

Extended U.I. Benefits Payable as of April 1

Extended duration unemployment insurance benefits will be payable in California beginning April 1 to persons who exhaust their regular unemployment benefits.

Albert B. Tieburg, Director of Employment, announced earlier this week that insured unemployment during the three calendar months of December, 1962, and January and February, 1963, was in excess of the six percent ratio which triggers payment of extended duration benefits for up to 13 additional weeks (one-half of a claimant's basic duration period).

Tieburg said an average of 254,818 weeks of insured unemployment was certified during December, January, and February. This was 6.3 percent of the statutory base of the average of 4,031,088 employees subject to the Unemployment Insurance Code in the four calendar quarters that ended September 30, 1962.

Extended Benefits are payable by virtue of the Miller-Collier amendments to the unemployment insurance law enacted originally by the 1959 Legislature and modified in 1961. The Director of Employment is required to make a finding each month of the ratio of unemploy-

(Continued on Page 3)

Legislation Advanced to Undermine Benefits for Permanent Disabilities

State AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Thos. L. Pitts today charged that employer lobbyists in Sacramento "have launched a sinister drive to completely undermine workmen's compensation payments for permanent disabilities suffered by injured workers."

The legislation is contained in AB 1913, introduced by freshman Assemblyman Hale Ashcraft (R) of San Diego County, which Pitts said "would convert permanent disability payments exclusively to the theory of wage-loss compensation, eliminating completely any concept of reimbursement to the individual for impaired physical condition or other factors of damages normally attendant to a physical injury."

"It is shocking," Pitts said, "that this kind of 'Neanderthal' thinking is still a factor to contend with in the California Legislature."

As analyzed by the Federation, AB 1913 proposes the following changes:

1. Payments for permanent disability would begin on the eighth day after an injury becomes permanent or after the date of the last payment of temporary disability



THOS. L. PITTS
Executive
Secretary-Treasurer

Weekly News Letter

Vol. 5—No. 13
Mar. 28, 1963

Published by California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO



INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS LIBRARY

APR 1 1963

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
BERKELEY

Rumford "Fair Housing" Bill Clears First Hurdle In Assembly

AB 1240, the Rumford fair housing bill and key civil rights measure before the State Legislature passed its first test this Wednesday. On a voice vote, the Assembly Committee on Governmental Efficiency and Economy started the anti-bias measure on its long and hazardous journey through the Legislature with a "do pass" recommendation.

The basic provisions of the Rumford bill would:

1. Extend present prohibitions against discrimination in publicly assisted housing to include the sale and rental of all private housing, except a single-unit dwelling occupied in whole or in part by the owner as his residence.

2. Provide for effective enforcement of the ban by bringing housing

(Continued on Page 4)

IWC Minimum Wage Announcement Mocks Own Findings

The California Industrial Welfare Commission, at the conclusion of a three-day executive session last Friday, announced that it had reached unanimous agreement to adopt a minimum wage of \$1.25 per hour for women and minors in California.

The decision, which is still unofficial until promulgated at a public meeting scheduled for April 17th at 10:00 a.m. in San Francisco, "makes a mockery of the Commission's own procedures for determining an adequate minimum wage for women and minors who are covered by the IWC's orders," State AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Thomas L. Pitts charged.

Pitts pointed out that the Labor Code charges the Commission with the responsibility to set a minimum wage in various occupations, trades, and industries covered by its orders "which shall not be less than a wage adequate to supply the necessary cost of proper living to, and maintain the health and welfare of such women and minors."

Two years ago, preliminary to reopening thirteen of its fourteen outstanding orders, the Commission revised its so-called "Minnie" budget to measure the annual cost of such a standard of living for a self-supporting working woman. At June, 1961 prices, the annual cost

(Continued on Page 3)

(Continued on Page 3)

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Assembly

Monday, April 1

- Civil Service and State Personnel**, Room 2117, 1:30 p.m.
AB 1393 (Meyers) Salaries of state employees. **Good**
AB 1601 (Meyers) Political activities of state employees. **Watch**
- Education**, Room 4202, 3:45 p.m.
AB 1031 (Winton) Textbooks. **Bad**
ACA 18 (Winton) Textbooks. **Bad**
- Judiciary**, Room 2117, 3:45 p.m.
AB 1511 (Cusanovich) Mechanic's liens. **Watch**
***AB 1531 (Williamson)** Jury duty pay. **Good**
- Municipal and County Government**, Room 2133, 3:45 p.m.
SB 295 (Rattigan) Contractor's licenses. **Good**
AB 894 (Petris) Housing authorities' powers. **Good**
- Public Health**, Room 5168, 1:30 p.m.
AB 596 (Rumford) Bakeries and bakery products. **Watch**
- Ways and Means**, Room 4202, 1:30 p.m.
AB 49 (Elliott) California Commission on Manpower, Automation and Technology. **Good**

