

Special Legislative Bills Promise Some Sacramento Thrills

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 The 49 items handed to us by the governor as the menu for our special session, now running concurrently with the budget meeting, promise to produce lively and interesting action. The final outcome of many important measures is still in doubt as I am writing this.

Most of the items call for the introduction of so-called "technical" bills, relating to the organization of functions of various kinds of special districts, or bills to correct inadvertent errors in legislation enacted at our 1961 session. A few seem to result from political pressure for immediate action on matters which otherwise would not require consideration until the regular session in 1963. At least one of the four proposed bond issues is controversial, and legislative conflicts are anticipated on all the remaining major items.

HEADING THE LIST of items are the proposed bond issues as recommended in the governor's budget message, which total \$820 million. Of this total, two issues, one for \$270 million for construction of new state buildings, the other for \$200 million for school construction loans, are scheduled to go on the ballot at the June primary election. The other two, \$250 million for veterans' home loans and \$100 million for parks and recreation, would go on the ballot in November.

There are already signs that this latter bond proposal is headed for trouble. The senate committee on natural resources, which has held several hearings on the matter, has recommended that a portion of the bond money be specifically earmarked for development, rather than purchase of beach and park areas. The feeling has also been expressed that the state park commission has not paid too much heed to legislative directions specifically written into the big park program authorized in 1956. For these reasons, many think that this bond issue will not be approved without a number of legal restrictions on use of its proceeds.

REAPPORTIONMENT of our state Senate is another item that has already created a considerable stir. You will recall my earlier discussion of the recommendations made by the special study commission on this problem, under which any county which has a population exceeding 1.5 million would be entitled to one additional senator for each 1.5 million population or fraction thereof. This proposal was endorsed by the governor, who included the matter in his proclamation. Once on the agenda for the special session, the entire subject is legislative property, and we can legally take any action on it to which we agree.

Another warm number set before us is regulation of poker playing. Under present law one form of the game, draw poker, is legal, though all other gambling games are illegal. Cities and counties are permitted to control draw poker by ordinance. It is alleged that the number of commercial "poker parlors" is rapidly increasing, and that new state law is needed to aid local authorities in controlling them. The issue has been before us in several recent regular sessions, but no action was taken.

ONE MORE knotty problem

handed us is whether to re-enact the Defense Production Act, under which women can be employed by defense industries more than eight hours per day, or 40 hours per week. Women who work in such industries want the law renewed, the employers involved seem lukewarm, and organized labor may express its opinion.

As I said, this special promises to be a lively session.

Naval Officer To Speak at Colleague Event

Author of the "Silent Service," Rear Admiral William C. Chambliss will be keynote speaker in the ninth Annual El Camino College Press Day Friday.

Journalism students from 15 local high schools will participate in the activities which open at 9 a.m. and run through 3 p.m.

Included in these activities are seminar sessions led by Jack Teele, public relations director for the LA Rams; Bob Wright, KRCA television newscaster, and Frank Lowery of the Los Angeles Herald Examiner.

Trophies will be given to the most accurate and concise editorial and news, sports and feature stories written during the morning Writers' Tournament.

"Journalism — Key to Understanding," will be the subject of Admiral Chambliss' keynote speech.

Director of corporate plans for California Computer Products in Downey, Admiral Chambliss, now retired from the armed forces, has worked at and delved into many fields of pursuit, any of which could have been a career.

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