

# Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Digital Library Collections

---

This is a PDF of a folder from our textual  
collections.

---

**Collection:** Reagan, Ronald: Gubernatorial Papers,  
1966-74: Press Unit

**Folder Title:** Press Releases – May 1970

**Box:** P11

---

To see more digitized collections visit:

<https://reaganlibrary.gov/archives/digital-library>

To see all Ronald Reagan Presidential Library inventories visit:

<https://reaganlibrary.gov/document-collection>

Contact a reference archivist at: [reagan.library@nara.gov](mailto:reagan.library@nara.gov)

Citation Guidelines: <https://reaganlibrary.gov/citing>

National Archives Catalogue: <https://catalog.archives.gov/>

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-1-70

RELEASE: Immediate

#236

Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the appointment of Howard J. Volz, San Diego labor official, to fill an unexpired term on the Apprenticeship Council.

Volz, 55, business manager and financial secretary of Local 569 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, succeeds George W. Smith of Los Angeles, who has resigned. Smith's term ends January 15, 1972.

Volz, a Democrat, will represent employees on the council.

He will receive a salary of \$25 each day while on official duty.

# # #

WAS

Governor Ronald Reagan today appointed Robert A. Thacker, a Hemet businessman, to a four-year-term on the 46th District Agricultural Association (Farmers Fair of Riverside County) and reappointed directors James W. Dilworth and Philip Van Norman to four-year-terms.

Thacker, 55, of 615 East Calhoun Street, Hemet, succeeds Theodore Eggen of Hemet whose term has expired.

Dilworth, an attorney, of 3549 Dwight Street, Riverside, has served on the board since 1967.

Van Norman, owner of a heating and air conditioning business, of 38610 Seventh Street, San Jacinto, has served as a director since 1956

All three are Republicans.

Board members are paid necessary expenses.

###

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-1-70

RELEASE: Immediate

#238

Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the appointments of Kenneth J. Bourguignon, president of a Van Nuys engineering and construction firm, and Edward M. Curran, a program controller for a Canoga Park aircraft company, to four-year-terms on the Industrial Welfare Commission.

Bourguignon, 51, of 8942 Oak Park Avenue, Northridge, is president of Dotken Engineering Inc., and succeeds J. J. Rodriguez of Monterey Park, whose term has expired.

Curran, 47, of 20326 Stagg Street, Canoga Park, is employed by North American Rockwell Corporation. He succeeds Mrs. Dorothy Colton of Beverly Hills, whose term has expired.

Both men are Republicans.

Commission members are paid \$25 per day while on official duty.

###

WAS

Governor Ronald Reagan today urged all Californians to join in the observance of a national day of prayer on Sunday for the humane treatment and safe return of American prisoners of war and servicemen missing in action in Southeast Asia.

President Richard M. Nixon, in a proclamation issued today in Washington, D.C., designated May 3 as a day of prayer across the nation.

The governor also praised the efforts of a congressionally-sponsored Appeal for International Justice Tribute Committee (AIJTC) to focus worldwide attention on the plight of American military personnel missing in action or held prisoner by the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese.

In a letter to Senator Robert J. Dole (R-Kansas), chairman of the bi-partisan committee, Governor Reagan said:

"The heartless refusal of the government of Hanoi to announce complete prisoner lists, negotiate exchange of incapacitated prisoners and to approve continuous Red Cross supervision of prisoner camps is an indication to the world of the kind of value which the savage and totalitarian Hanoi government places on human life, family, love and civilized conduct."

The letter was hand-carried to Senator Dole's office in Washington, D.C., by Mr. E. C. Mills, principal of the East Bakersfield High School.

Mills, whose son James, a Navy jet pilot, has been missing in action since being shot down over North Vietnam four years ago, will be among hundreds of wives and families of such servicemen expected to be on hand for the convocation from throughout the nation.

Some 325 persons, who are "primary next of kin" to U.S. prisoners of war or personnel missing in action, make their homes in California. They were offered free transportation to Washington for the event by the Air Force on a space available basis.

In his letter to Senator Dole, the governor expressed his "personal support of the...Committee's efforts to bring to the attention of the American people and the freedom-loving people of the world the plight of U.S. military personnel who are missing in action and prisoners of the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese.

"I am hopeful that your efforts on behalf of our men being held prisoner will provide the impetus that is needed to focus worldwide attention on this matter.

"Mrs. Reagan joins me in extending our most sincere best wishes to the families of our men missing in action and being held prisoner in Southeast Asia," the governor said.

Serving with Senator Dole on the AIJTC are senators Murphy, Muskie, Dominick, Stennis, Goldwater and Mansfield; Congresswoman May and Congressmen McKneally, Daniel, Roudabush and Sykes.

#####

GOVERNOR'S SCHEDULE

May 4, 1970  
through  
May 10, 1970

Monday, May 4 No public appointments scheduled.

Overnight - Sacramento

Tuesday, May 5

10:00 a.m. PRESS CONFERENCE

11:00 a.m. Meeting with Treasurer Ivy Baker Priest to pull  
bonds, Governor's Office.

Overnight - Sacramento

Wednesday, May 6 No public appointments scheduled.

Overnight - Sacramento

Thursday, May 7 No public appointments scheduled.

Overnight - Sacramento

Friday, May 8

Evening Fundraising dinner for Senator Coombs, Regina Winery,  
Etiwanda.

Overnight - Los Angeles

Saturday, May 9 No public appointments scheduled.

Overnight - Los Angeles

Sunday, May 10 No public appointments scheduled.

Overnight - Sacramento

# # #

The State of California today held up approval for refunding the Berkeley Economic Opportunity Organization pending consultations with state, federal and Berkeley city authorities to correct program deficiencies---including staff misconduct and misuse of federal funds.

Edwin Meese III, executive secretary to Governor Ronald Reagan, said the action was taken "to assure that programs are responsibly administered for the benefit of the poor," but that there would be no objection to interim funding of existing programs for a period of up to 60 days.

However, he emphasized that during this time, consultations intended to secure appropriate remedial action must be held between federal and state OEO officials, representatives of the City of Berkeley and members of the Berkeley Economic Opportunity Organization.

In a letter to H. Rodger Betts, regional director of the Office of Economic Opportunity (federal), San Francisco, Meese said, "Members of the Berkeley community and city officials have expressed interest in a review of the Berkeley Economic Opportunity Program with the hope that a program will be developed that will be acceptable to all the people of Berkeley.

"The State of California shares this position.

"Therefore, the State Office of Economic Opportunity is ready and available to engage in immediate consultations toward remedial action leading to consideration of rescinding the disapproval," Meese's letter said.

The \$390,000 grant would fund the Berkeley Economic Opportunity Program for the coming year.

Meese said disapproval was based primarily on the following:

--"Failure by the Berkeley Economic Opportunity Organization to enforce proper administrative procedures in connection with misconduct and misuse of federal funds by members of its staff, such as involvement in TORCH (so-called 'Tenants on Radical Change in Housing') and the so-called rent strike.

--"Evidence that members of the Berkeley Economic Opportunity Organization board and staff engaged in activities prohibited by OEO guidelines and directives regarding political activities, such as resolutions and support of the Black Panther Party.

--"Evidence that elements of the poor in West Berkeley question the continuation of the programs in their present form. The Berkeley Economic Opportunity Organization-sponsored programs caused polarization in the disadvantaged community, resulting in de facto exclusion of significant segments of qualified poor from meaningful participation.

--"Failure of the Berkeley Economic Opportunity Organization to obtain the effective and supportive participation of elected governmental officials, or the endorsement of the Berkeley City Council on Community Action Form 46."

Meese also said further review is required on a number of issues, including the following:

--"Conditions leading to the resignation of the executive director of the Berkeley Economic Opportunity Organization.

--"Involvement and participation in the organization and conduct of the TORCH project and the related rent strike.

--"Lack of staff representation in ratio to the ethnic community served by the Berkeley Economic Opportunity Organization.

--"Comprehensive review of board member selection and composition, alienation of segments of the poor in West Berkeley, program effectiveness for qualified recipients, and many other issues affecting optimum operation of the Berkeley Economic Opportunity Organization and its programs."

#####



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-4-70

RELEASE: Immediate

#242

Governor Ronald Reagan today named Long Beach attorney Reed M. Williams to a four-year-term on the board of governors of the California Maritime Academy.

Williams, 43, succeeds Rodney M. Elden of Palos Verdes Estates, whose term has expired.

A graduate of the California Maritime Academy and the University of California's Hastings College of the Law, Williams is an associate in the firm of Graham and James of Long Beach and is a specialist in admiralty law and foreign trade. He is a Democrat.

He and his wife Harriet have five children. The family home is at 259 Granada Avenue, Long Beach.

Governors of the academy are paid necessary expenses.

###

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-4-70

RELEASE: Immediate

#243

Governor Ronald Reagan today appointed Mrs. Laura J. Schreiber of Santa Susana to a four year term on the board of the 31st District Agricultural Association (Ventura County Fair) and reappointed directors Ruben Castro and Fred C. Ferro to four-year-terms.

Mrs. Schreiber of 3941 Walnut Avenue, Santa Susana, and her husband John operate a Simi Valley orchard. She is active in civic and youth affairs.

A Democrat, she succeeds Jack W. Wood of Ventura, whose term has expired.

Castro, of 273 High Street, Moorpark, operates a grocery store. A Democrat, he has served on the board since 1966.

Ferro, of 315 Valley Vista Drive, Camarillo, a farmer and land developer, has served on the board since 1967. He is a Republican.

Board members are paid necessary expenses.

###

WAS

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-4-70

RELEASE: mediate

#244

Governor Ronald Reagan today proclaimed Napa and Contra Costa Counties disaster areas to enable the two counties to re-assess damaged property and return a portion of the property taxes to the owners.

Napa County was declared an agricultural disaster area because of frost damage to crops on March 10, while Contra Costa County received the designation as a result of storm and flood damage in December.

###

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-4-70

RELEASE: Immediate

#245

Governor Ronald Reagan today named three members to the State Contractors License Board, subject to Senate confirmation.

They are J. Frank Park, president of Western Air and Refrigeration Inc., of Compton, Edward D. Weyand, president of Roofers, Inc., of Sacramento, and Ralph T. Viola, president of Ralph T. Viola General Contractors of Oxnard.

