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Labor At the Legislature

From the Capitol Office
Of the Executive Secretary

SB 411 will be heard on Wednesday, March 27, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5007 by the Senate Committee on Governmental Efficiency. The bill, introduced by Senator George Moscone, would require public officers to buy California-made goods if the in-state bid does not exceed the low bid by more than 10 percent. At present only a 5 percent differential is allowed. Need for the legislation was underscored just recently when a state agency was on the verge of awarding a school book printing contract to a non-union, low-wage firm in Kingsport, Tennessee, the Kingsport Press. Union leaders called attention to the fact that although the bids indicated the state might save \$14,000 by sending the job out of state, it would ultimately lose many times that amount in state income and other taxes and, further, that such an award would be taking business away from California firms and jobs away from California workers. After conferring with labor and industry spokesmen, State General Services Administrator Andrew R. Lolli ordered the work done at the state printing plant. All trade unionists are urged to contact members of the Senate Governmental Efficiency Committee immediately to urge them to support SB 411. Committee members are: Senators Richard Dolwig, Chairman, San Mateo; Hugh M. Burns, Vice Chairman, Fresno; Randolph Collier, Santa Rosa; Joseph M. Kennick, Long Beach; Fred Marler, Jr., Redding; John F. McCarthy, San Rafael; Jack Schrade, San Diego; Alan

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Reagan Hit For 'Shattering' School System

The Reagan administration "has either a total lack of understanding of the depth and urgency of the needs of our society, or simply doesn't care," Dorman L. Commons, a member of the California State Board of Education charged this week.

"In the past year and a half, the forward thrust of California's public education, along with the rest of our people-oriented programs, has been not just blunted but shattered as an administration without knowledge or concern for the accomplishments of the past has imposed a philosophy dictated by the forces of reaction

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New Efforts to End L.A. Hearst Strike

Efforts to end the 14-week strike-lockout at the Hearst-owned Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, the longest newspaper strike in the state's history, were moving forward on two fronts this week.

A three-man mediation panel named by Mayor Sam Yorty last week in response to a demand by the Los Angeles City Council that the mayor initiate machinery for peace talks in the dispute that has idled 2,000 newspaper workers since December 15 held its first exploratory meeting Wednesday at Loyola University in Westchester.

And a hearing has been

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Urgent! Do It Now!

AB 426 is the key bill in the 1968 legislative session of the California Labor Federation AFL-CIO. This measure will outlaw the use of professional strike breakers.

Trade unionists can help its passage in spite of powerful, well financed opposition. Contact your assemblyman, either personally or by phone. Let him know you're for AB 246 and ask definitely where he stands on it. Advise your State Federation office in Sacramento what you find out.

The members of the Assembly are in their districts on weekends. In addition, they will be home during Easter recess from April 5 to April 15. Contact them at these times.

There is no more effective way you can support AB 426 than by such personal contact. Do it as soon as you can. Don't put it off.

AB 426 is set for hearing in the Assembly Industrial Relations Committee Monday, April 1, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 2133 State Capitol.

Are You and Yours Registered to Vote?

Only 20 days are left before the April 11 deadline for voter registration for the June 4 Primary Election.

Remember, if you don't register, you can't vote.

REGISTER NOW!

Consumers' Voice Weakened, Solon Charges at S.F. Parley

California consumers no longer have a voice in the executive branch of state government speaking out in their behalf.

This charge, leveled by State Senator Nicholas C. Petris (D-Oakland) at the opening day of the Association of California Consumers' two-day annual convention at the Del Webb Townehouse in San Francisco last Saturday was confirmed by none other than the state's current Consumer Counsel herself, Mrs. Kay Valory on Sunday.

In explaining her departure from the precedent set by the state's first consumer counsel, Helen Nelson, Mrs. Valory explained that the legislation establishing her office stipulates that the consumer counsel 'may' appear and testify in behalf of consumer legislation. It does not "require" her to do so, she

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New Credit Code Plan Hit

Strenuous opposition to a proposed federal "Uniform Consumer Credit Code" that would double the maximum interest rates allowed on installment contracts to more than 36 percent a year is urged in one of a series of resolutions adopted by delegates to the Association of California Consumers' eighth annual convention in San Francisco.

Asserting that the draft code

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New Credit Code Plan Hit By Consumers

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"shockingly disregards" the needs of the consuming public and would permit loan companies to make many charges in addition to interest which they cannot legally make under present laws, the ACC urged the Commissioner on Uniform State Laws to reject the draft code and to reconstitute the drafting committee so that it is not "as at present dominated by the finance industry."

The ACC delegates, representing co-ops, trade unions and other organizations and individuals concerned about the present lack of adequate consumer protections, also adopted a resolution demanding that consumers or their representatives have a majority voice in implementing federally-aided health care programs authorized in 1966 through Public Law 749.

MRS. NELSON PRESIDENT

Mrs. Helen Ewing Nelson, who served as the state's first Consumer Counsel during the Brown Administration from 1959 to 1966, was elected president of the organization.

Other new officers include: George Little of the Berkeley Co-op, treasurer; Bob Barton, an Oakland attorney, secretary; and three vice presidents, Mrs. Jackie Walsh, outgoing president who declined re-election as president due to the press of other duties; Charles Harding, an AFL-CIO Community Service representative in Los Angeles; and Don Vial, chairman of the Center for Labor Research and Education at the University of California at Berkeley.

The resolution calling for consumer representatives to have effective control over all requests for health care programs proposed under P.L. 749 is "imperative," the ACC resolution said, to prevent the "continued dominance of planning efforts by the providers of health care."