Tuesday, April 2

- Fish and Game**, Room 2170, 1:30 p.m.
AB 1508 (Davis) Director of Fish and Game. **Watch**

Wednesday, April 3

- Elections and Reapportionment**, Room 5168, 1:30 p.m.
AB 473 (Petris) Registration of voters. **Good**
AB 1195 (Petris) Hours for voting. **Good**
- Governmental Efficiency and Economy**, Room 2170, 1:30 p.m.
SB 436 (Weingand) Contractors. **Good**
AB 1 (Unruh) California Arts Commission. **Good**
- Industrial Relations**, Room 5168, 3:45 p.m.
AB 545 (Gaffney) Relating to safety. **Good**
AB 546 (Gaffney) Relating to maritime industrial safety. **Watch**
AB 1287 (Casey) Wages: building and construction industry. **Good**
AB 1407 (Garrigus) Relating to employment of minors. **Bad**
- Revenue and Taxation**, Room 2170, 3:45-5:30 p.m.
AB 1442 (Cologne) Bank and corporation taxes. **Bad**

Thursday, April 4

- Education**, Room 4202, 3:45 p.m.
AB 1474 (Garrigus) Renewal of provisional credential. **Watch**
AB 470 (Kennick) School district salary expenditures. **Watch**
- Finance and Insurance Subcommittee on Workmen's Compensation**, Room 4168, 1:30 p.m.
***AB 424 (Rumford)** Workmen's compensation; injury presumptions. **Good**
AB 563 (Cologne) Workmen's compensation. **Watch**
AB 1581 (Meyers) Workmen's compensation. **Watch**
AB 1585 (Meyers) Workmen's compensation. **Watch**

Monday, April 8

- Education**, Room 4202, 3:45 p.m.
AB 620 (Garrigus) Dismissal of probationary employee. **Watch**
AB 756 (Winton) Credential requirements to include "experience." **Bad**
AB 757 (Winton) Allows "service" credential. **Bad**
- Judiciary**, Room 2117, 3:45 p.m.
AB 1656 (Thelin) Unclaimed property. **Bad**
AB 1246 (Song) Employment practices. **Watch**

- AB 1288 (Dannemeyer)** Liens, construction payments. **Good**
AB 1087 (Cologne) Apportionment of mechanic's lien and prior encumbrance. **Watch**

- Public Health**, Room 5168, 1:30 p.m.
AB 949 (Waite) Radiation control. **Good**
AB 1692 (Petris) Mobilehomes—self propelled. **Bad**

Senate

Monday, April 1

- Business and Professions**, Room 4040, 9:30 a.m.
SB 316 (Short) Containers: quantity of commodities. **Good**
- Judiciary**, Room 4203, 9 a.m.
SCA 9 (O'Sullivan) Funds for support of public schools. **Watch**
SB 655 (Lagomarsino) Arrest. **Bad**
SB 42 (Cobey) Liability of public entities, officers, and employees. **Watch**
SB 43 (Cobey) Claims and actions against public entities, officers and employees. **Watch**
SB 47 (Cobey) Workmen's compensation. **Good**
- Labor**, Room 5007, 11 a.m.
SB 763 (Weingand) Labor law enforcement. **Good**
***AB 319 (Davis)** Security for wages in logging operations. **Good**
AB 798 (Foran) Apprenticeship. **Watch**
AB 799 (Foran) Apprenticeship. **Watch**
- Revenue and Taxation**, Room 4040, 1:15 p.m.
SB 608 (Nisbet) Sales and use tax exemptions. **Bad**

Tuesday, April 2

- Insurance and Financial Institutions**, Room 4040, 1:45 p.m.
SB 804 (Dolwig) Covered employment. **Bad**
SB 818 (Bradley) Workmen's compensation. **Bad**
SB 819 (Bradley) Workmen's compensation. **Bad**
SB 691 (McCarthy) Workmen's compensation: exclusive remedy. **Bad**
- Local Government**, Room 4040, 9:30 a.m.
SB 524 (Holmdahl) State Housing Law. **Good**
SB 705 (Bradley) Financing county capital improvements. **Bad**
- Transportation**, Room 4203, 9:30 a.m.
AB 535 (Cologne) Fire extinguishers on farm labor vehicles. **Bad**

Wednesday, April 3

- Education**, Room 5007, 9:30 a.m.
AB 1110 (Kennick) School district taxation. **Good**
- Fish and Game**, Room 3191, 1:30 p.m.
SB 413 (Farr) Forfeiture of bail. **Watch**
- Governmental Efficiency**, Room 4203, 9:30 a.m.
SB 370 (Holmdahl) State economic policy for full employment. **Good**
SB 404 (Bradley) Fair employment practices. **Watch**
SB 405 (Bradley) Fair Employment Practice Commission. **Watch**
SB 406 (Bradley) Fair employment practice hearings. **Watch**
SB 407 (Bradley) Fair employment practices; conciliation. **Good**
SB 750 (Bradley) Fair Employment Practice Commission. **Watch**
AB 708 (Mulford) Employment of aliens. **Watch**
AB 1109 (Zenovich) Employment of aliens. **Watch**

Thursday, April 4

- Natural Resources**, Room 2040, 1:30 p.m.
SB 643 (O'Sullivan) Fire prevention and control. **Bad**
- Public Health and Safety**, Room 4040, 9 a.m.

