

Legislative Notes

Social Insurance. As anticipated, Assembly bills on the subject of workmen's compensation, unemployment and disability insurance—including 86 Federation-sponsored measures—have been referred to subcommittees of the Assembly Finance and Insurance Committee for preliminary consideration.

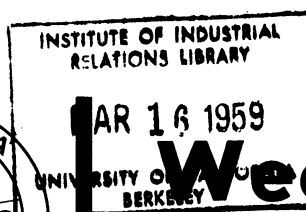
Consumers. Senator Richard Richards (D. Los Angeles County) won Senate Committee approval this week of his consumer protection bill, embodied in SB 33. The measure, proposed by Governor Brown and supported by organized labor would create a state office of consumer counsel to advise the Governor on all matter affecting the interests of the people as consumers. As the bill goes to the floor of the upper house, it carries several amendments to meet objections raised against creating a new separate state agency. The consumer counsel office would be a unit within the office of the Governor.

Housing Discrimination. Without opposition, the Assembly Committee on Governmental Efficiency and Economy has given approval of AB 890 (Hawkins—D) which would ban racial discrimination in the sale or rental of housing financed in whole or in part from public funds. This measure ranks high on the priority list with FEPC in the field of equal rights legislation.

Miscellaneous. In the past week the Assembly has passed several significant measures of interest to labor: Assembly Bills 159 and 712 (MacBride—D) would prohibit the issuance of local building permits without a statement that the applicant is a licensed contractor or exempt from the state licensing law. Federation-sponsored *AB 302 (Gaffney—D) would make it a misdemeanor for an employer to require the execution of a release of a claim for wages unless payment is made in cash or by certified check. AB 807 (Masterson—D), extending teacher tenure laws to small districts has also passed the lower house. Approved by Assembly Committee and presently in Ways and Means Committee because they carry implied appropriations are two other bills: AB 759 (Burton—D), providing for collective bargaining in hospitals and institutions and the submission of disputes to arbitration; *AB 880 (Kilpatrick), providing for the fixing of prevailing rates on public works with the Department of Industrial Relations.



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Fair Employment Practices Bill Held Up In Committee

The Senate Committee on Labor yesterday held up the AB 91 (Rumford) for another week after four hours of hearing and the adoption of several amendments to the FEPC measure. The bill will be heard again next Monday, March 16th, at 1:00 p.m.

Assemblyman Rumford presented the measure before the upper house committee with the assistance of Franklin Williams, Regional Director of the NAACP, and William Becker, Secretary of the California Committee for Fair Employment Practices.

C. J. Haggerty, state AFL-CIO head, urged approval of the long-overdue measure on behalf of the California Labor Federation as a member organization of the Statewide FEP Committee.

Scores of amendments were presented to the committee by various groups and organizations. Adopted with the approval of FEP forces were two amendments offered by Senator Stephen P. Teale (D. West Point) to (1) put the proposed Fair Employment Practices Commission under the state Department of Industrial Relations, rather than making it an independent body, and (2) eliminate a provision for five full time commissioners at \$13,500 per year and provide only per diem compensation at the rate of \$50.00 per day, plus expenses, for each day the commission sits.

The committee rejected by voice vote a California Farm Bureau Federation amendment to insert a blanket exemption for agriculture.

In a 4 to 3 roll call, on motion of Chairman Montgomery (D-Hanford), the Committee turned around and adopted a more restricted agricultural exemption for farm workers residing on and at the land where they are employed. Voting for the exemption, opposed by FEP supporters, were Senators Byrne, Williams, Hollister and

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INDUSTRIAL WELFARE GROUP TO MEET IN MARYSVILLE

The Industrial Welfare Commission will meet in Marysville April 3rd to consider agricultural employment in the counties of Tehama, Yuba, Sutter, Placer, Sacramento, El Dorado, Butte, Glenn, Colusa, and Yolo.

The meeting, the seventh in a series in agricultural areas throughout the state, will be held in the Veterans Memorial Auditorium Lodge Room, 9th and E. Streets, Marysville.