OTHER RESOLUTIONS

Other resolutions adopted called for:

- A congressional probe of

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Short, Stockton; Walter W. Stiern, Bakersfield; Stephen P. Teale, West Point; and James Q. Wedworth, Inglewood.

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AB 127 has passed its first important legislative hurdle. This is the Federation-sponsored bill to permit payroll deduction of Union dues for University of California employees. AB 127 on March 14 was referred to the Assembly Ways and Means Committee by the State Personnel, Retirement and Military Affairs Committee with a "do pass" recommendation. The favorable vote cut across party lines against firm employer opposition. This action shows the importance of strong, unified support of the legislative program.

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Federation sponsored AB 426, the professional strike breaker bill by Assemblyman Elliott, is set for hearing in the Assembly Industrial Relations Committee Monday, April 1, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 2133, State Capitol. Members of this committee are Assemblymen Walter Powers, Sacramento, chairman; Peter Schabarum, Covina; John Briggs, Fullerton; Earle Crandall, San Jose; Bill Greene, David Roberti and Alan Sieroty, all of Los Angeles. Make your

support of AB 426 clearly known. Contact your Assemblyman, especially the members of this committee, to let you know how they will vote on AB 426.

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Many bills in this session carry a "Bad" label when analyzed by your Federation staff. Attention has already been directed to AB 542, the Reagan administration proposal to impose bureaucratic restriction on labor organizations; AB 678, crippling organization rights of public employees, and AB 425, opening the door to local anti-labor ordinances. Other "Bad" legislation includes AB 544 dealing with pre-packaged processed meats, AB 601 to unfairly expand the category of "voluntarily" leaving employment without good cause under the Unemployment Insurance Code and AB 756 to weaken protection for women and minors in wages, hours and working conditions. Check the Federation's "Digest of Bills" closely. Let your legislators know you oppose these "Bad" bills. It is important to hold gains already made.

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SB 602 provides wood products purchased by State or Local government must meet standards set for California manufacturers. This is a "Good" bill.

the life insurance industry.

- State and federal legislation to curb air and water pollution.

- Support for the fluoridation of municipal water supplies in California at either the state or local level.

- Action by the Mayors of all California cities to create a consumers' relations unit to advise residents on such urban problems as home maintenance, auto repair, credit use, nutrition, and efficient buying of commodities and services.

- Support of federal legislation to protect consumers from unwholesome fish, poultry and related products.

- Prompt congressional ac-

tion on a strong truth-in-lending bill.

- Support for State Senate Bill 434 introduced by Senators Alfred E. Alquist and Stephen Teale to overhaul and strengthen the State Real Estate Commission.

Precedence of Profits

"For all its championing of free enterprise, National Review (the right wing publication edited by William Buckley) gets precious few ads. The captains of industry that it celebrates are reluctant to return the favor, largely because the magazine does not reach enough readers to suit them; profits take precedence over ideology."

Time Magazine, Nov. 3, 1967

Meany Hails Senate Passage Of Rights Bill

AFL-CIO President George Meany has hailed the Senate's approval of a civil rights bill containing a strong fair housing provision as "a significant step toward achievement of freedom and justice for all."

The Senate's action, he said, "proves that the democratic system can and will correct historic inequities in this country."

Just last week, the Senate passed the bill 71 to 20 with overwhelming support from both Democrats and Republicans.

MURPHY SWITCHED

Although California's junior Senator George Murphy voted against invoking cloture during the Senate debate to force a vote on the bill and also voted in favor of crippling amendments, he voted for final passage of the bill.

In contrast, Senator Thomas H. Kuchel voted for cloture and supported the bill throughout the fight.

San Francisco's Mayor Joseph Alioto denounced Murphy's vote against cloture as "disgusting."

"California was the only industrial northern state to have a senator voting against ending the debate and the possibility of a southern filibuster," Alioto said.

The motion invoking cloture passed by the bare minimum needed, 65 to 32.

THREE STEPS

As approved by the Senate, the bill would ban racial discrimination in housing in three stages:

- Immediately in all housing covered by FHA or VA mortgage insurance, except for single-family, owner-occupied homes.

- Effective December 1, 1968, on all other apartments and real estate developments. Owner-occupied dwellings of four units or less would be excluded.

- Effective January 1, 1970, coverage would be extended to single-family houses sold or rented through a real estate broker. Only if the owner handled the transaction himself, without the aid of a broker, could he discriminate.

DIGEST OF BILLS

*Sponsored by the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO
No bill may be taken up until 30 days after the date of introduction indicated in Digest, except by $\frac{3}{4}$ vote..

Key to Symbols

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

The bills are classified "Good," "Watch," "Bad" and "N.C." With respect to the classification, "N.C.," the proposed legislation is class or special legislation, and the Digest is printed with the information printed for our affiliates who are involved, but the bill is not classified "Good," "Watch" or "Bad" since we defer to the classification by the affected affiliates.

ASSEMBLY BILLS

***AB 893 Milias** (Fin. & Ins.) Increases maximum weekly temporary disability indemnity payments from \$70 to \$150.

Deletes provisions establishing average annual earnings at 52 times average weekly earnings, setting maximum and minimum therefor, and related provisions involving volunteer firemen, convicts, volunteer policemen, and individuals assisting in law enforcement. March 7.

WC—Good

***AB 894 Milias** (Fin. & Ins.) Decreases from 49 to 25 days the period which, when hospitalization is not required, a temporary disability must last before an injured employee will receive benefits from the first day the employee leaves work. March 7.

