

# Interim Committees Step Up Pace To Settle State's Many Problems

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Sometimes I'm a little surprised at the way the work of our interim committees seems to increase every December. I know that a number of my colleagues share that feeling. But this December seems certain to set a new record. Before it ends, and the new year 1960 is ushered in, a total of 30 meetings will have been held by our State Senate and Assembly groups.

Almost all of our 120 members will have attended at least one session during the month, and a great many of us will have attended more than one. In addition to those in Sacramento, Los Angeles and San Francisco, meetings are set for many other communities, in Fresno and Santa Barbara, in Long Beach and San Diego, to name only a few.

ALL THE MANY topics under investigation at these many meetings cannot even be listed here for lack of space. But each of them is of great importance to every Californian. Among the basic matters well appreciated by us legislators is the fact that when we investigate a problem or legislate on it, it is advisable for each of us to look to the interests of the whole state as well as that of his own district.

A short summary of the problems considered by typical committees during the month will, however, give a good idea of the broad approach we must take towards all such matters. In addition, it will demonstrate fully that what affects one element among us can eventually affect all to a greater or lesser degree.

FOR INSTANCE, both the Senate and Assembly agricultural committees scheduled meetings. The former is investigating the present status of the tax supported program to control brucellosis in cattle, a disease which can be transmitted to people. The Assembly group is studying the problems of preserving family-sized farms, as well as those of the "vertical integration" of food production from field to consumer.

In the field of education, committees from both houses are also working, though on different topics. The Senate

group took under review the subject of a master plan for public library development in the state. That from the Assembly continued its study of adult education. In this same field, the joint committee on the public education system and the citizens advisory commission worked on their report. The joint committee revision of the education code met to review staff reports.

FISH AND GAME matters drew their share of attention,

too. The Senate natural resources group reviewed in detail the many recommendations contained in the famed \$100,000 survey of the fish and game department made by a team of outside consultants.

A complex problem in local government was studied by the Assembly municipal and county government group. The rapid growth of our population and the government services it needs necessitates better legal provisions for handling the physical assets of special districts which are annexed to

others, or which are dissolved. Three public health matters were handled by other Assembly groups. One was further improvement in our system of alcoholic rehabilitation. The second, motor vehicle exhaust control as one remedy for air pollution. The third, better residential fire protection.

Highway and other transportation problems in California's two major population centers were the topics for other committees. The Senate group chose Los Angeles, the Assembly, the Bay Area.

# Second San Simeon Tour Huge Success, Hanson Says

The second Torrance Chamber of Commerce tour to Hearst Castle at San Simeon returned last week after a most successful 2-day event, according to Special Events chairman Bill Hanson.

The 32-member group left before dawn on Saturday morning and had breakfast in Ventura. Lunch was held at San Luis Obispo and a private tour of the fabulous Hearst Castle took place from 2 to 4 p.m. An banquet was held

at the Motel Inn in San Luis Obispo, where the group remained overnight. Following a Sunday morning brunch at the Motel Inn, an early afternoon dinner was held at the famous Restaurant del Paseo, in Santa Barbara. The chartered Land-cruiser bus returned to the Civic Center at 4:30 p.m.

Other Chamber-sponsored "package" tours to the scenic state-operated Hearst Castle are scheduled for March 5 and

6, March 26 and 27, and April 2 and 3. Interested parties are urged to call the Chamber Office for further information. Persons making the trip included: Judge and Mrs. Otto Willet and son, Billy; Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Pyle, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Avera, Mr. Glenn Koger, Mr. and Mrs. John Spalding, Mayor Albert Isen, Celia H. Young,

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