Testimony will be heard from growers and their representatives during the morning from 9:30 to noon, and from agricultural workers and their representatives in the afternoon from 2:00 to 4:30. Both sessions will be open to the public.

Purpose of these meetings is to secure first hand information on wages, hours, and working conditions for women and minors in agriculture. All persons having such information are urged to attend and present it to the Commission.

Among matters upon which specific information is being sought are: crops in which women and minors are employed and work performed; Span of season and approximate peak for this employment; rates of pay, method of payment, and average hourly earnings of women and minors; methods of determining piece rates; housing facilities and costs; sanitary facilities; transportation facilities.

HEARINGS

Assembly

March 16th

Education, 3.45 pm

AB 1288 Donahoe. Fees for education credentials. **Watch**

AB 1008 Ernest R. Geddes. Compensation for employees in public schools. **Good**

Finance & Insurance, 1.30 pm

AB 1164 Rees. Employee health & welfare programs. **Watch**

Transportation & Commerce, 1.30 pm

AB 988 Belotti. Powers of Governor in disasters. **Good**

March 17th

Fish & Game, 3.45 pm

AB 763 Thomas. Bait nets. **Watch**

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AB 765 Thomas. Bait nets. **Watch**

Government Organization, 1.30 pm

AB 1097 Holmes. Sale to minors. **Good**

Governmental Efficiency & Economy, 3.45 pm

AB 1029 Masterson. Practice of cosmetology. **Watch**

AB 600 Miller. Licensing of contractors. **Bad**

AB 601 Miller. Issuance of contractors license. **Watch**

AB 1150 Hanna. Contractors' trust funds. **Watch**

*AB 701 Pattee. Contracts for public works. **Good**

AB 702 Pattee. Contracts for public works. **Good**

March 18th

Elections & Reapportionment, 1.30 pm

AB 320 Winton. Reporting of campaign contributions, etc. **Bad**

AB 534 Masterson. Voting at general elections. **Watch**

AB 514 Masterson. Campaign contributions. **Watch**

Judiciary—Civil, 3.45 pm

AB 1145 Williamson. Conditional sale of motor vehicles. **Bad**

AB 155 Busterud et al. Civil rights. **Good**

AB 594 Unruh et al. Civil rights. **Good**

AB 513 Masterson et al. Attorney fees in claims against insurers. **Good**

*AB 304 Gaffney. Execution of judgement. **Good**

Public Utilities & Corporations, 3.45 pm

*AB 1210 Petris. Public Works. **Good**

SJR 5 Collier. Protests discontinuance of Shasta Daylight. **Good**

March 19th

Industrial Relations, 3.45 pm

*AB 709 McMillan. Jurisdictional strike law. **Good**

*AB 711 McMillan. Hot cargo and secondary boycotts. **Good**

*AB 301 Gaffney. Payment of wages. **Good**

*AB 299 Gaffney. Safety devices for workers. **Good**

AB 1223 Hawkins. Foreign lending institutions. **Watch**

AB 331 Burton. Minimum wages. **Watch**

*AB 440 Burton. Minimum wages. **Good**

AB 1445 O'Connell. Minimum wages. **Watch**