WC—Good

***AB 895 Milias** (Fin. & Ins.) Requires workmen's compensation burial expense benefit of not exceeding \$1,000, rather than \$600, for employees generally and \$300 for disaster service workers. March 7.

WC—Good

AB 898 Burke (Ed.) Creates Commission on Educational Goals, Standards, and Assessment to assist and advise Legislature in providing equal and high-quality education for all children in the state. Specifies composition, various areas to assist and advise in, and reports to the Legislature.

Appropriates \$300,000 payable \$150,000 for each of fiscal years 1968-1969 and 1969-1970, from General Fund and Contingent Funds of the Assembly and Senate for support of the commission. March 7.

ED—Watch

AB 908 Schabarum (Ed.) Declares legislative intent.

Authorizes local schools and school districts to enter into cooperative or contractual arrangements with business, industry or elements of the community to improve local education, subject to approval of arrangements by the State Board of Education. Requires the Department of Education to select a consultant to assist in preparation and administration of such programs. Requires the department to seek out and encourage assistance from colleges and universities in order that college and university programs may be functional and integrated with those of public schools.

Authorizes the department, after approval by the state board, to make planning grants to develop and implement initial phases of programs. Limits amount of such planning grants to actual costs, and no more than \$15,000 in such grants may be made in any biennium to any one recipient.

Provides that governing board may request waiver of such provisions of Education Code as necessary to establish and operate such program. Authorizes Superintendent of Public Instruction to grant any such request, subject to specified approval.

Appropriates \$530,000 to Department of Education: \$500,000 for planning grants and \$30,000 for expenses of administering the programs. March 7.

ED—Watch

AB 910 Knox (Rev. & Tax.) Authorizes counties, cities and counties, and cities to enter into contracts to share sales and use tax revenues collected pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Tax Law, when it is determined that patrons in a given area are, or will be, purchasing goods from retailers located in one local agency to the extent that such revenues should be distributed in an equitable manner to all local agencies affected thereby. Requires the State Board of Equalization to transmit Bradley-Burns sales and use tax revenues to the parties to such contract in accordance with the terms thereof.

Makes operative effect of the enactment contingent upon the adoption by the electorate of an appropriate amendment to the Constitution and calls a special election to place such amendment on the ballot in November, 1968.

To take effect immediately, urgency statute. March 7. **SL—Watch**

AB 916 Zenovich (Rev. & Tax.) Exempts dividends received from subsidiary corporation from corporation tax. Defines "subsidiary corporation."

To take effect immediately, tax levy. March 7. **TA—Bad**

AB 917 Zenovich (Rev. & Tax.) Exempts certain dividends received from subsidiary insurance companies from corporation tax. March 7. **TA—Bad**

AB 918 Gonsalves (C. A.) Codifies various provisions now found in California Constitution which are to be omitted from proposed revised portions of Constitution.

Operative on adoption of Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 30 of 1968 Regular Session. March 7. **SL—Watch**

AB 919 Russell (Fin. & Ins.) Rearranges unemployment insurance provisions relating to employer contributions. March 7. **UI—Watch**

AB 920 Russell (Ed.) Authorizes governing board of any school district to submit, through Director of Compensatory Education to State Board of Education, an application to establish preservice or in-service training programs, as defined, for any school or schools in areas designated as concentrated areas of poverty and social tension. Specifies contents of such application.

Authorizes governing board to contract with specified personnel to implement program.

Requires Superintendent of Public Instruction, upon recommendation of Director of Compensatory Education and approval of State Board of Education, to prescribe rules and regulations for administration of provisions. Requires superintendent to allow school districts an amount equal to expenditures, in excess of available revenues, detailed on application as approved by state board.

Sets out specifications required of such programs. Specifies mode of in teacher and pupil behavior as result of programs.

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ASSEMBLY BILLS (Cont'd)

Requires governing board of district establishing such a program to provide for training and evaluation seminars as followthrough training experience for trainees in school year immediately succeeding participation in training program.

Appropriates \$500,000 to Department of Education for purposes of carrying out above provisions. March 7. LS—N.C.

AB 932 Harvey Johnson (G.E. & E.) Provides that a public premise does not include on-sale beer licensed stadia, auditoria, fairgrounds, or racetracks, rather than not including stadia, auditoria, fairgrounds, or racetracks. March 11. LS—N.C.

AB 935 Moretti (Fin. & Ins.) Changes the name of the Workmen's Compensation Appeals Board to the Workmen's Compensation Court. March 11. WC—Bad

AB 943 Negri (Fin. & Ins.) Excepts obligations arising out of retail installment contracts subject to the Unruh Act from the general provisions determining the proper judicial district in which a small claims court action is to be brought. Specifies the proper municipal, justice, or small claims court in which an action on a retail installment contract subject to that act shall be commenced. March 11. MI—Watch

AB 947 Schabarum (G.E. & E.) Permits any county board of supervisors to consolidate offices of sheriff and marshal by transferring duties and current personnel of the marshal to the sheriff.

Permits board to reduce number of transferred personnel within specified limits, such reductions to be effective only until and including the 60th day after final adjournment of the next succeeding regular session of the Legislature.

Provides that number, qualification and compensation of such personnel shall continue to be governed by the Government Code. March 11. LS—N.C.

AB 950 Russell (Fin. & Ins.) Increases unemployment disability hospital benefit from \$12 to \$18 per day. March 11. DI—Watch

AB 954 Campbell (Ed.) Permits Regents of University of California, trustees of state colleges, and school district governing boards to exempt band and orchestras from the prohibition against performing where admission fee is charged. March 12. LS—N.C.

