

# WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

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### STATE AFL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL SURVEYS LEGISLATIVE AND ORGANIZING FRONTS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--State legislative policies and AFL organizing campaigns highlighted the quarterly meeting of the Executive Council of the California State Federation of Labor held last weekend in San Francisco.

C. J. Haggerty, executive officer and legislative representative of the state AFL, warned that anti-worker bills in the fields of workmen's compensation and unemployment insurance were intended to turn back the clock of progress from 15 to 20 years in California.

On the sunnier side, Haggerty declared the attendance and enthusiasm of the AFL emergency meeting held February 20 in San Francisco showed intense local interest in the doings of the 1953 legislature.

The council reviewed organizing plans in the recently successful fight of the AFL Dining Car Employees on the Southern Pacific system, the AFL Marine Cooks and Stewards battle at sea, and the drive of the Southern California Metal Trades Council.

Full support was voted for the 1953 state AFL labor institute to be held in Santa Barbara the week of April 12-17. The institute is being jointly sponsored by the State Federation and the University of California.

President Thomas L. Pitts presided at the weekend session which was followed by a meeting of the state AFL's Education Committee chaired by Max J. Osslo, Federation vice president and a member of the state Board of Education.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS SET  
FOR STATE LABOR BILLS

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Labor legislation commanded serious attention this week in Sacramento as hearings were set for dozens of bills of vital interest to the working men and women of California.

All committee sessions of the 1953 legislature will be held in the State Capitol.

The following immediate hearings have been announced for bills included in the state AFL's official digest of proposed legislation:

ASSEMBLY BILLS

Subject: Construction

Committee on Judiciary - Tues., March 10 - 8 p.m. Room 4202

AB 1963 (Waters) WATCH. Requires that a contractor's bond, in order to be approved, shall by its terms inure to the benefit of all persons entitled to file claims against contractors, sub-contractors, etc., for materials, etc., used in contracts under Government Code, Title 1, Division 5, Chapter 3 (instead of claims against public agencies and persons render services or supplying personal property to such agencies) so as to give a right of action to them in any suit brought upon the bond.

Committee on Municipal and County Government - Wed., March 11 8 p.m.  
Room 4164

AB 1563 (Hollibaugh) WATCH. Lifts ceiling from \$1,000 to \$2,000 below which expenditures may be incurred on municipal projects without contracting to lowest responsible bidder.

Subject: Credit Unions

Committee on Finance and Insurance - Mon. March 9 - 8 p.m. Room 3184

AB 1255 (Allen) WATCH. Revises and broadens the conditions which the applicant for a certificate to carry on business as a credit union must satisfy. Among other things, provides that the field of membership of the applicant must not be contrary to the principles of organizing credit unions based on common employment, membership or residence, and must not encroach upon any existing credit union.

Subject: Elections

Committee on Elections and Reapportionment - Tues. March 10, 3 p.m.  
Room 3184

AB 1074 (Conrad) WATCH. Provides that where a candidate for a judicial, school, county, township, or other nonpartisan office is elected to office at the primary election, that office shall not appear upon the ballot at the general election.

AB 1076 (Conrad, Berry, et al) WATCH. Provides that a candidate for any public office for which no nonpartisan candidate has been elected, as well as nominated, at the primary election may be nominated after the primary election.

Subject: Elections (continued)

AB 1078 (Conrad, Berry, et al.) WATCH. Technical amendment on the form of the primary ballot regarding the division of columns for partisan and non-partisan offices.

AB 1080 (Conrad, Berry, et al.) GOOD. Revises form of primary ballots to add party affiliation of candidates for partisan office as required by passage of Proposition No. 7 at 1952 general election.

AB 1084 (Conrad, Charles W. Lyon, et al.) WATCH. Repeals provision which requires that precinct officers be sworn in before polls open.

AB 1090 (Conrad, Berry, et al.) WATCH. Repeals provision which requires the cancellation of spoiled ballots.

AB 1112 (Conrad, Charles W. Lyon, et al.) WATCH. Provides that no certificate of nomination or election shall be issued to any person unless he files his campaign statement within 15 days after the election or primary. County clerks are required to send campaign statement forms not more than three days after an election.

AB 1115 (Conrad, Charles W. Lyon, et al.) WATCH. Requires the county clerk to cancel the registration of a person if he failed to vote at the preceding general election. Under present law, a person retains his registration if he failed to vote at the last general election providing he voted at the preceding primary election.

Subject: Fishing

Committee on Fish and Game - Tues. March 10 - 8 p.m. Room 2196

AB 444 (Thomas) WATCH. Urgency measure to provide that no sardines may be taken and used for purposes other than human consumption.

AB 582 (Thomas) WATCH. -Makes any net or trap used for taking fish in violation of Fish and Game Code a nuisance for purposes of the law.