*AB 1421 Geo. E. Brown. Wages & hours of employees. **Good**

Municipal & County Government, 1.30 pm

AB 1279 Bee. Alameda County Flood Control District. **Watch**

*AB 1240 Miller. Fire protection districts in one or more counties. **Good**

*AB 1243 Miller. Firemen. **Good**

*AB 232 Dills. Disability retirement allowances. **Good**

*AB 233 Dills. County employees retirement systems. **Good**

*AB 256 Dills. County employees retirement systems. **Good**

AB 1230 Ralph M. Brown. County employees retirement. **Watch**

AB 1231 Ralph M. Brown. County employees retirement. **Bad**

AB 1354 Rees. Redevelopment project housing facilities. **Watch**

Revenue & Taxation, 3.45 pm

AJR 7 Levering. Proposed amendment to U.S. Constitution. **Bad**

Transportation & Commerce, 1.30 pm

AB 413 Chapel. Transportation of radioactive materials. **Good**

March 23rd

Civil Service & State Personnel, 1.30 pm

AB 1246 Z'berg. State workers hours. **Watch**

Education, 3.45 pm

AB 1499 Geo. A. Willson. School district employees wages. **Good**

AB 1516 Donahoe. Rejection of probationary state college employees. **Watch**

AB 1459 Hanna. Resignations of state college employees. **Good**

AB 1460 Hanna. Appointment of state college employees. **Watch**

AB 1480 Ernest R. Geddes. Travelling expenses of school district employees. **Good**

AB 1427 O'Connell. Rights of certified school employees. **Good**

March 24th

Governmental Efficiency & Economy, 3.45 pm

AB 1248 Winton. Local enforcement of building laws. **Watch**

*AB 469 Samuel R. Geddes. Contractors license. **Good**

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*AB 471 Samuel R. Geddes. Regulation of specialty contractors. **Good**

*AB 640 Samuel R. Geddes. Punishment for contracting without license. **Good**

AB 163 Dills. Purchases by public agencies. **Good**

AB 1135 Samuel R. Geddes. Practicing as a contractor. **Watch**

March 26th

Industrial Relations, 3.45 pm

*AB 431 Dills. Sanitary facilities on construction sites. **Good**

*AB 885 Unruh. Artists managers. **Good**

*AB 886 Unruh. Private employment agency licenses. **Good**

*AB 887 Unruh. Farm labor contractors. **Good**

*AB 479 Elliott. Cost of uniforms. **Good**

*AB 317 Z'berg. Public works contracts. **Good**

*AB 318 Z'berg. Wages of state employees. **Good**

AB 834 Hanna. Enforcement of subpoenas. **Good**

AB 877 Miller. Payment of court costs by Division of Labor Law Enforcement. **Watch**

FEPCC BILL HELD UP IN COMMITTEE

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Chairman Montgomery. Senators voting to apply the FEPCC measure to all workers alike and opposed to any agriculture exemption were Richards, Short and Teale.

Numerous other amendments offered in what appeared to follow the employer effort to "love the bill to death" failed to stir action by the Committee either way. Such amendments were presented to the FEPCC sponsors for consideration prior to next Monday's hearing.

