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Labor At the Legislature

From the Capitol Office
Of the Executive Secretary

The California Labor Federation's package of social insurance legislation has been presented to legislative committees by General Counsel Charles P. Scully. These bills are now under consideration by the Assembly Committee on Finance and Insurance and the Senate Committee on Insurance and Financial Institutions. Assemblyman John Burton is author of a series on Unemployment Insurance, including AB 272, AB 273, AB 274, AB 275, AB 276, AB 277, AB 278, AB 279 and AB 280. Assemblyman George Zenovich is carrying four bills on Disability Insurance — AB 205, AB 206, AB 207 and AB 208. Three bills on Workmen's Compensation improvements are authored by Assemblyman George Milias. These are AB 893, AB 894 and AB 895. On the Senate side, Senator George Moscone is author of the Federation sponsored bills on Workmen's Compensation Insurance, including SB 410, SB 412, SB 413, SB 414, SB 415 and SB 416. The policy of both committees is to hear the presentations on all bills dealing with these subjects and to consider them together. There are many other bills offered this session in the broad field of social insurance—several listed as bad legislation—and Mr. Scully has been kept busy presenting Labor's views on these measures, along with supporting data. You will be kept advised of further developments with these bills. Meanwhile, become familiar with these basic "bread and butter" bills. Let your legislators in both the Assembly and the Senate know of your support

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Labor Opposition Defeats SB 700

Strong and united Labor opposition brought defeat to Senate Bill 700 before the Senate Business and Professions Committee on May 7. This anti-Labor measure was a major bill of the California Newspaper Publishers Association.

SB 700 was titled an "economic productivity" bill but in truth would have crippled Labor in collective bargaining procedures.

At the committee hearing,

Ben Martin of the CNPA and Glenn Allen of the Western Publishers Association appeared on behalf of the bill. In their presentation, they took the position that because of "unfair treatment" their clients received from various printing trades unions they could only look to the Legislature for relief, thus having the State become a party in their collective bargaining process.

Opposing SB 700, Harry

Finks, representing the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, answered a statement by Senator Coombs, the bill's author, who compared SB 700 to AB 426 in its application to collective bargaining. AB 426 was a Federation sponsored bill to outlaw the use of professional strike breakers in California.

Finks, replying to Senator Coombs, pointed out that the

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'Labor for Humphrey' Organization Formed

Formation of "California Labor for Humphrey" was announced this week by Thos. L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, and Sigmond Arywitz, secretary-treasurer of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, co-chairmen.

Projectionists' Bill Wins Senate OK

With the vigorous backing of the California Labor Federation, Senate Bill 576 was passed by the State Senate on May 1. The vote was 24 to 0.

This bill, introduced by Sen-

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'Don't Fly United,' Union Asks

"Please don't fly with United" is the appeal being made by Service and Maintenance Employees Union Local 399 as a

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U.C. Dues Checkoff Bill Now Before Senate GE Unit

Assembly Bill 127, which last week successfully negotiated passage through the Assembly, has been assigned to the Governmental Efficiency Committee of the State Senate. This is the Federation-sponsored bill to give University of California employees an opportunity to have union or other employee organization dues deducted from their pay checks if they wish.

Assemblyman Edward Elliott, author of AB 127, has been notified that the measure will

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Digest of Bills Ends This Week

With this issue, the California AFL-CIO News' special section, "Digest of Bills," completes its report on 1968 legislative measures introduced during the regular bill introduction period that ended Tuesday, April 16.

Two bills, however, AB 1645

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for the bills in the Federation sponsored series.

The Senate Committee on Insurance and Financial Institutions, meeting in Room 4040 of the Capitol at 9:30 a.m., May 13, will be considering SB 906 by Teale on workmen's compensation. This is a good bill and has Labor's support. At the same committee session, SB 633, a bad bill on unemployment compensation disability insurance, is on the File and is being opposed by the Federation.

Senate Social Welfare Committee will hear SB 720 on medical assistance on May 16, a bad bill. The same day, Senate Judiciary will hold hearings on SB 674, Alquist, on litigation, and SB 687, Short, on attachments, both seen as good bills by Labor.

AB 1265, Biddle, on retail installment sales, will be heard in Assembly Finance and Insurance Committee on May 13. This is a good bill, deserving passage by the Legislature.

Five bad bills are also on the Assembly committee File for next week. These are AB 1163 on payment of wages to seasonal workers and AB 1555, also relating to payment of wages, both in Industrial Relations on Monday; AB 1489 on retirement systems in Judiciary also on May 13 and ACA 34, relative to taxation of premiums for contractual retirement benefits, in Constitutional Amendments Committee on May 15. Also in committee, before Governmental Efficiency and Economy on May 15 is AB 1385 on alcoholic beverages. These bills should be strongly opposed and killed by the committees.

Cost of On-the-Job Mishaps

Every working hour the American economy loses \$3.4 million from on-the-job accidents. The eight-hour work day cost is \$27.2 million — a whopping \$6.8 billion every year.

Labor Opposition Defeats SB 700

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only thing AB 426 would have done would be to eliminate the gangster type of professional strikebreakers being brought into California for the purpose of breaking a strike of southern California newspaper workers.

Finks went on to state that SB 700 would, in effect, have an adverse effect on every labor organization affiliated with the California Labor Federation.

Senator John McCarthy endeavored to confuse the issues being presented by Labor's spokesmen. However, the committee chairman, Senator Alan Short, agreed with Finks that SB 700 would set a precedent for future collective bargaining agreements in California by injecting official State participation.

Berne Hughes of the Graphic Arts, Bob White of the Southern California Allied Printing Trades, Ward Howard and Russ Wagle of the Northern Califor-

nia Allied Printing Trades were introduced by Finks to speak against SB 700.

At the conclusion of testimony, Senator Coombs made a motion to send the bill out with a "do pass." When the question was put to the committee, only Coombs and McCarthy appeared to be in support of the action. Evaluating the voice vote, Senators Short, Song, Marks and Sherman were indicated as voting against Coombs' motion. The position of either Senator Stevens or Senator Cologne was difficult to determine.

The motion was then made that the bill be sent to the Rules Committee to be referred to the proper interim committee, thus ending legislative consideration for the 1968 session.

Executive Secretary Thos. L. Pitts takes this means to extend his thanks to all the affiliated unions of California for their fine help and support of the Federation in working to defeat this anti-Labor legislation.

Digest of Bills Ends This Week

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and AB 1726, have been held at the desk of the Speaker of the Assembly and will not become available for review until they are sent to the state printer. In addition, special permission has already been requested to introduce additional measures. This is permitted under the State Constitution after the regular bill introduction period ends if proper legislative approval is obtained.

If necessary, a supplement to the Digest of Bills will be printed in some future edition in order to keep affiliates fully informed.

Many of the bills dropped into the hopper just before the April 16 deadline may be set for hearings within the next week or 10 days. To keep posted on the progress of measures of particular interest, affiliates should drop a note to the chairman of the committee to which such measures have been referred requesting notice of all hearings called on the bill.

Projectionists' Bill Wins Senate OK

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ator Albert Rodda, provides protection for motion picture projectionists from liability for arrest in the exhibition or possession with intention to exhibit any obscene matter when they are acting within the scope of their employment and have no interest beyond wages in the place of employment.

Senators George Moscone, Alan Short and James Mills joined Senator Rodda as co-authors of SB 576.

The bill now goes to the Assembly where it will be assigned to committee.

Employment in West Up

Non-agricultural wage and salary employment in the eight Pacific States reversed the customary January-February downtrend and rose to 9,212,600 in mid-February, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports. The gain totalled 10,700 jobs at a time when employment usually drops by 28,000.

U.C. Dues Checkoff Bill Now Before Senate GE Unit

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have its committee hearing on Wednesday, May 15, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5007 of the Capitol.