Park, 64, will succeed Robert W. Bolster of La Canada, whose term has expired, as air conditioning representative on the board. He lives at 2160 Kenilworth Avenue, Los Angeles.

Weyand, 64, will succeed Richard Gardner of Los Banos, whose term has expired, as roofing specialist on the board. He lives at 2765 - 14th Street, Sacramento.

Viola, 53, will replace Norman P. Van Valkenburg of Pasadena, whose term has expired, as general contractor representative. He lives at 836 North F Street, Oxnard.

All three appointees are Republicans.

Members of the board are paid \$25 per diem while on official duty.

###

WAS

OFFICE OF THE GOV NOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-4-70

RELEASE: Immediate

#246

Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the appointments of three new directors to the board of the 22nd District Agricultural Association (Southern California Exposition Fair).

They are Chaffee C. Young, 1230 Avocado Avenue, Escondido; Dr. Donald W. Thiel, 820 Belair Court, El Cajon, and Charles E. Badger, 1634 Glasgow Avenue, Cardiff-by-the-Sea.

Young, an avocado farmer, succeeds Lewis Lipton of San Diego, whose term has expired.

Thiel, an industrial arts professor at San Diego State College and an Arabian horse breeder and judge, succeeds Frank M. Laswell of El Cajon, whose term has expired.

Badger, vice president of a citrus grove development and irrigation company at Rancho Santa Fe, succeeds Howard McCormick of La Jolla, whose term has expired.

All three men are Republicans

Board members are paid necessary expenses.

# # #

WAS

The following telegram was sent today by Governor Ronald Reagan to Senator Russell Long, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, regarding the welfare bill now pending before the U. S. Senate

"In response to your recent telegram regarding HR 16311, I am sending you these data as to the potential fiscal impact of the bill on the State of California. These data are based on what are probably the most sophisticated welfare records of any state in the nation and therefore they have a certain measure of validity.

"At the outset, may I commend you and the members of your committee for requesting more hard facts and information and revisions of this so-called welfare reform bill as adopted by the House. Your committee in its wisdom, has served the people and the President well; for, the bill as it was drawn up and amended would not have accomplished the reforms and purposes set forth by the President in his August 11, 1969 message to the people and the Congress of the United States.

"My strong reservations on the bill stem from both financial anxiety and philosophical antipathy. I am strongly opposed to any government-guaranteed income, and firmly against increased federal intervention and control of state operations. I have a real apprehension that the federal, state and local costs of the bill would be excessive and perhaps unbearable at a time when the taxpayer is already struggling under inflation and an enervating tax burden. And, the fact that this open-ended welfare extension should come at this time when there are other vital demands for tax-funds--in areas such as education; law enforcement and environment, for example--would seem to lock our priorities into a sequence of events which would preclude or at least delay attending to pressing and productive programs.

"The President in his 1969 message called for provisions that would increase family solidarity and end financial incentives to desertion. The bill as passed out by the House includes substantial incentives for desertion; in some cases, it could encourage the dissolution of families.

"The bill carries all the hallmarks of those open-ended welfare programs of the 60s--such as Medicare and Medicaid--which are now causing both the federal and state governments such serious, virtually insoluble financial problems.

"The President said that he was opposed to a government-guaranteed annual income; proponents of the new Act, as adopted by the House, claim the bill does not provide such a government-guaranteed income. But under its provisions, no work-qualified head of household need actually work. This is, in fact, a government-guaranteed income which does not increase payrolls but would increase the welfare rolls.

"A great part of the strength of this Republic, as recognized in the President's call for a "New Federalism", is the strength of the several states. Yet this program as now drawn would weaken the role of the states. In fact, as now constituted, it would penalize those states which are determined to continue to carry their responsibilities for their citizens.

"The proposal originally set forth by the President seeks to reduce the welfare rolls. At the present time, one out of every twelve people in California is on welfare; if the provisions of HR 16311 were allowed to remain as is and were enacted, one out of every seven persons in our state will be eventually on the welfare rolls. This would be a most serious development; it would further weaken the moral fiber and fiscal integrity of the nation; it would drain the productive wellspring of America. Many individuals who are now being encouraged to break loose from welfare would, under the provisions of the Act, find it more comfortable to sink back into a state of federal dependency. For, the sorry record of welfare programs over the past years underscores the observation that when we pay people to be poor, there is bound to be more poor people.

"I hope that the experience, the apprehensions and the aspirations of the people of this great state of California would be fully considered in your deliberations. I stand ready to assist you and your committee in this important matter.

"Following is the statistical and financial data you request:

"(1) What is your estimate of the total and state cost of and number of persons eligible for aid to families with dependent children in your state in fiscal year 1972?

"(A) Assuming no Family Assistance Program is in effect, AFDC costs for fiscal 1972 estimated as \$1,115,800,000 in total, and 587,000,000 non-federal (state plus county). Average number of recipients estimated as 1,559,700.

"(2) HR 16311 requires that states aid families whose father is unemployed. How many persons will this add to the AFDC rolls in your state in fiscal 1972 and what do you estimate will be the additional total and state cost?

"(A) California has an unemployed parent component in AFDC, therefore no persons will be added to caseloads as a result of this provision.

"(3) HR 16311 generally requires that states disregard the first \$60 earned monthly plus one third of additional earnings in determining eligibility for families receiving state welfare payments. How many persons in families whose father is either dead, absent, incapacitated, or unemployed will this add to the welfare rolls in your state in fiscal 1972 and at what cost, both total and state?

"(A) Estimate for this element is combined with estimate of case finding effect attributable to Family Assistance Plan of HR 16311. Case finding effects on family aid, including earning exemptions, are estimated to cost \$66,800,000 in total and \$24,500,000 non-federal (state plus county). Average number of recipients estimated as 103,000. This estimate must be considered rough---assumptions are difficult to substantiate (i.e., publicity factor).

"(4) HR 16311 requires states to guarantee aged, blind, and disabled persons a monthly income of \$110 per person (\$220 for a couple). How many persons do you estimate this will add to your cash assistance rolls in fiscal 1972 and at what total and state cost?

"(A) California currently pays aged, blind, and disabled recipients in excess of guaranteed minimum income of \$110, therefore no caseload increase is attributable to this provision.

"(5) How much do you estimate total and state Medicaid costs will be increased in your state in fiscal 1972 by the addition of these persons to the cash assistance rolls?

"(A) Estimates of increased Medicaid costs for California are based on assumption that persons added to the caseloads by effects of all provisions of HR 16311 will receive coverage under Medicaid---except for the estimated 416,600 persons in families of the working poor. The increased number of persons covered by Medicaid as a result of HR 16311 are 109,900 aged, blind, and disabled; and 144,200 persons under the Family Assistance Plan. Increased Medicaid costs total \$125,000,000 of which \$62,500,000 is non-federal.

"(6) HR 16311 contemplates a broad expansion of work training, with an increase in federal matching from 80 percent to 90 percent. What were state costs of the work incentive program in fiscal year 1969, and what would state costs be in fiscal year 1972 if the number of trainees is tripled?

"(A) State costs of the Work Incentive Program in fiscal year 1968-69 were \$354,654 and the total state and county costs for that year were \$525,412. If the number of trainees is tripled, and federal matching increases from 80 percent to 90 percent, the estimated state costs for fiscal year 1971-72 will be \$15,578,640 with the estimated costs for combined state and county at \$19,742,000. However, California's WIN program was initiated in 1968-69 so that the costs indicated are not representative of a full year's program, resulting in the 1971-72 estimate appearing disproportionately large. The 1971-72 estimate is based on a tripling of 16,800 WIN slots, which is the authorized level in the 1970-71 governor's budget.

"Assuming Family Assistance Program in effect, Family Assistance Program total costs for fiscal 1972 estimated as \$1,222,300,000 in total and \$429,300,000 non-federal (state plus county). Average number of recipients estimated as 2,120,500.

"Sincerely, Ronald Reagan."

Governor Ronald Reagan today issued the following statement:

"Good morning!

"After careful and extensive study, I have decided to oppose  
HR 16311---the so-called Family Assistance Plan, or welfare reform bill  
passed by the House of Representatives.

"In advising the President of my position I have made it clear that my opposition is not directed at the basic concepts which he set forth last August, but rather toward the provisions of the bill developed and adopted in the House.

"On August 13, 1969, members of my staff and I met with the President at San Clemente and we were encouraged by his views on welfare reform.

"We expected real reform of the existing costly and unworkable welfare system. Unfortunately, what came out of the House was just a series of additional programs piled on top of what already exists.

"The House bill would <sup>simply</sup> give more money to more people.

"At present, about one out of every 12 persons in California receives some form of welfare assistance. The bill adopted by the House would add 12 million persons to the rolls; 2,800,000 of these would be here in California. This would put one out of every seven of our citizens on welfare.

"The cost of the program could increase federal welfare spending by as much as \$15 billion a year. This means an average increase of \$275 a year for every taxpayer---either in higher taxes, increased inflation, or both. Since Californians pay at least 11 percent of the costs of federal government our share would be \$1.65 billion. This does not take into account the increased costs at both the state and county level; over the long haul, it could bankrupt us.

"Philosophically, I simply must be opposed to a government-guaranteed income. President Nixon has also stated such opposition. Yet, the House bill contains such provisions. Rather, it says no able-bodied head-of-household recipient need actually work to be eligible for the annual income floor.



"The President has called for increased incentives and opportunities to encourage welfare recipients to seek job training and job placement. I repeatedly have called for these. But, the bill actually contains work dis-incentives which make it possible for a recipient to have a higher income by remaining on welfare.

"Here are some other provisions of the House bill that we strongly oppose:

--It extends the guaranteed income coverage to the 'working poor.' This would add about \$416,000 to California's welfare rolls at a federal cost of \$52 million a year.

--It broadens the definition of 'disability' and would add an estimated 61,000 to our state's rolls, at a total cost of \$89 million a year---\$31 million to be paid by the state and \$5 million by the counties.

--It increases to \$1,500 the property allowance a recipient may own. In California this would add about 99,000 to the eligible lists and cost the state \$22 million and the counties another \$8 million.