AB 956 Veneman (Rev. & Tax.) Provides that if a householder fails to select personal property for the \$100 tax exemption provided in Section 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ of Article XIII of the State Constitution, there shall be a \$100 exemption for personal effects and household furnishings.

Provides for tax exemption for personal effects and household furnishings in excess of \$100, for every householder.

Defines "householder" and "personal effects and household furnishings." March 12. TA—Watch

AB 960 Stull (Ed.) Specifies that if school district governing board employs staff assistants or field representatives to assist in policy direction and management of district, such personnel shall be members of classified service only for retirement and health and welfare benefits purposes. Restricts political activities of such assistants or representatives in connection with school elections. March 12. LS—N.C.

AB 961 Stull (Ed.) Authorizes the governing board of a public school employer to meet in executive session for the purpose of discussing designated employer-employee relations matters under consideration and to also meet in executive session with the administrative officer designated to meet and confer with representatives of employee organizations, or with the superintendent of schools and such administrative officer if other than the superintendent of schools, for such purpose and to instruct the administrative officer relative to the board's position on these matters. March 12. LS—N.C.

AB 962 Bear (Ed.) Authorizes school district to expend district funds to pay all or any portion of insurance coverage, including but not limited to, medical, dental, life, and income protection insurance, for district employees and their dependents. March 12. LS—N.C.

AB 964 Burke (Ed.) Requires governing board of any school district to adopt, cause to be printed, and made available to each certificated employee of the district reasonable rules and regulations providing for evaluation of certificated employees by the governing board of the school district. March 12. LS—N.C.

AB 968 Cory (Rev. & Tax.) Conforms Personal Income Tax Law to federal rules, including the life expectancy rule, relating to annuities. The new rules are applicable only to annuities with an annuity starting date on or after January 1, 1968. Makes technical changes.

To take effect immediately, tax levy. March 12. TA—Watch

AB 971 Crown (Pub. H.) Provides, with respect to the California Medical Assistance Program, that the term "prescribed drug" shall not include any drug for which the manufacturer charges differing prices on a discriminatory basis, whereby the drug is not available on the same terms and conditions to all providers of prescription services, or any drug which is overpriced in comparison to competitive products, unless the Health and Welfare Administrator determines that the drug is vital to the program and no acceptable substitute is available. March 12. PH—Watch

AB 974 Zenovich (Fin. & Ins.) Includes, for purposes of determining remuneration to be excluded from "wages" for ascertaining employer contributions, remuneration paid to an employee for services constituting employment under the unemployment insurance laws of another state which the employer has reported to such other state as wages for contribution purposes. March 12. UI—Bad

AB 988 Ryan (Ed.) Provides that members of public school employee negotiating council shall be certificated employees who are employed as classroom teachers and who are under contract to the public school employer for the ensuing school year.

Authorizes public school employers to conduct a secret ballot election among certificated employees, where two or more employee organizations exist, to determine which certificated employees shall be members of a negotiating council, whenever at least 20 percent of the certificated employees, excepting certificated employees on administrative salary schedules, petition the governing board for such an election. Specifies that such election shall be held not later than the 30th calendar day following the commencement of the school year. Makes the employees so elected the members of the negotiating council for a period of at least two years. March 13. LS—N.C.

AB 990 Pattee (G.O.) Requires a licensee to pay 6 percent of all the money handled in the parimutuel pools operated by him during the period of the license to the state, to allocate 4 percent of such money for purse distribution, and to retain 4 percent.

Deletes present provisions concerning the payment of license fees and the deduction of commissions. March 13. TA—Watch

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

ACR 52 Bill Greene (Rls.) Creates 14-member California Living Standards Advisory Committee headed by the Lieutenant Governor to advise Joint Committee on Legislative Organization on minimum income required for an adequate standard of living for Californians. Requires preliminary report to be submitted within six months, and final report to be submitted within one year from date of adoption of resolution. Members to serve without salary but to receive expenses and per diem of \$25, payable from sum of \$50,000 for claims incurred under the resolution made available from Contingent Funds of the Assembly and Senate. Feb. 29. SL—Watch

ACR 61 Stull (Ed.) Requests Department of Education to obtain from appropriate local entities, state agencies, and private institutions, including local action groups or other organizations receiving federal antipoverty funds, notification of all applications for, and allocations and expenditures of, federal funds for education and educational purposes within their jurisdictions. March 7. ED—Watch

SENATE BILLS

SB 535 Dills (Trans.) Defines "ambulance."

Requires ambulances to be equipped with a resuscitator. March 6.

PH—Watch

SB 536 Burgener (Ed.) Makes provisions authorizing election among classified school employees to determine whether they want a merit (civil service) system applicable to districts with average daily attendance of at least 3,000, but less than 100,000, rather than 3,000 or greater. March 7.

LS—N.C.

SB 539 Schmitz (Ed.) Requires each state college president to promptly schedule hearing, make finding thereon, and expel any student and dismiss academic employee initiating acts of force or violence on college property which disrupt campus activity. Prohibits readmission of students so expelled to state colleges within one year from date of expulsion and prohibits reemployment of academic employees so expelled at any time.

Specifies that failure to comply with such requirements is ground for dismissal of state college president of state college where acts of force or violence occurred. March 7.

LS—N.C.

SB 549 Moscone (B. & P.) Enacts chapter to be known as Janitorial Maintenance Contractors Law.