Legislative Notes

Labor Committee

On Monday, April 1, the Senate Labor Committee will hear its first Federation-sponsored bill of the session. This is *AB 319 (Davis) which strengthens the Labor Code provisions governing security for wages in logging operations.

On the following Monday, April 8th, the upper house unit has scheduled another Federation measure—*SB 889 by Senator Eugene McAteer of San Francisco, the Committee's Chairman, which would repeal the state's "Hot Cargo Act" which is still in the Labor Code although it has been declared unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court.

Stricken from the File

News Letter's digest of bills last week erroneously credited a "bad" workmen's compensation bill to Assemblyman John Francis Foran of San Francisco. The mistake was the result of a clerical error in the Assembly which made Foran the author of AB 1650, a measure which would adversely affect the payment of permanent disability benefits. The thought of being the author of a "bad" workmen's compensation bill so offended Foran that he had the measure stricken from the file, but News Letter had already gone to press.

Social Insurance Subcommittees

As reported last week, the social insurance subcommittees in the Assembly are beginning to review bills referred to them by the parent Assembly Finance and Insurance Committee.

Thus far, the only noteworthy action has been taken by the Unemployment Insurance Subcommittee. AB 548, authored by Assemblyman Phil Burton of San Francisco, has received a favorable recommendation. It would extend unemployment disability insurance coverage to employees of nonprofit organizations. In original form, it also ex-

(Continued on Page 4)

- SB 485 (Stiern)** Clothes cleaning equipment and establishments. **Bad**
Rules, Room 3191, 2 p.m.

SJR 2 (Rodda) Excluding state employees from Hatch Act. **Good**

Monday, April 8

- Labor**, Room 5007, 11 a.m.
SB 916 (Sturgeon) Workmen's compensation. **Bad**
SB 525 (Holmdahl) Labor camps and housing. **Watch**
***SB 889 (McAteer)** Repeals "Hot Cargo" Act. **Good**

DIGEST OF BILLS

Key to Symbols

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

* Sponsored by the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO

No bill may be taken up until 30 days after date of introduction indicated in Digest, except by $\frac{3}{4}$ vote.