Senator Richard Dolwig is chairman of the GE Committee. Other members are Senators Hugh Burns, Randolph Collier, Joseph Kennick, Fred Marler, John McCarthy, Jack Schrader, Alan Short, Walter Stiern, Stephen Teale and James Wedworth.

AB 127 simply extends equity to one group of public employees, providing them an equivalent convenience with workers in other public agencies. Contact your senators and urge them to support AB 127, sending it to the Governor for enactment into law.

'Don't Fly United,' Union Asks

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result of a contract dispute with United Air Lines.

The Union, an affiliate of the AFL-CIO Building Service Employees International Union, is fighting encroachments by non-AFL-CIO unions that result in lowering the wages and working conditions of AFL-CIO union members, Richard C. Spencer, the local's secretary-treasurer, said.

The union's members had been employed by the AFL-CIO union maintenance contractor who had been servicing United Air Lines' facilities in Los Angeles but United has refused to continue that contract and is now using a maintenance contractor "who does not provide AFL-CIO union wages and working conditions," he explained.

The union is appealing to all trade unionist, to fly with other airlines and to advise United of their reasons for doing so.

It also is appealing to labor organizations to adopt resolutions protesting United's action. The union asks that copies of such resolutions be sent to George F. Keck, President, United Air Lines, P. O. Box 66100, O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, Illinois 60666.

DIGEST OF BILLS

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No bill may be taken up until 30 days after the date of introduction indicated in Digest, except by 3/4 vote..

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, Special
LU Labor Unions, General
MI Miscellaneous
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

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 1700 Bill Greene (Ed.) Requires Department of Education to develop and implement an experimental pilot summer remedial and vocational education program, including remedial education, exploratory occupational education, and an opportunity for paid employment, and creates local advisory committees on vocational education with specified representation. Requires regular monthly meetings of such local committees. Requires submission of report to Legislature on 5th legislative day of 1969 Regular Session.

To take effect immediately, urgency statute. April 15. **TR—Watch**

AB 1701 Bill Greene (Rev. & Tax.) Imposes a 1 percent tax on gross receipts from vending machine sales. Allocates funds from such tax according to the vehicle license fee formula to counties, cities, cities and counties for construction and operation of recreational centers and facilities. States that Legislature finds and declares that such construction and operation constitutes a state purpose. April 15. **TR—Watch**

AB 1702 Bill Greene (Rev. & Tax.) Provides a credit against the personal income tax of one who improves a dwelling which he owns but in which he does not reside, providing such dwelling is located in a blighted area. April 15. **TA—Watch**

AB 1703 Bill Greene (S.E., R., & M.A.) Specifies that after person has served probationary period in a civil service class not to exceed 6 months or 130 days of paid service he shall be deemed to have permanent status in that class. April 15. **LS—N.C.**

AB 1704 Bill Greene (Ed.) Provides that those classified employees employed in positions established exclusively to work on weekends and holidays shall not be entitled to compensation beyond rate of pay for holiday or weekend work. April 15. **LS—N.C.**

AB 1705 Bill Greene (Ed.) Deletes position of "part-time playground" employee and substitutes position of "employees working less than full time at school playgrounds" to the list of positions not falling within the classified service.

Provides that the district personnel commission in those districts adopting a merit system shall adopt rules which define the term "professional expert." Rules would provide that no person shall be employed as a professional expert for a period exceeding six months in a fiscal year if performing duties of a position which is part of the classified service, and that no person shall be employed as a professional expert to avoid payment for overtime or to avoid the use of a merit system eligibility list. April 15. **LS—N.C.**

AB 1706 Bill Greene (Ed.) Provides that governing boards of school districts may allow classified employees to interrupt one type of paid leave in order to begin another type of paid leave without a return to active service. April 15. **LS—N.C.**

AB 1711 Bear (Crim. Pro.) Excludes evidence obtained during interrogation by employer or employer's security investigator of an employee suspected by employer of commission of a crime unless prior to the

interrogation the employee is advised that he could obtain legal counsel for the interrogation. April 15. **CR—Good**

AB 1723 Dunlap (Ed.) Provides that teachers employed in junior colleges shall not attend or participate in an annual teachers institute. April 15. **LS—N.C.**

AB 1727 Lanterman (Rev. & Tax.) Authorizes counties, as well as cities, to license for revenue purposes, as well as for purposes of regulation, and provides that any such license tax may be imposed on a county-wide basis or only in the unincorporated territory of a county. Permits counties and general law cities to impose any tax not otherwise prohibited by law but requires that taxes imposed pursuant to specific legislative authorization must be imposed pursuant to the terms thereof. April 15. **TA—Watch**

AB 1735 Wilson (Fin. & Ins.) Excludes recovery for permanent disability from industrially incurred injury where disability is less than 5 percent; revises percentage schedule for disabilities of under 20 percent, adding 1/2 percent increments for percentage of disability up to 20 percent, with corresponding increments for number of weeks, which is reduced, for which 65 percent of average weekly earnings is allowed.

Limits payment for permanent disability by specifying that intermediate computation of disability payments for disability falling between specified percentages of permanent disability will only be made for employees who are more than 20 percent permanently disabled. April 15. **WC—Bad**

AB 1736 Wilson (Ed.) Provides that provisions regarding part-time certificated employees of a school district shall not apply to certificated temporary employees, or to anyone employed as a part-time employee above and beyond his employment as a full-time employee in the same school district. April 15. **LS—N.C.**

AB 1737 Meyers (Rev. & Tax.) Deletes provisions which could cause the rate of the state's sales and use tax to decrease from 4 to 3 1/2 percent on July 1, 1968, and amends other provisions to provide that the rate of these taxes will be reduced to 3 1/2 percent on January 1, 1969.

Authorizes counties and cities and counties operating under the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law to increase their sales and use tax rates from 1 to 1 1/2 percent at the same time the state's rate is reduced. Authorizes cities operating pursuant to such law on the same date to raise their rates from 1 percent or less to 1 1/4 percent or less. Requires counties and cities and counties to place additional revenues derived from any such tax increase in the property tax reduction fund on and after July 1, 1969.

Exempts household furnishings and personal effects with a value in excess of \$100 from property taxation, commencing with the lien date in 1969.

Revises the schedule granting assistance to certain elderly persons of limited means to grant greater benefits to such persons in accordance

ASSEMBLY BILLS (Cont'd)

with a formula based on their incomes and the amount of property tax which they paid.

Establishes a Commission on Urban Affairs to be composed of five members to be appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, and provides that two Members of the Senate, appointed by the Senate Rules Committee, and two Members of the Assembly, appointed by the Speaker, shall constitute a joint interim legislative committee to work with the commission. Requires the commission to study metropolitan problems and the reasons for high property taxes in such areas, and requires the commission to report its findings to the Legislature by not later than the fifth legislative day of the 1970 Regular Session. Dissolves the commission on the 61st day after final adjournment of the 1970 Regular Session of the Legislature.

Calls a special election to be consolidated with the general election to be held on November 5, 1968, to place an unspecified Assembly constitutional amendment on the ballot.

To take effect immediately, tax levy. April 15.

TA—Watch

AB 1748 Meyers (Mun. & C.G.) Provides for election procedure to consolidate counties having common boundaries with adjacent consolidated cities and counties. April 15.

SL—Watch

AB 1749 Lanterman (G.E. & E.) Permits female employees to serve wine from behind a permanently affixed fixture of any licensee who operates a bona fide public eating place on the same premises as a bar. April 16.

LS—N.C.

AB 1750 Townsend (Ind. R.) Provides that no employer shall cause or permit his employees to work in or adjacent to any unshored excavation six feet or more in depth without prior written notice to the Division of Industrial Safety in a form prescribed by the division, unless such excavation is being constructed under a permit issued by a city, city and county, or county providing for inspection of such construction. April 16.

LC—Good

AB 1751 Townsend (Ed.) Requires school district employing a certificated employee at the time of his retirement to pay severance pay to such employee in accordance with the formula specified, in addition to any other compensation. April 16.

