

# WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

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### HATFIELD "HOT CARGO" BILL MOVES TO SENATE FLOOR

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--The Big Business onslaught to flatten labor in California gained momentum last week when the State Senate Labor Committee passed the nefarious Hatfield "hot cargo" bill (SB 1228) by a 5-2 margin.

Voting for the Hatfield measure were Senators F. Presley Abshire (R. Sonoma), H.E. Dillinger (D. El Dorado, Amador, Alpine), H.R. Judah (R. Santa Cruz), Fred Weybret (R. Monterey, San Benito), and J. Howard Williams (R. Tulare).

Vigorously opposing the Hatfield bill and voting for labor were Senators Harold T. Johnson (D. Sierra, Nevada, Placer) and Gerald J. O'Gara (D. San Francisco).

In a last moment change of pace, Senator Hatfield (R. Madera, Merced) submitted amendments to the Senate Labor Committee which altered the form but preserved the substance of SB 1228. The committee vote of 5 to 2 followed.

The labor arguments against the bill were presented by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer and legislative representative of the California State Federation of Labor, Charles P. Scully, Federation attorney, and Albert Brundage and John Stevenson, both labor attorneys.

The labor spokesmen charged that the Hatfield amendments worsened an already black piece of legislation. Labor hostility to the original SB 1228 was based on the fact that it outlawed secondary strikes and boycotts, and denied labor the right to picket peacefully,

write free contracts, and publish unfair listings.

Hatfield's amendments place a so-called "public policy" in the measure which could possibly forbid labor the right to primary strike action as well as banish freedom beyond the immediate perimeter of a given dispute.

In possible reference to primary disputes, the Hatfield amendments declare "the public policy of this state to be that the interests of labor in improving working conditions does not justify acts specifically intended to cause a breach, suspension of performance, or termination, of contractual relations between employers."

A Senate floor vote on the Hatfield bill is expected early this week.

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#### LABOR BILL HEARINGS SET

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--With labor interest in state legislation at a high peak, C. J. Haggerty, executive head of the state AFL, this week announced the following hearings had been set for bills of interest to organized labor:

##### Senate Hearings - (State Capitol)

Committee on Agriculture - Tuesday, May 8, 8 p.m. - Room 406

SB 285 (Thompson, et al) - GOOD. Provides that eggs produced outside of California must be so marked.

SB 1198 (Hatfield) - GOOD. Strengthens Labor Code provisions on farm labor contractors, to require weekly pay days, a bond equal to the highest weekly payroll; keeping license in immediate personal possession, compliance with motor vehicle and safety laws, written wage records, etc.

SB 1214 (Hatfield) - GOOD. Amends Labor Code to provide that a person who contracts for labor from an unlicensed contractor is liable for the wages due the laborers.

SB 1626 (Desmond, et al) - BAD. Adds Section 7.4 to clearly define as exempt agricultural labor all work in connection with poultry.

AB 457 (Erwin) - GOOD. Amends the Agricultural Code concerning bovine tuberculosis to eliminate the provisions relating to tuberculosis control areas. Also eliminates the need for obtaining the consent of the owner before testing beef cattle.

Committee on Labor - Thursday, May 10, 9 a.m. - Room 3191

SB 696 (Regan) - BAD. Vests in referees the authority to make final decisions.

Committee on Labor (cont'd)

SB 697 (Regan) - BAD. Amends the law as to liability for silicosis so as to require an individual to take joint action against all parties during whose employment he may have been exposed to the disease.

SB 698 (Regan) - BAD. Requires that in any application the commission must serve all employers of the applicant, either past or present.

SB 699 (Regan) - BAD. Makes the decisions of the referee conclusive and prevents the commission from reviewing them unless the commission personally conducts the hearing.

SB 700 (Regan) - BAD. Provides that where an application is based upon an industrial disease, all the employers of the applicant must be named and joined, and no hearing can proceed until all of them have been served.

SB 701 (Regan) - BAD. Adds Section 4756 to the Labor Code to completely revise liability for silicosis and in effect prevent recovery unless the employee conclusively shows that all of the liability has been sustained with one employer. Amended March 28 to limit application to underground metal mining or tunneling operations.

AB 666 (Rosenthal) - GOOD. Adds Section 272 to the Labor Code requiring an employer to post the name of the bank where he has deposited security for wages.

AB 3072 (McMillan) - GOOD. Adds Section 1590.5 to the Labor Code to assure prompt renewal of bond, and suspends employment agency license when bond has not been renewed.

Assembly Hearings - (State Capitol)

Committee on Finance and Insurance - Monday, May 7, 8 p.m.-Room 432

AB 2007 (Dolwig) - BAD. Provides for group workmen's compensation insurance for contractors.

