, in every major defense center there has been an increase in unemployment over the year.
3. The expiration of the defense production act in 1961 has neither hampered the ability of industry in California to obtain defense contracts nor affected

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"As the leading state in the nation and the fastest growing we can no longer leave to blind chance the course of our economic development," said Senator Holmdahl.

"Much of our economy is based on defense and space industry contracts," he continued. "The state has an obligation to work with such industries in maintaining a labor pool responsive to rapidly changing technologies.

"Furthermore, it is imperative that we begin to plan now for the day when disarmament and a decrease in military activities will require a conversion of our economy to full, peacetime status."

"The state also has an obligation to work with California agriculture to prepare for the certain impact of Common Market competition.

"This legislation gives the state, for the first time, both the responsibility and the authority to promote full use of California's economic resources."

Major areas on which the governor will report to the Legislature annually are employment, production, purchasing power and economic trends.

Governor Brown said "California's present population growth requires us to produce 225,000 new jobs a year. To meet that objective, state government must join with all sectors of the economy in creating new opportunities for our work force, new markets for the products of our fields and factories, and new and comprehensive planning for our economic future."

Immediately after signing SB 370, the governor instructed Director of Finance Hale Champion to direct the state's new responsibilities for economic planning.

the defense effort adversely in any way.

4. Awards for prime military contracts have continued to increase both in absolute dollar amounts and in the State's relative share.
5. California's favorable industrial climate, geared to high social standards, has made California the envy of other States in its ability to attract industry and obtain national defense contracts.

A vote on AB 983 is expected before the week is out.

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certain, and permit the prior censorship of matters protected by the constitutional guarantee of free speech and free press." It is still in the Labor Code, however, and organized labor has regularly sought its repeal.

SB 889 joins other Federation-sponsored labor bills on the casualty list of the 1963 general session of the legislature. This includes legislation to curb the use of professional strikebreakers, enact a state fair labor standards act, and restrict the issuance of anti-labor ex parte injunctions.

With two weeks of the session left, developments on other fronts, including social insurance legislation, are too fluid to give any accurate report at this time.

The following are some of the actions reportable.

Private Trade Schools

AB 419 (Knox) is on the Assembly floor for passage having won clearance this Wednesday from the Assembly Ways and Means Committee. This Federation-sponsored measure broadens and extends the authority of the Labor Commissioner to regulate private trade schools under the private employment agency law when employment is held out as an inducement for enrollment. The Labor Commissioner would be required to establish standards to prevent deceptive and misleading advertising concerning job availability, the skills involved, and the length of time required to learn a trade or skill. It also provides for the development of standards governing placement activities and requires fulfillment of a promise of placement or return of the training fees charged.

Health Insurance Bills

Two Federation-sponsored measures on this subject were sent to interim committee for "study" this week.

SB 1150 (Collier) would have enacted a State health care program for the aged, employing the social insurance principle and providing hospital, surgical, and nursing home care as a matter of right. The Collier bill was sent to interim committee by the Senate Committee on Insurance and Financial Institutions on opposition of the California Medical Association and the private insurance carriers.

AB 2644 (Song) would have es-

tablished a State health care program for the general population, also on a social insurance principle. It was sent to interim committee by the Assembly Committee on Finance and Insurance.

Tax Reform Bills

The proposed State income tax withholding bill (AB 1944), a key measure in Governor Brown's tax reform program supported by organized labor, has run into trouble in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee. Final action has been postponed on three occasions during the past two weeks. This Wednesday, the Ways and Means Committee took the bill under "submission" on a 12 to 6 roll call vote. This means that the Committee may take it up again at any time when there are sufficient votes present to give it clearance to the Assembly floor. On a permanent basis, without increasing taxes, AB 1944 would boost State revenues by an estimated fifty million dollars a year from a progressive (ability to pay) source. At the same time, it would strengthen the State income tax structure as a progressive source of revenue.

On another portion of the Governor's tax program, the Ways and Means Committee cleared AB 1946 to the floor of the Assembly. This measure provides for quarterly payments of bank and corporation taxes on a current basis.

Public Employees

AB 609 (Z'berg), restricting the employment of State employees out of classification, is dead. This Assembly-approved measure sponsored by the Federation was killed this Wednesday by the Senate Governmental Efficiency Committee.

Braceros

The Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions Committee has approved a bill by Senator Farr of Monterey County (SB 1506) which proposes a \$50,000 study of the "social, economic and financial impact" of the termination of Public Law 78, stemming from Congress' refusal last week to extend the bracero importation program. The study would be made by an "independent organization" under the direction of the State Department of Employment. It is hoped that, if the bill passes, the emphasis will be placed on developing the State's badly neglected and abused domestic farm labor force.

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blymen, 15 members appointed by the Governor, and 6 ex officio members. The 15 Governor's appointees are to include 6 from labor, 6 from management, and 3 who represent the general public. The ex officio members are the Commissioner of the Economic Development Agency and the Directors of the Departments of Industrial Relations, Employment, Education, Social Welfare, and Agriculture.

