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### PRO AND ANTI-LABOR BILLS PRESENTED TO STATE LEGISLATURE

SAN FRANCISCO (CFLNL).--Prior to the recess taken by the state legislature, the Federation, through its legislative representative, C. J. Haggerty, had prepared and submitted the following bills to the state legislature: (Companion bills are not included because all bills were not available.)

#### Health Bill

AB 363 (George D. Collins). Provides for prepaid medical care.

#### Unemployment Insurance Bills

AB 122 (Maloney). Changes administration of the act for greater efficiency.

AB 163 (Gaffney and Collins). Broadens definition of employment to include all services performed for remuneration.

AB 175 (Dunn). Provides for \$40 maximum payments.

AB 176 (Dunn). Eliminates provisions requiring an unemployed applicant to seek work actively on his own account.

AB 177 (Dunn). Eliminates waiting period.

AB 178 (Dunn). Eliminates disqualification of seasonal workers from unemployment benefits.

AB 179 (Dunn). Eliminates double disqualification and reduces disqualification penalties from 8 to 5 weeks.

AB 303 (Morris). Provides for coverage of employees in charitable institutions.

AB 312 (McCollister). Increases weekly benefit amount by \$5.00 where claimant has a dependent spouse, and by \$2.50 for each of the first four children.

AB 482 (Lewis and Miller). Includes agricultural labor in coverage.

AB 669 (Berry, Gaffney et al). Provides that unpaid wages to employees shall be deemed wages in computing benefits payable.

AB 744 (Collins). Includes employees of housing authorities, etc., in coverage under the act.

AB 745 (George D. Collins et al). Prohibits downgrading of workers.

AB 803 (McMillan). Eliminates domestic exemption from coverage.

AB 805 (McMillan). Repeals merit rating.

AB 806 (McMillan). Eliminates government employees exemption from coverage.

AB 896 (Brady). Makes more specific the procedure of the California Employment Stabilization Commission when making or changing rules or regulations.

#### Unemployment Disability Insurance Bills

AB 112 (Fletcher). Eliminates the need for an employer's consent for a voluntary disability insurance plan.

AB 115 (Fletcher). Includes pregnancy as a qualification for coverage by disability insurance.

AB 156 (Rosenthal). Repeals voluntary disability insurance plans.

AB 182 (Dunn). Reduces waiting period for disability insurance from 7 to 4 days.

AB 327 (Davis). Permits applicants involved in trade disputes to receive disability insurance benefits if they suffer bona fide illness or injury.

AB 666 (Berry, Gaffney et al). Provides for the obtaining from the Commission of a voluntary disability insurance plan by the majority of the members of a labor organization or a group of labor organizations.

AB 895 (Brady). Repeals section which prohibits a person from receiving disability benefits while receiving regular wages.

AB 898 (Brady). Provides that a person eligible for disability benefits and unemployment benefits in the same benefit year may receive the maximum of both.

#### Workmen's Compensation Bills

AB 123 (Maloney). Would provide for 100 percent payment for permanent disability.

AB 125 (Maloney). Increases maximum payments to \$40, and minimum to \$15.

AB 126 (Maloney). Increases death benefit to \$15,000.

AB 154 (Rosenthal et al). Eliminates seven-day waiting period.

AB 155 (Rosenthal et al). Provides that when a temporary disability becomes permanent, the permanent disability payments may be computed or payable immediately following seven days after the injury.

AB 164 (Gaffney). Provides for reimbursement of reasonable expenses for x-rays and medical reports.

AB 165 (Gaffney). Allows injured workmen free choice of own physician at employers' expense.

AB 166 (Gaffney). Extends to five years an injured employee's right to institute proceedings for the collection of compensation.

AB 169 (Gaffney et al). Compensation recoverable as a result of wilful misconduct on the part of employer is increased to \$4500, from the present \$2500.

AB 172 (Dunn et al). Would include eye glasses and medical braces of all types under the definition of "injury."

AB 185 (Beck). Provides for reasonable attorney's fees to be added to the compensation award.

AB 186 (Beck). Prohibits deduction of attorneys' fees from the amount due an injured employee as a result of third party suits by the employer alone.

AB 187 (Beck). Provides that employee's attorneys' fees determined by court shall be deducted from employer's portion as a result of third party suits by employee alone.

AB 191 (Dills). Provides for the appointment of a medical director and assistants by the Industrial Accident Commission.

AB 230 (Fleury and Moss). Increases the aggregate disability payments for a single injury causing temporary disability to five times, instead of four times, the average annual earnings of the employee.

AB 231 (Fleury and Moss). Establishes \$46.16 as the average weekly earnings for a minor, instead of the present \$32.61.

AB 258 (Caldecott). Provides for \$600 burial fee.

AB 311 (McCollister). Provides for life-time medical treatment.

AB 313 (McCollister). Provides for \$5.00 compensation benefits to dependents of injured workmen.

AB 324 (Bennett). With respect to subsequent injuries fund, provides funds received from federal or state governments are not disqualifying unless actually received.

AB 382 (Condon). Extends to three years, from one year, the period in which proceedings may be commenced for the collection of benefits.

AB 413 (Brown). Includes interest on awards.

AB 424 (McCarthy et al). Provides that disability indemnity shall not be deducted from the death benefit, but shall be paid in addition to it.

AB 804 (McMillan). Provides for persons suffering a 70 percent disability to receive maximum benefits for 280 weeks, instead of 240 weeks as at present. Those suffering a 100 percent disability will receive maximum benefits for 400 weeks, instead of 240 as at present.

#### Miscellaneous Bills

AB 1 (Anderson). Abolishes cross-filing.

AB 106 (Doyle). Provides that every employment agency inform applicant whether a labor contract exists at establishment to which applicant is being sent.

AB 113 (Fletcher). Provides that the public policy of the state favoring collective bargaining is applicable to operations of proprietary public utilities operated by the State or its governmental subdivisions.

AB 114 (Fletcher). Eliminates local inspection and substitutes uniform statewide inspection of slaughter houses, etc.

AB 127 (Maloney). Provides that apprenticeship instructors shall be union journeymen in the crafts which they teach

AB 257 (Caldecott and Dunn). Provides for members of State Teachers Retirement System the balance of benefits due to surviving spouse, parent or parents, in line with certain qualifications of age, etc.

AB 264 (Thomas). Makes it unlawful to engage any alien subject to deportation under United States immigration laws.

AB 307 (Anderson). Forbids employment of minors under 18 years of age in agriculture, horticulture, viticulture, or domestic labor for more than 8 hours in one day or 48 hours in one week.

AB 665 (Berry et al). Provides for limiting application for renewal of chauffeurs' licenses to physical examination.

AB 667 (Berry, Gaffney and Collins). Provides that suspension of chauffeurs' licenses shall not be governed by same criteria as that which apply to operators' licenses.

AB 668 (Berry, Gaffney et al). Makes it mandatory that a yellow signal precede a red light.

AB 670 (Berry et al). Provides that all stop signs must be illuminated at night by electric light, except where no electric power is available.

AB 1019 (Dickey). Provides for an annual pension to dependent of any deceased member of a county retirement system. At the present time, such pension is paid only when death results from injury in active service.

AB 1020 (Dickey). Establishes 48-hour week for fire fighters.

Anti-Labor Bills

This is a partial list of bad bills. Later measures were not available, but will be covered.

AB 5 (Crichton). Would interfere with coordinated policy of Bureau of Reclamation's Central Valley Project development.

AB 184 (Evans). Makes it a misdemeanor to be responsible in any way for malicious injuries to railroad property.

AB 190 (Evans). Makes it a misdemeanor to trespass upon railroad equipment.

AB 204 (Sherwin and Lowrey). Prohibits retroactive wages to state civil service employees.

AB 292 (Conrad and Sherwin). Provides for an advisory vote at direct primary elections on measures to be submitted to the electors at the ensuing general elections, etc.

AB 1359 (Levering et al). This is another so-called "anti-featherbedding" bill.

AB 2485 (Reagan and Levering). Repudiates and prohibits mass picketing.

A B 2630 (Butters et al). Introduces the so-called "right-to-work" measure, which would nullify union security, etc.

SB 40 (Williams). Restricts privilege in labor disputes by imposing unnecessary prohibitions already amply supplied by existing law.

SB 75 (Rich). Increases fee to \$3.00, from \$1.00, for renewal of driver's license.

SB 150 (Dillinger). Provides for the impounding of an automobile for six months for first conviction and 12 months for second, if a person who has been refused a license or has had his license suspended or revoked, drives a motor vehicle.

SB 186 (Dillinger). Provides for the creation of a mediation panel to participate in any labor dispute and makes recommendations therefor, to be accepted by secret ballot when 70 percent of members of an organization participate and vote to accept.

SB 1066 (Hatfield). Provides for a ban on "hot cargo" and secondary boycotts. This measure seeks to adjust itself to the State Supreme Court decision rendering the old bill invalid, but retains all vicious provisions.

SB 1212 (Burns et al). This bill, which allegedly pretends to be a fair employment practices act, is, in reality, an anti-closed shop measure.

SB 1322 (Judah and Coombs). Defines "unlawful conduct" in labor disputes and restricts procedure therein.

SB 1336 (Watson). This is another "right-to-work" measure, but in reality is an anti-closed shop bill.

SB 1603 (Williams). Prohibits strikes and picket lines in jurisdictional disputes.

ACR 37 (Davis). Requests Attorney General to interfere in court case involving waters flowing into Central Valley.