Requires, on and after January 1, 1969, employing janitorial maintenance contractors, as defined, to pay \$25 yearly operating fee and to file with the Director of Professional and Vocational Standards an insurance policy in a specified minimum amount or a surety or cash deposit in lieu thereof to cover loss from death or injury to person or property arising from the business of such a maintenance contractor. Authorizes an action at law against the employing janitorial maintenance contractor and the surety or the cash depository by any person claiming against the surety bond or cash deposit. Requires such action to be brought within 2 years after the expiration of the license period or periods for which a surety bond or cash deposit has been provided. Authorizes a proportionate distribution among claimants if the surety bond or cash is insufficient to pay all claims in full, but such distribution shall not constitute satisfaction of the respective claims. Limits aggregate liability of surety to the sum of the surety bond or cash deposit.

Provides for establishment by the director of prescribed fees which are to accompany applications for certificates of compliance. Requires fees to be deposited in the General Fund. Appropriates unspecified amount from the General Fund to be used by the director to carry out the purposes of the provision relating to janitorial maintenance contractors.

Makes violation of provisions a misdemeanor and authorizes director to bring an action to enjoin any violation. March 11.

LS—N.C.

SB 566 McCarthy (L. Gov.) Requires county construction to be done by contract when it exceeds \$10,000, rather than \$4,000. March 12.

LS—N.C.

SB 567 McCarthy (Ins. & F.I.) Changes the name of the Workmen's Compensation Appeals Board to the Workmen's Compensation Court. March 12.

WC—Bad

SB 568 McCarthy (L. Gov.) Increases from \$2,000 to \$10,000 the estimated cost of district projects which must be let to the lowest responsible bidder and permits district to perform work under such amount by day labor, contract, or both.

Increases from \$2,500 to \$10,500 maximum amount of materials, equipment, and supplies district may acquire in open market, except for specified district improvements, without calling for bids. March 12.

LS—N.C.

SB 574 Dymally (L. Gov.) Requires minutes of each meeting of legislative body to contain a signed statement that no meetings have been held in violation of Ralph M. Brown Act. March 12.

SL—Good

SB 576 Rodda (Jud.) Exempts motion picture machine operators, under certain specified conditions, from liability for the exhibition, or the possession with intent to exhibit, any obscene matter. March 12.

LS—N.C.

SB 579 Burgener (Ed.) Provides that when junior college district is co-terminus with high school district, the junior college district shall be governed by the governing board of the high school district, unless such board adopts, by four-fifths vote, a resolution determining that the junior college district should have separate governing board. Provides for election of present members of high school governing board to be on new junior college district governing board.

Makes related changes.

Deletes inconsistent provisions. March 12.

LS—N.C.

SB 584 Short (B. & P.) Permits a licensed vocational nurse, when directed by a physician and surgeon, by hypodermic injection to administer medications to, and to administer blood to, or withdraw blood from a patient. March 12.

LS—N.C.

SB 586 Coombs (Jud.) Excepts from the indemnity contracts either contained in or collateral to construction contracts, which are against public policy and void, accommodation and indemnity contracts between a construction contractor and a person or legal entity for whose account the construction contract is not being performed but who, as an accommodation, has agreed to permit the contractor to enter upon or adjacent to its property for the performance of the construction work for others. March 12.

IN—Watch

SB 589 Harmer (Ins. & F.I.) Alters mode of computing claimant's unemployment insurance weekly benefit amount by using average weekly wage earned by claimant during his base period for weeks in which his wages were at least \$20. Provides that claimant is not eligible for such benefits unless he has, during his base period, earned wages of at least \$20 in each of 20 or more calendar weeks, rather than being paid wages of \$720 during base period.

Redefines "base period," for purposes of computation of award, to mean period of 52 consecutive calendar weeks immediately prior to effective date of claimant's valid claim for benefits. Makes provision for new method of computing maximum unemployment compensation benefits payable during one benefit year.

Revises method of charging employers' reserve accounts where claimant had more than one employer during his base period.

Rearranges provisions for reports from employers and for penalties for failure to submit such reports to Director of Employment.

Makes related changes. Deletes inconsistent provisions. March 12.

UI—Bad

SB 592 Burgener (Gov. Eff.) Provides that, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the governing board of a public school employer may meet in executive session to consider proposals made or expected to be made by representatives of employee organizations concerning employer-employee relations which could affect the budget of the public school employer. March 12.

LS—N.C.

SB 594 Collier (L. Gov.) Authorizes county superintendent of schools to employ an attorney where county board of education exercises specified functions transferred to it by county board of supervisors who shall counsel the county board of education, county committee on school district organization, personnel commission, and county superintendent of schools. Specifies that county district attorney and county counsel shall continue to discharge duties regarding schools and education fields but authorizes district attorney and county counsel to authorize such attorney to counsel school districts in county. March 12.

LS—N.C.

SB 600 McCarthy (Gov. Eff.) Declares that a winegrower's license, brandy manufacturer's license, or a distilled spirits manufacturer's agent's license also authorizes the solicitation of orders for wine or brandy or both which are produced or manufactured in this state and which the licensee is authorized to sell by his license for and on behalf of any licensee for the sale to other licensees of such wine or brandy, rather than also authorizing the solicitation of orders for and on behalf of any licensee for the sale to other licensees of wine or brandy produced or manufactured in this state.

Declares that a beer and wine wholesaler's license also authorizes the solicitation of such orders. March 13.

LS—N.C.

SENATE BILLS (Cont'd)

SB 601 Stevens (Ed.) Allows governing board of school district which provides pupil transportation to and from school to charge parents or guardians of such pupils for cost of such transportation, however provided, rather than only where provided by contract; and deletes the existing limit on the charge to parents or guardians. March 13.