--It provides greater exemptions for earned income and this could add another 16,700 persons to the caseload in California at a cost of \$24 million a year---\$9 million from the state, \$1.5 million from the counties and the balance from the federal treasury.

\*\*\*

--It contains the seeds of a giant new federal bureaucracy which would stultify, if not destroy, innovation and creative solutions at the state and local level, and in the public and private sectors.

"Claims have been made that many of these costs would be borne by increases in federal payments and that California would benefit by some \$173 million. Our figures indicate that, at first, California could receive an additional \$143 million to pay for the expanded programs. But, whether it is \$170 or \$140 million, the point is fallacious. Washington would be 'buying' us with our own money; those federal monies come, in the first place, from the California taxpayer. The money would be returned with increased federal controls and regulations and more and more pressure on the state and counties to conform, and match, and spend and tax.

"Late last week, just before he postponed hearings of the bill in Senate finance, Chairman Russell Long telegraphed me requesting information about the bill's impact on California. We have responded to Senator Long; a copy of that telegram has been made available to the press.

"We will continue to cooperate with President Nixon in an attempt to achieve necessary and effective welfare reforms and we hope to take an important part in rewriting the bill during the weeks ahead."

\*\*\* Insert following paragraph as indicate on page 2:

"--It gives the Secretary of HEW and the Secretary of Labor such wide latitude and unprecedent discretion that it is almost impossible to determine just how certain sections of the new law would be administered."

EJG

Governor Ronald Reagan tonight expressed "deep disappointment" and "overwhelming disillusionment that Democratic leaders in the Assembly refused to give the citizens of California meaningful property tax relief."

"It is almost beyond belief that the leadership of the Democratic Party in the Assembly would engage in such blatant partisanship over an issue which the people of this State have repeatedly made clear they wanted.

"There can be no question but that the Democratic leadership's refusal to permit this meaningful tax reform program to proceed through the legislature is based on the worst type of partisanship.

"At one point during voting on the tax reform bill, a sufficient number of Democrats had joined with all the Assembly Republicans to give the measure the votes necessary for passage.

"But it should be obvious to all that the Democratic leadership was not interested in property tax relief because for whatever reasons, they / persuaded some of their colleagues to switch votes.

"I am confident the taxpayers of California will recognize today's action for exactly what it is--a total abdication of responsibility by the Democratic leaders and a slap in the face to hundreds of thousands of citizens who are faced with an intolerable tax burden on their homes.

"The tax reform measures were given full and complete study by two committees of the legislature and received support from both Democrats and Republicans when they were sent to the floor. In fact, Democratic members of both houses helped draft this legislation.

"These same Democratic leaders have repeatedly told the people of California they support property tax relief.

"But by their action today they have proven that they have no regard for their previous promises and, in fact, are only interested in cheap political demagoguery."

###

Governor Ronald Reagan today named Municipal Judge Julius M. Title to the Los Angeles County Superior Court bench.

Judge Title, 54, a Democrat, succeeds Judge Walter Allen, who has retired. He will receive an annual salary of \$31,816.

Appointed as judge of the Los Angeles Judicial District Municipal Court in 1966, Judge Title began his practice of law in Southern California in 1941, after receiving his law degree from the University of Southern California. He also attended Los Angeles Junior College and Compton College.

He is a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, the Los Angeles Lawyers' Club, the Beverly Hills Bar Association, the Administrative Law Association, the Financial Lawyers' Conference, the Criminal Courts Bar Association and has served as a faculty member of the California College of Trial Judges at Boalt Hall, Berkeley.

Judge Title is married and has three children. He lives in Cheviot Hills.

###

WAS

Governor Ronald Reagan today appointed Miss Marion L. Obera,  
a Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney, to the Los Angeles  
Judicial District Municipal Court bench.

Miss Obera, 39, a Democrat will succeed Judge Donald Redwine,  
who has retired. She will receive an annual salary of \$29,270.

A native of San Bernardino, Miss Obera was graduated from  
San Bernardino Valley College in 1949, and joined the Women's Air  
Force.

In 1954, she was discharged with the rank of staff sergeant  
and went to work as a clerk in the Internal Revenue Service to earn  
money for continued education.

In 1956, she was graduated from the University of California at  
Los Angeles with a degree in pre-social welfare and went to work with  
the Los Angeles County Bureau of Public Assistance as a social worker.

While she was employed as a social worker, she attended the  
University of Southern California Law School at night, earning her  
law degree in June of 1962.

She practiced law in San Bernardino for eight months and joined  
the District Attorney's office in Los Angeles in August of 1963.

###

WAS

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-6-70

RELEASE: Immediate

#252

Governor Ronald Reagan announced today that he has asked that all University of California and California State Colleges be closed, effective Thursday and continuing through Sunday.

He said UC President Charles Hitch and State College Chancellor Glenn Dumke strongly concurred in his request.

"It is essential for our college and university faculty, students and administrators to reflect on the grave sequence of current events and to consider their responsibilities to themselves and to our society.

"In order to afford them this opportunity, away from the highly emotional conditions now prevailing on most campuses, I have today asked President Hitch and Chancellor Dumke to close the University and State College campuses for two days<sup>and</sup>/over the weekend.

"President Hitch and Chancellor Dumke strongly concurred in my recommendation, and accordingly have taken the necessary action for implementation.

"All campus facilities will be closed during this period.

"I hope that this period will allow time for rational reflection away from the emotional turmoil, and encourage all to disavow violence and mob action.

"I have requested California radio and television broadcasters to make time available to me this evening in order that I may give all Californians a full report on this situation."

#####

Following is the text of a message by Governor Reagan on May 6, 1970, to the people of California regarding closure of the University and State Colleges:

"On colleges and universities throughout the nation emotions are running high. One hundred eighty campuses are already facing violence and disruption triggered by the tragedy at an Ohio school. Our own information, as of this morning, is that deliberate violence and disruption is planned for a number of institutions here in California.

"I have therefore called President Charles Hitch of the University of California and Chancellor Glenn Dumke of our State Colleges and have asked them to close all the state universities and colleges tomorrow (Thursday) and Friday---and, of course, Saturday and Sunday. I have also by wire asked the private colleges and universities and the community colleges in California to consider doing the same thing.

"I am grateful to the California Broadcast Pool for making it possible to come before you to explain <sup>why</sup> ~~when~~ this unprecedented action is necessary.

"The time has come for responsible citizens of all political persuasions and all ages to pause long enough to take inventory. The area of immediate concern is the academic community---but what is happening there is happening to all of us.

"Over a period of more than five years we have seen marches, demonstrations and sit-ins escalate and lead to vandalism, window-breaking and--eventually--bombings and arson and, inevitably, to death. As dissent became disorder beyond the ability of campus police to control, local and state enforcement agencies were called upon. Those who deal in violence seized upon even this as cause for more violence... blaming the authorities for escalation.

"They know better. Indeed, they know that in most cases their violence was instigated for the very purpose of causing confrontation with the law and hopefully to bring about injury to non-involved students so as to cause the radicalization of the moderates.

"And, they have been all too successful. In our state, a half dozen have died from bomb and gun---others have been maimed and blinded.

"And so it was in Ohio; and, four young people are dead. It is possible they were not even participants in the trouble---but, death is not very selective when the violence of a mob is confronted by the force necessary to contain it.

"I suggest that those across our land and here in our state who would use this tragedy to further their own cause---whether it be disagreement with national policy or hatred of the establishment---are contemptible in their hypocrisy.

"I realize there is little to be gained by appealing to the hard core who are capable of such hypocrisy. So, my words are directed to you---the great majority of students and faculty who believe there is a better way.

"I know you, too, have grievances---perhaps with the University or college, or with the shortcomings you see in our society. Many of you find the war repugnant and, as a result, are inclined to listen to those who advocate violence in the name of peace.

"It is because of this, and because you are our best hope for restoring the kind of atmosphere in which we can meet and find solutions to these problems that I have asked the universities and state colleges be closed.

"Go to your homes; take the next four days to review all that has happened. See if there is not a better way than going on with the torch and the club until, as surely as the sun rises, there are more Kent Universities.

"Whatever happens in the rest of the nation, let us here in California have a pause in the rallies and the noise of the bullhorns. Let us take these four days to review both our aspirations and our responsibilities.

"We can have a new beginning. Monday can be the first day of the new time---a time of dissent without disorder, of dialogue and discussion without destruction. Of an honest, non-violent search for answers and solutions.



"The pursuit of education is a personal value which not only permits a student to improve his knowledge, but also permits him or her an opportunity to improve society for the knowledge gained. A student has a responsibility to fellow students in order to protect the rights of all to this opportunity for an education and we all have an obligation and duty to support a nation whose goals and objectives are set by centuries of efforts, tradition, and culture and yet to see that tradition does not become a stultifying adherence to the past and a rejection of proper change.

"Faculties, too, have a grave obligation. No single class of people have such opportunities. The wisdom which faculties possess are the treasury of a society. The ability to transmit this wisdom is the art of ages. The failure to lead the inquiring hungry minds of students in the pursuit of knowledge and truth is the supreme crime of an age and the loss of a generation. It is time faculties ascended again to their role of helping maturing minds to achieve their ultimate goals.

"Administrators are those charged with the fateful role of insuring that the freedom of students and faculty to inter-relate takes place. Let us all assess our roles and return Monday, May 11, determined to make academic freedom a meaningful thing and not a cloak to serve those who would destroy it even while they used it.

"During this period of reflection, I would hope that you who are parents would have an opportunity to exchange views with your sons and daughters and to express the hope that they will have faith in those endeavoring to lead man to a better way of life and to reject those who are attempting to divide, to deny and to destroy.

"I want to make it very clear that closing the campuses for this four-day period is not--in any way--giving in to those who preach and practice violence. As a matter of fact, this is support for those who believe in non-violence.

"Lest there be any who would mis-read the meaning and purpose of this four-day period, let me assure you that any resort to violence or destruction, any illegal individual or mob action, will be dealt with--firmly and immediately. Surely it should be obvious by now that this state has the collective law enforcement strength to deal with such disturbances. And, those who engage in such acts will now be fully exposed for who and what they are. They will not be able to fade away into the crowds of curious; they will not be able to hide behind the innocent.