ASSEMBLY BILLS

- AB 1786 Henson** (G.E. & E.) Contractors' bonds. Requires applicants for issuance or renewal of license to file a bond in a specified amount, or cash in lieu thereof, with the Contractors' State License Board. Revises provisions requiring applicants for issuance or renewal of license who was previously subject to disciplinary action to file a bond, or cash in lieu thereof, with the board. Increases minimum amount of bond from \$2,000 to \$3,000. Makes it a ground for disciplinary action for any contractor to make reference to the bond in his advertising or other presentments to the public. Makes other related changes. March 11. **LS—Bad**
- AB 1789 Henson** (G.E. & E.) Contractors' bonds. Revises provision requiring applicant for a contractor's license who has previously been subject to disciplinary action to file a bond in a specified amount, or cash in lieu thereof, with the board. March 11. **LS—Bad**
- AB 1792 Dymally** (G.O.) Requires State Department of Social Welfare, rather than the counties, to administer the aid to aged, needy blind, potentially self-supporting blind, needy disabled, and medical care programs, but retains the duty of each county to pay its proportionate share of the aid grants paid to residents of the county. Provides for transfer on unspecified date of the books, records, and property of the State in the possession of the counties and used in connection with the administration of assistance. Appropriates to the State Department of Social Welfare an amount sufficient to pay assistance under the programs specified, after deducting federal assistance. March 12. **MI—Good**
- AB 1799 Foran** (Ind.R.) Safety in employment. Provides that employer gross negligence regarding safety in employment is punishable by imprisonment for not more than one year or fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000, in case of death to an employee results; or by imprisonment for not more than six months or a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$2,000, in case serious injury to an employee results. Provides that violation by a contractor licensed by the State of provisions governing safety in employment, if it results in death or injury to an employee, constitutes cause for a disciplinary action against the contractor under the provisions governing contractors. March 12. **LC—Good**
- AB 1810 Bagley** (Fin. & Ins.) Employer's reserve accounts. Provides that the reserve account of a base period employer shall not be charged on account of benefits paid a claimant who, during the base period, was a student hired by the employer on a temporary basis during a vacation period who left his employment because of the end of his vacation. March 12. **UI—Bad**
- AB 1813 Quimby** (G.E. & E.) Includes within the term "contractor" a person who constructs, alters, repairs, adds to, subtracts from, improves, moves, wrecks or demolishes a parking facility. March 12. **LS—Good**
- AB 1815 Quimby** (G.E. & E.) Makes a person who advertises as a builder, as well as one who advertises as a contractor, subject to the Contractors License Law. March 12. **LS—Good**
- AB 1818 Bee** (Ed.) College student subsistence grants. Establishes subsistence grants for state competitive scholarship and junior college reserve scholarship award winners who demonstrate financial need for the grant to be administered by the State Scholarship Commission. Bases amounts of grant upon need of the student and the reasonable estimated cost for room and board, but establishes maximum amount at \$800 per year. Appropriates \$20,000 from the General Fund to the State Scholarship Commission to carry out its administrative duties under the program. March 13. **ED—Good**
- AB 1819 Dymally** (Mun. & C.G.) Establishes minimum annual salary for policemen, peace officers in sheriff's office and firemen at \$5,000. Provides 30 days annual vacation for such persons. March 13. **LS—Good**
- AB 1827 Bagley** (G.E. & E.) Licensing of polygraph examiners. Provides for the licensing of polygraph examiners pursuant to the provisions of the Private Investigator and Adjuster Act (Ch. 11, commencing with Sec. 7500, Div. 3, B. & P.C.). Sets forth qualifications for obtaining a license, including examination, but permits specified persons to be licensed without the need of an examination. Makes the records of a polygraph examiner privileged. Directs that the fee for an original license, and the renewal fee for such a license, be fixed at not more than \$50 nor less than \$10. March 13. **CR—Bad**
- AB 1829 Zenovich** (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation. Requires answer in workmen's compensation proceeding, as well as application in proceeding, to be in writing. Prescribes their content. Extends from 5 to 10 days after service of application the time for filing answer. Requires that order, decision or award of Industrial Accident Commission, other than order appointing trustee or guardian, shall include determination of all issues presented to commission for determination prior to issuance of order, decision or award not previously determined. Provides any issue not so determined is to be deemed as decided adversely to party who raised it. March 13. **WC—Watch**
- AB 1830 Zenovich** (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation. Provides that when release or compromise agreement is filed for Industrial Accident Commission's approval, all other workmen's compensation proceedings are stayed and times in which to act are suspended until commission acts. March 13. **WC—Bad**
- AB 1831 Zenovich** (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation awards. Provides that a petition may be filed by a party in interest to reopen any order or award of the Industrial Accident Commission at any time within 5 years and provides that no award shall be changed after 5 years unless such petition is filed within the 5 years. March 13. **WC—Bad**
- AB 1832 Zenovich** (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation. Provides that any party to a release may withdraw at any time before Industrial Accident Commission approves it. Provides that when a release or a compromise agreement is filed for commission's approval, all other proceedings are stayed and times in which to act are suspended until 20 days after service of commission's order in matter. March 13. **WC—Bad**
- AB 1833 Zenovich** (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation. Permits party to a workmen's compensation proceeding to object to reference of matter to a particular referee before opening of hearing by filing and serving a peremptory challenge to referee. Upon such filing and service, requires Industrial Accident Commission to refer proceeding to some other referee. March 13. **WC—Watch**
- AB 1839 Thelin** (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation: permanent disability. Provides that, in determining the percentage of permanent disability due to an injury, no allowance shall be made for subjective complaints or for anatomical, physiological, functional, or cosmetic changes, unless certain conditions are met. March 13. **WC—Bad**
- AB 1840 Thelin** (Fin. & Ins.) Industrial Accident Commission. Eliminates existing provisions on appointment by Governor of members of commission and its chairman. Substitutes provisions under which members would be referees of commission with greatest seniority and chairman would be selected by commissioners. March 13. **WC—Bad**
- AB 1847 Henson** (G.E. & E.) Prohibits the Registrar of Contractors from issuing an original license, reactivating an inactive license, or reissuing a license which has been suspended or revoked unless the applicant can prove solvency and financial ability by specified means. Makes information obtained confidential, but permits use in administrative hearing or judicial action. Permits registrar to destroy financial statements which have been on file for a period of at least five years. March 13. **LS—Watch**
- AB 1850 Casey** (Ed.) Elementary school courses. Authorizes State Board of Education to exempt school district from the requirement that foreign language be taught in sixth grade upon satisfactory evidence that such instruction would impose an unreasonable burden. Provides that governing board of school notwithstanding specification of certain foreign languages by county board of education, may teach in elementary school other foreign languages in substitution to or in addition. Repeals provision permitting governing board to provide for teaching of foreign language in any or all elementary schools of the district. March 13. **ED—Bad**
- AB 1852 Casey** (Fin. & Ins.) Unemployment compensation benefits. Provides that to establish valid claim, individual shall have been paid not less than \$20 during at least 20 weeks of his base period, the total during such period to be not less than \$600 rather than the flat amount of \$600 during the base period and deletes provision that if 75 percent of his wages were paid in a single quarter, he is ineligible for benefits unless wages in base period are at least 30 times the benefit amount, or \$750, whichever is lower. Changes applicable to new claims filed with an effective date on or after May 1, 1965. March 13. **UI—Bad**

