

Senate Fact-Finding Committees Scrutinizing Legislative Issues

By VINCENT THOMAS
Assemblyman, 68th District
Legislative issues of considerable importance will be scrutinized by the 13 senate fact-finding committees during the interim between now and the 1963 general session. The senate rules committee has released a list of 130 measures which have been assigned to the various groups for study during the period.

Two Torrance Residents in Bible College

Two Torrance residents are among the more than 160 freshmen students enrolled this semester in LIFE Bible College, Los Angeles, reports Dr. Clarence E. Hall, dean.
Rhylis L. Lafolette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Lafolette, 1015 E. Spicer St., and Warren J. Walker Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren O. Walker Sr., 831 E. 87th St., are preparing for the ministry in the Bible college founded by the late Almee Sample McPherson.
Walker is a graduate of Ambassador High School of Torrance and Miss Lafolette claims Rhineas Banning High School, Wilmington, as her alma mater.
Active in the Lincoln Heights Foursquare Church, Los Angeles, Walker is the nephew of Mrs. Elmer Card, national president of United Foursquare Women.
Miss Lafolette serves in the Sunday School and music departments of the Miracle Church, Compton.

Street Light Petitions Circulated

Street lights may soon be obtained for eight streets in the Torrance area, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace.
A petition to annex Tracts No. 24893 and 24894 to Dolores Lighting District Zone 14 is currently being circulated. The two adjacent tracts include Clarion Drive, Mariposa Avenue, Kenwood Avenue, Marigold Avenue, Budlong Avenue, Royal Boulevard, Berendo Avenue, and Broadwell Avenue.
The petition must contain the signatures of property owners representing 60 per cent of the assessed valuation of all property in the tracts in order to be considered by the Board of Supervisors.
Residents interested in the annexation are urged to contact Mrs. Benne D. Wascher, 1231 Clarion Drive in Torrance, who is handling the petition.
The signed petition must be returned to the board by Nov. 15 in order for these streets to obtain lights as soon as possible after the 1962 fiscal year's begins next July 1, Chace said.

If the annexation is approved after a public hearing, the Southern California Edison Co. will install new light poles with overhead wiring. The Los Angeles County Road Dept. will prepare plans and specifications for the installation after formal approval of the petition by the board.

Traffic Lights In Working

The newly installed traffic-actuated signals at the intersections of Lomita Boulevard with Pennsylvania Avenue and Vermont Avenue are now in full operation.
The project was designed by the Los Angeles County Road Dept. and the installations were made by C. D. Draucker, Inc., at a cost of \$19,088.
Supervisor Burton W. Chace noted that Lomita Boulevard and Vermont Avenue are County Master Plan Major Highways. He pointed out that recent traffic counts of approximately 14,000 vehicles per day through each of these intersections indicated the need for the installation of these traffic control signals.

My Neighbors



Heaviest workload was handed over to the judiciary committee, to which were sent 37 measures of all kinds, bills, constitutional amendments and resolutions. The education group drew second place with 13 measures. Third was revenue and taxation, with 12. The business and commerce committee was fourth, with 11. Water resources was next, with eight measures.

ALL OF THE remaining eight committees were assigned some measures to review.

Agriculture, governmental administration, labor and welfare, natural resources, public health, and transportation are fields in which hearings on proposed measures will be held.
In the judiciary field the bills with perhaps the widest interest are those which would enact a new Uniform Commercial Code, paralleling similar statutes of other states. Every person using commercial paper of any kind would be affected to a greater or lesser extent by these bills. Another important measure would give the

judicial council power to make rules for procedure in trial courts, under supervision of the legislature.
Two other measures of considerable interest would require the attorney general to investigate and make public written reports on all cases in which a peace officer kills a person allegedly in line of duty, or is accused of using unnecessary force in taking a person into custody.
SEVERAL significant bills will be taken up by the educa-

tion committee. One would appropriate \$5 million to start a program of "self-help scholarships" for qualified high school students, under which they would be employed by the natural resources department during their last two summer vacations, with part of their pay credited to a scholarship for later use at college. A series of bills would further limit use of school facilities and personnel in partisan political activity. A proposed constitutional amendment would lower the vote required to approve a school bond issue from the present two-thirds margin to a sixty per cent majority.

MEASURES TO BE studied by the revenue and taxation committee will attract great interest. One would set up a state license fee, similar to that for motor vehicles, for all boats using California waters, to replace all local property taxes now paid. Another would impose a new two-cent tax per gallon on all aircraft fuel, and would earmark the proceeds for airport construction. Two assembly bills will also be reviewed by this group, both relating to the complicated problem of taxing inventories of unprocessed materials.
The business and commerce

committee has a broad range of topics to study. Everything from hypnotism to health insurance for farm workers to new ways of naming notaries public are on its agenda.
Newspapers all over the state will carry news as to the dates and places of meetings scheduled by the various committees on all these important topics. Those of you concerned with particular measures should plan to make your views known at hearings on them. As I have written before in his column, we can forge the best legislation for all only if we are told your problems and ideas.

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