LS—N.C.

AB 1760 Wakefield (Ed.) Requires any student of a state college to be placed on probation, suspended or expelled for disorderly, unethical, vicious, or immoral conduct or misuse, abuse, theft or destruction of state property. Requires the president of a state college to suspend or place on probation students for such violations, limits period of suspension or probation to maximum of 12 months, provides for disposition of any fees paid, and requires that parents or guardians of minors be notified of such suspension.

Provides that the expulsion of a student shall be in accordance with hearing procedures which shall be established by the state college in which he is enrolled. April 16.

ED—Watch

AB 1774 Roberti (Ed.) Authorizes school district governing boards to grant certificated employees three days' leave of absence for personal leave per school year. Prohibits salary deductions or reduction in sick leave credits because of such leave of absence. Specifies that such leave of absence is nonaccumulative. April 16.

LS—N.C.

AB 1775 Roberti (S.E., R., & M.A.) Requires Board of Control to adopt rules and regulations providing for reimbursement of state officer, employee, or agent for nonculpable damages to private car when used on sanctioned state business. April 16.

LS—N.C.

AB 1778 Monagan (G.E. & E.) Establishes California Housing Foundation to encourage and aid those public agencies and nonprofit organizations which are eligible for assistance under any program established under any act of Congress, to promote the development of or to develop low- or moderate-cost housing in the state; and under certain conditions to apply for and act as sponsor for such federal assistance. April 16.

HO—Watch

AB 1780 Milias (Ed.) Requires principal of school who believes a pupil has used, sold or been in possession of narcotics or other hallucinogenic drugs, to refer such pupil to governing board or superintendent of district for appropriate action. Authorizes principal of school to suspend, within specified limits, any other pupil for good cause. April 16.

ED—Watch

AB 1781 Milias (S.E., R., & M.A.) Allows State Personnel Board to prescribe rules governing temporary assignment or loan of employees between jurisdictions as well as within an agency or between agencies as is presently authorized. April 16.

LS—N.C.

AB 1784 Powers (Pub. H.) Requires establishments serving the public or open to the public which maintain restroom facilities for public to make prescribed facilities available without cost to patrons, guests, or invitees. April 16.

MI—Good

AB 1790 Chappie (Agr.) Deletes inoperative provision relating to the slaughtering of calves in establishments in areas where meat inspection was formerly not required.

Clarifies provisions relating to the curing or smoking of any meat for a producer and owner for his own use and not for resale and provisions permitting under specified conditions the sale of prepared meat or meat food products by a retail meat market as a part and consequence of, or as an incident to its retail meat business.

Makes it unlawful for any retail meat market which sells meat in less than primal cuts to possess for storage or any other purpose any uninspected meat including wild game.

Authorizes locker plants and meat processors, as defined, to cure pork for sale to consumers, producers, and owners under specified conditions and requires that records of such sales be kept for six months. April 16.

LS—N.C.

AB 1804 Ryan (W. & M.) Makes it permissive rather than mandatory that articles, materials and supplies made in the state prisons be purchased by the state and by counties, cities and districts. April 16.

MI—Watch

AB 1811 Bill Greene (Ed.) Prohibits suspension or expulsion of pupil solely because such pupil is tardy in attendance upon his classes, and requires alternate practices and procedures to assure pupil promptness to be established and adopted by school district governing board.

To take effect immediately, urgency statute. April 16.

ED—Watch

AB 1825 Priolo (S.E., R., & M.A.) Permits retired police officers and sheriff's deputies to be employed as teachers or instructors in subjects related to law enforcement without being reinstated from retirement. April 16.

LS—N.C.

AB 1830 Briggs (Ed.) Authorizes county superintendent of schools to provide insurance coverage, including workmen's compensation, for persons authorized by him to perform volunteer services for schools under his supervision. April 16.

LS—N.C.

AB 1831 Briggs (G.O.) Creates State Civil Law Procedural Commission and provides for its duties and responsibilities, including review, of the administration of justice. April 16.

SL—Watch

AB 1834 Barnes (Ed.) Changes name of "state colleges" to "state university"; authorizes trustees of the state university to select and change the name of any institution administered by the trustees. April 16.

ED—Watch

AB 1840 Vasconcellos (Ed.) Removes restriction that only certificated employees in school districts having an average daily attendance of less than 250 may be offered continuing contracts, allowing such contracts to be offered certificated employees of any school district. April 16.

LS—N.C.

ASSEMBLY BILLS (Cont'd)

AB 1846 Fenton (Elec. & Reap.) Permits persons confined in a home because of illness or disability to vote. Establishes procedure for such voting. April 16. EL—Good

AB 1853 Veysey (Ed.) Permits accumulated sick leave and other benefits provided by law to classified school employees to be transferred upon the acceptance of positions with the State Department of Education or with any county superintendent of schools. April 16. LS—N.C.

AB 1854 Veysey (Rev. & Tax.) Exempts livestock held primarily for meat production from personal property taxation and imposes on the full cash value of such livestock a tax of 5/10 of 1 percent. April 16. TA—Watch

AB 1855 Veysey (Rev. & Tax.) Imposes tax on livestock, as defined, of specified amounts per day on cattle, sheep, and swine for each day such animals are in tax code area in a county. Provides for lien for such tax and penalty for delinquency. April 16. TA—Watch

AB 1858 Veysey (Ed.) Eliminates statutory provisions operating to reduce state sales and use tax rates by 1/2 cent commencing in July 1, 1968, if Legislature fails to make property tax relief appropriation at 1968 Regular Session.

Establishes a property tax relief school support program, and appropriates therefor from the Property Tax Relief Fund for the 1968-1969 fiscal year \$155 million, and for future fiscal years the proceeds of 1/2 cent of the state sales and use taxes. Creates Property Tax Relief School Support Fund in State Treasury for such purposes.

Specifies that \$40 million in 1968-1969, and 1/4 of the earmarked sales and use tax proceeds in future fiscal years, shall be allowed to school districts for grades kindergarten to 12, inclusive, to be utilized for general educational purposes but to be precisely reflected in property tax rate reductions for recipient districts. Prescribes formula for computing allowances to districts utilizing factors of district taxing effort, comparative position of district in participating in local tax revenues, and related factors.

Specifies that \$115 million in 1968-1969 and 3/4 of the earmarked sales and use tax proceeds in future fiscal years, shall be allowed to other school districts for grades kindergarten to 6, inclusive, on the basis of equal amounts per unit of a.d.a. in such grades in all of the districts. Specifies that such moneys be utilized for purposes of the educational programs in those grades, and to reduce property tax rates in the districts.

Provides for statements to be submitted to district taxpayers concerning effects upon tax rates of receipt of program disbursements; prescribes essential administrative procedures; makes provision for numerous related matters. April 16. TA—Watch

AB 1861 Russell (S.E., R., & M.A.) Creates Public Employment Relations Board, consisting of three members appointed by Governor, to resolve disputes between public employees and public employers, and specifies powers and duties of board. Grants public employees the right to membership in employee organizations and to be represented thereby for purposes of collectively bargaining for terms and conditions of employment. Specifies procedure for resolving grievances and disputes. Prohibits strikes by public employees, and provides remedies for violation.

Deletes inconsistent provisions. April 16. LS—N.C.

AB 1864 Russell (Fin. & Ins.) Provides that if a compensable injury is sustained by an employee and causes permanent disability of less than 26 percent, the employee shall not be entitled to the payment of permanent disability indemnity when, after the disability has become permanent, his average weekly earnings in any 6-month period are in an amount equal to or in excess of his average weekly earnings during the three years next preceding the injury. Provides for reopening of case, upon petition by employee, within 5 years of date of injury. April 16. WC—Bad

AB 1865 Russell (Ed.) Expresses legislative intent re innovation and creative change in education. Establishes State Advisory Council on Educational Innovation and prescribes membership, terms, and duties thereof.