HEARINGS

SENATE

March 16th

Labor, 1.00 pm

*SB 144 Shaw. Workmen's Comp. burial expenses. **Good**

SB 209 Teale. Labor organizations. **Watch**

SB 491 Montgomery. Workmen's compensation. **Bad**

SB 506 Slattery. Camp toilet facilities. **Watch**

*SB 371 Shaw. Workmen's comp. attorneys fees. **Good**

March 17th

Transportation, 9.30 am

SB 507 Gibson. Maintenance of Benicia-Martinez ferries. **Watch**

March 18th

Insurance & Financial Institutions, 1.30 pm

*SB 81 Short. Unemployment insurance. **Good**

*SB 82 Short. Unemployment insurance. **Good**

*SB 118 Short. Unemployment insurance. **Good**

*SB 180 Richards. Unemployment insurance. **Good**

*SB 313 Short. Unemployment insurance. **Good**

*SB 207 Burns. Unemployment insurance. **Good**

SB 640 Byrne. Unemployment disability voluntary plan. **Bad**

Local Government, 1.30 pm

SB 545 Dilworth. Municipal water districts. **Watch**

March 23rd

Revenue & Taxation, 1.00 pm

AB 1170 MacBride. Taxation of insurers. **Watch**

March 24th

Business & Professions, 1.30 pm

SB 481 Gibson. Fees for nurses licenses. **Watch**

SB 75 McCarthy. Regulation of outdoor advertising. **Bad**

AB 397 McMillan. Barber colleges. **Watch**

Fish & Game, 1.00 pm

SB 56 Murdy. Commercial fishing control. **Bad**

SB 150 Murdy. Anchovy canning season. **Bad**

SB 450 Erhart. Importation of fish & game. **Watch**

SB 453 Erhart. Fish & Game regulations. **Watch**

AB 721 Chapel. Gill nets in district 20. **Watch**

March 25th

Governmental Efficiency, 9.00 am

SB 314 Shaw. Water district bond reserve funds. **Good**

SB 43 Cobey. Economic development agency. **Watch**

AB 184 Levering. Defense production act of 1950. **Watch**

AB 704 Hegland. School district maximum tax rate. **Watch**

Insurance & Financial Institutions, 1.30 pm

SB 158 Short. Unemployment insurance. **Good**

SB 709 Teale. Unemployment insurance. **Good**

AB 500 Unruh. Retail installment sales. **Watch**

SB 520 McBride. Installment credit sales. **Watch**

Judiciary, 10.00 am

SB 234 Farr. Oil and gas liens. **Bad**

ASSEMBLY BILLS

AB 1622 Z'berg (Education) Requires the superintendent of each school district to determine that each district employee in a position requiring certification qualifications has a valid certificate entitling him to hold that position.

Requires the annual report of each city and district superintendent of schools to the county superintendent to include an affidavit that all employees in certificated positions hold proper certificates. February 25. **Good**

AB 1623 Z'berg (Finance and Insurance) Provides that all state employees who are disabled by injury or illness arising out of and in the course of employment may take a leave of absence without loss of salary while so disabled in lieu of disability payments under the workmen's compensation law. February 25. **Watch**

AB 1632 Rumford (Education) Forbids a school district from requiring photographs of an applicant for a position requiring certification qualifications as a condition of employment. February 25. **Good**

AB 1656 Wilson (Finance and Insurance) Provides that hospital benefit payable to claimants for unemployment disability insurance benefits while confined in a hospital shall be paid to claimants confined in a state or federal hospital or other institution, showing the date of commitment and the duration of confinement, shall be sufficient to support the claim for such benefit. February 25. **Good**

AB 1659 Bane (Public Health) Requires registered apprentice to take examination for certificate of registration as a registered barber and to take such examination within specified times until he successfully passes. Makes failure to comply with this provision a cause for disciplinary action. February 25. **Watch**

AB 1663 Burton (Industrial Relations) Specifies that Director of Employment may, at the request of any interested person, release any information in his possession relating to statements of need for, or authorizations for utilization of, foreign workers under federal legislation relating to the supplying of agricultural workers from Mexico. February 25. **Good**

AB 1668 Burton (Public Utilities and Corporations) Provides that the costs of advertising or of any literature mailed or delivered to consumers or users of gas or electricity, shall not be included as operating expenses by the Public Utilities Commission in the fixing of rates or charges of public utilities furnishing such commodities. February 25. **Good**

AB 1672 Garrigus (Education) Provides a minimum retirement allowance of \$150 per month for any teacher who has rendered actual teaching services in the Public School System for 15 or more years. February 25. **Good**

AB 1675 Porter (Education) Provides for survivors benefits under state teachers retirement system. Reduces survivor allowances by amount of survivor allowances provided under a local retirement system including Federal old-age survivors and disability payments. February 25. **Watch**

AB 1676 Charles H. Wilson (Transportation and Commerce) Authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to refuse to renew a vehicle salesman's license on the same grounds as would justify a refusal to issue such license and provides for a hearing on demand of the applicant subsequent to such refusal.