I believe the time has come for the academic community, students and faculty to at last admit that whatever grievances, whatever legitimate complaints they have had with regard to the University, its purposes, goals or functions, they are in no way related to the causes of the real radicals.

I realize there are limitations on the capacity of the University administrators with regard to identifying participants on the larger campuses and, thus, being able to utilize swift and certain punishment. The missing factor in this equation is to be found among the students and faculty members. And I believe the time has come for them to make some decisions---namely that a number of duly authorized campus organizations, consistent instigators of the violence, and participants in violence should no longer be entitled to campus recognition or acceptance. Also that students and faculty repudiate those who have brought violence to the campus and the community, and take every step possible to separate themselves from those individuals and groups. Should you not review your policy with regard to campus speakers who have no truly educational value but who are invited on some unfounded assumption that to refuse to hear them is in some way a denial of free speech? Haven't many of these speakers demeaned and degraded the University?

Then, if the University is indeed engaged in a search for truth, isn't it time to have a real review and critique of all that has taken place in the name of protest to determine once and for all the true nature of these several years of disorder---and whether there was not indeed a pattern and a meaning beyond just the first assumptions that this was evidence of youthful ferment, and an expression of youthful idealism? Have the causes for which the protestors marched been truly the causes they pronounced, or did they march simply in the name of disruption, borrowing causes as justification for their violence? Hasn't the time come---in a real atmosphere of academic freedom and the spirit of good will---when administrators, educators, students, the public and government can find the answers to the problems of impersonality in the University, proper support of education, the goals of education, and the business of improving the process of learning?

I make these only as suggestions as some of the things that have not been done and perhaps could be done.

"They are matters properly to be settled within the academic community. I will simply say there must be an end to the violent disruption of the campus..beginning now.

"I know these are troubled times. Many of us are anxious about the future. About the economic situation. About Vietnam. About the problems of the campus. In the stillness of the night, most of us ask ourselves upon occasion 'what has happened? What has gone wrong?'

"We do have some problems. And it is important that we face them with candor and frankness. But it is also important that we face them with faith, and with a knowledge that we have ample strength within ourselves---and among ourselves---to solve our problems.

"This nation has had problems before---we have met them and the American system has prevailed. That system works; it is working now. There is no need for despair; what is needed now is clarity of reason, common sense, and the power of prayer.

"Several weeks ago this state---this nation---was united in an outpouring of faith and prayer that the crew of Apollo 13 be returned safely to earth. For four days we were one---one with the men in that tiny craft, one with each other.

"If, in these four days ahead we would embark on that same oneness, if we would use that same power of prayer and put some faith to work---in each other, in ourselves, and in our nation---we can continue the American journey in brightness, and hope, with courage and promise.

"During a dinner at Mt. Vernon, Lafayette turned to his host, General Washington, and said 'General, you Americans---even in war and desperate times---have a superb spirit. You are happy and you are confident. Why is it?'

"Washington, it is said, was quiet for a moment and then he replied, 'There is freedom. There is space for a man to be alone and think... and, there are friends who owe each other nothing but affection.'

"This is still true in this land---and especially so in California.

"We have accomplished so much and yet we have no time to be idle or misdirected because we know there is still so much to be done...such a bright future to be won by work and courage, together.

"Whatever the name for it, man has always had a dream of Camelot. That mythical place of truth and justice and brotherhood where all men will live in peace.

#255

"No one has ever come closer to the realization of that dream than we have here in this favored land. For 200 years our national purpose has been to defend and enhance every man's right to chart his own way... follow his own star. We have fallen short and failed that dream at times---but, the dream has never failed us.

"This is Camelot...man's last and best chance to make the myth a reality.

"But, Camelot can be lost if we fail even for an instant in time to remember the lasting values---the treasures of true worth---the things to be preserved and handed on are the things for which men have always been willing to give their all.

"Camelots are not built by shouting slogans or holding sit-ins or expressing hatred for some mysterious 'they' whom we can blame for whatever cause we are protesting.

"Camelots are made by building---building men and building institutions; by giving every man his right to dream and be whatever his manhood can make him.

"Camelots are made by having common courtesy as well as compassion for one another---by loving even those who seem unlovely. By realizing sometimes when we are arguing with someone stupid that he may be doing the same thing.

"All of this may sound mundane and unexciting compared to a riot... but, it is where the real action is.

"And you of the 'now' generation are very much needed in that constructive action. We need your youth, your strength and yes, your idealism to put lustre back in our dreams.

"And, you should discover---or perhaps, rediscover---something about us of the older generation...those of us who left so many of our best on the fields and beaches and hills of World War II and Korea:

"We love peace, too.

"Together, in a new beginning, perhaps we can find it."

# # # # #

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-6-70

MEMO TO THE PRESS

C O R R E C T I O N - Press Release #253 dated today:

Paragraph 4 - "I am grateful to the California Broadcast  
Pool for making it possible to come before you to explain  
why (not when) this unprecedented action is necessary.

# # #

PB

Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the following bills have been signed:

- AB 52 - Chappie (Chapter 71) Appropriates \$425,000 from the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund to the Department of Navigation and Ocean Development to acquire land and develop recreational facilities at Kings Beach, Lake Tahoe.
- AB 62 - Chappie (Chapter 72) Requires the state printer to print the number of copies of statutes deemed necessary by the Joint Rules Committee of the legislature rather than at least 1,200 copies. The bill also provides that the number of bound statutes shall be only that number determined by the Department of General Services to be necessary to meet demand.
- AB 90 - Schabarum (Chapter 73) Eliminates the requirement that an air pollution control district allege inadequate remedy at law or show irreparable damage or loss in actions to enjoin alleged violations of air pollution laws, rules or regulations. The bill also authorizes nuisance actions against air polluters.
- AB 117 - Deddeh (Chapter 74) Requires vehicles loaded so as to obstruct the view of the driver to the rear of the vehicle to be equipped with the prescribed side mirrors. The bill specifies that such equipment requirements are not to apply to a passenger vehicle when the load obstructing the driver's view consists of passengers.
- AB 127 - Hayes (Chapter 75) Revises provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure relating to determination of the proper court for the trial of prescribed actions.
- AB 171 - Hayes (Chapter 89) Provides for specified remedies relating to leases of real property. The changes made by the bill become operative on July 1, 1971.
- AB 225 - Chappie (Chapter 90) Requires the designation of lode and placer claims and tunnel rights or locations by means of conspicuous and substantial monuments and defines such monuments. It provides that when a claim is surveyed and a plat of survey is recorded, such shall constitute valid location work. The bill also makes it a misdemeanor to take down, remove, alter or destroy any stake, post, monument or notice of location upon any mining claim.
- AB 233 - Berryhill (Chapter 76) Deletes the maximum speed limit of 30 miles per hour for implements of husbandry which exceed 96 inches in width when transported or moved as a load on another vehicle over an interstate highway, or when such implements of husbandry exceed 120 inches in width when transported or moved over any other highway.
- AB 270 - Fenton (Chapter 85) Authorizes the appointment of a traffic referee in municipal courts with more than two judges to perform specified judicial duties.
- AB 291 - Wakefield (Chapter 82) Repeals obsolete provisions of the Education Code relating to the establishment and operation of California Academies.
- AB 293 - Vasconcellos (Chapter 83) Deletes the statutory termination date of the Elections Code provisions authorizing school districts to provide bus transportation for students to and from summer employment.

- AB 310 - Chappie  
(Chapter 77) Extends the time local agencies can apply for emergency flood relief or snow removal funds in connection with the 1968-69 floods and storms. The bill also excludes the 1968-69 fiscal years from the five-year period for calculating the distribution of snow removal funds.
- AB 354 - Murphy  
(Chapter 91) Allows publication of city ordinances in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the county and circulated in the city as an alternative to posting where there is no newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the city.
- AB 361 - Belotti  
(Chapter 78) Authorizes the Director of General Services, with the consent of the Director of Conservation, to lease certain property known as the Mendocino Woodlands for a period not to exceed 30 years to a nonprofit corporation for recreational purposes.
- AB 386 - Russell  
(Chapter 66) Authorizes any regularly employed and salaried employee, who is engaged in the direction of traffic or enforcement of parking regulations, when designated by the sheriff of any county or the chief of police of any city, to remove a vehicle from a highway, except a freeway, when such vehicle is left parked or standing on a highway so as to obstruct normal movement of traffic.
- AB 422 - Ketchum  
(Chapter 79) Makes it a felony or misdemeanor, rather than a misdemeanor only, to wilfully assist in the escape of a judicially committed or remanded state hospital patient or to assist him in resisting return from leave. The bill makes escape or attempted escape by a person committed to a state hospital as unable to stand trial because of mental illness a felony or misdemeanor if the escape or attempt occurs after the patient is certified sane by the hospital director. The bill also makes it a felony or misdemeanor, instead of a misdemeanor only, to furnish deadly weapons to a mental patient.
- AB 466 - Hayes  
(Chapter 93) Specifies that the suspension, expiration, or cancellation of a vehicle salesman's license shall not prevent the filing of accusation for revocation or suspension of the suspended, expired, or cancelled license and the Department of Motor Vehicle's decision that such license be suspended or revoked.
- AB 441 - Beverly  
(Chapter 92) Authorizes the use of a facsimile signature of the chairman of the county board of supervisors on copies of contracts and minutes of the board.
- AB 502 - Stacey  
(Chapter 94) Provides that the Board of Medical Examiners may delegate to its executive secretary or other board officer or employee its authority to process applications for medical corporation certificates of registration and specified permits, and to issue such certificates of registration and permits.
- AB 653 - Fenton  
(Chapter 80) Permits a declaration of homestead by the head of a family or by any person 65 years of age or older to include a statement that the present declaration is an augmentation of a former claim of homestead and is within the statutory limit for value of such homestead.

