

California NEWSMAKERS

Justice **Louis H. Burke**, a member of the state Supreme Court for 10 years, announced that he will retire before the end of the year. He will be 70 on January 4th and will have to retire by then to obtain maximum pension benefits. Governor Reagan named **Frank R. Richardson**, presiding justice of the court of appeal in Sacramento, to succeed Burke State Senator **Fred Marler Jr.** of Redding gave up his legislative post September 13th and was sworn into office as a Sacramento Superior Court judge. He had been redistricted out of his Senate district Reagan appointed former state Senator **Lewis F. Sherman** of Berkeley to the Alameda County Superior Court, a post Sherman won at the June election. Sherman, who had served as a Berkeley-Albany municipal judge for four years, is undergoing treatment for cancer of the pancreas Municipal Judge **James J. McCartney** of San Bernardino was formally censured by the Supreme Court for willful misconduct in office.

Following President Ford's pardon of **Richard Nixon**, it was revealed that Governor Reagan has used his authority to pardon, commute or re-prive sentences of 513 felons since taking office. One of those receiving a pardon was country-western singer **Merle Haggard**, who spent almost three years in prison for burglary and escape The Board of Governors of the State Bar decided to accept Nixon's letter of resignation from the Bar.

Donald W. Peacock, chief of the state Bureau of Repair Services, a part of the Department of Consumer Affairs, submitted his resignation to Governor Reagan after it was disclosed that he had used state time and stationery to campaign on behalf of his former boss, **John Kehoe**, Republican nominee for state treasurer. Kehoe formerly directed the parent department. Peacock was replaced by the bureau's assistant chief, **William J. Hayes** **Kirk West**, deputy state controller, was appointed executive vice-president of the California Taxpayers Association.

UC President **Charles J. Hitch** apparently won a vote of confidence from the Board of Regents in a bitter dispute over Hitch's plan to replace Dr. **James L. Born** as director of the Donner Laboratory in Berkeley **William Matson Roth**, unsuccessful

candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, was elected president of California Tomorrow, a statewide environmental planning organization. He succeeds **Alfred Heller**, who had served as president since the organization's founding in 1961.

C. K. McClatchy was appointed editor of the Sacramento, Fresno and Modesto Bees by his aunt, Publisher **Eleanor McClatchy**, following the death of long-time editor **Walter P. Jones** **Don Harrison** was relieved of political reporting duties on the San Diego Union, at his own request, because he intends to run for the Assembly in two years as a Democrat. He was replaced by **Mike Davis**, a newcomer from Baltimore.

Assembly Speaker **Leo T. McCarthy** appointed freshman Assemblyman **Walter Ingalls** of Riverside as chairman of the Assembly Transportation Committee, replacing **Ken Meade** of Oakland. McCarthy also named Assemblyman **Charles Warren** of Los Angeles as chairman of the new Committee on Energy and Diminishing Materials. Both Meade and Warren, former Judiciary Committee chairman, had supported McCarthy's opponent, **Willie L. Brown Jr.**, in the recent speakership contest The Assembly adopted a resolution commending 94-year-old **Robert H. Simpson**, self-styled "muckraker-in-chief" of the Capital City. Simpson celebrated by getting arrested a 300th time for illegally picketing inside the Capitol.

Former U.S. Senator **Thomas H. Kuchel** was nominated by President Ford as one of the nation's five representatives to the United Nations General Assembly session this fall Former San Francisco Mayor **John F. Shelley** died at 69. He had served as a labor leader, state senator, congressman and lobbyist for San Francisco in Sacramento The state Senate refused to confirm three of Reagan's appointees — **John Edward Bowe** to a second term on the Youth Authority, **Jack W. Bradley** to a second term on the Workmen's Compensation Appeals Board, and **Robert W. Vickers**, director of the office of emergency services, to the Workmen's Compensation Appeals Board. The Senate did approve the appointment of Assemblyman **Bob Wood**, former Reagan press aide **Rudy Garcia** and holdover **Manuel Quevedo Jr.** to the Adult Authority .

APPOINTMENTS: Dr. **Earl Brian**, former state secretary of health and welfare and now an associate professor of medicine at the University of Southern California, to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education Retired Marine Brigadier General **Thomas F. Riley** to the Orange County Board of Supervisors Mrs. **Cleatter H. Saul** of El Cerrito as director of the state Office of Economic Opportunity Actor **Brock Peters** of Los Angeles to the California Arts Commission.

		CALIFORNIA CALENDAR	
Oct. 7-9	Board of Equalization. Room 102, 1020 N St., Sacramento 2 p.m.	Oct. 16	Board of Trustees, State University and Colleges. 5670 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles.
Oct. 9-10	Air Resources Board. Resources Building Auditorium, 1416 9th St., Sacramento. 9:30 a.m.	Oct. 16-17	Highway Commission. 1120 N St., Sacramento. 9:30 a.m.
Oct. 10-11	Board of Education. 1350 Front St., State Building Auditorium, San Diego. 9:30.	Oct. 18	U.C. Board of Regents. University Extension Center, San Francisco. 9:30 a.m.
Oct. 10-12	Law Revision Commission. State Bar Building, 601 McAllister St., San Francisco. 7 p.m.	Oct. 18	Senate Subcommittee on State Land-Use Planning. State Building, 1111 Jackson St., Oakland. 9 a.m. (Proposed legislation and alternative models for long-range statewide land-use planning.)
Oct. 11	Park and Recreation Commission. Barcelona Room, Balboa Park, San Diego. 9 a.m.	Oct. 23	Council on Criminal Justice. Airport Hyatt House, Inglewood, 10 a.m.
Oct. 14-15	Post-Secondary Education Commission. Cuyamaca Club, Executive Hotel, San Diego. 9 a.m.	Oct. 23-24	Board of Governors, California Community Colleges, Sheraton Inn - Airport Hotel, San Diego. 9:30.

