

# Solons Absent Average of Eight Days, Get Expenses

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SACRAMENTO — Absenteeism in the California Legislature so far this year has been running more than 11 per cent, with the taxpayers

## Infant Daughter Dies in Playpen; Cause Unknown

A 7-month-old girl was found dead in her playpen at 8:15 a.m. Saturday.  
Pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital was April Dawn Bowers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bowers, 2022 1/2 Cabrillo Ave. Cause of death was not immediately apparent.  
Bowers told police that he had a similar experience in a previous marriage.

shelling out \$18,575 to pay the \$25 daily expenses for members who were not in attendance.  
In addition to the 743 absences for legislative business or illness, for which the per diem is paid, there were 218 absences in which the members said they were on personal business and waived the per diem.

The daily journals of the two houses show the attendance record for each day and list the leaves of absence, and whether they are for legislative work elsewhere, illness or personal business.

BY MAY 8, the legislature had been in session a total of 72 days. On the average, lawmakers missed about 8 days each.

In the senate, Senator Milton Marks (R-San Francisco)

had a perfect attendance record and was not excused for a single day. Two others, Senators Lou Cusanovich (R-Van Nuys) and Lawrence E. Walsh (D-Huntington Park), missed only one day. Senator Fred W. Marler Jr. (R-Hedding) was excused one day and missed one other day for which he did not draw expenses.

Senator George Miller Jr. (D-Martinez), who was hospitalized and excused for 11 sessions because of that, also missed 17 days on legislative business for a total absence of 28 days. Senator Nicholas Petris (D-Oakland) was absent 20 days, collecting expenses for 19 of them.

SENATOR James E. Whitmore (R-La Habra) was absent because of illness for 15 days and on legislative business for three more. He waived

his per diem for three other absences. Senator John L. Harmer (R-Glendale) was absent 14 days on legislative business and eight for which he claimed no per diem.

Other senators with above average absenteeism included: Senators Tom Carrell (D-San Fernando) and Randolph Collier (D-Yreka), absent 13 days on legislative business; Senator Anthony C. Beilenson (D-Beverly Hills), absent six days on legislative business and eight days on personal business; and James Q. Wedworth (D-Hawthorne), absent 10 days on legislative business and three days because of illness.

In the assembly, Edward E. Elliott (D-Los Angeles) and William M. Ketchum (R-Paso Robles) did not miss a single day's session. Assembly Speaker Jesse M. Unruh (D-Inglewood) was absent 12 days

but did not collect expenses for any of the days.

ASSEMBLYMEN who were absent only one day or collected expenses for only one day's absence included Assemblymen: W. Craig Biddle (R-Riverside), Willie L. Brown Jr. (D-San Francisco), John L. E. Collier (R-Los Angeles), Robert W. Crown (D-Alameda), Mike Cullen (D-Long Beach), March K. Fong (D-Oakland), Harvey Johnson (D-El Monte), Ray E. Johnson (R-Chico), Frank Lanterman (R-La Canada), Frank Murphy (R-Santa Cruz), and John Vasconcellos (D-San Jose).

Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore Carlos Bee (D-Hayward), who was hospitalized, missed the most days, with 21, including 14 because of illness, six on legislative business and one with no expenses claimed. Assemblyman Stewart Hinck-

ley (R-Redlands) was missing 16 days, including five on legislative business, three for illness and eight on which no expenses were claimed.

Assemblyman George N. Zevonich (D-Fresno) was missing 13 days on legislative business and two days for which no expenses were claimed. Assemblyman Walter J. Karabian (D-Monterey Park) was on legislative business 12 days and personal business two days, as was Assemblyman Bill Greene (D-Los Angeles). Assemblyman Kenneth Cory (D-Westminster) was absent 14 days on legislative business, while Assemblyman Robert T. Monagan (R-Tracy)

was missing 13 days on legislative business. Assemblyman William Campbell (R-Hacienda Heights) drew expenses for 12 days absence and Assemblyman Leo J. Ryan (D-Burlingame) for 11 days absence.

## Summer Workshops Planned at Chapel

Phyllis Palmer, resident producer at Chapel Theatre, has scheduled a series of workshops for persons of all ages this summer in an effort to develop the potential of little theatre in the Torrance-South Bay area.

A workshop for children 7 to 12 years of age is planned, along with a dramatic workshop for teenagers and adults. Mrs. Palmer also plans a musical comedy workshop for adults.

The children's workshop will meet June 8 through Aug. 4 under the direction of Miss Carolyn Louise Muffett. Interviews for the class, which will be limited to 20 persons, will be conducted Saturday, June 1, from 1 to 2 p.m.

Paul Aaron, casting and new program director for the Music Center's Theatre Group, will conduct the dramatic workshop for teenagers and adults. Registration will be accepted Sunday, June 2, at 4:30 p.m. Ten three-hour sessions are planned, with the first meeting in mid-June.

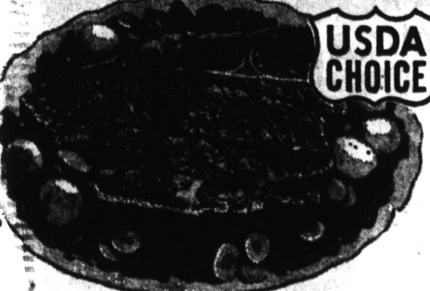
The musical comedy workshop, to be directed by Marv Lester, will get under way in September. Auditions are scheduled Sept. 8 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Twelve classes, limited to 20 students each, will meet during a 16-week period.

Auditions and classes will be held at Chapel Theatre, 2222 W. Lomita Blvd., Lomita.

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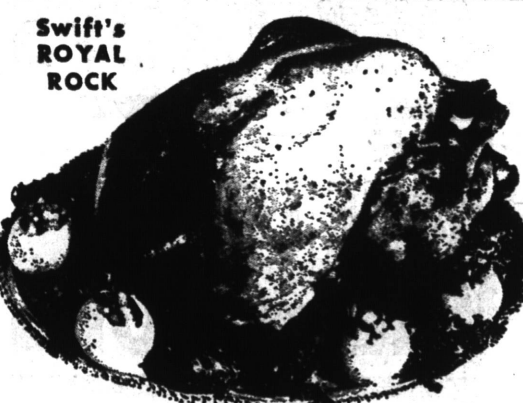
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