Specifies elements to be included in a state plan prepared by State Board of Education with respect to Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

Requires State Board of Education to establish within the Department of Education a bureau to compile and disseminate research and evaluation information relative to programs, services, practices, and materials important to general education, and to assist the State Advisory Council on Educational Innovation. April 16. ED—Watch

AB 1866 Vasconcellos (Elec. & Reap.) Repeals present law governing political activities of public employees. Limits restrictions on political activities of public employees. Authorizes governing body of local agencies to establish regulations over certain specific political activities of their employees. April 16. LS—N.C.

AB 1867 Hayes (N.R., P., & P.W.) Provides that every person who causes or permits any oil or chemicals to be deposited in the harbors or waterways of this state shall be liable for a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), and may be fined an amount equal to the actual damages suffered by any person injured thereby, as determined by the court. April 16. LS—N.C.

AB 1872 Wilson (Ed.) Requires public school employees to establish an arbitration panel of five members to hear disputes between public school districts and employee organizations and certificated employees' negotiating councils on wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment but not on questions of educational policy. Provides for findings of fact and recommendations for appropriate action by such arbitration panels which shall be binding upon the parties and subject to judicial review by injunction.

Specifies method of choosing arbitration panel. April 16. LS—N.C.

AB 1873 Wilson (Ed.) Authorizes governing board of school district to establish a sick leave reserve plan for persons employed in certificated positions. April 16. LS—N.C.

AB 1874 Dunlap (Jud.) Extends psychotherapist-patient privilege to certified clinical social workers. April 16. LS—N.C.

AB 1877 Dunlap (Ed.) Authorizes principal of school to suspend any pupil of the school for good cause, except for specified causes and subject to prescribed time limitations. Requires principal to report such suspensions to governing board or district superintendent in accordance with regulations of governing board. April 16. ED—Watch

AB 1885 Fenton (Fin. & Ins.) Provides that the medical advisory committee of the Administrative Section of Industrial Accidents shall advise the medical director as to qualifications of independent medical examiners, rather than as to their selection and removal.

Adds requirement that the administrative director appoint independent medical examiners with advice and consent of the Chairman of Workmen's Compensation Appeals Board. April 16. WC—Bad

AB 1886 Fenton (Fin. & Ins.) Permits petition for reconsideration of Workmen's Compensation Appeals Board or referee's decision on ground that there is no substantial evidence to support findings of fact, rather than that the evidence does not justify the findings of fact. April 16. WC—Bad

AB 1887 Fenton (Fin. & Ins.) Provides that chairman of Workmen's Compensation Appeals Board rather than the Administrative Director of the Division of Industrial Accidents, shall appoint referees. Requires that salaries of referees shall not be less than 80 percent of salaries of members of appeals board. April 16. WC—Bad

ASSEMBLY BILLS (Cont'd)

AB 1888 Fenton (Fin. & Ins.) Authorizes Workmen's Compensation Appeals Board to commute subsequent injuries compensation payments into a lump sum for reasonable attorneys' fees. April 16. **WC—Watch**

AB 1892 Pattee (Rev. & Tax.) Imposes amusement tax of 5 percent of the admission charge for admission to an amusement activity. Requires deposit of revenue in General Fund and states legislative intent to reduce rate of state income tax. April 16. **TA—Bad**

AB 1899 Bagley (G.E. & E.) Creates the California Board of Nursing to administer the chapters on professional and vocational nursing, and psychiatric technicians practice, the composition of the board varying with each chapter that is being administered.
Revises various other laws regulating professional and vocational nursing and psychiatric technicians' practice. April 16. **LS—N.C.**

AB 1900 Bagley (G.E. & E.) Creates the Psychiatric Technician Fund of the Board of Nursing in the State Treasury.

Requires the California Board of Nursing, as constituted to administer the provisions on certified psychiatric technician practice, to report each month on the source of all revenue received pursuant to such provisions and to pay the entire amount into State Treasury to the credit of the Psychiatric Technician Fund of the Board of Nursing, rather than to the Vocational Nurse Examiners Fund.

Appropriates all money in Psychiatric Technician Fund continuously to the Board of Nursing as constituted to administer the provisions on certified psychiatric technicians, for expenditure in carrying out such provisions rather than requiring that expenses incurred in operation of provisions relating to psychiatric technicians be paid out of the Vocational Nurse Fund from revenue received by the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners of the State of California.

Deletes provision making the provisions relating to psychiatric technicians inoperative January 1, 1968, if the revenue derived therefrom was insufficient to pay the expenses incurred in the operation of such provisions.

Requires claim against fund be audited by the State Controller and paid by State Treasurer upon warrants drawn by State Controller.

To become operative only if an undesignated bill is enacted by the Legislature at the 1968 Regular Session. April 16. **LS—N.C.**

AB 1901 Bagley (G.E. & E.) Changes the name of the Vocational Nurse Examiners Fund to the Vocational Nurse Fund of the California Board of Nursing in the State Treasury.

Transfers all money in the Vocational Nurse Examiners Fund to the Vocational Nurse Fund of the California Board of Nursing.

Requires all fees collected under provisions on vocational nursing to be paid into the Vocational Nurse Fund of the Board of Nurse Examiners.

Appropriates all money in the Vocational Nurse Fund of the Board of Nurse Examiners to carry out the provisions relating to vocational nurses, rather than appropriating the money in the Vocational Nurse Fund to the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners for expenditures in carrying out such provisions.

To become operative only if an undesignated bill is enacted by the Legislature at the 1968 Regular Session. April 16. **LS—N.C.**

AB 1902 Ketchum (Fin. & Ins.) Makes unemployment insurance law applicable to agricultural labor. Defines "agricultural labor" and other related terms. Requires each worker to pay unemployment insurance contributions at rate of two-tenths of one percent of wages up to specified amounts paid to him by employer. Requires such worker contributions to be paid into balancing account maintained by Director of Employment. Provides that agricultural wages shall not be used in computing amount of award for unemployment compensation benefits unless individual is resident of this state at time he files claim for such benefits. Defines "agricultural wages."

Makes related changes; deletes inconsistent provisions. April 16. **UI—Bad**

AB 1903 Veysey (Fin. & Ins.) Makes unemployment insurance law applicable to agricultural labor. Defines "agricultural labor" and other related terms. Prohibits agricultural wage from being used in computing unemployment compensation benefits unless claimant is resident of California at time he files for such benefits. Requires, to establish valid claim, that if "agricultural wages," as defined, are included in base period wages, the claimant has been paid not less than \$100 in each of three calendar quarters of his base period. Authorizes employer of agricultural labor to file with Director of Employment a written election that such wages paid to individuals in his employ not be subject to \$100 requirement.

Makes related changes; deletes inconsistent provisions. April 16. **UI—Bad**

AB 1904 Deddeh (Ed.) Creates, and provides for composition, organization, and powers and duties of, State Board of Teachers' Standards and Practices to succeed to duties, powers, and responsibilities of State Board of Education, Department of Education, Director of Education, and Superintendent of Public Instruction with respect to accrediting teacher education institutions and granting, issuance, suspension, and revocation of credentials, life diplomas, and other documents previously issued by the State Board of Education. April 16. **LS—N.C.**

AB 1905 Deddeh (Ed.) Authorizes State Board of Education to allocate to school districts or county boards of Education sum of ten dollars (\$10) for each student credit unit which an education student earns as a result of practice teaching or supervised field experience provided, and appropriates an unspecified amount from the General Fund for such purposes.

Provides that there shall be allowed to each school district or county board of education the actual excess current expenses incurred, as defined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, as a result of providing such practice teaching experience, not to exceed a specified amount.

Deletes specific provisions relating to agreements between state institutions of higher learning and school districts for payment for providing practice teaching experience to students. April 16. **LS—N.C.**

AB 1910 Deddeh (S.E., R., & M.A.) Permits retired member of PERS to be appointed by an employer during an emergency to prevent stoppage of public business or because of special skills of the person without reinstatement from retirement or loss of benefits. Such appointments may not exceed 60 days in any one calendar year.

