

# Sacramento Report



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**NARCOTICS BILL AMENDED**  
Assembly Bill No. 85, which is my own bill for fighting the narcotic trade, has been amended in order to increase the probability of passage. The bill, which is an act to amend Section 11714 of the Health and Safety Code of California, now reads:

"Every person over 21 years of age who hires, employs, or uses a minor in unlawfully transporting, carrying, selling, giving away, preparing for sale or peddling any narcotic, or who unlawfully sells, furnishes, administers, gives, or offers to sell, furnish, administer, or give any narcotic to a minor, is guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not less than five years or by imprisonment in the state prison for life, at the discretion of the court, and for a subsequent offense shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not less than 10 years or shall suffer death, at the discretion of the court."

**REASON FOR CHANGE IN NARCOTIC BILL**

There are three important changes: (1) The bill now applies only to an adult selling or giving dope to a minor; whereas, it previously applied to both adults and minors; (2) The judge must now give a sentence of at least five years for the first offense but can give life imprisonment if he wishes; and (3) The judge must now give a sentence of at least ten years for the second offense but can give the death penalty if he wishes.

**CO-AUTHORS OF NARCOTIC BILL**

With me as co-authors of the bill are Assemblyman G. Delbert Morris, of Los Angeles; Assemblyman Frank Luekel, of San Diego; and Assemblyman

Montivel A. Burke, of Alhambra. Morris is an insurance broker, Luekel is a retired captain of the regular Navy, and Burke is a retired businessman.

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE HEARS NARCOTIC BILLS**

The anti-narcotics bill will be heard by the Assembly Judiciary Committee early in May. The Chairman of the Committee is Assemblyman Thomas W. Caldecott, an Oakland lawyer. Members of this Committee are lawyers. Since lawyers and law-enforcement officers believe that it is difficult to get convictions when the penalty is mandatory and very severe, I had to amend my original bill to allow the judge a certain amount of discretion. If I had not done this, the bill would not get through the committee.

**LETTER-WRITING CAMPAIGN SUCCEEDS**

It is not necessary to write to me that you support my anti-narcotics bill, but it is advisable for you to persuade your friends and relatives who live outside the 46th Assembly District, which I represent, to write to their own assemblymen and to their own state senators, advising them to support my Bill No. 85 by Chapel to increase penalties for selling narcotics to minors."

Please remember it is almost useless to write to anyone except your own assemblyman and your own senator.

**LAW-ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WANT RECORD FOR CONVICTIONS**

District attorneys, sheriffs, policemen, and other law-enforcement officers who appear before committees of the California Legislature regarding narcotic laws tend to favor light penalties instead of severe penalties. They do not admit this openly, but it is behind all their thinking and all their testimony.

**Sheriff Creates Dope Addiction Prevention Unit**

One of the most important steps in recent years by law enforcement in combating the narcotics problem was taken recently by Sheriff E. W. Biscailuz who announced the creation of a Narcotics Addiction Prevention Unit.

The unit, first of its kind in the United States, will present an entirely new program of addiction prevention at the law enforcement level and will operate as a part of the Sheriff's Anti-Narcotic Detail.

The program calls for very rigorous public education by establishing a Saturday morning school in antinarcotic training as phase one. Instructors at the school will be narcotic investigator specialists who will indoctrinate youth group leaders, educators and representatives of civic organizations, churches, and service clubs. The first school is scheduled to begin May 2.

The second step in the new program calls for a complete case study approach on each addict apprehended by the Department of Sheriff wherein information would be elicited from the drug users as to why and how he became an addict.

"We are adopting this approach because our experience has indicated that addiction to narcotics largely stems from human weaknesses and personality maladjustments," the Sheriff said, "and unfortunately when the addict reaches us he is so often beyond the point of no return. Public information and education directed toward the prevention of addiction appear to be one of our strongest weapons in combating the narcotic problem."

A liaison unit which would be part of the narcotic prevention unit is to be established as the third step in the program. This unit will compile and disseminate the information secured to the key social agencies concerned in the prevention of the illicit use of narcotic drugs.

The reason is that they like to establish records for getting convictions. Tough penalties can mean fewer convictions.

**SHORTAGE OF HIGHWAY ENGINEERS**

There is a great shortage of engineers of all kinds in California, especially highway engineers, who are generally civil engineers, although many me-

chanical engineers are employed by the Division of Highways. The starting salaries are good for young men just out of college, but experienced highway engineers can make more money by working for private contractors. This shortage of engineers is so acute that it imperils any highway construction program which the Legislature

will adopt this year. Regardless of how much money we appropriate, the roads cannot be built without trained manpower. This is one of the reasons that I oppose any bond issue for highways or any great increase of the gasoline tax.

**TAX CUT BILL AWAITS BUDGET**

The Chairman of the Assem-

bly Committee on Revenue and Taxation is Thomas M. Erwin, a farmer from Puento, California. He has said that he will not permit any bill to either increase or decrease taxes to be heard before his committee, of which I am a member, until the budget appears. This means No. 5, which cuts the State

sales tax from 3 per cent to 2 1/2 per cent, and lowers other State taxes about 15 per cent, will not be heard until about the first week in May.

**PREPARE FOR MARCH, 1954, SESSION**

Tax bills, which are not passed during the current session,

can be brought up again in March, 1954. This also applies to appropriation bills of all kinds. Therefore, if your pet bill is not enacted this session, do not give up hope, but plan for passage in 1954. It requires many months of effort to accomplish good legislation.

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