AB 585 (Thomas) WATCH. Extends limits of District 19a.

AB 904 (Thomas) WATCH. Extends for 2 more years, present regulations regarding commercial fishing seasons.

Subject: Housing

Committee on Judiciary - Tues. March 10 - 8 p.m. Room 4202

AB 107 (Beck) GOOD. Increases from \$7,500 to \$15,000 the maximum actual cash value of property which may be homesteaded by a head of a family, and from \$3,000 to \$5,000, the value of property which may be homesteaded by any other person.

Subject: Mechanics' Liens, Attachments and Writs of Execution

Judiciary Sub-committee on Civil and Criminal Procedure - Monday -  
March 9 - 8 p. m. Room 4168

AB 1283 (Caldecott) WATCH. Provides that in a judgment against a debtor, one-half of his last month's pay may be subject to a writ of execution.

Committee on Judiciary - Tuesday March 10 - 8 p.m. Room 4202

AB 573 (Beck) GOOD. Amends Code of Civil Procedure to exempt prosthetic and orthopedic appliances, personally used by a judgment debtor, from execution and attachment.

Mechanics' Liens, Attachments and Writs of Execution (continued)

AB 574 (Beck) GOOD. Amends Civil Code to exempt prosthetic or orthopedic appliances personally used by a guest, boarder, or lodger from liens of hotel, inn, boarding-house, and lodging-house keepers.

AB 575 (Beck) GOOD. Exempts prosthetic or orthopedic appliances, personally used by a tenant or guest, from liens of keepers of furnished apartment houses, cottages, bungalow courts, etc.

Subject: State, County and Municipal Employees - General  
Committee on Judiciary - Tuesday, March 10 - 8 p.m. Room 4202

AB 1987 (Waters) WATCH. Repeals Section 1944.1 which permits employment of certain aliens by the state, county, city, or other political subdivisions.

Subject: State, County and Municipal Employees - Retirement Laws  
Committee on Municipal and County Government - Wed. March 11, 8 p.m.  
Room 4164

AB 508 (Rumford, Dunn, et al.) GOOD. Amends county employees retirement law to require any county subject to the provisions of Section 31676.1, regarding the additional pension purchased by the county, to make additional appropriation sufficient to fund over a 30-year period any deficit which may result because of the adoption of Section 31676.1. Application of Section 31676.1 is extended to all counties with a population of 295,000 or more.

AB 498 (Rumford, Dunn, et al.) WATCH. Amends the county retirement law to provide (1) that a new employee may join a county retirement system one month after he enters the service, (2) that a person re-entering a system redeposit only an amount equal to the accumulated normal contributions which he withdrew, (3) that the right of a person to re-enter the system be extended to June 30, 1954. Makes other changes regarding prior service pensions.

AB 3184 (Rumford) GOOD. Amends county employees' retirement law regarding safety members to (1) change the effective date of membership for new employees and those electing to become members, (2) make certain changes regarding the amounts excluded in computing the compensation of safety members when compensation is a factor in computing retirement allowances, (3) guarantee all county peace officers a retirement allowance of one-half of his final compensation, and (4) increase from \$900 to \$1200, exclusive of any annuity based on additional contributions, the minimum retirement allowance of peace officer members who entered the retirement system with prior credit and who retired before reaching compulsory retirement age.

AB 3183 (Rumford) WATCH. Amends county employees' retirement law to allow the spouse of a member who has at least 10 years of service and dies before the effective date of his deferred retirement allowance, to elect to receive in lieu of the death benefit, a retirement allowance equal to 60 percent of the amount which she would be entitled had the member retired on the date of his death; such allowance being payable on the date the deceased member would have been 55.

Subject: State Government  
Committee on Finance and Insurance - Monday, March 9 - 8 p.m. Room 3184

AB 2006 (Waters) WATCH. Skeleton bill relating to investment of funds by state agencies.

Subject: Taxes

Committee on Revenue and Taxation - Thurs. March 12 - 8 p.m. Room 3184

AB 20 (Lyon, Ernest R. Geddes, et al) GOOD. Exempts religious writings from state sales and use taxes.

AB 38 (Niehouse and Luckel) GOOD. Extends property tax exemption in Section 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  of Article XIII of Constitution to veterans in the service between May 6, 1946 and January 1, 1947.

AB 2010 (Waters) WATCH. Repeals Section 25295a of the Revenue and Taxation Code, as added by Chapter 74 of the Statutes of 1951, which allows the Franchise Tax Board to require that income from the sale of property not previously reported shall be included in the computation of the measure of tax for the last year during which the taxpayer was subject to the bank and corporation franchise tax or the corporation tax, when the Board determines that the reporting of income from such sale may jeopardize the collection of a tax measured by such income.