Repeals similar specific provisions regarding former school district employees. April 16. **LS—N.C.**

AB 1931 Leroy F. Greene (Ed.) Extends to the University of California the applicability of present provisions permitting state textbooks to be ordered by state institutions and state colleges. April 16. **ED—Watch**

AB 1940 Brown (G.E. & E.) Makes law prohibiting discrimination in employment on account of age applicable to employers of one or more employees rather than six or more employees.

Makes it unlawful to take certain actions with respect to an individual of any age, rather than an individual between ages of 40 and 64.

Makes it unlawful for any 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, directly or indirectly, any limitation, specification, or discrimination as to age, or any intent to make such limitation, specification, or discrimination, except in cases where the law compels or provides for such action. April 16. **UI—Watch**

ASSEMBLY BILLS (Cont'd)

AB 1941 Brown (Fin. & Ins.) Provides that no rate for any insurance policy to which Ch. 9 (commencing with Sec. 1850), Pt. 2, Div. 1, Ins.C., applies shall be judged fair, adequate, or nondiscriminatory unless the profits achieved from all sources, including, but not limited to, income from investment of funds of all types, is included in the calculations. April 16. **IN—Good**

AB 1951 Cory (Elec. & Reap.) Prohibits Attorney General from preparing titles for statewide initiative measures which would require substantial state expense unless a method of financing is included in the initiative measure. April 16. **SL—Bad**

AB 1952 Cory (Ed.) Requires establishment in Department of Education of school nursing consultant service directed by school nursing consultant.

Appropriates \$20,000 to Department of Education for such establishment and maintenance of the service for 1968-1969 fiscal year. April 16. **ED—Watch**

AB 1962 Veneman (Rev. & Tax.) Repeals provisions in Government Code and reenacts same in Revenue and Taxation Code authorizing imposition of privilege occupancy taxes with regard to hotels and mobilehomes by cities or counties.

Provides with respect to hotel occupancy tax that tax be levied at same rate as general sales tax, as defined.

To be operative January 1, 1969. April 16.

TA—Watch

AB 1967 Veneman (G.O.) Changes certain state holidays to fall upon specific Mondays, rather than on dates. Makes similar changes in holidays for state employees. April 16. **SL—Watch**

AB 1968 Veneman (Rev. & Tax.) Revises provisions of Personal Income Tax Law to change the rate schedule to provide for a tax of 1 percent on taxable incomes of \$1,500, instead of \$2,000, at the lower end of the scale, and provides for a tax at the top of the schedule of \$675 on taxable incomes of \$13,500, plus 10 percent of such income in excess of \$13,500, rather than a tax of \$680 on \$14,000, plus 10 percent of the excess. Revises tax brackets in between to conform to this change.

Deletes credit of \$50 for married couples and the heads of households and \$25 for single persons and \$8 for dependents against the income tax and, instead allows a \$600 exemption for the taxpayer, the spouse of the taxpayer and for each dependent, as well as conforming the law in this respect for the elderly and the blind.

Increases the standard deduction for single persons from \$500 to \$1,000 and increases the standard deduction for married couples and heads of households from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

To take effect immediately, tax levy, and to be applied in the computation of taxes for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 1968. April 16. **TA—Watch**

AB 1969 Porter (Ed.) Deletes provision making it unlawful for any public school employer to permit the appointment or designation of any classified employee for the purpose of representing classified employees with respect to employment conditions and employer-employee relations April 16. **LS—N.C.**

AB 1971 Bee (Ed.) Provides for the establishment, subject to approval of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the regulatory authority of the State Board of Education, on an experimental basis, of a year-around elementary school program in kindergarten and grades one to six, inclusive, at a school maintained by a unified school district, to be conducted for a two-year period.

Specifies that the program shall involve the maintenance of school for from 195 to 200 days throughout the year with quarters of approximately 50 days; requires attendance subject to compulsory attendance laws, but empowers district governing board, in hardship cases, to allow attendance at other schools; exempts school operations from laws, other than those relating to physical education, prescribing

minimum times to be devoted to particular courses during any interval period; authorizes appropriate adjustment of State School Fund financial support; prescribes comprehensive testing program for evaluation purposes, and requires reports to Legislature; and makes provision for numerous related matters.

To take effect immediately, urgency measure. April 16. **ED—Watch**

AB 1975 Zenovich (Pub. H.) Requires the State Department of Public Health to maintain a program of occupational health and occupational disease prevention. Authorizes Director of Public Health or his duly authorized representative to have free access at all reasonable hours to any place of employment for specified purposes. Authorizes department to enter into agreements to carry out its responsibilities relating to occupational health and occupational disease control. April 16. **PH—Watch**

AB 1977 Miller (Ed.) Provides for allowance to each unified school district that lies wholly or partly within a city with a population of 300,000 or more and within an area designated as one of the most concentrated areas of poverty and social tension, of an unspecified amount per unit of a.d.a. of disadvantaged minors.

Appropriates unspecified amount for purposes of act. April 16. **ED—Watch**

AB 1978 Miller (Crim. Pro.) Requires Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to develop and implement programs for developing more effective local law enforcement community relations programs; authorizes commission to make special allocations to certain local law enforcement agencies which provide bonus pay for officers who established residence in the community to which they are assigned for work. April 16. **SL—Watch**

AB 1980 Miller (Rev. & Tax.) Grants unspecified tax incentives for purposes of bank and corporation income tax law in form of deductions from income for business corporations that conduct job training programs for persons from deprived areas entering the labor market. April 16. **TR—Watch**

AB 1981 Miller (G.E. & E.) Requires Department of Housing and Community Development to grant funds to subsidize real estate organizations which develop effective human relations programs. Appropriates unspecified amount for this purpose. April 16. **MI—Watch**

AB 1984 Fong (Ed.) Specifies that classified public school employees shall be represented in their employment relations with public school employers by employee organizations, and that certificated public school employees shall be represented exclusively in their employment relations and in the formulation of educational policy with respect to public school employers by a certificated employees council. Deletes reference to "negotiating" description of council.

States that designation of representatives of a governing board shall not preclude a classified employee organization or a certificated employee council from meeting and conferring with, rather than meeting with, appearing before or making proposals to, a public school employer at a public meeting.

Provides nothing in the law shall be construed to prohibit any employee organization from making a public representation to a public school employer or governing board or representing their members in grievance complaints.

Provides that when there is a disagreement over the validity or accuracy of facts or data between conferring parties, such disagreement shall be referred to a committee of three persons, one selected by public school employer, one by classified employee organization or certificated employees council, as the case may be, and the third by the first two, for findings of fact and a public report to the parties.

States that the law shall not be construed as prohibiting public school employer from making the final decision with regard to all matters under specified provisions.

Makes related changes. April 16.

LS—N.C.

ASSEMBLY BILLS (Cont'd)

AB 1986 Fong (Ed.) Directs Department of Education to establish 6 Information and Guidance Centers for a two-year period to secure information concerning, and provide education and employment guidance regarding, women.

Requires state agencies to cooperate in the development and service of the centers.