Authorizes the department to issue temporary and probationary vehicle salesman's licenses. February 26. **Watch**

AB 1686 Johnson (Transportation and Commerce) Provides that a court may, in any criminal proceeding involving a traffic violation, regardless of its disposition, recommend to the Department of Motor Vehicles that an investigation be conducted to determine whether the driving privileges should be suspended or revoked if the court believes there exists a ground upon which the department could refuse a driver's license. February 26. **Watch**

AB 1689 George E. Brown (Public Utilities and Corporations) Requires railroad corporation to provide shelters over railroad repair tracks to protect employees from the elements. February 26. **Good**

AB 1692 Waldie (Education) Specifies that a person who has "heretofore been convicted" of a sex offense, as defined in Sec. 12912, ED, C., is within the scope of the requirement that the State Board of Education shall forthwith suspend or revoke the credential, life diploma, or document of a person convicted of such offense. Validates suspensions or revocation of credentials, life diplomas, or documents of persons heretofore convicted of such a sex offense. February 26. **Watch**

AB 1695 George E. Brown (Education) Requires rather than allows, school districts and county superintendents of schools to provide for the special education of mentally retarded children who may be expected to benefit from education.

Requires rather than permits the levy of taxes necessary to produce needed revenue for such schools. February 26. **Good**

AB 1696 O'Connell (Governmental Efficiency and Economy) Requires the constitution and bylaws of a local unit of any organization whose members are licensed, registered, or certificated in any of those professions or vocations that are regulated by Divisions 2, 3 or 4 of the B. & P.C. to contain "democratic" provisions relating to the conduct of the affairs of the organization, and to be filed with the appropriate regulatory board or commission. Requires filing of annual financial reports.

Provides that the appropriate board or commission may enforce provisions of the division, and that members of such organizations may petition the superior courts for enforcement. February 26. **Watch**

AB 1697 O'Connell (Public Utilities and Corporations) Requires articles of incorporation to provide for: (1) semiannual shareholder meetings, along with a 30-day notice of a corporation of such meetings which contains a digest of the agenda; (2) the furnishing of meeting minutes to requesting shareholders; (3) a prohibition against the transaction of business at such meetings, unless 51 percent of the shareholders are present, and a prohibition against the use of proxies; (4) a referendum vote on all major issues; (5) the prohibition of corporate expenditures for political purposes, unless a majority of shareholders approve; (6) the recall of directors; and (7) the publication of quarterly corporate reports.

Requires foreign corporations doing business in California to distribute an annual statement of California operations to California shareholders.

Requires each corporate officer to file an annual report listing all personal purchases or sales of the stock of his corporation or a corporation with which it does business, and any instances of his employment with any other firm, body or association, together with the remuneration he received.

Gives Commissioner of Corporations the power to issue regulations for the enforcement of this act, and permit a shareholder to appeal to the commissioner or the superior court for its enforcement. February 26. **Watch**

AB 1701 Pattee (Finance and Insurance) Excludes from definition of "employment" services performed by a foreign professional athlete when he comes to the State of California for occasional or incidental professional engagements. February 27. **Watch**

AB 1703 Lanterman (Finance and Insurance) Requires group health, hospital or medical insurers who make or deny claim payments based on medical reports to transmit to a claimant a copy of any report which is made the basis for payment or denial of his claim. February 27. **Watch**

AB 1706 Reagan (Finance and Insurance) Increases from \$300 to \$600 the total wages an individual must have earned in his disability base period to establish a valid claim for unemployment disability benefits; and specifies that where more than 75 percent of disability base period wages were earned in a single calendar quarter an individual is ineligible for disability benefits unless total base period wages were not less than 30 times his weekly benefit amount. February 27. **Bad**

AB 1726 Williamson (Municipal and County Government) Permits board of supervisors to authorize compensation to members of county board of trade or chamber of commerce, not to exceed \$25 per meeting and for not more than one meeting per month. Makes other technical changes. February 27. **Watch**

AB 1727 Lunardi (Public Utilities) Requires the Public Utilities Commission to promulgate rules or regulations for insuring the safety of railroad operations with respect to the use of radio or other means for transmitting orders for the movement of trains. February 27. **Watch**

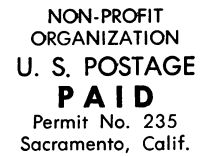
AB 1729 Chapel (Revenue and Taxation) Imposes a tax on the privilege of owning a vending machine and requires every vending machine to be licensed. Provides for the deposit in the General Fund of the revenue derived from the tax. March 2. **Watch**

AB 1739 McCollister (Municipal and County Government) Specifies that in stating the reasons for dismissing, suspending or reducing in rank or compensation any officer or employee, the appointing power need not set forth the evidence upon which such reasons are based.