ASSEMBLY BILLS (Continued)

- AB 1856 Stevens** (Fin. & Ins.) Unemployment insurance. Revises provisions relating to eligibility of applicant for unemployment benefits to change factor of voluntarily leaving without good cause to voluntarily leaving without good cause attributable to the employer. Makes act applicable only to new claims filed with an effective date beginning on or after effective date of this act. March 13. **UI—Bad**
- AB 1859 Dymally** (Ed.) Employees' health benefits. Removes provision limiting to school district, or two or more school districts governed by boards of identical personnel, with an average daily attendance of 400,000 or more, the authorization to levy special override tax for purposes of financing of health and welfare benefit coverage of officers and employees and their families. March 14. **PE—Good**
- AB 1878 Mills** (G.O.) Public employer-employee relations. Eliminates the express restriction to nonconfidential of the information that a public agency may make available to an employee organization. Provides that the number and names of the individuals represented by the organization shall not be a factor in determining that the organization does represent the employees of the public agency. March 14. **PE—Watch**
- AB 1882 Meyers** (C.S. & S.P.) Meyers-Geddes Act. Specifies the Board of Administration's powers under Meyers-Geddes Act shall include those which may be reasonably implied as arising from the duties and responsibilities specifically granted or imposed. March 14. **PE—Good**
- AB 1883 Meyers** (C.S. & S.P.) Meyers-Geddes Act—Purposes. Expands and revises statement of purposes of act to specify that partially state-financed insurance coverage is afforded, and that it will be a substantial factor in making state employment more attractive and will improve the State's competitive position as against private industry. March 14. **PE—Watch**
- AB 1887 Meyers** (Jud.) Increases from \$12,500 to \$17,500 for head of a family and from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for any other person the homesteads that may be claimed. March 14. **MI—Good**
- AB 1892 Burton** (Rls.) Unemployment and disability insurance. Provides that employees of the Legislature whose salaries or wages are paid from the contingent funds of the Senate or Assembly shall be covered by the unemployment and disability insurance program. March 18. **UI & DI—Watch**
- AB 1903 Burgener** (Ed.) Education of handicapped adults. Permits education of certain mentally retarded and physically handicapped adults in the public schools who may benefit from training to further their individual acceptance, social adjustment and economic usefulness in their homes and within a sheltered environment. Establishes general procedures for school districts in maintaining such programs and specifies that the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall prescribe minimum standards. Amends the Budget Act of 1962 to provide \$15,000 to the Department of Education for the program, and gradually increases the appropriation to a maximum of \$250,000, commencing with fiscal year 1965-66. To take effect immediately, urgency measure. March 18. **TR—Watch**
- AB 1909 Ryan** (Jud.) Requires person who furnishes material for which mechanics' lien otherwise can be claimed, who delivers such material or causes its delivery to site of work of improvement, and who does not