Appropriates \$300,000 to carry out the purposes of the provisions. April 16. **MI—Watch**

AB 1992 Fong (G.E. & E.) Creates Office of Consumer Advocate and sets up procedure for his appointment. Provides that Consumer Advocate shall advise the Legislature as to all matters affecting the interests of the people as consumers and directs him to recommend to the Legislature the enactment of such legislation as he deems necessary to protect and promote the interests of the people as consumers. Prescribes other powers and duties of office. Provides for advisory council to advise Consumer Advocate on matters relating to consumer affairs. Provides procedure whereby the Attorney General may be requested to make complete investigation of matters relating to consumer fraud and provides that the Attorney General shall prosecute in any situation where fraud is evidenced. April 16. **MI—Watch**

AB 1996 Quimby (G.E. & E.) Permits registrar of Contractors' State License Board, under rules and regulations adopted by the board, to investigate, classify and qualify applicants for home improvement salesman's license by written or oral examination, or both. April 16. **LS—N.C.**

AB 1997 Quimby (P.U. & C.) Gives jurisdiction to review orders of Public Utilities Commission to superior courts and courts of appeal in addition to the Supreme Court. April 16. **SL—Bad**

AB 2002 Chappie (Fin. & Ins.) Creates the Study Commission on Insurance, consisting of seven members appointed by the Governor, to study the Insurance Code and to recommend legislative changes. Authorizes commission to have an executive secretary and clerical help. Authorizes commission members to receive reasonable expenses and a per diem of \$25. Defines powers of commission. Requires a progress report to Legislature not later than January 31, 1969, and a final report not later than June 30, 1969. Terminates commission on 61st day after final adjournment of 1969 Regular Session of Legislature. April 16. **IN—Watch**

AB 2003 Murphy (G.E. & E.) Changes references in laws relating to explosives from Interstate Commerce Commission to United States Department of Transportation. Revises definition of "chief" and prohibits sale, gift, or delivery of explosives to persons under 18, rather than under 21. Prohibits transportation of electric blasting caps or electric detonators upon any vehicle equipped with a two-way radio unless such devices have been tested and proved safe for such transportation by a laboratory approved by the State Fire Marshal, rather than prohibiting electric blasting caps from being transported upon any vehicle equipped with a two-way radio except where an exception permitted by the Interstate Commerce Commission loading chart for cargoes of explosives.

Makes inapplicable to any public entity provisions requiring, when required by local ordinance, that applicant for a permit for explosives submit evidence of financial ability to pay damages resulting from any act authorized by the permit upon which legal judgment results.

Exempts Department of Defense, or any organization acting pursuant to a contract with the Department of Defense from specified provisions of such law relating to keeping of records and obtaining of valid permit to receive explosives. April 16. **LS—N.C.**

AB 2008 Britschgi (G.E. & E.) Prohibits all sale or exposing for sale or offering for sale of any alcoholic beverage by any person within 1 1/2 miles of California veterans' home, asylum or retreat. April 16. **LS—N.C.**

AB 2010 Britschgi (G.E. & E.) Creates California Residential Building Board of Trustees, prescribes method of selecting its members and its powers and duties, including advertisement and promotion of the production and improvement of residential housing and levying of assessments to finance the board.

Makes general powers and duties of board operative only if favored by a referendum vote of builders as defined.

Appropriates \$15,000 from General Fund to Director of Housing and Community Development for the purpose of conducting the election of first trustees to the board, to be repaid by the board if the referendum is favorable to its operation or to be repaid by posted bond of security if the referendum is not favorable to its operation.

To be operative until December 31, 1973. April 16. **HO—Watch**

AB 2013 Gonsalves (Crim. Pro.) Makes it a misdemeanor to willfully commit a trespass by entering or remaining on the business premises of another, when the owner, or party in charge or control of such property, has withdrawn, for cause, and not contrary to the Unruh Civil Rights Act, the actual or implied invitation extended generally to the public to enter such premises. April 16. **LU—Bad**

AB 2029 Ray E. Johnson (Fin. & Ins.) Makes technical, nonsubstantive change. April 16. **UI—Watch**

AB 2031 Zenovich (Fin. & Ins.) Provides, in computing average earnings for purposes of computing disability indemnity, that if the earnings are at a regular rate, plus overtime, and extras, if any, the same rule of what the employee would have earned but for the accident shall govern but with less consideration to any time element; and that there shall, in all cases, be a rebuttable presumption that the earnings on the date of injury represent the earnings loss. Provides, further, that illness, disability and absence from the state shall always be taken into account in computing average earnings. April 16. **WC—Watch**

AB 2032 Zenovich (Fin. & Ins.) Requires Department of Industrial Relations to construe liberally the workmen's compensation law and the safety in employment provisions of the Labor Code. Provides that in making any determination, lay testimony as to the facts must be weighed along with any opinion evidence and judicial notice of any self-evident facts must be taken. April 16. **WC—Watch**

AB 2033 Zenovich (Fin. & Ins.) Provides that in case of aggravation of any disease existing prior to a compensable injury, permanent disability compensation, rather than compensation, shall be allowed only for the proportion of the disability due to the aggravation of such prior disease which is reasonably attributed to the injury.

Declares that the law in California has always been that temporary disability compensation and medical treatment are not to be denied an industrially injured workman merely because he is not in perfect physical condition when injured, that industry takes him as it finds him and that any "lighting up" is fully compensable. April 16. **WC—Watch**

AB 2034 Zenovich (Fin. & Ins.) Requires a first claim for disability benefits to be filed, together with a certificate on a form furnished by the Department of Employment, no later than the 20th day following the first compensable day of unemployment and disability for which claim is made. Authorizes filing of a completed claim if a first claim is not complete. Provides that time of filing may be extended on showing of good cause or that the department was not substantially prejudiced by the delay. April 16. **DI—Watch**

ASSEMBLY BILLS (Cont'd)

AB 2038 Crown (S.E., R., & M.A.) Establishes state policy that no employee shall be separated from state service due to elimination of his position by reason of automation, technological changes, or other management-initiated changes until all possible steps have been taken on an interdepartmental basis to avoid such layoffs. Directs appointing power to provide counseling and training to place employees in other state positions. Requires State Personnel Board to temporarily restrict choice of methods of appointments if this is necessary for placement in other positions of employees who have been separated from their previous state positions. Specifies that employees on the general re-employment list shall be hired before those on various promotional lists. Increases from 15 to 90 days prior to effective date of layoff when notice must be given to employee. April 16. **LS—N.C.**

AB 2045 Bagley (S.E., R., & M.A.) Excludes from definition of "public agency," the State of California, in chapter pertaining to public employee organizations.

Declares it to be the purpose in enacting State Employee Relations Act, to promote improvement of personnel management and employer-employee relations in area of state merit system and within state colleges and universities with respect to nonacademic employees. April 16. **LS—N.C.**

AB 2047 Bagley (G.O.) Transfers from Division of Housing to Department of Housing and Community Development powers and duties with regard to housing and community development laws, and revises powers with respect to such laws and building regulations, including housing authorities and redevelopment agencies.

Deletes specific provisions relating to employment of city planners and others, and to making annual report to Governor by Division of Housing.

Makes related changes. April 16.

LC—Watch

AB 2055 Bagley (Agr.) Authorizes establishment, or part thereof, to slaughter horses, or store, pack, offer for sale, or sell horsemeat, and in connection therewith, operate a business in which other uncooked meat or meat food products prepared from the flesh of other prescribed animals is slaughtered, stored, packed, cooked, offered for sale or sold, if such meat or meat food product is prepared for animal consumption only, and not for human consumption. April 16. **LS—N.C.**

AB 2056 Bagley (Ed.) Authorizes any public school agency which has demonstrated a commitment to integrated education to apply to the State Board of Education for a grant of funds for such purposes as the following: development of a plan for alleviating racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic segregation and providing integrated education in one or more schools in a public school agency or between agencies; implementation of an established plan for alleviating racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic segregation and providing integrated education in one or more schools in a public school agency or between agencies; evaluation of the effect of an integration plan on the educational performance and achievement of the students participating in the program.

Appropriates \$750,000 to the Department of Education for expenditure during the 1968-1969 fiscal year. April 16. **ED—Watch**

AB 2061 Sieroty (Ind. R.) Eliminates the prohibition against employment of resident non-citizens who have indicated their intent to become citizens by the state and cities and counties. April 16. **LC—Watch**

AB 2062 Sieroty (Ind. R.) Eliminates the prohibition against employment of resident aliens by contractors under public work contracts. April 16. **LC—Watch**

AB 2063 Sieroty (Ed.) Authorizes board of any school district to negotiate with authorities of any foreign country, state, territory or possession of the United States for the hiring of bilingual teachers. Requires

teacher to speak fluent English to be eligible for employment, with teachers employed to be known as "sojourn certificated employees." Specifies that no person shall be hired who lacks the necessary credentials issued by the State Board of Education, which shall establish minimum standards for the credentials for sojourn certificated employees, with a restriction that such persons shall be employed only for a period not to exceed 2 years.