ED—Bad

SB 602 Alquist (Gov. Eff.) Requires wood products purchased by state or local government to meet standards set by association of manufacturers and approved by Department of General Services. Requires California manufacturer who supplies such items by proprietary specifications to be listed with the specification when the purchase is to be by proprietary specification. March 13.

LS—N.C.

SB 608 Stevens (Soc. Wel.) Authorizes the superintendent and medical director of a state hospital to establish a sheltered workshop for the patients; and, if he establishes such a workshop, requires him to establish and administer a sheltered workshop fund to receive moneys derived from the operation of the workshop and to be used to pay the costs of the workshop, including the costs of any insurance for

the workshop approved by the Department of General Services. Exempts moneys in sheltered workshop funds from requirement of deposit in the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund. March 13.

TR—Watch

SB 611 Marler (Trans.) Requires a written examination to be given to all applicants for a vehicle salesman's license, and proof of the passing of such examination before issuance of such license. Exempts present license holders from such requirements when applying for renewal of license. Changes the time period allowed for renewal of such license from between May 1st and midnight of May 31st preceding such expiration date to between June 1st and midnight of June 30th preceding such expiration date.

Increases original application fee from \$10 to \$15. Eliminates penalty fee for late renewal and deletes related provision. Imposes a fee of \$2 for change of employing dealer. March 14.

LS—N.C.

SB 614 Schrade (Rev. & Tax.) Allows credit against personal income tax for overpayments to Unemployment Fund if refund not claimed under Unemployment Insurance Code. March 14.

TA—Watch

SENATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

SCA 12 Marks (Rev. & Tax.) Increases by \$5,000 amount of property which may be owned by persons qualified for veterans' tax exemption. Feb. 19.

TA—Watch

SCA 15 Petris (Rev. & Tax.) Establishes the homeowners' property tax exemption for each single family dwelling occupied by the owner thereof on the lien date as his principal place of residence in the amount of at least \$500 of assessed value of the dwelling or, if the Legislature elects, the exemption may be in the form of at least a \$50 reduction in the amount of tax due on such a dwelling. Authorizes the Legislature, by a majority vote, to increase the exemption with respect to assessed value or the amount of the tax reduction, or both.

Excludes property from the exemption, if the owner has been granted an exemption as a veteran, blind veteran or disabled veteran and authorizes the Legislature to exclude other property if all or part of the tax on such property is paid by the state or any political subdivision thereof, either directly or indirectly.

Specifies that any revenues subvented to local government by the state to replace revenues lost by reason of the homeowners' property tax exemption may be used by local government for any purpose for which property tax revenues may be used. Permits the Legislature to carry out the exemption by means of reimbursements to taxpayers for the 1968-1969 fiscal year in the manner set forth in an unspecified Senate and specifically ratifies this bill. Feb. 28.

TA—Watch

SCA 16 Schmitz (Gov. Eff.) Repeals provisions relating to the University of California, including the powers, functions, and composition of the Board of Regents.

Provides that the University of California shall be constituted, maintained, and administered in accordance with laws enacted by the Legislature. Requires the administration of the University through Board of Regents, and permits terms of office for not to exceed 16 years for appointive members of the board. Feb. 29.

ED—Bad

SCA 17 Richardson (Gov. Eff.) Makes specific provision for appointment of a chancellor of the university for each campus, charges him with direct responsibility as to all activities which take place on university properties under his jurisdiction, and makes it his power and duty, unless assumed by higher executive authority, to assume direct jurisdiction, supervision, and control of activities which result or are likely to result in public controversy such as will bring disrepute to that campus or the university.

Prohibits delegation of final decision making authority to employees below the rank of chancellor or to students, or to groups or organizations of such employees or students, and specifies that neither the regents, president, or chancellor are bound by recommendations or advisory actions of university employees, students, or groups or organizations thereof. Feb. 29.

ED—Bad

ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

ACA 35 Ray E. Johnson (Crim. Pro.) Provides that in misdemeanor criminal cases, as well as in civil cases, three-fourths of the jury may render a verdict. March 5.

MI—Bad

ACA 36, Knox (Rev. & Tax.) Enables the Legislature, by general laws, to authorize counties, cities and counties, cities and districts to enter contracts to apportion the revenue derived from any tax imposed by a county, city and county, city or district. Provides that the recipient of funds pursuant to such an authorization may use such funds for any purpose for which it could spend its own revenues. March 7.

SL—Watch

ACA 37 Fong (Ed.) Provides that any bill making an appropriation for the public schools may be enacted prior to enactment of the Budget Bill. March 12.

ED—Good

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

AJR 17 Stull (Rls.) Requests President and Congress to provide that all appropriate federal agencies notify the California Department of Education of all federal funds appropriated, allocated, or expended therein for education or educational purposes. March 7.

ED—Watch

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

SJR 7 Schmitz (Gov. Eff.) Requests Congress to propose to the people or call a convention to provide an amendment to the United States Constitution prohibiting the United States government from engaging in business in competition with its citizens, specifying that the constitution or laws of any state, or federal laws are not subject to foreign or domestic agreement which would abrogate the amendment, and abolishing personal income, estate, and gift taxes. March 11.

SL—Bad

Farm Bargaining Rights Bill OK'd By House Unit

Federal legislation that would assure tens of thousands of California farm workers the same right to organize and bargain collectively that workers in most other industries have had for more than 30 years has been approved by the House Labor Committee.

The measure, estimated to apply to some 500,000 farm workers, would bring workers on larger farms under the National Labor Relations Act for the first time. It has been a high priority goal of the labor movement and AFL-CIO President George Meany testified for it at both House and Senate hearings.