ROLL CALL

Among 1974 failures — no fault, farm labor

The first two-year session of the Legislature came to a close August 31st with more attention paid to what was not accomplished than to what was. The Legislature failed to:

- End the traditional flood of bills at the end of the session that has turned the Legislature, in its closing days, into more of a madhouse than a deliberative body.
- Enact a no-fault automobile insurance law, even though two rival bills passed both the Senate and Assembly at some point during the two-year session.
- Solve the state's farm-labor crisis by passing some law to provide for orderly recognition of unions.
- Eliminate the special reapportionment pension benefits for lawmakers, necessitating a special session that convened September 25th.

For several years, Assemblyman Jack Fenton has been successful in working his no-fault measure, backed by some insurance companies and guaranteeing a reduction in rates, to the Senate Judiciary Committee, where it has been killed. This year, his AB 50 went through the committee, primarily because two freshmen (Democrats Alan Robbins and Omer Rains) were added to the panel. But by the time the bill went back to the Assembly for consideration of Senate amendments, Fenton was no longer major-

ity leader and his pal, Bob Moretti, was no longer speaker. The new speaker, Leo McCarthy, happens to be the law partner and close friend of the author of the rival bill, John Foran. Backed by the trial lawyers, the Foran bill also worked its way through both houses. But they killed each other off in the final days, with Fenton getting a 40-28 roll call, one vote short of enactment, and Foran's AB 801 dying, 34-16.

The farm-labor conflict is a three-sided affair involving the AFL-CIO union of Cesar Chavez, the Teamsters Union and the growers. A bill backed by Chavez and authored by Assemblyman Richard Alatorre passed the Assembly but had no chance in the upper house against the combined opposition of the other factions.

Although some bills died as time ran out, many others did go to the Governor, among them:

- A proposal by Senator Craig Biddle to strengthen the state Air Resources Board and create a South Coast air pollution district.
- A bill, long-sought by Assemblywoman March K. Fong, banning pay toilets in public buildings.
- A sales-tax exemption for hot dogs sold at Little League games.

(A summary of 1974 Legislative action will be included in November's Journal.)

Senate

BUSINESS

AB 1828 (Badham) — Places cremation services not associated with cemeteries or funeral establishments under the control of the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers. Passed, 22-8.

SB 1186 (Behr) — Permits revenue bonds to be used for the production of electricity. Senate concurs in Assembly amendments, 23-11.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

AB 50 (Fenton) — Enacts "no-fault" auto insurance system under a plan generally supported by the insurance industry and requiring a rate reduction. Passed, 22-15.

AB 801 (Foran) — Enacts a "no-fault" system under a plan supported by trial lawyers. Passed, 21-18.

AB 1650 (Fong) — Bans pay toilets in public buildings. Passed, 24-13.

EDUCATION

AB 2586 (Vasconcellos) — Revises the Community College Board and establishes a nomination procedure for gubernatorial appointees to it and to the State University and Colleges Board of Trustees. Passed, 23-11.


VOTING RECORDS

Listed here are the votes of legislators on recent major roll calls through the end of the 1973-74 session. Votes selected involve issues of major importance, issues on which there was a major division of opinion, or both.

Y — Yes
N — No
★ — Absent or not voting

A 2/3 vote is required for urgency measures, constitutional amendments, and appropriations.

Assembly: 41 votes required for passage of bills needing a simple majority.
 2/3 = 54 votes.

Senate: 21 votes required for passage of bills needing a simple majority.
 2/3 = 27 votes.

AB 2817 (Chacon) — Appropriates \$11 million in additional money for bi-lingual education programs. Passed, 27-8.

SB 1463 (Behr) — Requires energy conservation programs for students and teachers. Conference report refused adoption, 19-19.

ENVIRONMENT

AB 2884 (Ingalls) — Revises composition of the Air Resources Board. Passed, 21-6.

SB 2471 (Holmdahl) — Repeals a state law requiring exhaust devices on 1966-70 model automobiles, except in six Southern California counties. Passed, 27-7.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

AB 2696 (Quimby) — Requires restaurants to have on premises a device for removing food lodged in a diner's throat. Passed, 22-9.

AB 3283 (Foran) — Increases aid to aged, blind and disabled welfare recipients. Failed, 20-14.

AB 3656 (Sieroty) — Requires counties to have a physician on call to treat victims of rape and other sex crimes. Failed, 16-21.

HOUSING

SB 148 (Moscone) — Authorizes issuance of \$100 million in bonds to finance low- and