- within 30 days after delivery receive payment from person obligated to pay (where amount of delinquency exceeds \$100), to give notice in prescribed manner, within specified time, to owner and general contractor, as condition to claim of lien. March 18. **LI—Watch**
- AB 1911 Knox** (Fin. & Ins.) Health care plans. Establishes a Health Care Plan Board consisting of 5 members of the public appointed by the Governor, and provides for the licensing and regulation by the board of health care plans and agents of those plans. Prescribes fees for licenses and penalties for violations. March 18. **IN—Bad**
- AB 1913 Knox** (Mun. & C.G.) Provides that where estimated cost of work on a county highway in a county with a population of 400,000 or over is \$10,000 or less, the board of supervisors may let the contract without calling for bids. March 18. **LS—Bad**
- AB 1923 Ashcraft** (Fin. & Ins.) Workmen's compensation. Provides payments for permanent disability shall be made for one week in advance for wages on the eighth day after the injury becomes permanent or the date of the last payment of temporary disability **only if the disability is 70% or more** rather than any permanent disability. Contains an apparent typographical error in using the word "or" rather than "of." Eliminates the existing provision for semi-monthly payment as to all types of permanent disabilities. Where a permanent disability is less than 70% provides no payment shall be made for any week an individual is eligible to receive unemployment insurance benefits whether he receives any benefits in fact or not and in any event provides the payments should be confined exclusively to partial reimbursement of wage loss earned based on the difference between his previous average weekly earnings and his current actual weekly earnings. Under the existing law permanent disability payments are payable regardless of the earnings of the individual or the receipt of unemployment insurance benefits and the rate of payment is four weeks of compensation for each one percent of disability. Reassigns and renumbers sections although the bill contains various typographical errors. March 18. **WC—Bad**
- ACA 23 Moreno** (G.O.) Sessions of the Legislature. Abolishes the budget sessions of the Legislature in even-numbered years. Provides that Regular Sessions of the Legislature shall be held annually, subject to same provisions and time limitations as are presently applicable to general sessions held in odd-numbered years. Feb. 28. **SL—Watch**
- ACA 28 Lanterman** (M.O. & M.I.) State oil lease revenues. Requires the deposit of 50 percent of state revenues from oil leases on tide and submerged lands entered into on and after January 1, 1963, in the Tideland Oil Counties of Origin Water Facility Construction Fund. Appropriates money in said fund for expenditure by the Department of Water Resources for completion of features of the State Water Facilities south of the Buena Vista Lake Pumping Station and for the construction of sufficient saline water conversion plants in the counties in which the oil originates to provide an adequate standby domestic water supply in such counties. To remain in effect until an unspecified date. March 7. **TA—Watch**
- ACR 43 Foran** (Rls.) Requests Department of Industrial Relations to undertake a study to determine what courses should be contained in an effective program of apprenticeship training in the State's secondary schools. March 6. **TR—Watch**

SENATE BILLS

- SB 975 Gibson** (B. & P.) Contractors. Provides that the settlement by a licensee of his obligations as contractor for less than full amount thereof by specified means, including bankruptcy, assignment for benefit of creditors, receivership, trusteeship, dissolution, and the like, is a ground for disciplinary action, rather than making the adjudication of bankruptcy, confirmation of other proceeding under bankruptcy law, receivership, or an assignment for the benefit of creditors a ground for disciplinary action. Deletes provision permitting Registrar of Contractors to require a bond before reinstating a license revoked on such grounds. March 18. **LS—Good**
- SB 982 Dolwig** (Gov. Eff.) Deletes provision authorizing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to issue on-sale licenses for bona fide public eating places near certain universities and other institutions, and authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages in such licensed bona fide public eating places. March 18. **LS—Bad**
- SB 1000 Miller** (B. & P.) Self-service cleaning establishments. Provides for the issuance of a self-service drycleaning establishment license to the owner of such an establishment who complies with law and regulations of the State Board of Dry Cleaners. March 19. **LS—Bad**
- SB 1001 Miller** (B. & P.) Dry cleaning. Requires that a certificate of registration be issued evidencing qualification to engage in one or any combination of the following: cleaning, spotting, pressing, dyeing, renovating, or operating a school or college. Revises qualifications for obtaining a certificate to require two months' experience in each of activities specified above for which a certificate is sought, rather than one year's experience. Requires State Board of Dry Cleaners to give one month's credit as experience for each 15 hours of training in an approved school, rather than permitting board to give credit as experience to training in a school. Provides that no demonstration by manual examination shall be required except of an applicant seeking a certificate for the activity of pressing. March 19. **LS—Bad**
- SB 1008 Farr** (Ins. & F.I.) Workmen's compensation: "injury." Provides that "injury," as used in the workmen's compensation law, includes not only

- heart trouble, but also hernia or pneumonia, in the case of officers and employees in the Department of Corrections having custodial duties, each officer and employee in the Department of the Youth Authority, having group supervisory duties, and each security officer employed at the Atascadero State Hospital. Creates presumption that such hernia or pneumonia arises out of and in course of employment. March 19. **WC—Watch**
- SB 1010 Farr** (B. & P.) Private employment agencies. Provides that if such an agency refers an applicant and, within six months thereafter, the applicant is employed by the employer to whom he was referred in a position other than the one for which he was sent, the agency is entitled to its usual placement fee. March 19. **LC—Bad**
- SB 1023 Rattigan** (Gov. Eff.) Rehabilitation. Creates Department of Rehabilitation in Health and Welfare Agency, headed by a director appointed by the Governor. Transfers to the department various functions concerning vocational rehabilitation now exercised by the Department of Education. Adds Director of Rehabilitation as member of Coordinating Council on State Programs for the Blind and the Coordinating Council on Programs for Handicapped Children. March 20. **TR—Watch**
- SB 1025 Rodda** (L.Gov.) Classified school personnel employment. Abolishes use of annual contract to employ classified school employees. Requires governing board of school district to adopt rules and regulations for a permanent employee status upon completion of probation period and to adopt procedural rules similar to those of the merit system in matters relating to suspension, demotion, dismissal, appeals and other disciplinary actions and remedies. March 20. **PE—Watch**
- SB 1026 Dolwig** (B. & P.) Outdoor Advertising Act. Makes the provisions of the act applicable to the placing of advertising displays within view of public highways in incorporated or unincorporated areas of the State, rather than just in unincorporated areas of the State. Prohibits all other regulations of the placing of such displays within view of public highways in the State, including county land use and zoning regulations. March 20. **LS—Watch**

IWC Minimum Wage Announcement Mocks Own Findings

(Continued from Page 1)

of the "Minnie" budget came to \$2,854.98.