- AB 677 - Miliias  
(Chapter 81) Corrects a reference contained in Section 3507 of the Elections Code.
- SB 21 - Nejedly  
(Chapter 65) Requires the general plans of counties and cities to identify areas which are to be designated as solid and liquid waste disposal facilities.
- SB 28 - Nejedly  
(Chapter 67) Specifies that if a local health officer establishes strict or modified isolation (rather than isolation only) all persons shall obey his rules, orders, and regulations. The bill also authorizes local health officers to issue a strict isolation order where there has been noncompliance with a prior modified isolation order.
- SB 51 - Alquist  
(Chapter 86) Changes the date for newspaper publication of school district budgets from the first week in June to last week in July of each year and sets the time for the accompanying public hearing from a period between June 10 and June 25 to a period during the first week in August.
- SB 96 - Lagomarsino  
(Chapter 88) Declares the policy of the state to encourage conservation, maintenance, and utilization of living resources of oceans and other waters under the jurisdiction and influence of the state to benefit citizens of the state and to promote development of local and distant water fisheries. The bill includes specified objectives of such policy.
- SB 99 - Cologne  
(Chapter 68) Deletes the reference to guardianship under the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act, and provides for appointment of an existing guardian or conservator or another person as conservator of a gravely disabled person under the Act.
- SB 129 - Song  
(Chapter 69) Provides that the judicial doctrine of res ipsa loquitur is a presumption affecting the burden of producing evidence. The bill specifies when the jury is to be instructed concerning the presumption and the contents of such instruction.
- SB 140 - Stiern  
(Chapter 70) Requires licenses for dogs once every two years, rather than annually.
- SB 159 - Marler  
(Chapter 87) Changes the boundary of Fish and Game District 2A in Glenn, Lake and Mendocino counties.
- SB 255 - Bradley  
(Chapter 84) Includes in the pooled collateral law bank deposits received from a county advanced or apportioned pursuant to Agriculture Code Section 4481. The bill allows agents of a depository to place securities for safekeeping with California trust companies (as well as federal reserve banks or branches, or banks located in a city designated as a reserve city by the Federal Reserve Board of Governors); and exempts from the pooled collateral law deposits belonging to a local agency and under the control of its officers or employees other than treasurers which are less than the amount insured under federal law.

# # #



Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the first meeting of California's new State Transportation Board.

The inaugural meeting will be held Monday, May 11, beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the Garden Room of the El Mirador Hotel, 13th and N Streets, Sacramento. Following lunch the meeting will convene for a business session in the Governor's Council Room, State Capitol at 2 p.m.

Invited to attend the first session are members of the California Highway Commission, the State Aeronautics Board, the Public Utilities Commission and the Governor's Task Force on Transportation. The Transportation Task Force developed the concept of the California Transportation Board and assisted in drafting the legislation which created it.

Addressing the luncheon session will be Los Angeles Architect William Pereira, chairman of the 24-member Governor's Task Force on Transportation. Also attending and remarking on the legislative view of transportation in California will be Senator Randolph Collier, chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, and Assemblyman John F. Foran, chairman of the Assembly Transportation Committee.

The Transportation Board serves in an advisory capacity to James M. Hall, State Secretary of Business and Transportation, and to the legislature.

The Board initially will review master plans for existing transportation systems as part of a total transportation network. It will make recommendations concerning the need for increased or reduced state participation in financing, regulating, operating, and developing components of the total system.

In all future activities, close coordination with city and county government programs, regional councils, transit districts, and private enterprise in the transportation field would be essential, Hall said.

In announcing appointment of the Board members, Governor Reagan said, "California must have the best transportation system obtainable.

"Our transportation needs are growing much faster than the population, particularly as California's urban concentration continues. Transportation modes must be coordinated in a way to assure overall transportation development compatible with our environmental and community goals. The efforts of these men will be an important step forward toward this end."

Appointed by Governor Reagan in mid-March, the Transportation Board consists of Richard R. Brown, El Cajon, president of Brown Tool Engineering Company and member of the El Cajon City Council; Hornsby Wasson, San Francisco, retired chairman of the board and president of Pacific Telephone; George Bous, Redding, west coast manager of Transportation Services Division of U.S. Plywood; Knox Bourne, Los Angeles, regional vice president of McGraw Hill, president of Merchants and Manufacturers Association and past chairman of Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee; Jonathan Gibson, San Diego, retired chief counsel, Santa Fe Railroad; James Folger, San Francisco, president of Folger Coffee Company; and Aubrey Austin, Santa Monica, chairman of the board and president of Santa Monica Bank.

Senator Collier and Assemblyman Foran serve as ex-officio members.

#####

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-8-70

RELEASE: Immediate

#256

GOVERNOR'S SCHEDULE

May 11, 1970  
through  
May 17, 1970

Monday, May 11

Meeting at White House

p.m. Depart for Sacramento

Overnight - Sacramento

Tuesday, May 12

10:00 a.m. Attend ceremony establishing the operation of California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System, Department of Justice, 33rd and C Streets. Sacramento.

12:30 p.m. American Society of Newspaper Editors Luncheon, Hilton Hotel, San Francisco.

Overnight - Sacramento

Wednesday, May 13

10:00 a.m. PRESS CONFERENCE

Noon State Women's and Men's Club Luncheon, Elks Club. Speech.

Overnight - Sacramento

Thursday, May 14

5:40 p.m. Willow Park Golf Course for Senator Shelman Fundraiser.

8:00 p.m. Fundraising dinner at Hyatt House, San Jose, for Assemblyman Crandall.

Overnight - San Francisco

Friday, May 15

Regents Meeting, San Francisco

Overnight - Los Angeles

Saturday, May 16

6:15 p.m. Remarks to the State Jaycee Convention, Palm Springs.

Overnight - Los Angeles

Sunday, May 17

Afternoon Return to Sacramento

Overnight - Sacramento

#####

Governor Ronald Reagan Sunday endorsed Proposition One on the June 2 ballot.

He said passage of the \$246 million bond issue "will help relieve a critical shortage of doctors, dentists and nurses in the state."

At the same time, he said, it "holds the promise of enabling California to become the health care capital of the world."

Proposition One will make possible the completion of three new medical schools at the University of California's San Diego, Irvine and Davis campuses. It also will help finance the expansion of existing medical, dental, and nursing schools in the university system.

"With these new facilities, we will have eight schools of medicine--- each a center for research, development of new medical techniques and training professionals to adequately meet the health needs of Californians," the governor said.

He noted that all Californians are deeply disturbed by the troubles that have plagued our campuses, and added:

"It would be a tragedy and an unjust punishment of the majority--- indeed, a setback for the state as a whole---if we let our unhappiness about the troublemaking minority on our campuses influence our vote on this critically important bond issue.

"I believe support for Proposition One will help us in our efforts to enlist support from those students who are opposed to violence.

"By taking affirmative action, we can reassure all responsible young people that California has not retreated from its purpose and goal of maintaining a truly great system of public higher education," the governor said.

Governor Reagan warned that "for every three new doctors we produce in California, we are losing four.

"In California last year alone, our medical schools graduated only 445 physicians. During the same period 597 died, and still others retired.

"We are being forced to recruit 70 percent of all our physicians from out of state.

"The need is clear and undeniable. We haven't enough doctors today. And we do not have the facilities to train enough for tomorrow.

"There is no shortage of eager, qualified and dedicated young people who are ready to undertake training. But, because there was not enough space, our medical schools were forced to reject 95 percent of all the applications they received last year.

"The question each of us must ask ourselves is: 'Who will be our doctor in 20 years?'

"We cannot continue to depend on recruiting graduates trained in other states because the health manpower shortage is already nationwide," the governor said.

Proposition One will cost each Californian an average of only 70 cents a year, for a maximum of 25 years. "Certainly, this is not too much for us to invest to make sure we have sufficient doctors, dentists and nurses to treat the sick.

"Passage of Proposition One also will enable expansion of the capacity to train veterinarians, pharmacists, optometrists and other public health specialists---all of whom are badly needed.

"It is obvious that the shortage of physicians and trained medical personnel means---at the very least---a continual rise in health care costs as demands press even harder on the limited supply we have now."

Governor Reagan also pointed out that "it is in the schools of medicine that fundamental research takes place---where cures for dread diseases are found, and where scientists seek knowledge about the effects of environmental pollution on human health.

Governor Reagan said "Passage of Proposition One can pave the way toward making California the health care capital of the world.

"Health care will rapidly become the nation's largest industry. Health care spending approaches \$60 billion a year nationally and in California is about \$7 billion a year. Never before has so much of our total wealth---more than 6 percent of the gross national product---been devoted to health.

"There is evidence that by 1975 the health care industry, which already employs almost 4 million people, will become the nation's largest source of jobs.

"All of the indicators are clear. Health care can become a potent force in California's economic security. "By making California the center of the health care industry in the United States, we can provide the jobs and the income we need for our large and growing population.

"Many of the complex and sophisticated new devices being applied in medicine already are being produced by California's electronics industries. The technology of the aerospace industry, and the tremendous research capability of our defense industries and our universities are an ideal resource for the further development of the tools and instruments of modern medicine.

"All of these resources, which have been so valuable in attracting business to California, can help make California the heart of the health care industry."

The governor said Proposition One has received the support of the State Chamber of Commerce, the California Taxpayers' Association and many other organizations and leading public figures in the state.

#####

EJG

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-12-70

RELEASE: Immediate

# 258

Governor Ronald Reagan today named Liston A. Witherill, 44, chief deputy director of the Los Angeles County Department of Hospitals, to a four-year-term on the Health Review and Program Council.

Witherill, of 30 Latimer Road, Santa Monica, succeeds Beatrice A. Dumlao, R. M., of Monterey Park, who has resigned. He will represent health on the council. He is a Democrat.

A graduate of Harvard, where he earned a degree in economics, Witherill is active in national, state and local health groups and has served as a professor in public health at the University of Southern California School of Medicine.

He is married and has eight children.

Council members are paid expenses.

# # #

WAS

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, Calif  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-12-70

RELEASE: Immediate  
# 259

Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the appointments of Leroy E. McChesney of San Luis Obispo and Robert C. Arnold of Madera, both licensed pilots, to the California Aeronautics Board, subject to Senate confirmation.

McChesney, president of the San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau, is active in numerous agricultural and flying organizations. He succeeds Albert Bayer of Palos Verdes Estates, whose term has expired.

Arnold, owner of a real estate agency and a rancher, is active in numerous civic, agricultural and flying groups. He succeeds Forest Fiorini of Delhi, whose term has expired.

McChesney lives at Route 3, Box 155c, San Luis Obispo, and Arnold lives at 11525 North Highway 41, Fresno.