As approved on a 16 to 12 vote by the committee, the measure, sponsored by Rep. James G. O'Hara (D-Mich.), would extend NLRA coverage to workers on farms that:

- Employ more than 12 workers at any one time during the year, and,
- Have a total payroll of more than \$10,000 a year.

It would also permit a union representing farm workers to negotiate a union shop agreement requiring workers to join the union within seven days after their employment, rather than the 30 days allowed in industrial union shop contracts.

Although exemptions are included in the measure to exclude the family farmer and thus, less than one percent of the nation's farms would be covered by the law, this small number of farms employs an estimated 50 percent of the one million U.S. farm workers.

And a major portion of the covered farm workers would be those on California's huge corporate farm complexes.

A provision authorizing pre-hire agreement was dropped from the bill but the committee agreed to permit preferential hiring of persons who had previously worked on the farm.

Cesar Chavez, the Director of the AFL-CIO United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, who also testified at both House and Senate hearings, emphasized that collective bargaining legislation would lessen, not increase, farm workers' strikes.

Consumers' Voice Weakened, Solon Charges at S.F. Parley

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noted, adding that her view of the office was that its function should be largely informational. This was in line, she said, with what she called "two cornerstones" of Governor Reagan's philosophy:

1—The belief that lasting prosperity depends on what individuals do for themselves.

2—That government should maintain an environment that awards individual initiative and investment.

This view is sharply at odds with the energetic approach initiated by Mrs. Nelson who served as consumer counsel from 1959 to 1966. She fought actively for legislation to protect California's consumers from fraudulent schemes and helped win enactment of legislation cracking down on fraudulent TV repair bills and banning deficiency judgments, among other things.

DIGEST AVAILABLE

Mrs. Valory said, however, that her office was maintaining a digest of consumer bills which to date includes 14 Senate bills and 28 Assembly bills and that any consumer could obtain a copy of this list by writing to her office in Sacramento.

Asked whether there were any plans to appoint the advisory council to the Consumer counsel's office that existed during the previous administration, she said:

"We haven't found any reason to ask the Governor to appoint an advisory council."

She also said that her office has "an army of volunteers" available to do research on consumer issues and pledged that any citizen writing to her office to register a complaint or request information would receive an answer.

In the course of her prepared remarks, she said that her policy had been to refer complaints to the business or industry complained against and reported with some satisfaction that in less than one percent of all these complaints has it been necessary to go beyond that.

She also said a list of sources of consumer information would be prepared and was expected

to be available in the near future.

However, Deputy Attorney General Herschel T. Elkins, of the Consumer Fraud Unit of the State Department of Justice in Los Angeles who addressed the convention immediately after Mrs. Valory, pointed out that "if we get three complaints saying the same thing, we know that there are at least 97 people who don't complain . . .

"And any company can make plenty of money satisfying three people who complain but cheating the other 97 percent who don't complain," he observed.

Elkins said the district attorney's fraud unit has, for example, prosecuted 170 cases involving aluminum siding sales and won 168 convictions. But, he noted, the convicted were 168 salesmen, not the company that had made up the sales presentation. Subsequently they went after the firms. Then they found that the finance companies were responsible for writing the contracts.

As a result, his office now seeks to take action against consumer frauds "at the level of responsibility."

INJUNCTION CITED

Among other things, he said, the state has obtained an injunction against a prominent encyclopedia company prohibiting unfair and illegal sales schemes and requiring every employee of the firm to be given a copy of the injunction.

Often, Elkins emphasized, there are adequate laws already on the books to crack down on consumer frauds if enough people complain about them to show a pattern of activity.

Consumers who feel they're being fleeced, he said, should write to his office.

"We still want more material," he emphasized.

In connection with California's notorious wage garnishment laws, which presently permit a creditor to garnish the bulk of a worker's wages without even proving a legitimate debt exists, Elkins pointed out that the existing law is even opposed by collection agencies, finance companies and employers because it costs employers money and forces people into bankruptcy which is bad for

Reagan Hit For 'Shattering' School System

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upon the state and its educational system," Commons said in an address to the National Committee for the Support of the Public Schools in Washington, D.C. Monday.

The Reagan Administration, he added, "simply does not understand the difference between an investment and an expense. As a businessman I am appalled."

collection agencies and finance companies.

Other speakers at the convention included Rep. Jeffery Cohelan and Colston Warne, President of the Consumers Union who urged expansion of the consumer movement's horizons to include concern with interest rates, money and banking as well as with the decline of price competition. Warne pointed out that state legislators have repeatedly adopted restraints on price competition.

Rep. Cohelan (D-Alameda) said that the "time has come when we've got to talk about making choices in our allocation of resources. And he suggested that the consumer's voice must be heard much more loudly when he pointed out that any time anyone suggests that the 27½ percent oil depletion allowance may be "a little too much" they wind up with "the whole panorama of the oil industry" on their backs.

In the course of his remarks Saturday, Petris urged the ACC delegates to help establish neighborhood centers of consumer information, particularly in ghetto areas, and to continue and redouble its efforts to seek to restore and expand the operations of the office of consumer counsel.

"The less state government does the more consumers must do at the local level," he emphasized.

Membership in the Association has grown significantly since last year.

Organizations and individuals interested in joining the Association may write to the ACC, 605 Park Plaza Building, 1939 Harrison St., Oakland, Calif., or phone 834-5300.

New Efforts to End L.A. News Strike

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scheduled at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 27 before the Council's Personnel Committee on a motion introduced by Los Angeles City Councilman Billy G. Mills to study the feasibility of an ordinance to ban the hiring of non-union workers during labor disputes.