Deletes the provision allowing such officer or employee to reply in writing to the written order of the appointing power, and adds a provision allowing such officer or employee, at the time of notice of appeal of the order, by demand in writing, to require the appointing power to file with the civil service commission and serve upon such officer or employee a detailed specifications of the charges.

Specifies that when detailed specifications of the charges have been requested the commission shall allow such officer or employee reasonable time to prepare a defense for the same. March 2. **Watch**

†No bill may be taken up until 30 days after date of introduction indicated in Digest, except by 3/4 vote.
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FORM 3547 REQUESTED

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- AB 1750 Thomas** (Municipal and County Government) Authorizes instrumentalities created jointly by this State and other states, if like authority granted by such other states, to enter into agreement with federal authorities for participation in federal program and to make deductions and contributions thereunder. March 2. **Good**
- AB 1759 Hawkins** (Social Welfare) Provides that the cost of a county hospitalization shall not constitute a lien against the real property of a recipient of old age assistance. March 2. **Good**
- AB 1760 Hawkins** (Governmental Efficiency and Economy) Requires person, firm, corporation, or partnership, contracting to construct, alter or repair a dwelling, to furnish other party with surety bond for faithful performance of contract and payment to persons supplying labor or materials, if consideration is \$500 or over. Prohibits such persons or entitles from obtaining signature of contracting party on completion certificate prior to actual completion or use of certificate prior to completion to obtain property or credit. Makes person violating provision guilty of misdemeanor. March 2. **Good**
- AB 1761 Hawkins** (Governmental Efficiency and Economy) Requires person receiving advance funds, pursuant to contract, for purchase, construction, improvement, or repair of a private residence, building or structure to deposit such funds in trust account, and specifies purposes for which moneys may be withdrawn from such trust account. Permits, as an alternative to the establishment of trust account, the furnishing of a surety bond to guarantee performance of the contract, payment of suppliers, and compensation for faulty workmanship or use of inferior materials.
Prohibits the obtaining of a completion certificate until all work required by the contract actually is completed and the contractor has furnished the owner signed releases or waivers of lien by laborers, material men or contractors.

Makes it a misdemeanor to violate any provision of the act. Provides that the act shall not be construed to give labor or materials supplier a cause of action. March 2. **Good**

- AB 1764 McMillan** (Industrial Relations) Makes it a misdemeanor for an employer to deduct from employee's wages any amount for loss or damage sustained by the employer unless such loss or damage was intentionally caused by the employee. March 2. **Good**
- AB 1767 O'Connell** (Finance and Insurance) Provides that health and welfare programs covered by Ch. 8 Pt. 2, Div. 2, Ins. C., include health and welfare programs other than those agreed to through collective bargaining. March 2. **Watch**
- AB 1771 Burton** (Industrial Relations) Deletes the provision specifying that the Department of Industrial Relations shall not fix minimum wages for male minors between 18 and 21 years of age. March 2. **Good**
- AB 1772 Burton** (Industrial Relations) Extends the authority of the Industrial Welfare Commission to fix minimum wage for women and minors to adult men. March 2. **Good**
- AB 1777 Elliott** (Education) Authorizes re-employment without examination in specified classes of non-certificated school district employee who was classified as permanent when he resigned. Provides that if such a person is re-employed as a permanent employee the governing board must disregard his break in service and classify him as, and restore to him all the rights and burdens of, a permanent employee. March 2. **Good**
- ACA 26 Bruce F. Allen** (Constitutional Amendments) Declares state policy as to development of water resources. Provides for contracts for sale of water and electrical energy from state projects which cannot be im-paired except by act adopted by two-thirds vote of members elected to each house of the Legislature. February 26. **Watch**

