

Predicting Whims of Legislators, Jumping Frog Contests Lot Alike $\begin{gathered}\text { By VINCENT THOMAS } \\ \text { Assemblyman, 68th Distriet }\end{gathered} \left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { the narcotics traffic are mov- } \\ & \text { ing ahead steadily, One or an- }\end{aligned}\right.$ Evaluating the productivity
of any of tegislative body is in the various proposals
in this field may have passed some respects a lot like pre-. both houses by the time you
dicting the Jumping Frog Con- are reading it. diecting the Jumping Frog Con-
test - many try it but few
Our committ test - many try it but few
succeed. And that statement $\begin{gathered}\text { Our committees are working } \\ \text { continuously on the huge } \$ 2.6\end{gathered}$ succeed. And that statement
certainy applies to your Cali.
continnoussly on the huge $\$ 2.6$
billion budget. Deliberately, fornia Legisslature, especially final action on it will be delay.
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ed until late in the session since the 1958 constitutional
changes which shifted the tim-
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state fiscal ing of our operations. When we recently passed Then, too, the burden of de the half-way mark in our cur- tailed review by these commit-
rent session some observers tees has been greatly increas rent session some observers tees bas theenange in adminis. the slowness with which mea- trative budget procedure which sures are moving through our reduced the part taken by the legislative process. Whether or department of finance in bu pression was left that we
shouid be operating on some- IMPORTANT educational factory production line, turn- legistation is proceeding rapiding out a given quota of new 1 ly on its way. In addition to - $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { ready referred to, a number of } \\ & \text { recommendations made by the }\end{aligned}$ BUT THIS attitude overiooks joint committee on education to you and all the other citi- and the citizens' advisery
commission are contained in duty of the state. Our true
dut merely to pass laws
bills making progress. Less
complicated teaching credenfor the sake of doing so, but $\begin{gathered}\text { complicated teaching creden- } \\ \text { tials, better teacher training, }\end{gathered}$ instead to enact only those
which we find, after investiga-which we ftind, are clearly nec-
tien and study, arter, rather than method,
are some of the topics includessary for the preservation or
improvement of our California society and economy. Aside Some vital matters will refrom the budget bill needed to $\begin{gathered}\text { ceive much further mefore they } \\ \text { tion and discussion befor }\end{gathered}$ operate our state government

and support in part our educational and social welfare sys- tion. Redistricting of Assembly | cems, the fewer bills we pass, |
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| the better. |
| flect our increased population | The record shows that we

are making consistent progress plan, to which many divergent in our legislative tasks. Three bills relate, is another. Socia important bills to counteract welare legisation and children, come law. The first enabled a is a third significant category speed-up in the program of our Our work will constantly acstate loans to school districts
for building new classrooms, Yor building new classrooms,
thus helping the building con-
struce will be real results to
then adjen struction and supply indus-
tries. The second extended the maximum period of unemploy-
ment insurance benefits. The Hoine Savings third provides for payment such benefits to workers who
attend school to learn new AS THIS is being written County Asked To Speed Up Drain Plans

Construction of badly need ed storm drain systems in the
city should be expedited. the council has told county offi.
cials.
Projects originally schedulèd to go to bid this spring are now "tentatively" scheduled
for bids this fall, City Manager eorge Stevens told the counA request that planning be expedited was sent to the
County Flood Control District on the council's instruetion To get the bids out this fall would mean another rainy seaon without the protections the drains offer, stevens toid the Supervisor Burton W. Chace
also has been asked to see he can urge a speed-up on the planning and advertising, for
bids. Drains involved are those ap. proved after the 1957 county wide bond election, and in- ${ }_{200}^{242}$ miles of electrical cable clude facilities in Norih Tor- generating plant capable Walteria.


