

Reapportionment, Taxes, Medicare Likely Topics

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It's now certain that we will be called into special session some time in October. Previously, the Governor had promised he would call a session "in the fall," if the federal social security law commitments containing the new medicare program became a law, which has just occurred. Just recently, he announced that he plans to issue the call for an October meeting.

Just what subjects will be included in our agenda is now pretty much a matter of conjecture. The enactment of state medicare legislation seems to have lost a bit of its urgency, even though influential groups and individuals are still pressing for early action on it. Others have pointed out that increased medical benefits under the new federal law do not go into effect until July 1, 1966, so that consideration of any needed state law could probably be postponed until the regular budget session in 1966.

One strong argument for early enactment of an enabling state medicare statute is that the state and county administrative agencies which will operate the enriched program will need time to promulgate required regulations, inform the healing arts professions, and train the essential staff. It is claimed that more than six months will be needed to inaugurate the enlarged program.

TAX LEGISLATION is another likely contention for appearance on our special session list. The changes in state revenue laws enacted to balance this year's budget are admittedly stop-gap. No politician relishes the necessity of raising taxes just before an election, so there is understandable demand for doing what must be done about taxes this year. The Governor has indicated that, if leaders in both our houses agree there is a reasonable chance of passing a sound tax program, he will include the matter in his call for the special session.

Reapportionment of our legislative districts, perhaps in both houses, is another

Seaman Ret. Michael D. Moore, son of Mr. Victor R. Moore of 3323 Artesia, reported July 12 to the Recruit Training Command, U. S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif., for nine weeks of basic training.

During his early days of training he will receive a series of aptitude examinations to determine which of the Navy's 65 specialty fields he will enter on completion of recruit training.

possibility as a subject for our deliberations, but again circumstances will determine whether it will be included. We could not reach a solution for the problem in the Senate during the general session. However, the Assembly districting has now been questioned in a suit brought before our California Supreme Court, so the factors in the disagreement between our two houses have been shifted enough that action may be possible.

THE COURT now has before it several cases involving reapportionment of the Legislature, and may take under advisement one involving California's Congressional dis-

tricts. Both the Senate and the Assembly are parties to some of this litigation. Court hearings are scheduled to start before the end of the month, and there are indications that the Court may speed its decisions.

The Governor has said he is happy that the Supreme Court has taken on the problem. "I think California should reapportion its own Legislature in its own way. If the Legislature can solve its own problem, I'd much prefer to see it done that way. That's their job."

A newcomer to the list of possible topics has been added by the current scandal over assessments in several counties. Some Legislators are strongly urging immediate action to strengthen the laws covering local assessment practices, and the situation has been described as one "crying for reform." Current law enforcement investigations to bring out the facts may support changes in law.

To Hold Top Post in NAA

A member of the South-west Los Angeles Chapter of the National Association of Accountants (NAA), Walter Klinger, has been appointed to the national committee on publicity and public relations. Klinger, a Palos Verdes resident, has been active for many years in the NAA and has served the local chapter as president. Southwest residents newly elected to membership in the local chapter include William B. Mosser, San Pedro, Inter-national Auditor with Union Carbide Corp.; Kenneth S. Morimoto, El Segundo, a Data Processing Associate with North American Aviation; Tom F. Tidwell, with Kelly Girl Service; Dennis Yoshida, Gardena, staff accountant with Ernst & Ernst; and Donald E. Jones, Torrance, systems programmer with North American Aviation.

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