The main function of the Commission is to encourage coordinated labor market surveys and projections of skill needs considered vital to the development of job training and retraining programs. Provision is made in the bill for an Executive Secretary with clerical assistants and for utilization of the staffs of the Departments of Industrial Relations, Employment and Education for the studies and surveys to be undertaken.

It is anticipated that the bulk of the funds utilized will come from the Federal Government under the Federal Manpower and Training Act. In this respect, 11 of the Commission members would double as a State Manpower Advisory Committee for the implementation of the federal act. These 11 members include: 3 representatives of the general public; 3 from labor; 3 from management; and 4 representing the State Departments of Industrial Relations, Employment, Agriculture and Education.

Equal Pay Bill Now Set for JFK Signature

A bill to provide equal pay for women was cleared for President Kennedy's signature last week when the U. S. Senate abandoned its bill and accepted the House version in order to avert the threat of a new bottleneck in the Rules Committee.

The measure, effective one year after enactment, provides coverage and enforcement under the Fair Labor Standards Act and bans cutting wages of male workers to "equalize" wages of women. But it includes a provision vigorously opposed by labor which adds an additional year's "grace period" to equalize wages when differing pay rates are spelled out in union contracts.

U.S. Senate OKs Federal Aid for Mental Health

By a lopsided vote of 72 to 1, the U. S. Senate last week approved President Kennedy's request for a large scale program of federal aid to fight mental illness and retardation by passing a measure (S 1576) that would authorize:

- A \$230 million, four year program of grants to construct community mental health centers with funds to be allocated on the basis of population and need.
- An eight year program to start July 1, 1965 that provides \$427 million to help pay the salaries of the staffs of new centers.
- Other programs to provide grants of \$185.5 million over a five year period for research facilities, for training mentally retarded persons, and for training teachers of the retarded, emotionally disturbed, crippled, deaf and other handicapped children.

The community mental health center construction program represents a sharp departure from the traditional system of herding the mentally ill into large state institutions, but it is thoroughly in line with a long range plan developed by the California Department of Mental Hygiene with the help of scores of private citizens and experts in the mental health field during the past two years.

The California plan is based on the now widely accepted concept that adequate psychiatric care and treatment should be available as early as possible, as continuously as possible, with as little dislocation as possible, and with as much social restoration as possible.

A measure currently before the State Legislature, SB 636 (Short),

Engle Raps Right Wing Extremists at 4-State COPE Conference in S.F.

More than 400 COPE delegates from Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada and California converged on the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco last week to review the results of the 1962 general election and to map plans for the presidential election next year.

U. S. Senator Clair Engle, principal speaker at the morning session on May 28, warned the delegates that "we can no longer dismiss (right wing) extremist groups as cranks . . . Their strategy is to use every device of propaganda and intimidation in areas (such as the sparsely settled mountain states) where a few votes can swing an election."

would supplement the proposed federal legislation by providing some of the funds for the operation of the community centers. The bill, an amendment to the Short-Doyle Act of 1957, has already been approved in the Senate and has been passed by the Assembly Social Welfare Committee. It is currently awaiting a hearing by the Assembly Ways and Means Committee. The bill would increase the state's subvention from 50 percent to 75 percent and thereby bring more communities into the state program.

On the federal level the House has completed hearings on HR 3688, the lower House's companion measure to S 1576, but has not yet reported or taken action on the measure.

On learning of the U. S. Senate's action last week, Governor Edmund G. Brown pointed out that one in five Californians will be touched by mental illness in the course of their lives and appealed to all California representatives to support the proposed \$842 million legislative program in this field.

"In the process they are sowing distrust for all American institutions—its schools, its courts, its government.

Dr. Otto Frietag, Professor of Political Science at Alameda State College, analyzed the Congressional election results in all four states during the afternoon session and concluded, among other things, that although the COPE effort appeared to be reasonably successful in terms of organization of registration and get out the vote drives it appeared to be falling short in the area of education on issues.

He also suggested that California COPE organizations should devote more of their energy to the primary battles where the real choice of candidates is to be made. He pointed out that in 1956, before cross filing was repealed, there were only 57 primary contests but that by 1962, after repeal, there were 110 primary fights.

In the course of discussion sessions following Dr. Frietag's address, most of the delegates concurred with his analysis that a greater effort must be exerted in the field of education. In this regard it was suggested that local campaigns need to be planned with greater flexibility on issues, placing more stress on the issues that generate the most heat in a particular community.

Al Barkan, Acting Director of National COPE wound up the second day of the conference with a stirring plea for a resurgence of the unity and dedication that has characterized the growth of the American labor movement to prepare for the forthcoming presidential elections. He called on the Arizona delegates to send Barry Goldwater "back to the store in '64."

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