Both are Republicans.

Board members are paid \$25 per day and expenses while on official duty.

###



Governor Ronald Reagan today reappointed three directors of the 14th District Agricultural Association (Santa Cruz County Fair) to four-year-terms.

They are Karl A. Lamb, associate professor of government at the University of California at Santa Cruz, Robert C. Johnston, a Watsonville food broker, and Charles W. Spencer, Aptos postmaster.

Lamb, a Republican of 215 Sheldon Avenue, Santa Cruz, has served on the board since 1968.

Johnston, a Democrat, of 308 Manor Avenue, Watsonville, has been a board member since 1962.

Spencer, a Democrat, of 113 Santa Clara, Aptos, has served as a director since 1960.

Board members are paid necessary expenses.

# # #

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-12-70

RELEASE: Immediate

# 261

Governor Ronald Reagan today named Robert McKeever, Jr., a Monterey banker, to a four-year-term on the board of the Seventh District Agricultural Association (Monterey County Fair) and reappointed directors Mrs. Virginia Barton and Leslie E. Dixon to four-year-terms.

McKeever, vice president of the Crocker-Citizens National Bank, succeeds Edward F. Burke of King City, whose term has expired. McKeever lives at 1078 Franklin Street, Monterey. He is a Republican.

Mrs. Barton, superintendent of the Alisal Union School District in Salinas, has served on the board since 1960. She lives at 27 Santa Barbara, Salinas. She is a Democrat.

Dixon, a Monterey attorney, has served as a director since 1966. He lives at 211 Herrmann Drive, Monterey. He is a Democrat.

Directors are paid necessary expenses.

#####

WAS

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-12-70

RELEASE: Immediate

# 262

Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the appointment of Joy G. Jameson, Jr., a Corona citrus grower and agricultural leader, to a four-year-term as a director of the State Compensation Insurance Fund.

Jameson, 55, a Republican, succeeds the late Roy R. McLain of Visalia.

In addition to managing several citrus ranches and water companies, Jameson is a director and member of the executive committee of the Agricultural producers Labor Committee and a governor and member of the executive committee of the Council of California growers.

He lives at 2850 Garretson, Corona.

Directors of the fund are paid \$25 per day and expenses when on official business.

#####

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul E. K  
445-4571 5-12-70

RELEASE: Immediate

# 263

Governor Ronald Reagan today appointed Richard G. Murray, Carmel  
landscape architect and developer to the State Board of Landscape  
Architects.

He succeeds Richard B. Taylor of Montecito, whose term has expired,  
on the board which operates through the Department of Professional and  
Vocational Standards.

Murray is a Republican.

Board members are paid \$25 per diem.

# # #

WAS

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-14-70

RELEASE: Immediate

#264

Governor Ronald Reagan today named Miss Bette W. Swann of Modesto to a three-year-term on the California Board of Nursing Education and Nurse Registration Advisory Council.

She succeeds Mrs. Nan Daley of San Francisco, whose term has expired, on the council which is attached to the Department of Professional and Vocational Standards.

A bail agent, Miss Swann was active for more than 16 years in the Stanislaus County Medical Assistance Association, the California Medical Association and the American Association of Medical Assistants.

She lives at 3408 Westport Drive, Modesto. She is a Republican.

Council members receive necessary expenses.

#####

WAS

Governor Ronald Reagan today appointed Robert J. Runnings of Potter Valley to fill an unexpired term on the board of the 12th District Agricultural Association (Redwood Empire Fair at Ukiah) and reappointed three directors to four-year-terms.

Runnings, a district representative for an oil company and a breeder of quarter horses, fills the unexpired term of James L. Rice of Potter Valley, who has resigned. The term ends January 15, 1973.

Runnings, a Republican, is active in the Redwood Empire Quarter Horse Association and, as a member of the Martinez Horsemen's Association and the California State Horsemen's Association, helped to develop the State Riding and Hiking Trail through Contra Costa County. He lives in Potter Valley and his address is P. O. Box 38.

The three directors reappointed by the governor are:

Earl W. Fullerton of 401 West Mill Street, Ukiah, a farm equipment company owner and board member since 1958.

William N. Smith of 426 West Church Street, Ukiah, vice president of a bank and a director since 1958.

George O. Hunter of 22 Highland Drive, Ukiah, managing editor of the Ukiah Daily Journal and a board member since 1960.

Fullerton and Smith are Republicans. Hunter is a Democrat.

Directors are paid necessary expenses.

#####

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-14-70

RELEASE: Immediate

#266

Governor Ronald Reagan today appointed Dr. Lawrence A. Bennett, chief of the Division of Research of the State Department of Corrections to a four-year-term on the board of the California Crime Technological Research Foundation, subject to Senate confirmation.

Dr. Bennett, 46, a Democrat, succeeds Milton Burdman of Sacramento who has resigned. He will represent the Department of Corrections on the board.

He began his career as a parole officer in Los Angeles in 1952, and has held several positions in the correctional field including those of departmental supervisor of clinical psychology and supervising psychologist at the California Medical Facility at Vacaville.

The author of numerous works on criminal psychology, he is a consultant to several national agencies and is active in numerous professional groups.

He lives at 908 Oak Avenue, Davis.

Board members receive necessary expenses.

#####

WAS

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-14-70

RELEASE: Immediate

#267

Governor Ronald Reagan today appointed Donald E. Pearson, 40, a Los Angeles attorney, as State Superintendent of Banks, subject to Senate confirmation.

He succeeds James M. Hall in the \$30,000 per year post. Hall resigned in January to become Secretary of Business and Transportation.

Pearson, a partner in the Los Angeles firm of Adams, Duque and Hazeltine since 1964, is a specialist in business and real estate law. He is a Republican.

A native of California, he attended schools in South Pasadena, was graduated with honors from Swarthmore College with a degree in political science and economics, and earned his law degree from Harvard Law School.

He is a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the American Judicature Society, and is a trustee of the California Friends Home at Stanton. He is a member of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association, the Town Hall of Los Angeles and the University Club of Los Angeles.

Married and the father of a daughter, Pearson lives with his family at 665 Winthrop Road, San Marino.

###

WAS



Governor Ronald Reagan today nominated Associate Justice Robert Gardner as Presiding Justice of the Fourth Appellate District Court of Appeals (Division 2) and recommended that Riverside County Superior Court Judge John G. Gabbert be appointed to succeed him.

Justice Gardner, 58, would succeed Justice Hilton McCabe, who has retired.

Both Justice Gardner and Judge Gabbert are Republicans. Their nominations have been submitted to the Commission on Judicial Appointments for confirmation. Each would receive an annual salary of \$38,179.

Justice Gardner was named to the Appellate Court in January after 23 years on the ~~Riverside~~<sup>Orange</sup> County Superior Court bench.

He previously had practiced law in Balboa, served as a Deputy District Attorney of Orange County and a municipal judge in the City of Newport Beach.

During World War II, he served as a Naval Intelligence officer in the South Pacific.

Justice Gardner earned his law degree from the University of Southern California.

He has been active in numerous legal, civic and service organizations. He and his wife Kathryn have two daughters. The family home is at Corona Del Mar.

Judge Gabbert, 60, a native of Oxnard, has served on the Riverside County Superior Court since 1949. He previously practiced law in Riverside, served as a Riverside Municipal Court Judge and a Deputy District Attorney of Riverside County.

During World War II, he served with the Criminal Investigation Division of the U. S. Army in South Pacific and Far East.

He is a graduate of Occidental College in Los Angeles and earned his law degree from the University of California (Boalt Hall) in Berkeley.

He also is active in numerous legal, civic, service and educational organizations.

Judge Gabbert and his wife Katherine have three children. Their home is in Riverside.

#####

Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the following bills have been signed:

- AB 44 - Davis  
(Chapter 113) Specifies, with respect to the mutilation or destruction of obsolete textbooks 30 days after a specified notice is given to the Department of Education that such action may be taken unless the Department provides for other disposition of such books within 30 days of the date of notice.
- AB 60 - Chappie  
(Chapter 103) Removes the requirement of board of supervisor approval of travel by county officers to meetings called by any civil executive officer of the state pursuant to state law, and instead authorizes such travel if funds have been appropriated by the board of supervisors.
- AB 89 - Subcommittee  
on Air Pollution  
(Chapter 114) Amends the Penal Code to provide that the term "ordinance" authorizing public officers and employees to make arrests for misdemeanors shall include an order, rule or regulation of an air pollution control district.
- AB 118 - Duffy  
(Chapter 115) Authorizes drainage districts to construct, maintain, and operate recreational facilities in connection with any dam, reservoir, or other work owned or controlled by the district.
- AB 126 - Moorhead  
(Chapter 104) Requires that public entities give a prescribed notice to claimants whose claims have been denied or rejected that they have only six months to file court actions on their claims. A similar bill (SB 100) was vetoed last year because it also made provision for late filing of claims. AB 126 does not contain any provisions relating to late filing of claims.
- AB 157 - Ketchum  
(Chapter 116) Appropriates the net proceeds from the sale of certain state-owned lands to the Capital Outlay Fund for Higher Education in turn to be expended for relocatable faculty office buildings at California State Polytechnic College at San Luis Obispo.
- AB 213 - MacGillivray  
(Chapter 117) Requires the State Oil and Gas Supervisor to supervise the drilling and operations of geothermal wells so as to prevent damage to life, health, property and natural resources.
- AB 300 - Veysey  
(Chapter 118) Validates certain final apportionments of state school building aid based on conditional apportionments made prior to the 61st day after final adjournment of the 1970 Regular Session.
- AB 308 - Mobley  
(Chapter 119) Makes nonsubstantive amendments to Government Code provisions relating to annexations by cities.
- AB 475 - Ketchum  
(Chapter 120) Requires all containers of potatoes holding less than 50 pounds to be marked with one of the grade markings established by the United States Department of Agriculture. The bill also provides that open containers need not be so marked when they are part of an open display which is marked with one of the grade markings.
- AB 616 - Knox  
(Chapter 121) Declares that the state has no financial interest in an annuity purchased for an employee where the premium is paid from a deduction or reduction in the employee's salary. It prohibits negotiation or requiring the placement of such annuity through a particular agent, broker, or company.