AB 2261 (Lindsay) - BAD. Exempts employer from paying back contributions on fringe agricultural groups, if he in "good faith" felt such employees were exempt.

Bills affecting the Unemployment Insurance Act

Amending Sections 1, 6, 6.8, 7, 11, 13

GOOD - \*AB 376, \*377, \*378, \*394, 799.

BAD - AB 1099, 1133, 1498, 1522.

WATCH - AB 250, 3179.

Amending Sections 39, 39.1, 39.2

GOOD - \*AB 396, \*397, \*935.

BAD - AB 1104, 1137, 1139, 1252, 1714, 2469, 2774.

Amending Sections 52.6, 53, 54, 54.1

GOOD - \*AB 1946, AB 2200.

BAD - AB 1713, 2501, 2502.

WATCH - AB 480.

Amending Section 56

GOOD - \*AB 398

BAD - AB 1136, 1138, 2654.

Committee on Finance and Insurance (cont'd)

Unemployment Insurance Act

Amending Sections 57, 57.3, 57.6

GOOD.- \*AB 391, \*392, \*689, \*690, \*691.

BAD - AB 481, 1132, 1140, 1141, 2470, 2655.

WATCH - AB 1253.

Amending Sections 58, 58.1, 58 e, 61

GOOD - \*AB 399, \*400, \*923

BAD - AB 468, 1103, 1287, 2650, 2651, 2652, 2653, 3302..

Amending Sections 67, 68

BAD.- AB 1102.

WATCH - AB 249, 3303.

Amending Sections 72, 75, 76, 77, 78, 78.1, 79, 83

GOOD - \*AB 920, \*921, AB 1101.

BAD - AB 890..

Committee on Finance and Insurance - Monday, May 14, 8pm - Room 432

Bills affecting Unemployment Insurance Act

Amending Sections 150, 151, 152, 153, 154

GOOD - \*AB 706, \*932, \*933, \*934.

BAD - AB 2728.

WATCH - AB 251.

Amending Sections 201, 202, 203, 205, 207, 208, 209, 209.1

GOOD - \*AB 648, \*649, \*688, \*692, \*703, \*704, \*705, \*729, \*916,  
\*917, \*918, \*919, \*1564.

BAD - AB 2562, 2565.

WATCH - AB 53, 2563.

Amending Sections 403, 450, 450.1, 451

GOOD - \*AB 1207, \*1208, \*1209, AB 1956.

BAD - AB 1100..

WATCH - AB 992.

Committee on Governmental Efficiency and Economy - Wednesday, May 9,  
3 p.m.-Room 435

\*AB 409 (Rosenthal) - GOOD. Adds Section 1631.1 to the Labor Code to provide that no employment agency may charge a fee in excess of 5% of the applicant's first month's salary.

\*AB 410 (Rosenthal) - GOOD. Amends Section 1630.1 of the Labor Code to require private employment agencies to inform applicants of the conditions of employment existing at a prospective job.

\*AB 411 (Rosenthal) - GOOD. Abolishes private employment agencies.

\*AB 412 (Rosenthal) - GOOD. Adds Section 1682 to the Labor Code to require all employers to list openings with the Department of Employment for at least 48 hours before listing the vacancy with a private employment agency.

\*AB 1902 (Maloney) - GOOD. Establishes a state commission on political and economic equality.

SB 876 (O'Gara) - BAD. Provides state parking facilities for the private cars of state officials.

( \* - indicates Federation sponsored bills )

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BORIS SHISKIN TO FEATURE  
AFL SUMMER SCHOOL

(CFLNL) SAN FRANCISCO.--Boris Shiskin, chief economist of the American Federation of Labor, will fly from Washington next month to preside over a series of vital union discussions at the California State Federation of Labor's fourth annual Summer Institute to be held at Santa Cruz, June 10 - 16.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the Federation, announced that Shiskin would feature the Institute faculty, in a communication directed this week to all AFL unions and councils in California.

Shiskin has recently returned from Europe where he represented the AFL in the economic reconstruction program being financed by the United States. At Santa Cruz, he will review labor's role in world affairs as well as conduct classes in economics.

The Institute will be held at the Casa del Rey Hotel, and will be sponsored jointly by the Federation and the University of California.

In his letter to AFL organizations, Haggerty reminded that while Santa Cruz was the site of management difficulties within the past year, the Casa del Rey Hotel had been officially cleared by the local labor movement.

Reservations should be made as soon as possible with the Department of Conferences, University Extension, University of California, Los Angeles 24.

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