Prior to the Commission's meeting last week, the Division of Labor Statistics and Research made further adjustments in the budget to reflect cost of living increases as of January 1963. The annual cost of the "Minnie" budget, accordingly, was found to be \$2,938.85.

On the basis of the Commission's own findings, assuming conservatively that the minimum wage worker is employed 50 weeks a year on a 40-hour work week basis, the State AFL-CIO argued that the budget would require a minimum wage of at least \$1.47 per hour. In a lengthy statement, the Federation was able to point out glaring inadequacies in the "Minnie" budget which would more than justify rounding out of this figure to at least \$1.50 per hour.

Both in the Federation's statement and in oral testimony presented at a San Francisco public hearing in January, it was also pointed out that if the current standard workweek was not used to translate the annual budget into an hourly rate, the very people the Commission was required to protect would be deprived of the opportunity to earn the amount necessary to meet the "Minnie" standard.

The Commissioners, in questioning Federation representatives on this point, made it clear that they understood the vital importance of obtaining statistical information on the workweek that prevails for women and minors, and to apply this workweek in arriving at an hourly minimum wage.

Such statistical evidence was before the Commission when it was in executive session last week. Figures assembled by the State Division of Labor Statistics and Research demonstrate conclusively that both in rural and urban areas, the 40-hour workweek clearly prevails.

"Yet, it appears, that the Commission ignored these findings and assumed a 48-hour workweek in arriving at the \$1.25 per hour minimum wage," Pitts charged. (Division of the annual budget figure on the basis of a 48-hour workweek for 50 weeks per year produces a minimum wage within a few cents of the

Extended U.I. Benefits Payable as of April 1

(Continued from Page 1)

ment insurance claimed in California during the past 90 days to all employment covered by the Unemployment Insurance Code. The last previous extended duration month was August, 1962.

All persons who have exhausted their regular benefits and are still unemployed should contact their local Department of Employment office as to their eligibility for extended benefits.

\$1.25 per hour amount agreed to by the Commissioners.)

"Unless the Commission modifies its decision prior to promulgation at the scheduled April 17th meeting, this Commission will have failed to carry out its responsibilities under State law," Pitts added.

At the scheduled meeting in San Francisco, the Commission will also set the effective date of the new orders, and will announce other changes to be made in them.

Involved are all of the Commission's orders except Order No. 14-61 covering women and minors in agriculture. The Commission refused to reopen the agricultural order at the time the other thirteen existing orders were reopened.

At present the Commission's orders provide for \$1.00 minimum wage. Thus the announced increase to \$1.25 amounts to nothing more than catching up with the federal minimum, which is currently \$1.15 and scheduled to go up to \$1.25 on Labor Day this year.

Prior to 1950 the State minimum wage for women and minors was consistently higher than the federal minimum.

"Since then California's minimum wage machinery has been transformed from a pioneering mechanism, setting the example for the entire nation, into a rusty piece of equipment in need of renovation to keep abreast of social and economic progress," Pitts declared.

"This most recent display of timidity on the part of the Commission demonstrates the need for enactment of a State Fair Labor Standards Act, providing for a statutory minimum wage and penalty pay protections for overtime work, as proposed in AB 650 (Bee), which is currently before the State Legislature," he concluded.

Undermine Benefits

(Continued from Page 1)

average weekly earnings and his current actual weekly earnings. Under existing law, permanent disability payments are due and payable regardless of the earnings of the individual or the receipt of unemployment insurance benefits.

In this manner, Pitts indicated, the whole concept of reimbursement for impairment would be destroyed. The loss to injured workers, he estimated, would amount of hundreds of millions of dollars.

"I am confident," Pitts said, "that the Legislature will reject this sinister drive to undermine our oldest social insurance program in California. Nevertheless, it reflects the kind of opposition that must be overcome to accomplish needed improvements to protect workers who have become the casualties of an advanced industrial society."

The Federation, Pitts pointed out, is sponsoring legislation designed to accomplish long overdue improvements in the permanent disability benefit structure as part of an over-all program to update the State's workmen's compensation program.

Under present law, for every percentage point of permanent disability, the injured workman is entitled to four weeks of compensation at the rate of 61.75 percent of his average weekly earnings within a maximum benefit of \$52.50 a week. Following this period of payment, a permanently injured worker with a 70 percent or greater disability receives a life pension which varies from 15 percent of lost wages in the case of a 70 percent disability to 60 percent for a 100 percent disability.