AB 3345 (Sherwin and Levering) WATCH. Provides that an organization required to file a return under the bank and corporation tax law need not do so if its gross income does not exceed an as yet unspecified amount.

Subject: Workmen's Compensation

Committee on Finance and Insurance - Monday, March 9 - 8 p.m. Room 3184

AB 1986 (Waters) BAD. Amends Section 5500.5 of Labor Code relative to occupational disease arising from more than one employment by correcting spelling of one word.

AB 2323 (Bradley) GOOD. Amends Section 5407.5 to place a one-year statute of limitations, stemming from the date of injury, on the commencement of proceedings for the reduction of compensation on the grounds of serious and wilful misconduct of the employee, under Section 4552 of the Labor Code.

AB 2324 (Bradley) GOOD. Makes supervisor's responsible in serious & wilful conduct injury cases; abolishes present \$3,750 award ceiling.

AB 2325 (Bradley) GOOD. Amends Sections 4452, etc., of Labor Code to increase workmen's compensation benefits from present minimum of \$9.95 to \$15 and present maximum from \$30 in cases of permanent disability and \$35 in cases of temporary disability to \$75 in cases of both types of disability (repealing present 95-65 per cent computation formula in re-enacting a straight 75 per cent of weekly wages formula). Keeps present four times annual earnings - 240-week limitation on temporary disability benefits, but removes maximum and minimum limitations on four times average hourly earnings. Also provides dependency benefits of \$5 for each of first two total dependents.

AB 2326 (Bradley) WATCH. Amends and adds several sections to Labor Code (1) to require that the employer provide complete medical care for injured workers, and (2) to allow injured workers free choice of physician from a list selected by the Industrial Accident Commission. Also gives the Commission power to fix fees to be paid physicians, and employers the right to challenge the competency of any physician on the list.

AB 2327 (Bradley) GOOD. Amends Section 4600 of Labor Code to require the employer to provide vocational rehabilitation training if needed by an injured employee.

AB 2328 (Bradley) WATCH. Adds Section 4664 to Labor Code to provide that a determination of permanent disability and the percentage of disability shall be made only after a hearing is held and an order, award or finding is made.

Subject: Workmen's Compensation (continued)

AB 2329 (Bradley) GOOD. Amends Sections 4701 and 4702 of Labor Code to increase (1) burial benefit from \$400 to \$600, (2) the maximum death benefit for total dependency from \$7,000 to \$12,500 and from \$8,750 to \$16,000 in cases of a widow and one or more dependent minor children, and (3) the minimum death benefit for total dependency from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

AB 2330 (Bradley) WATCH. Amends Section 4903 of Labor Code to provide for payment of the employee's attorney's fees for services rendered the lien claimants from the amount due the lien claimant.

AB 2332 (Bradley) GOOD. Adds Section 5314 to Labor Code to provide that if it becomes reasonably certain at any stage of a proceeding before the Commission that benefits will become payable to the applicant, the Commission shall order immediate payment to the applicant in order to avoid undue hardship upon the applicant and his family.

AB 2333 (Bradley) BAD. Requires employer or insurer to give written notice to worker that claim is rejected or benefits ended; must advise of right to appeal; statute limitations starts from notice date.

AB 2334 (Bradley) GOOD. Provides IAC shall add fair atty's fee to award for services by worker's or dependents' attorney.

Subject: Miscellaneous

Judiciary Sub-committee on Civil and Criminal Procedure - Monday,  
March 9 - 8 p.m. Room 4168

AB 109 (Beck) WATCH. Increases from two-thirds to four-fifths, the vote needed for public bodies to condemn private property for public use.

AB 249 (Weinberger) GOOD. Strengthens prohibition against splitting or dividing up loans made by loan companies in order to receive interest rates higher than those allowed in Financial Code.

AB 250 (Weinberger) GOOD. Reduces legal interest rate which industrial loan companies may charge from annual to monthly rate.

AB 298 (Weinberger) WATCH. Amends Section 360.5 of Code of Civil Procedure with regard to type and duration of waivers of the statute of limitations.

SENATE BILLS

Subject: Child Care Centers

Committee on Education - Tuesday, March 10 - 8 p.m. Room 3191

SB 315 (O'Gara) GOOD. Appropriates an unspecified amount from the General Fund to provide for the maintenance of a child care center by San Francisco State College as an integral part of college for use for observation, demonstration, and preparing teachers. Appropriation left blank.

Subject: Elections

Committee on Elections and Reapportionment - meeting on adjournment  
March 9, Room 4040

SCA 8 (McCarthy, Powers, et al) BAD. Amends Section 1 of Article IV of the Constitution to provide that the number of signatures required on a petition to submit an initiative constitutional amendment, an initiative law, or an act passed by the legislature to the people for adoption or referendum, shall be 5 or 8 percent, as the case may be, of the votes cast at the last election of the Governor, in a majority of the counties as well as in the state as a whole.



