

Anti-Obse- nity Bills Left Out In Special Call

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL, Assemblyman, 46th District
 The Budget Session of the State Legislature re-convened on Monday. Under the Constitution, legislators cannot introduce any bills other than budget bills without the written approval of the Governor. At this writing, the Governor has not placed the subject of indecent materials (obscene matters) on the agenda for the Special Session which runs concurrently with the regular Budget Session. It is not probable that he will permit us to introduce bills on indecent, obscene matters for two reasons:
 First, already he has placed so many subjects on the agenda that we shall be fortunate if we can conclude our work and come home by April 15. Second, the subject of indecent, obscene materials always generates so much controversy that the introduction of bills on this subject would prolong the session. Nevertheless, if you want such bills introduced, please write to the Governor.
 Much to my pleasant surprise, I have received a vast amount of mail from people asking me to introduce again my two bills on indecent, obscene subjects which were ruthlessly killed in the Assembly during the regular, general session of 1963. These were my Assembly Bill No. 3, and my Assembly Bill No. 14, both introduced on Jan. 8, 1963, which were killed by the Assembly Committee on Judiciary (Criminal) and failed to receive the necessary 41 votes on the floor of the Assembly to take the bills out of the Judiciary Committee and bring them to the Assembly for a vote.

THERE WERE other bills on indecent, obscene materials, introduced by Howard J. Thelin, Member of the Assembly from Glendale; and by E. Richard Barnes, Member of the Assembly from San Diego. Incidentally, Assemblyman Barnes is a retired Captain of the Chaplain Corps, U. S. Navy, and an ordained Methodist minister. The bills by Captain Barnes and Howard Thelin were killed by the Assembly Judiciary Committee after my bills were killed. No effort was made to obtain the necessary 41 votes on the floor of the Assembly to withdraw the Barnes and Thelin bills from the Judiciary Committee for the simple reason that this would have been a hopeless effort after the Assembly failed to withdraw my two bills.

Both Republicans and Democrats voted to withdraw my two bills from the Judiciary Committee and members of both political parties voted against withdrawal. Also, several members of both political parties present on the floor did not vote at all, which is the same as a negative vote. In addition, members of both parties did not come on the floor to vote at all when I was attempting to withdraw my bills. Their absence was in effect the same as casting negative votes.

MANY PEOPLE have asked me why my two bills were killed in the Judiciary Committee and why there were not 41 votes for withdrawal. I know that the opposition was not personal and I am reasonably confident that it was not motivated by partisan politics. The only explanation I can give is that the constituents of the Assemblymen who did not support my bills did not write enough letters to their own Assemblymen, urging an "aye" vote on my bills. Strangely enough, I received nearly three thousand unsolicited letters from all over California from people who wrote to me that they favored my bills. I answered all their letters, asking them to write to their own Assemblymen and gave the names of their Assemblymen. Whether they wrote to their own Assemblymen or not, I do not know.

You can obtain two free copies of each of my bills by writing to the Legislative Bill Room, State Capitol, Sacramento 14, and asking for Assembly Bill No. 3 by Chapel and Assembly Bill No. 14 by Chapel, but please specify that these bills were introduced on Jan. 8, 1963 during the regular, general session of 1963. If you

do not mention the year and the regular, general session, you might receive other bills.

MY ASSEMBLY Bill No. 3 simply deletes from the present penal code the phrase "and is matter which is utterly without social importance." The reason for the bill is that the phrase which I attempted to amend out of the law has resulted in several acquittals in criminal trials where the defendant would have been convicted otherwise.

My Assembly Bill No. 14 authorizes any district attorney or the Attorney General of California to bring an "in rem" action against alleged obscene

matter in a superior court for declaration that such matter and copies thereof then, or in the future, within California are obscene. This avoids any objection of censorship and places on trial the obscene object itself. Then, if the object is determined to be obscene, no seller of such object can raise the defense that he did not know it was obscene. On the other hand, if the object is determined to be not obscene, the seller of such object has a perfect defense in any future action brought against him in California.

Finally, all of the above facts constitute an attempt to answer publicly the many in-

Math Students Compete In Exams, Field Day

By CAROLINE EDER, Carson High School
 Some of Carson High's top students are slated to compete in two separate math contests this week.
 Thirteen Carson students

will participate in the 1964 National Mathematics Examination today at school. They include seniors Mike McFarlin, Sharon Kuraahige, Ellen Sugimoto, David Young, and Tom Cochran.
 Others include Jerry Markussen, Elvin Hoel, Robert Jones, Carole Reader, Sandra Tamasy, Chester Edwards, Joseph Shofner, and Irene Peterlin, all juniors.
 Saturday, a team of five Carson students will compete in the state-wide Mathematics

Field Day at Occidental College. David Young, Sandra Tamasy, Tom Cochran, Ellen Sugimoto, and Mike Junkin are the team members.
 Awards for individuals and the teams will include trophies, pins, books, slide rules, and certificates.
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