Labor sponsored legislation would increase from four to eight, the number of weeks compensation is paid at 61.75 percent of average weekly wages for each one percent of disability. It also provides for the payment of the life pension commencing at 50 percent disability, instead of 70 percent, and provides that the compensation rate, as a percent of average weekly earnings, shall be equal to the amount of permanent disability suffered.

Other major Federation-sponsored legislation would remove artificial ceilings on temporary disability benefits, convert the death benefit to a pension concept, enact rehabilitation training benefits, and provide for administration of the whole program to assure prompt and full payment of benefits to all injured workers.

Rumford "Fair Housing" Bill Clears First Hurdle In Assembly

(Continued from Page 1)

discrimination under the jurisdiction of an expanded State Fair Employment Practices Commission.

In Wednesday's initial skirmish, the lower house unit rejected contentions of the home builder-real estate lobby that the aspirations of human beings to buy or rent decent housing in a free market should be subordinated to so-called property rights. The line up of forces before the committee pitted organized labor and the community of civil rights groups on the side of human rights against the special interests that have blocked the passage of similar legislation in the past.

Secretary - Treasurer Thomas L. Pitts told the Committee that 2000 delegates representing close to 1,500,000 AFL-CIO members at the 1962 Federation Convention voted "highest priority" in the field of civil rights legislation to the passage of a strong and effective fair housing statute, as proposed in AB 1240.

The measure has also been pegged by Governor Edmund G. Brown as a key item in his administration's legislative program.

Assemblyman Rumford was assisted in the presentation of his fair housing bill by Nathaniel S. Colley, member of the State Board of Education, and William Becker, Secretary of the California Fair Practices Committee, with the strong backing of Attorney General Stanley Mosk and home-builder Edward P. Eichler, Chairman of the Governor's Commission on Housing Problems.

In its recently issued report, the Governor's Housing Commission recommended enactment of fair housing legislation as part of a far-reaching economic housing program to make decent dwellings available to families of low and moderate in-

come who are today largely priced out of the private housing market.

A parade of supporting witnesses before the committee included representatives from the NAACP, the Mexican-American Community Services Organization, the Japanese-American League, religious leaders of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths, and others in addition to organized labor.

The opposition was led by a so-called Citizens League for Individual Freedom, followed by representatives of the Home Builders' Council of California, the California State Chamber of Commerce, the California Apartment Owners' Association, and the California Real Estate Association.

Despite the massive support behind AB 1240, it is anticipated that these opposing special interest groups will stage a "march on Sacramento" to side track the Rumford bill at future stages of the legislative process.

AB 1240's next hurdle is the lower house Ways and Means Committee, which two years ago severely weakened similar legislation before passage by the Assembly and its eventual defeat in the Senate at the hands of the real estate-builder lobby.

In anticipation of the struggle still ahead, Pitts warned that "no vote can be taken for granted in the mobilization of organized labor and other community groups behind the Rumford bill."

"Every legislator must be made to understand that a vote against AB 1240 is a vote against further progress in the field of civil rights in California," he said.

All affiliates are urged to contact their Assemblymen and Senators in Sacramento in support of the Rumford measure.

Legislative Notes

(Continued from Page 2)

tended unemployment insurance coverage to such employees, but this provision was amended out of the bill before it was given clearance. The subcommittee, however, has not indicated whether it intends to report bills back to the full committee individually or hold them for reporting as a group after all bills have been reviewed.

The same subcommittee also reviewed a Burton measure (AB 547) extending unemployment insurance to farm workers. On a three to two vote, the bill was held in committee. Voting for the motion to hold the bill in committee were: Waldie (Chairman), Veysey, and Thelin. Voting against the motion were Burton and Bane.

Human Relations

Legislation authorizing counties to establish Human Relations Commissions has been approved by the Assembly and sent to the upper house where it has been referred to the Senate Governmental Efficiency Committee. The bill, AB 1208 (Burton), broadens an authorization which is currently restricted to counties with a population with at least 2,000,000.

"Compensatory Education"

The McAteer "compensatory education" bill (SB 115), is on its last lap. Having received clearance from the lower house Ways and Means Committee, it is now on the Assembly floor for passage.

In Ways and Means Committee the bill was amended to give the Governor, rather than the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the power to appoint a consultant to direct the new program. On the floor this Wednesday, a Republican-lead move to kill this amendment was defeated by a vote of 50 to 27. Ultimate passage of the bill is almost certain.

California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO
995 Market Street
San Francisco 3, Calif.

RETURN REQUESTED

Industrial Relations Librarian
Institute of Industrial Relations
214 California Hall

NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U. S. POSTAGE
PAID
Sacramento, Cal.
Permit No. 235