- AB 617 - Knox  
(Chapter 98) Includes spouses and dependents of students, teachers and employees of educational institutions within the benefit coverage of a policy of blanket insurance issued to such educational institutions.
- AB 630 - Z'berg  
(Chapter 105) Removes the requirement that the affidavit stating that an application for a default judgment was mailed to the defendant be made only by the plaintiff or his attorney.
- AB 708 - Wilson  
(Chapter 122) Deletes the requirement that the secretary of the Board of Dental Examiners give written notice of the suspension or revocation of a license to the county clerk of each county in which the license is registered.
- AB 864 - Duffy  
(Chapter 106) Authorizes the Director of General Services to exchange, with the concurrence of the commanding general of the state military forces, a specified armory site and facilities in the City of Visalia with the City of Visalia for equal facilities.
- AB 877 - Thomas  
(Chapter 99) Authorizes county boards of supervisors in an area or region declared by the governor to be in a state of disaster by reason of cleavages opening in the earth and damaging property between the lien dates in 1969 and 1970 to provide for the reassessment of such property and to base part of the taxes on such property for the 1969-70 fiscal year on the assessed value of property in its damaged or destroyed condition.
- AB 901 - Knox  
(Chapter 100) Provides that winegrowers and brandy manufacturers may hold and obtain off-sale beer and wine licenses for their licensed premises.
- AB 956 - Briggs  
(Chapter 101) Provides that the six-month period in which to file claims with the Insurance Commissioner against an insurer ordered to liquidate its business shall not apply to the California Insurance Guarantee Association under specified conditions.
- AB 1277 - Ryan  
(Chapter 123) Authorizes the governing board of any school district to provide for a field trip during the school year to Washington, D.C., for pupils enrolled in any of grades 1 through 8, inclusive, and employees essential to activities of such pupils. The bill provides that no travel or maintenance expenses of pupils or school district employees making the field trip shall be paid with school district funds and prohibits governing board from charging any fee of persons making the trip. The bill was sponsored by the South San Francisco School District.
- AB 1654 - Wilson  
(Chapter 107) Increases the maximum rate of interest payable on bonds issued by a housing authority from 6 percent to 7 percent. A 7 percent bond ceiling was authorized for redevelopment agencies in 1969.
- EB 117 - Collier  
(Chapter 95) Revises the information required to appear on the tax bill for property sold for delinquent taxes.
- SB 164 - Coombs  
(Chapter 96) Authorizes any agency which institutes an action or proceeding to enforce zoning regulations to file a notice of pendency of the action or proceeding in the county recorder's office.
- SB 171 - Grunsky  
(Chapter 102) Redesignates all public junior colleges in California as community colleges, and junior college districts as community college districts. The bill does not mandate name changes on existing junior colleges or junior college districts.

- SB 211 - Lagomarsino (Chapter 108) Provides that a soil conservation district shall be declared to be organized when the board of directors of such district select the date, time, and place of regular monthly meetings of such directors.
- SB 212 - Lagomarsino (Chapter 109) Deletes the requirement for submitting copies to the Chief, Division of Soil Conservation, of proposals for, and filing copies of reports and resolutions on formation of soil conservation districts. The bill specifically provides that inclusions of land, transfers of land, consolidations, partitions, and dissolution of such districts are to be pursuant to District Reorganization Act of 1965.
- SB 213 - Lagomarsino (Chapter 110) Makes soil conservation districts subject to the District Reorganization Act of 1965.
- SB 215 - Marler (Chapter 111) Removes the requirement that deer hunters must retain deer hides and increases the period hunters must retain deer antlers or that portion of the head normally bearing antlers from ten days to fifteen days following the close of the deer season.
- SB 216 - Mills (Chapter 112) Clarifies the Education Code provisions regarding the maximum rate of school district tax for certain districts having expiring voted overrides to specify that the maximum tax rate shall, upon expiration of the period of such voted increase, revert to applicable rates fixed under present law, rather than pre-1964 law.
- SB 309 - Marler (Chapter 97) Excludes the value of any motor vehicle in determining the \$3,000 limit under which a probate proceeding is not required.

## ##

EJG

Governor Ronald Reagan today nominated Lynn D. Compton,  
Chief Deputy District Attorney of Los Angeles County, as Associate  
Justice of the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District.

Compton, 48, would succeed Justice Donald Wright, who has  
been appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of California.

The nomination has been submitted to the Commission on  
Judicial Appointments for confirmation.

Compton, a Republican, would receive an annual salary of  
\$38,179.

He joined the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office  
in 1951 after serving for four years as a detective in the Los Angeles  
Police Department.

A decorated veteran of World War II, Compton served as a  
paratrooper during the Normandy Invasion and the European campaign.

In 1951, he transferred from the Army to the Air Force to  
serve in the Office of Special Investigations and the Judge Advocate  
General's Corps.

He is a graduate of the University of California at Los  
Angeles and holds law degrees from Loyola School of Law and the  
University of Southern California School of Law.

Compton is active in numerous legal and law enforcement  
associations. He is married and has two children. The family home is  
in Palos Verdes Estates.

#####

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-14-70

MEMO TO THE PRESS

C O R R E C T I O N

On Press Release #268, dated today, Paragraph 4 should  
be changed to read:

Justice Gardner was named to the Appellate Court in  
January after 23 years on the Orange (not Riverside) County Superior  
Court bench.

# # # #

WAS

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-15-70

RELEASE: Immediately

#271

Governor Ronald Reagan today named Raymond K. Liner of Bakersfield and Eugene R. Scheffer of Carmel to three year terms on the Department of Professional and Vocational Standards' Structural Pest Control Board.

Liner, president of a Bakersfield pest control company, is a Democrat. He succeeds Reginald H. Barden of Long Beach, whose term has expired. Liner lives at 120 Western Drive, Bakersfield.

Scheffer, a Republican, is a partner in a pest control firm. He succeeds Herbert W. Pencille of Reseda, whose term has expired. Scheffer's address is P. O. Box 2618, Carmel.

Board members are paid \$25 per diem for each day on official duty.

# # #

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-15-70

RELEASE: Immediate

#272

Governor Ronald Reagan today appointed Lawrence A. Ford, Jr., an Arcata sheep and cattle rancher, to a four-year-term on the board of the Ninth District Agricultural Association (Redwood Acres Fair, Eureka) and reappointed directors Earl J. Ambrosini and Wayne Vickers to four-year-terms.

Ford, 35, of 1700 Charles Avenue, Arcata, succeeds Bernard T. Anderson of Fortuna, whose term has expired.

Ambrosini, a dairyman, of Route 1, Box 402 Ferndale, has served on the board since 1962 and Vickers, an insurance agent, cattle rancher and horse breeder, has served as a director since 1946. He lives in Eureka and his address is Box 380 Ocean Avenue.

Ford and Vickers are Republicans. Ambrosini is a Democrat. Directors are paid necessary expenses.

#####

WAS



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-15-70

RELEASE: Immediate

#273

Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the appointment of attorney Albert C. Wollenberg, Jr., to the San Francisco Municipal Court bench.

Wollenberg, 40, a partner in the San Francisco firm of Halley, Cornell and Wallenberg, succeeds Judge Emmet Daly, who has retired. He will receive an annual salary of \$29,270.

A native San Franciscan, Wollenberg was educated in local schools, was graduated from San Francisco State College and earned his law degree from the University of California (Boalt Hall).

He is a member of the California State Bar, the San Francisco Bar Association, and is a past director and vice president of the San Francisco Recreation Center for the Handicapped. Also, he is Jewish Community Relations Counsel for Temple Emanuel.

He and his wife Lorraine have three children

Wollenberg is a Republican.

\*\*\*

GOVERNOR'S SCHEDULE

May 18, 1970  
through  
May 24, 1970

Monday, May 18

No public appointments scheduled.

Overnight - Sacramento

Tuesday, May 19

1:30 p.m. PRESS CONFERENCE

7:30 p.m. Fundraising Dinner for Assemblyman Clare Berryhill,  
Elks Club, Modesto.

Overnight - Sacramento

Wednesday, May 20

No public appointments scheduled.

Overnight - Sacramento

Thursday, May 21

No public appointments scheduled.

Overnight - Sacramento

Friday, May 22

Noon Town Hall, Anaheim Convention Center. Speech.

8:00 p.m. Los Angeles Philanthropic Foundation Dinner, Beverly  
Hilton Hotel. Remarks.

Overnight - Los Angeles

Saturday, May 23

No public appointments scheduled

Overnight - Los Angeles

Sunday, May 24

Afternoon Return to Sacramento

Overnight - Sacramento

#####

Governor Ronald Reagan today named Daniel R. Lopez, deputy director of the Department of Human Resources Development to a four-year-term on the California Adult Authority, subject to Senate confirmation.

In announcing the appointment, Governor Reagan paid tribute to Lopez for his handling of employment service offices throughout the state, including 18 HRD centers and eight service centers in economically disadvantaged areas.

"His expertise in dealing with the disadvantaged and his understanding of the problems of the ethnic minorities in California will be invaluable to the work of the Adult Authority," the governor said.

Lopez, 51, will succeed Dr. Thomas Flinn of San Francisco in the \$25,000 a year post.

He will be succeeded June 15, as deputy director of HRD and head of its Job Training, Development and Placement Center by Norman Blacher, 44, who has served as executive secretary of the Ventura County Taxpayers Association since 1961.

Blacher, a Democrat, will receive an annual salary of \$21,500.

Lopez, a Republican, was named to his HRD post by Governor Reagan in 1969, after three years as manager of the East Los Angeles Service Center. He previously spent 18 years in correctional work, working his way up through the ranks from sergeant to captain at the California Institution for Men at Chino, as captain at the California Rehabilitation Center in Corona and as a special agent coordinating departmental activities and programs with judicial and law enforcement agencies at the state and federal level.

Lopez was lauded by HRD Director Gilbert L. Sheffield for his role in reorganizing the old Department of Employment into the Department of Human Resources.

"His knowledge of the problems of the ghettos and barrios, which came from face-to-face contact, was of tremendous help to the department in meeting its legislative mandate for improved service to the disadvantaged," Sheffield said. "We are going to miss him but I am pleased at this promotion that will enhance the important relationship between the departments of HRD and Corrections."