SENATE BILLS

- SB 842 Hollister** (Governmental Efficiency) Limits number of offsale general license premises to one for each 2,000 inhabitants in a county instead of one such license for each 1,000 inhabitants.
Provides that offsale general licenses instead of offsale licenses shall be counted in determining whether additional licenses can be issued in any county.
Provides not more than 20 additional licenses, whether originally issued or transferred from another county, shall be issued in any county in one calendar year. March 2. **Bad**
- SB 856 Short** (Public Utilities) Requires railroads operating in this State, and maintaining repair shops in California, to repair defective cars, locomotives or other mobile equipment at such shops, unless such equipment is closer to an out-of-state shop.
Prohibits a railroad from moving such defective equipment past a repair shop, but makes an exception in the case of equipment moved for the purpose of retirement from service or scrapping.
Imposes a fine for violation of these provisions. March 2. **Good**
- SB 857 Miller** (Public Utilities) Provides that the Public Utilities Commission shall enforce the provisions of the chapter relating to the operation personnel of railroads. March 2. **Good**
- SB 858 Miller** (Public Utilities) Prohibits operation of passenger trains longer than 1,200 feet and freight trains longer than 4,000 feet. Permits the Public Utilities Commission to make exceptions under certain conditions. March 2. **Good**
- SB 865 Holmdahl** (Public Utilities) Authorizes a district to add fluorine compounds to the public water supply of the district only if a majority of the voters voting upon the proposition at an election called by the district have voted in favor of the addition of fluorine and fluorine compounds. March 3. **Watch**
- SB 874 Farr** (Education) Requires rather than allows school district and county superintendents of schools to provide for the special education of mentally retarded children. March 3. **Good**
- SB 876 Rodda** (Labor) Requires the commission to keep its principal office in the City of Sacramento. March 4. **Watch**
- SB 878 Miller** (Fish and Game) Creates California Fish and Seafood Advisory Board, prescribes powers, including, subject to approval of the Director of Agriculture, the maintenance and development of markets for fish and seafood, research and sales stimulation, and consumer or other education programs to increase use and consumption, financed by an assessment on handlers of fish and shellfish levied

as recommended by the advisory board not to exceed the amount which would be derived from an assessment of 2 percent on gross dollar volume of sale of fish and shellfish during representative 12-month period. March 4. **Watch**

- SB 881 Thompson** (Local Government) Provides that contracts of Santa Clara County Flood Control for any improvement or unit of work estimated to cost in excess of \$4,500, rather than \$2,000 shall be let by bids and to the lowest responsible bidder, if the work is not performed by district personnel. March 4. **Bad**
- SB 899 Fisher** (Local Government) Provides that probationary employees in all school districts, rather than those in school districts having an average daily attendance of 85,000 or more pupils, shall be dismissed for cause only.
Gives every employee the right to a hearing to determine the cause of his dismissal. March 5. **Good**
- SB 815 Reagan** (Judiciary) Modifies provision in Government Code and in Improvement Act of 1911, Street Improvement Act of 1913, and Drainage District Improvement Act of 1919, to provide that right of person furnishing labor or materials to sue on contractor's bond does not accrue unless he has not been paid for 90 days after furnishing same, and, if he has a direct contractual relationship with a sub-contractor but not with the contractor, the right does not accrue unless, within 90 days, he gives notice to the contractor of his performance in the prescribed manner. February 26. **Bad**
- SB 841 Fisher** (Governmental Efficiency) Defines "public printing and binding" as all printing, binding and allied printing trades work done for a public agency under contract and paid for out of public funds, except publication of public notices in newspapers of general circulation.
Provides that public printing and binding shall be done within this State whenever possible except when out-of-state bids are 5 percent or more below the bids received from in-state bidders.
Declares that all workmen so employed, shall be paid the prevailing rate of per diem wages, including hourly employer contributions for health and welfare, pension, vacation and similar purposes, the determination of which, upon petition is reviewed by the Director of Industrial Relations.
Prescribes that each contractor and subcontractor must keep a record of each workman's name, occupation and per diem wage. Provides that the violation of any provision of this chapter is a misdemeanor. February 27. **Good**