

Compromise Bill Provides Schools \$50 Million Aid

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This column is particularly tough to write because things legislative are moving so erratically that it is difficult to keep up with all of them. When I wrote last week, the situation of the three major measures made it seem reasonable to anticipate adjournment by the end of this week.

As of now, however, even though the school support bill has finally passed, the 1964-65 budget bill and the tidelands oil bill still have hurdles to leap, so our special session could be prolonged into still another week. There is still the possibility, though most now believe it remote, that we still

can adjourn before you read this.

Earlier I reported that the surviving school support bill had been sent to conference to iron out differences between the Senate and Assembly versions. The conferees submitted their recommendations as this was in my typewriter, and both houses quickly approved them by one-sided votes.

AS SENT TO the Governor, the bill provides \$50 million in additional state support to schools in 1964-65, and about \$120 million the following year. These funds would be apportioned according to a formula which includes an added \$10 per unit of average daily attendance in 1964-65 for all

school districts; another \$10 per unit for the first three grades; an increase of \$30 per unit for junior colleges; and another \$10 per unit for adult education.

In addition to these increases, the measure provides another \$15 per unit to all school districts which are unified in 1965-66, have voted to unify, or which had voted for unification even though it did not go into effect. This provision is the compromise solution for the highly controversial compulsory unification proposal in the original bill.

The bill also provides something completely new in state law affecting education—state standards for class sizes in the first, second, and third grades.

Starting in 1965-66, classes in those grades cannot exceed 33 pupils, and the size must be progressively reduced to 30 pupils by 1968-69.

A VESTIGE of the much disputed county-wide equalization tax was also inserted in the bill. If the elementary districts in a high school district reject a proposal for unification, a "computation tax" goes automatically into effect. The first 60 cents of the school property tax levied in each elementary district then goes into a common fund for all such districts in the high school district.

The total amount is then apportioned back to the elementary districts on an equal basis for each unit of average atten-

dance. The bill also provides that, if a proposal for unification of a high school district fails, it must be resubmitted to the voters every two years until it is approved.

The budget bill for next year is still in conference. Though the total of the Senate and Assembly versions are not far apart, they differ considerably as to certain items. Because of the agreement reached between Assembly Democrats and Republicans as to that house's version of the budget, conference results are being awaited with more than ordinary interest. The bill to redivide \$2 billion in tidelands oil revenue, giving 85 per cent to the state and only 15 per cent to the

City of Long Beach, has been reported out by the Assembly committee favorably.

Peace Officer Graduate of First Course

Compton Police Sgt. Richard Bidwell, a resident of Torrance, was graduated from the Rio Hondo Junior College "Police Supervision" course.

Santa Fe Springs Mayor William J. McCann addressed the graduates of this first course congratulating them and commending the cities with which the graduates are affiliated.

Higher Taxes Predicted If Lomita Cityhood Is Voted

Members of the Lomita Civic League said this week each registered voter in the Lomita area would receive a copy of figures compiled by Attorney Ben F. Gray on the proposed incorporation of the area.

Gray's figures compare present county tax rates in the area with tax rates in incorporated cities in the southwest section of the county.

Gray also warned voters once they approve incorporation, "they are stuck with it." He said several newly incorporated cities "would give their eye teeth to get back under county government."

Voters will go to the polls June 16 to decide the issue of cityhood for the area.

Scout Troop 1150

Girl Scout Troop 1150 of Jefferson Elementary School will hold a Court of Awards ceremony June 8.

Badge projects sponsored by the troop have included a tour of the Torrance Police Department and Firehouse and mother, daughter teas. These activities were requirements for the community safety and hospitality badges.

DAY

SALE

50 COUNT
PAPER
PLATES
59¢

MULLEN
100 COUNT
PAPER
PLATES
59¢

13-OZ.
MIXED
NUTS
53¢

1/2 CAN
CHICKEN
OF THE SEA
TUNA
23¢

SPRINGFIELD—1 LB. PKG.
MARSHMALLOWS
19¢

SPRINGFIELD
SWISS CHEESE
5-oz. Pkg. 25¢

VALUABLE COUPON

GROCERY DEPT.
SCHICK STAINLESS STEEL
BLADES



Fig. of 5 double edge razor blades that fit all double edge razors.

Reg. 79¢ **47¢**

LIMIT 1 COUPON PER ADULT

VALUABLE COUPON

GROCERY DEPT.
HAPPY TIME IMITATION
1/2 Gallon
ICE
MILK



Reg. 39¢ **19¢**

LIMIT 1 COUPON PER ADULT

VALUABLE COUPON

GROCERY DEPT.
GRANNY GOOSE
TWIN PACK
POTATO
CHIPS



Reg. 69¢ **29¢**

LIMIT 1 COUPON PER ADULT

LEONARDS SUPREME
BAR-B-Q
CROSS RIB **39¢** lb.

KNACKWURST
OR 7-INCH
HOT DOGS **49¢** lb.

NEW YORK
STEAKS **1.29** lb.

SPENCER
STEAKS **1.29** lb.

LEONARDS SUPREME
PRIME
RIB
ROAST



59¢ lb.

OVEN
READY

LEONARDS
SUPREME
CLUB
STEAK
69¢ lb.

HOFFMAN
OR
FARMER JOHN
PICNICS
29¢ lb.

GROUND
FRESH DAILY
GROUND
BEEF
29¢ lb.

WOODY'S 14-OZ.
BAR-B-Q
SAUCE **19¢**

SWIFT'S
5-LB.
CANNED
HAM
\$3.49

LEONARDS
SUPREME
WHOLE BODY
FRYERS
27¢ lb.

WE
CASH
PAYROLL
CHECKS

LEONARDS

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600 N. SEPULVEDA
(3 BLKS. S. OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT)

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25405 CRENSHAW
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GARDEN GROVE
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