Lopez lives at 2788 13th Street, Sacramento.

Blacher, whose appointment also requires Senate confirmation, is a former city manager of Sea Gate, New York and served as an instructor at the University of Southern California's School of Public Administration from 1967 to 1969.

He holds degrees from Colorado University and Stanford University in political science and public administration.

Blacher is a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, the American Public Works Association, the Society for Public Administration, the National Municipal League and the National Safety Council.

He lives at 2738 Pierpont Boulevard, Ventura.

# # #

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-18-70

RELEASE: Immediate

#276

Governor Ronald Reagan today appointed Kenneth C. Gonsalves of Healdsburg and David H. Garfield of La Jolla, to four-year-terms on the California State Board of Pharmacy.

Gonsalves, 49, a Sonoma County civic leader and partner in the operation of several drug stores, succeeds Leonard R. Parsons of Solvang, whose term has expired.

Garfield, 61, president of a San Diego area chain of pharmacies, succeeds John W. Berger of Hermosa Beach, whose term has expired.

Gonsalves lives at 1224 North Fitch Mountain Road, Healdsburg. Garfield lives at 1722 Colgate Circle, La Jolla. Both are Republicans.

Members of the pharmacy board are paid \$25 per diem while on official duty.

# # #

Governor Ronald Reagan today opened his Capitol press conference with the following statement:

"As you know, I have warned repeatedly in recent months that Proposition 8 on the June ballot is an attempt to perpetrate a gigantic tax increase on the people of California---under the pretense that it is in some way a property tax relief measure which will also solve the basic problems of school finance.

"Sponsors of this ill-conceived proposal have placed paid political announcements on radio stations throughout the state which clearly associate my name with their campaign.

"These spots--which incorporate recorded excerpts of statements I have made in the past relating to the need for property tax relief and additional state aid to schools--imply that Proposition 8 will meet the needs I have outlined responsibly and equitably. Nothing could be further from the truth.

"I have asked my attorneys to take whatever legal action is appropriate to halt the use of all radio spots which can possibly confuse the public by associating my name with the Proposition 8 campaign.

"My views on Proposition 8 are instead that it will actually amount to a \$1.13 billion tax increase.

"Rather than cutting taxes, Proposition 8 could well mean a net tax increase of \$200 per year for the average family of four.

"This massive spending scheme offers nothing in the way of tax relief for renters---who represent roughly a third of all the taxpayers in the state.

"Proposition 8 will not solve the basic inequities of educational finance. Indeed, their measure will actually widen the existing fiscal inequities between school districts.

"Close scrutiny of the measure has already led more than dozen major statewide organizations to go on record against Proposition 8. Included are: the California School Boards Association, the League of Women Voters, the California AFL-CIO, California Taxpayers' Association, State Chamber of Commerce, California Real Estate Association, California State Employees' Association, State Board of Education, California Farm Bureau Federation, California Retailers' Association, and the California Manufacturers' Association.

"One other organization, which actually helped circulate petitions to qualify this measure for the June ballot--the California School Employees Association--is now urging its members to vote against Proposition 8 because it does not and cannot guarantee lower property taxes.

"I am confident that as California voters come to realize that Proposition 8 will raise--not lower--everyone's total tax bill, they will resoundingly vote NO on June 2 "

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-19-70

RELEASE: Immediate

#278

Governor Ronald Reagan today appointed Timothy L. Strader, Newport Beach attorney, to a four-year-term on the board of the 32nd District Agricultural Association (Orange County Fair, Costa Mesa).

Strader, 32, of 1930 Port Albans Place, Newport Beach, succeeds Alexander Bowie of Santa Ana, who has resigned. He is a Republican.

Association directors are paid necessary expenses.

# # #

WAS

OFFICE OF THE GOV. ~~MR~~  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-20-70

RELEASE: Immediate

#279

Governor Ronald Reagan today appointed three new directors to four year terms on the board of the 36th District Agricultural Association (Dixon May Fair).

They are Walter O. Sunderman, a Vacaville bank manager; George H. Vogel, a Dixon meat company plant manager, and Richard M. Emigh, a Rio Vista rancher.

Sunderman, 29, of 568 Willis Court, Vacaville, succeeds Howard I. Burton of Vacaville, who declined reappointment to the board.

Vogel, 49, of 890 Sievers Way, Dixon, succeeds Harry E. Petersen of Dixon, whose term has expired.

Emigh, 40, of 832 Laurel Way, Rio Vista, succeeds Achilles E. Panizza of Dixon, whose term has expired.

The three new board members are Republicans.

They will receive necessary expenses.

# # #

WAS



Governor Ronald Reagan today filed suit in Sacramento Superior Court seeking a restraining order against use of paid political radio announcements which the complaint alleged "corruptly and cunningly" made it appear the governor supported Proposition 8.

The complaint asked the court to enjoin and restrain use of the radio commercials because:

"Such fraudulent and deceitful practices have caused and will continue to cause irreparable damage to plaintiff (Gov. Reagan) and to the public..."

The lawsuit said the restraining order should be issued "...not only for the protection of the public interest in free and fair elections by an informed electorate, but also in the protection of plaintiff's (Gov. Reagan's) personal right to be free from the insult of devious efforts to make use of his voice and excerpts of his public utterances in such a way that it is made to appear that he supports measures and propositions which he, in fact, opposes."

The governor announced Tuesday he would take legal action to halt the use of the radio announcements which "can possibly confuse the public by associating my name with the Proposition 8 campaign."

He pointed out at that time that he has repeatedly warned that passage of Proposition 8 on the June 2 ballot "is an attempt to perpetrate a gigantic tax increase on the people of California" and that it "will actually amount to a \$1.13 billion tax increase" without guaranteeing property tax relief as supporters of the proposition claim.

Named as defendants in the lawsuit were Whitaker & Baxter; Campaigns, Inc.; Clem Whitaker Jr., James Dorais, Michell Abramson Jr., Robert M. Smally, individually and doing business as Whitaker & Baxter; Ray King; Harry Lerner; California Teachers Assn.; Californians for Responsible Tax Reform and 100 John Does.

The complaint noted that as plaintiff, Gov. Reagan was a citizen of California and "the duly elected governor thereof."

It pointed out that the defendants were "actively engaged...as sponsors, advocates and proponents of the passage of Proposition No. 8..." and that Whitaker & Baxter, Campaigns, Inc., Ray King and Harry Lerner "were professional political campaign managers employed by the other defendants to direct and supervise efforts designed to procure the successful passage" of the proposition.

It noted that "since the inception of this initiative measure, plaintiff (Gov. Reagan), as a private citizen and public figure, has been vigorous and outspoken in his public criticism and objection to the proposition which is nothing more than a concealed attempt to perpetrate a gigantic tax increase on the people of California under the guise of a purported property tax relief measure."

The lawsuit said excerpted remarks by the governor in the radio commercials "are followed in each instance by a cleverly paraphrased statement in favor of Proposition No. 8 which craftily and deceitfully suggests to the listener that plaintiff's (Gov. Reagan) views and position with regard to education and finance are consonant with the view of those who support" the proposition.

It then added that the result of the commercials is that "it is corruptly and cunningly made to appear that plaintiff is publicly supporting a measure of which he is an outspoken opponent."

The lawsuit noted that "no permission was ever asked of plaintiff for the use of these recordings of his voice, nor was any permission for such use ever granted by plaintiff (Gov. Reagan) to anyone.

"By reason of the foregoing deceitful device and contrivance," the suit said, "the defendants...are exercising a corrupt influence on the elective franchise of the voters of the State of California by publicly misleading and misinforming said voters in suggesting to them that plaintiff, as governor...favors the passage of Proposition No. 8 while in truth and in fact plaintiff has and will continue to actively oppose it."

The lawsuit was filed by Henry J. Broderick of the firm of Barbagelata, Broderick, Carmazzi & Arnold, San Francisco.

# # #

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-21-70

MEMO TO THE PRESS

The governor will issue a statement in the  
Council Room at 2 p.m. today regarding property  
tax reform.

# # #

PB

Governor Ronald Reagan today issued the following statement:

"I am extremely pleased that a sizeable majority of the members of the Assembly have voted approval of the property tax relief program.

"I want to commend them highly for showing that it is possible to rise above narrow, partisan considerations in the interests of the taxpayers.

"At the same time, I want to urge the members of the Senate to give speedy action on this very meaningful property tax relief program.

"Unlike other proposals, this program will not only significantly reduce the homeowners' property taxes, but guarantees to keep them down. In addition, it will provide tax relief for millions of renters, and will reduce the welfare cost burden on the property owner.

"It will increase jobs, by reducing the discriminatory business inventory tax.

"It will help to preserve our badly needed open space.

"And, it will close the loopholes which some citizens have used to escape paying taxes.

"Responsible and equitable tax reform is long overdue. The taxpayer has been patient long enough.

"The time to provide him with the relief he wants and needs is now.

"Today's action by the Assembly is not only a hopeful sign---but also should show the citizens of California that the legislature can and will provide real property tax relief and that ill-conceived measures such as Proposition 8 which, in fact, raise the taxes of Californians by more than \$1 billion are not the way to go."

#####

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-22-70

RELEASE: Immediate

#282

GOVERNOR'S SCHEDULE

May 25, 1970  
through  
May 31, 1970

Monday, May 25

Office appointments.  
Overnight - San Francisco

Tuesday, May 26

9:10 a.m. KPIX TV Mid-morning Show 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., San Francisco.

3:30 p.m. Press Availability 3:30 to 3:50 p.m., Del Monte Lodge, Main Building, Pebble Beach.

Overnight - Los Angeles

Wednesday, May 27

Trustees meeting, Los Angeles.

Overnight - Los Angeles

Thursday, May 28

11:00 a.m. KHJ (RKO-General Radio Network) Interview, Campaign Headquarters, Los Angeles.

8:00 p.m. ABC TV "Press Conference" 8:30 to 9:00 p.m. taping, 4151 Prospect, Hollywood. (Air Sunday, May 31, 2-2:30 p.m.)

Overnight - Los Angeles

Friday, May 29

11:00 a.m. KUSC (FM station operated by Associated Students, USC) 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. