

Legislators Home Until March; Data on X-ray, Speed Law Asked

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On Feb. 3 and 4, the Legislature was in session for the introduction of the budget and organizational procedure. All of us will be in our home districts until March except those who are members of the Ways and Means Committee of the Assembly and the Finance Committee of the Senate, who remain in Sacramento. During March, all of us will be back in Sacramento to consider the budget. In addition, the governor can call a special session to run concurrently with the budget session or he can wait until we have passed the budget and then call a special session. One thing is certain, we shall not enact any new tax laws or increase any existing

taxes. Aside from the budget, water will be the big issue.

Opinion on Water

The Legislative Counsel on Feb. 3, rendered his Opinion No. 1135 on State Water Development, in response to my question as to whether there are any judicial decisions which indicate a possible need for a constitutional amendment in order to preclude the State from altering contracts for the sale of water entered into with municipal corporations in connection with a state water development program. The opinion consists of two single-spaced pages of typing with many references to decide cases. Skipping over the details which are of interest principally to lawyers, the conclusion reads:

"Thus, assuming that it is desired to preclude the possibility that the State, after entering into a water delivery contract with a municipal corporation, might as some later time alter such contract, a constitutional amendment would be necessary in order to accomplish this purpose."

This verifies what I have been saying for many years. The California Water Plan, which includes the Feather River Project, is acceptable to Southern California only if we can receive a guarantee that we shall receive sufficient quantities of water, within a reasonable time, and at reasonable rates, and that the water cannot be shut off without our consent. There are many other features to the California Water

Plan, but this matter of a constitutional amendment is critical.

Collection Agencies

Senator Fred H. Kraft, Republican, 612 Spreckles Building, San Diego, is chairman of a Senate committee investigating collection agencies which are accused of employing ex-convicts to "strong-arm" (frighten) people who owe bills. Also, it is contended that collection agency funds are being embezzled at a rate of \$500,000 per year. If you have had trouble with any collection agency, please write to Senator Kraft at the above address so that he can consider your complaint at a hearing he will conduct on Feb. 25 and 26.

X-Ray Shoe Fitting

You may remember that sev-

eral months ago I discussed the danger of improperly operated X-ray shot fitting machines in Los Angeles County. Mayor Norris Poulson of Los Angeles is now interested and has asked the Legislature to enact laws to regulate this hazard. If you have any ideas, please write to me at P. O. Box 777, Inglewood 5, California.

Auto Speed Limit

One subject which we may consider during any special session this year is the auto speed limit. The present California law prohibits driving "at a speed which endangers the safety of the persons or property" and is called a "prima facie speed limit law" by lawyers.

A similar law in New York State which prohibited driving "at such a speed as to endanger the life, limb or property of any person" has been upset by a New York court ruling. The New York case does not

directly affect California but it sets an example of what might happen if our California Supreme Court considered a case of this type.

All these things point up a growing demand for a California law which will set a maximum speed limit, certainly not more than 70 miles per hour, and probably 65 miles per hour. Personally, I favor 65 miles per hour limit. Of course, any streets, highways, or freeways where a lower speed limit is established would remain under the lower limit.

Wants Opinions

Assuming that there is a strong possibility that we may have to vote on this subject during March, I shall appreciate it if you will please write to me at P. O. Box 777, Inglewood 5.

FARM INCOME

Farm income in the U. S. is about 12.8 per cent of the total.



ATTEND PLANNING SESSION . . . Harry Lintz (left), California district manager, U. S. Chamber, and Richard Fitzgerald, manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, talk over plans for the Congressional Issues Clinic to be held at Long Beach on Feb. 25.

Chamber Manager Aids in Plans For Clinic on Nationwide Issues

Dick Fitzgerald, manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, joined with 19 other area Chamber of Commerce executives at a planning session for the U. S. Chamber of Commerce Congressional Issues Clinic, Feb. 25, at the Lafayette Hotel in Long Beach.

The Long Beach Chamber will be host for Aircade.

Harry Lintz, California district manager of the U. S. Chamber, stressed the importance of the Aircade.

"Through the 1957 Clinic members of Congress were made aware of an aroused population demanding more economy and efficiency in government, and an end to the constant federal intervention into local and state affairs," Lintz said.

"Washington gained a new respect for business men's opinions about national affairs. The 1958 legislative problems will be bigger than ever. The urgency to cut less essential spending and to increase government efficiency is far greater. There is also a definite need to curb federal activities which are devised primarily to win political popularity.

"It is through these clinics that the voice of businessmen can be heard in Washington."

"We intend to have 25 members from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce attending the Aircade in Long Beach," said O. R. Trueblood, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

State Plans New Artesia Street Signs

Motorists using Artesia Blvd. will soon be able to have enough advance warning of major cross streets to enable them to make safe lane changes for turning onto intersecting streets, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced yesterday.

Oversized street name signs will be placed in the center dividing strip in advance of all major signalized intersections between Alameda St. and Hawthorne Blvd. so that the cross streets can be easily identified by the motorists.

Recently, in driving across Artesia while making an inspection of projects in his district, Hahn noted the lack of sufficient identification on cross streets, and noted that the small street signs on corners did not give motorists enough advance warning to make safe lane changes on cross streets.

Since Artesia Blvd is a state highway, Hahn urged Edward T. Telford, assistant state highway engineer, to install the signs for the benefit of the motoring public.

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