Councilman Mills' motion pointed out that "the traditional 'lockout' and hiring of non-union labor during a labor dispute tend to increase and aggravate the disadvantages against labor and frequently result in prolonged and sometimes violent employee-management confrontations, all of which tend to reduce the ultimate effectiveness of negotiation."

A broad cross-section of responsible community leaders are expected to support the anti-strikebreaker ordinance at the hearing at the city hall next Wednesday, union officials said.

The three-man panel named by Yorty, who has taken no position on the strikebreaker issue himself, consists of:

Lloyd H. Bailer, 53, a nationally known professional arbitrator who will serve as the mediator and as chairman of the panel.

Herman Leavitt, President of the Los Angeles Joint Culinary Board.

Ralph J. Wolpert, labor relations executive for Thrifty Drugstores.

The City Council this week approved a \$3,000 salary appropriation for Bailer based on a 30-day period since, as Yorty pointed out in requesting the appropriation, "the issues involved in the matter are of sufficient public concern and have impact upon the local economy of a nature serious enough to warrant the expenditures of public funds."

The appropriation was approved by a 10 to 1 vote with four councilmen absent. The lone dissenter was City Councilman Ernani Bernardi of San Fernando Valley.

Strike leaders promptly responded to the appointment of the mediation panel saying that they were willing to meet for "good faith and meaningful negotiations." There was no im-

mediate comment, however, from Hearst management.

The strike-lockout began December 15 after fruitless efforts by 1,100 American Newspaper Guild members and 15 members of the Machinists' Union to negotiate contracts comparable to those already signed by the much smaller Long Beach Press Telegram.

Hearst management subsequently locked out printers, mailers, pressmen, stereotypers and paper handlers. Members of the Building Service Employees Union, Teamsters, News Vendors and Photo Engravers walked out in sympathy.

Last January, Publisher George R. Hearst further alien-

ated possibility of meaningful negotiations by declaring that he would insist that strikebreakers be given super seniority over all employees on strike in any settlement to be negotiated.

The Herald-Examiner has continued to publish an abbreviated edition by using non-union employees and about 100 professional strikebreakers but strong, state-wide support for the strikers has cut sharply into the paper's circulation.

The Hearst Corporation also holds the dubious distinction of holding the former record for newspaper strikes in California. A strike at the former Los Angeles Herald-Express lasted 13 weeks in 1946.

Pickets continue to march around-the-clock at Herald-Examiner properties and strike morale remains strong.

Just last week, the influential Hollywood Film Council, composed of craft unions in the entertainment industry, voiced solid support for the strikers.

Hearst Strikers Ask Boycott

The Los Angeles Herald-Examiner Joint Strike-Lockout Council, representing some 2,000 AFL-CIO union members and teamsters are appealing to all readers "to please refuse to buy or patronize Hearst and advertisers who use Hearst media."

Hearst properties include:

Newspapers—L.A. Herald-Examiner; San Francisco Examiner; Seattle Post-Intelligencer; San Antonio, Texas, Light; Boston Record-American; Boston Sunday Advertiser; Baltimore News-American; Albany, N.Y., Times-Union and Knickerbocker News.

Magazines—Cosmopolitan; Good Housekeeping; Harper's Bazaar; House Beautiful; Popular Mechanics; Town and Country; Motor, Motor Boating; Sports Afield; Bride and Home.

Avon paperback books.

Radio-T.V.—WTAE, Pittsburgh; WISN, Milwaukee; WBAL, Baltimore; and WAPA, San Juan.

News syndicates—King Features and Hearst Headline Service.

Avg. U.S. Workers' Pay Dips Again

The economic "boom" may still be on for \$100,000-a-year corporation executives but for the second year in a row the ordinary worker is worse off financially than the year before.

The evidence comes from government statistics, quoted in a recent Wall Street Journal story as one explanation of why unions are pressing so hard for pay raises these days.

For the average worker with a wife and two kids, the Journal article notes, "the boom stopped rolling several years ago."

In terms of constant 1957-59 dollars, the typical non-supervisory worker averaged \$78.23 a week in take-home pay in 1967, six cents less than in 1966 and 30 cents less than in 1965.

The story notes that the decline would be even greater "if the figures also took into account steadily rising state and local sales and property taxes, all of which bite into purchasing power." It adds pointedly: "Labor's emerging mood isn't

likely to be softened by this little-publicized fact: The pay of supervisory personnel, such as \$100,000-plus executives, has been rising relatively rapidly."

Not only supervisors are coming out ahead of the cost-of-living. "Since 1961, dividend income has grown some 30 percent more rapidly than wage-salary income," the article noted.

In addition to salary increases—an average of close to 5 percent last year—supervisory officials often made profits from corporation stock option plans

that enabled them to purchase securities at below-market prices, the article notes.

Only partially compensating for the stagnation or decline of earnings has been a continued expansion of fringe benefits and a shorter workweek.

A few trades have managed to increase their purchasing power, although the rise is generally small. But overall, as one government economist is quoted, "relatively speaking, the income of the average worker in private industry has been stagnating."

Deadline for Medicare Signup

More than 500,000 persons over 65 who had not previously been enrolled for the voluntary doctor bill insurance under medicare have signed up since last Oct. 1, the Social Security Administration reported.

Those who haven't, have only until April 1 to take advantage of the current open enrollment period. If they don't, they will have to wait another year for

the next open period—and then pay a premium 10 percent higher. And those who wait three years past their first chance to enroll won't be able to join.

Just about everyone now 65 or over is eligible for the voluntary medical insurance, whether or not they have ever worked under social security and whether retired or still working.