Subject: Housing

Committee on Judiciary - Monday, March 9 - 10 a.m. Room 4203

SB 390 (Busch, Tenney, et al.) GOOD. Increases the maximum value of property which a head of a family may homestead from \$7,500 to \$10,000, and the amount which any other person may homestead from \$3,000 to \$4,000.

Subject: Industrial Safety

Committee on Public Health and Safety - Wed. March 11 - 8 p.m. Rm. 2040

SB 757 (Abshire) GOOD. Provides that a person who engages in a business requiring employees to handle flammable substances shall keep an adequate supply of blankets or other adequate devices to help smother flames on an individual in the event of an accident.

Subject: Mechanics' Liens, Attachments and Writs of Execution

Committee on Judiciary - Monday, March 9 - 10 a.m. Room 4203

SB 652 (Grunsky) BAD. Restricts the right to and time within which a debtor may obtain release of earnings attached by a creditor.

Subject: PUBLIC HEALTH

Committee on Public Health and Safety - Wed., March 11 - 8 p.m. Rm. 2040

SB 1094 (Desmond) WATCH. Provides that fabric bags used in handling crushed ice shall be thoroughly washed before filling. If fabric bags are not used, delivery must be made in non-returnable wet strength bags, or containers in compliance with standard sanitary handling.

SB 1098 (Desmond) WATCH. Makes numerous changes in cold storage laws. Among other things, (1) increases from 15 to 25 cubic feet the size of lockers or compartments used by individuals which are exempt from meaning of cold storage, (2) exempts cold storage or refrigerating plants of breweries from cold storage laws, and (3) provides for licensing purposes that buildings or structures served by a central refrigerating plant shall be considered as one cold storage plant.

SB 1781 (Burns) WATCH. Extends definition of horse meat to cooked muscle tissue of horse.

Subject: Schools

Committee on Education - Tuesday, March 10 - 8 p.m. Room 3191

SB 257 (Williams) WATCH. Amends Section 4861 of Education Code with regard to the organizations which any school district may subscribe to for the schools within its jurisdiction. Changes method of drawing up list of acceptable organizations.

Subject: Teachers

Committee on Education - Tuesday, March 10 - 8 p.m. Room 3191

SB 1229 (Byrne) GOOD. Provides that teachers retired prior to June 30, 1953, shall receive in addition to permanent fund payments, \$1.67 per month for each year of accredited teaching; total retirement payment shall not be less than \$85 per month.

SB 1425 (Kraft) WATCH. Provides for dismissal of state college employees guilty of membership in, support of, or persistent public identity with communist front or action groups; also bans wilful advocacy of communism.

Subject: Water and Power

Committee on Water Resources - Monday, March 9 - 10 a.m. - Room 3191

SB 751 (Williams) WATCH. Allows an irrigation district to enter in any action or proceeding involving the ownership or use of water rights within the district used for any purpose in the district.

SB 752 (Williams) WATCH. Allows an irrigation district to enter any action or proceeding to prevent any interference with the natural flow of any waters which may (1) be used for beneficial purposes in the district, (2) be of common benefit to the land or its inhabitants, or (3) endanger the inhabitants or land.

SCR 24 (Williams and Hatfield) BAD. Requests State Engineer and Water Project Authority to make studies of the feasibility of acquiring the Central Valley Project and repaying reimbursable costs in installments over a period of years, without interest, and without federal controls and restrictions as to use of water.

Subject: Miscellaneous

Committee on Judiciary - Monday, March 9 - 10 a.m. - Room 4203

SB 681 (Busch, O'Gara, et al.) WATCH. Amends Section 360.5 of Code of Civil Procedure with regard to the type and duration of waivers of the statute of limitation.

ADDITIONAL ASSEMBLY BILLS

Subject: Motor Vehicle - Taxes and Fees

Committee on Transportation and Commerce - Thurs., Mar. 12 - 3 p.m.  
Room 4168

AB 1782 (Donahoe, Henderson, et al.) WATCH. Exempts wagons used to transport cotton between farm to ginning plant from registration requirements of Vehicle Code.

AB 2151 (Clarke) BAD. Exempts wagons or vans used to transport cotton to and from ginning plant and cotton farms, from vehicle registration requirements.

NOTE: \* indicates bills sponsored by California State Federation of Labor.

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STATE SENATE PASSES FIRST BAD BILL

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The State Senate this Monday passed its first "Bad" bill, SB 200, a measure to remove clinical laboratory technicians and technologists in hospitals from the protection of the women's eight hour law. The measure was authored by Senator John A. Murdy, Jr. (R. Orange) and was adopted by the upper house without a dissenting vote. The count was 33-0, with seven senators not voting. The measure now goes to the Assembly for committee hearing.

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