

Sacramento's Weather Cooling Hot Issues

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Not too surprisingly, Sacramento's outdoor temperatures, which have topped 100 degrees for the past several days, are having a cooling effect on some of the hottest issues which have tied our special session in knots for several weeks. Our working quarters are air-cooled for efficiency, but despite this most of us seem anxious to end this session as quickly as possible.

As of now, the situation remains pretty much as it was when we recessed before the election. The Senate Governmental Efficiency Committee still has the constitutional revision and conflict-of-interest proposals locked up in its file box. The Assembly is still holding both the budget bill and the tax accrual bills on the shelf, pending solution of the revision dispute. The assessment reform bill is also tied up in Senate committee.

BUT THERE are some rays of light on the horizon. The team of Senate and Assembly negotiators who have been

working on the revision tangle reportedly have drafted a compromise which seems acceptable, and its leaders have expressed their confidence that it could break the deadlock on the bill. The Senate committee has objected to the proposed prohibition of representation before state agencies of private clients by lawyer legislators. The compromise, it is understood,

calls for setting up a Senate Assembly ethics committee to act as a police group over such problems. As to the 1966-67 budget bill there also seems to be some hope that agreement on cuts may be reached in the Assembly. The Republican minority leader has said his group is still insisting upon "substantial cuts" in the spending bill, but representa-

tives of both parties continue their discussions of the matter. AS I HAVE written several times previously in this column, if no budget bill is passed so that it can be signed by midnight, June 30, the operations of our state government will come to a halt as of that minute. This statement was based on my read-

ing of Section 22 of Article IV of our Constitution, but money shall be drawn from the Treasury but in consequence of appropriation made by law, and upon warrants duly drawn thereon by the Controller."

A Republican Assemblyman has just released another opinion on this matter, just prepared for him by the Counsel, which corroborates this conclusion, but enlarges on the situation as it would relate to state agencies financed

in various ways. The opinion quotes Section 22 in part: "No money shall be drawn from the Treasury but in consequence of appropriation made by law, and upon warrants duly drawn thereon by the Controller."

THE COUNSEL'S opinion concludes that all agencies financed from the general fund alone under the budget bill would have no authority to expand state funds for any purpose after June 30. Agencies supported by continuing appropriations — welfare, public schools, judicial salaries — would still stop because the Controller would have no funds to draw warrants. Agencies financed by federal funds — Employment, Social Welfare — would still be jeopardized by the warrant requirement, and their continued operation in doubt. From this, the pressures on us to enact a budget bill before the deadline should be only too apparent. It's obvious that both parties must agree before then.

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An active member of the Torrance-Lomita chapter of the American Red Cross, Pischell is now vice chairman of the chapter. He and his wife, Sharon, are parents of three children and make their home at 2411 W. 228th St.

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