Provides that persons serving as sojourn teachers shall be excluded from membership in the State Teachers' Retirement System. April 16. **LS—N.C.**

AB 2073 Warren (Ed.) Excludes from eligibility requirement of a teacher's credential an administrative credential for specified positions, the positions of deputy superintendent and associate superintendent in any unified school district in which the average daily attendance exceeds 400,000. April 16. **LS—N.C.**

AB 2079 Crandall (Ed.) Authorizes employment of noncertificated teachers' aides to assist classroom teachers in grades 1 through 3, inclusive, with pupils whose educational achievement is likely to be handicapped due to unfamiliarity with the English language. April 16. **LS—N.C.**

AB 2084 Meyers (Ed.) Authorizes, in any school district included within a city and county, conducting secret ballot election among certificated employees, where two or more employee organizations exist, to determine the organizational composition of negotiating councils on the petition of 30 percent of such employees, with the employee organization elected designating the members of such councils. April 16. **LS—N.C.**

AB 2089 Zenovich (G.E. & E.) Redefines art of cosmetology to include styling or otherwise treating, in prescribed manner, wigs, wiglets, or hair pieces made of human hair or synthetics intended to be worn on hair or head of any person, when such wig, wiglet, or hair piece is on the head of any person. April 16. **LS—N.C.**

AB 2090 Briggs (Ind. R.) Authorizes public bodies awarding contracts to publish prevailing wage rate schedule for locality quarterly, instead of in each call for bids. Requires body to print such schedule in specifications for contract and to post schedule at jobsite, regardless of method of publication. Specifies such schedule shall account for increases in wage rates pursuant to escalation clauses in executed collective bargaining agreements on file with Department of Industrial Relations.

Specifies appeal procedure for interested parties to contest accuracy of wage rate schedule published by public body; specifies contents of petition to be filed with Director of Industrial Relations, who shall investigate and hold hearings to determine proper wage schedule. Specifies that such determination be final. Requires that determination of director be placed in subsequent public works contracts of the body April 16. **LS—N.C.**

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

AJR 34 Veysey (RIs.) Memorializes Interstate Commerce Commission to take cognizance of effect on California meat producers of lowered dress meat rates, and to make proportionate reduction in rates on feed grains and other feed products. April 16. **LS—N.C.**

SENATE BILL

SB 488 as amended April 26 **Richardson** (Gov. Eff.) Requires principal office of Trustees of California State Colleges to be maintained in Sacramento. **SL—Watch**

Bipartisan Study Refutes Reagan's Medi-Cal Claims

The credibility gap between the Reagan Administration and the people of California widened this week in the wake of findings by a bipartisan state committee that the State's Medi-Cal program is adequately financed.

Last Fall Governor Reagan, claiming that the program was "sicker than the people it is expected to help" and that it was likely to bankrupt the state, initiated massive cutbacks in the program effective September 1, 1967.

The cutbacks were aimed at denying the state's 1.5 million neediest citizens, the bulk of them women and children, such services as eyeglasses, hearing aids, dental care except for extractions, and prescription drugs not necessary to preserve life.

RULED ILLEGAL

Fortunately the cutbacks were ruled illegal by a Sacramento Superior Court and a permanent injunction was issued to prevent them from being enforced.

On learning of the Court's action last September, Governor Reagan had attacked the decision saying:

"It seems to be a reflection of the kind of off-base thinking that seems to be so prevalent today."

And, he added:

"I find it hard to believe a judge is a better authority on Medi-Cal than Spencer Williams."

The Court's action was based on the legal issues involved, a fact Reagan apparently chose to ignore.

CLAIMS REFUTED

But the report issued last week by the Joint Committee on Medi-Cal Administration following a five month study of the program's funding was based on the financial facts at issue and it was completely at odds with the Reagan administration's claims.

Essentially it found that there is no need to cut back in Medi-Cal benefits this year or next.

It found that there is a budget surplus of \$62.1 million over the figure originally budgeted for 1967-68. The Reagan administration had claimed last year that the program would, instead, have a deficit of \$210

million. Thus the Reagan administration's estimate was more than one-quarter of a billion dollars off base.

The committee, composed of four Republicans and four Democrats, recommended that \$31.7 million of the current year's surplus be carried forward one year and added to the \$336 million budgeted for 1968-69 to meet the estimated cost for next year of \$367 million.

Here's how the committee stated its position:

"We therefore conclude that surplus funds in the Medi-Cal accounts will be available in 1967-68 and can be carried forward to adequately support the Medi-Cal program at its present level, plus meeting the in-

creased nursing home requirements (called for by federal law) of \$27 million in fiscal 1968-69. There are no financial reasons to reduce Medi-Cal benefits below current standards in either 1967-68 or 1968-69."

The committee was headed by Assemblyman John G. Vene-man (R-Stanislaus County) and included four senators and four assemblymen. Other committee members are: Senators George Miller, Jr. (D-Contra Costa); Milton Marks (R-San Francisco); Lewis F. Sherman (R-Alameda County); and Stephen P. Teale (D-Calaveras County); and Assemblymen Gordon Duffy (R-King County); Bob Moretti (D-Los Angeles); and Leon Ralph (D-Los Angeles).

'Labor For Humphrey' Organization Formed

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cable voting record of 60 'right' and no 'wrong' votes as a U. S. Senator," they said:

"We believe that Vice President Humphrey is best qualified to succeed President Johnson and is the most effective spokesman for those programs needed to meet today's challenges at home and abroad."

A partial list of California labor officials participating in the organization follows:

Marvin Adair, Lumber and Sawmill Workers; Chris Amadio, International Association of Machinists; Joseph Angelo, United Steelworkers; Anthony J. Bogdanowicz, Cabinet Makers and Millmen; Roger M. Brennan, executive secretary, Santa Clara and San Benito Counties Building and Construction Trades Council.

Fred W. Broos, secretary-treasurer, Four Counties Building Trades Council; Lamar Childers, secretary-treasurer, Alameda County Building Trades Council; Herbert A. Cooksey, Machinists Union, Local 94; Gerald J. Conway, United Steelworkers.

Herman M. Cornell, executive secretary, Santa Cruz Building Trades Council; Russell Crowell, Laundry and Dry Cleaning Union; Rufus M. Day, secretary-treasurer, Northern California Typographical Conference.

Manuel Dias, general vice president, California Labor Federation; Arthur Dougherty, Bartenders Local No. 41; William G. Dowd, International Union of Operating Engineers.

William A. Farley, California State Conference of Painters; Harry Finks, vice president, California Labor Federation; David O. Fleming, secretary-treasurer, Southern California Typographical Conference.

William P. Gilbert, director, AFL-CIO Los Angeles-Orange Counties Organizing Committee; C. Al Green, vice president, California Labor Federation; Richard Groulx, executive secretary, Alameda Central Labor Council.

Albin J. Gruhn, president, California Labor Federation; J. L. Hazard, secretary-treasurer, California State Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers; Patrick L. Lane, Painters District Council 16.

Stanley Lathen, vice president, California Labor Federation; Ted F. Mackjust, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen; James Martin, Pipe Trades Council.

Thomas W. Mathews, executive secretary, Building and Construction Trades Council of Orange County; Irvin Mazzei, president, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor; Gordon McCulloch, secretary-treasurer, Los Angeles County District Council of Carpenters; David S. Moore, Amalgamated Transit Union.

George M. Mulkey, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; E. P. O'Malley, Operating Engineers Local 12; William T. O'Rear, secretary-treasurer, Fresno and Madera Counties Central Labor Council.

John F. Reeves, Central District Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers; Peter J. Rimmel, executive secretary-treasurer, Orange County Central Labor Council; R. B. Richardson, secretary-treasurer, San Diego Central Labor Council.

Joseph H. Seymour, International Union of Operating Engineers; Edward T. Shedlock, Utility Workers Union; George Smith, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 18.

Frederick J. Sullivan, Printing Specialties Union; James C. Symes, secretary-treasurer, S. F. Union Label Section; J. J. Twombly, International Union of Operating Engineers; Charles Walker, chairman, Los Angeles County COPE and business manager of IBEW Local 11; and Kenneth Young, Western Conference of Specialty Unions.

Apprenticeship Parley Opens In S.F. May 15

The California Conference on Apprenticeship will hold its fifth biennial meeting at the Jack Tar Hotel in San Francisco May 15-17.

Jerald L. Antrim, conference chairman, said more than 640 labor-management joint apprenticeship committees will gather at the 3-day session to stimulate statewide interest in apprenticeship and provide for exchange of ideas between conferees.

Experts in the field of job training, education, civil rights and economics will address the estimated crowd of 1,000 at general sessions and workshop study groups.

Joint apprenticeship committees will display the skills of trades in exhibitions erected in the hotel lobby, he said.

Mayor Joseph Alioto and Oakland Mayor John Reading will welcome the delegates. Former Mayor John Shelley and Thomas A. Maloney, authors of the Apprentice Labor Standards Act, will attend.

The conference opens Wednesday at 9 a.m. with a general session in the International Room.

Key Conference speakers will be Anthony Ramos, Executive Secretary of the California State Council of Carpenters, and Harry Winston, Lockheed Aircraft Corporation's industrial relations director.

At 1:30 p.m., the conference delegates will meet at industry conferences covering 19 trades to consider problems relative to their industries.

Thursday, the general session will convene at 8:30 a.m. in the International Room where two forums, "Focus on Apprenticeship" and "Why Challenge Apprenticeship" will start the day's deliberations.

Other participants include: Albin J. Gruhn, president, California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO; Peter Weinberger, director, Department of Employment; Morris E. Skinner, regional director, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, U. S. Department of Labor; and Richard S. Nelson, chief of the Bureau of Industrial Education, Department of Education.

June 4 Primary Pamphlets Now On The Press

California Labor COPE's primary endorsement pamphlets are now rolling off the presses and are scheduled to be delivered to local COPE jurisdictions throughout the state by Monday, May 20.

Local unions or district or joint councils planning any routine mailings to their membership between now and the June 4 primary election are urged to delay such mailings, if possible, so that the pamphlets, which are free, may be inserted in order to save on postage costs.

The pamphlet, which features Thomas H. Kuchel, candidate for the GOP nomination for U. S. Senator who is the only COPE-endorsed candidate for statewide office in the June primary, is being printed in 10 regional variations that list COPE-endorsed candidates for Congress, the State Senate and State Assembly on a county by county basis.

The back face of the pamphlet carries an address panel to facilitate its use as a self-mailer but they may also be stuffed in No. 10 envelopes or distributed in door-to-door precinct work.

Local unions should order their pamphlets directly from their county COPE.

The pamphlets are being printed in the following variations:

1—North Coastal Counties, including Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Napa and Sonoma Counties.

2—Sacramento Metropolitan Area, including Amador, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento and Yolo Counties.

3—Sacramento Valley, including Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lake Shasta, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba Counties.

4—Central Coast, including Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz and Ventura Counties.

5—Bay Area, including Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Solano Counties.

6—San Joaquin Valley, including Fresno, Kern, Kings,

New 'Adverse Effect' Rate of \$1.68 Too Low, Pitts Says

"To permit California growers to qualify to import foreign farm workers if an offer of \$1.68 an hour fails to flood them with domestic workers makes a shambles of any pretense that we as a nation are concerned in the least about easing the shameful poverty that exists among hardworking farm workers."

So said Thos. L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, in commenting on the disclosure that U.S. Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz had increased the so-called adverse effect rate in California from \$1.60 to only \$1.68.

At hearings in San Francisco last January, the State AFL-CIO had called for an outright ban on foreign farm worker importation or, failing that, an adverse effect rate of at least \$2.25.

It had also urged that premium pay rates be set for particularly arduous crops such as asparagus, dates and brussel sprouts.

The amended regulations as filed in the Federal Register on April 24, 1968 do, however, include some tightening of employer record keeping requirements.

In an effort to drive home the "total inadequacy" of the \$1.68 adverse effect rate, Pitts pointed out that:

● On the basis of a 40-hour week, this amounts to only \$67.20 a week, barely half of the state's average weekly wage in factory employment.

● Domestic farm workers are lucky if they can find work more than 120 days a year. Thus, despite the great distances they must travel, the \$1.68 hourly rate figured on the basis of an eight-hour day

Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tulare Counties.

7—Riverside - Imperial - San Bernardino.

8—Orange and San Diego Counties.

9—Los Angeles County.

10—Statewide.

would give them an annual income of only \$1,747.

Moreover, Pitts added: "It's clearly ironic that a so-called adverse effect rate designed to protect the jobs of domestic workers should be set just three cents above the state's minimum wage for women in agricultural occupations, particularly when one bears in mind that in any other industry work as seasonal as farm work is would demand premium pay."

"The Labor Department's action on this issue serves to underscore the urgent need for congressional action this year on legislation to bring farm workers under the National Labor Relations Act," he said.

Just how the new adverse effect's rates were fixed, whether by formula or not, was not immediately determinable.

While the rate in California was increased from \$1.60 in 1967 to \$1.68, an increase of only eight cents, the rates for Florida, Virginia and West Virginia were increased 10 cents from \$1.35 to \$1.45; the rates for Massachusetts and New Hampshire rose 14 cents from \$1.50 to \$1.64 and the rate in Vermont was hiked from \$1.50 to \$1.67, up 17 cents.

In Maine it went from \$1.45 to \$1.63, an 18 cent hike.

Sierra Club Backs 160-Acre Limitation

The Sierra Club, a nationwide organization of conservationists has adopted a resolution supporting the 160-acre limitation.

The limitation, which has been under attack by Governor Reagan, Senator Murphy and the state's agribusiness interests, is designed to prevent a handful of large landholders and speculators from monopolizing the bulk of the benefits resulting from publicly financed reclamation projects.

The California Labor Federation and the national AFL-CIO have repeatedly testified at hearings both in California and in Washington against attempts by vested interests seeking to weaken or abolish the limitation and have called, in-

Price Boosts Swallow Up Wage Gains

The purchasing power of the nation's workers declined slightly in March despite a gain in take-home pay.

The dip in real spendable earnings came as the Consumer Price Index rose four-tenths of one percent to 119.5, the fourteenth month in succession that the index moved upwards.

The index figure means that it cost \$11.95 in March 1968 to buy goods and services that cost \$10 a decade ago.

Workers with three dependents on non-farm payrolls had an average take-home pay of \$92.93 in March, up 31 cents over the month and \$3.88 over a year ago. The purchasing power of that take-home pay, however, was 6 cents less than the previous month and only 34 cents higher than a year ago.

The four-tenths of one percent increase was the highest in eight months and followed five consecutive monthly increases of three-tenths of one percent.

Pacing the increase was the cost of services which accounted for almost one-half of the CPI's advance from February. Included were higher price tags for medical services, college tuition, higher property taxes and insurance rates.

stead, for much more vigorous enforcement of it.

The Sierra Club's executive council adopted the following resolution on the issue on March 17:

"The Sierra Club supports the federal purchase of excess lands (over 160-acres limitation) under the 1902 Reclamation Act with the understanding that lands so purchased would be sold or leased under open space regulations."

Age Bias Ban

The Federal Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 goes into effect on June 12. The new law prohibits discrimination in jobs for workers from 40 to 65 years old.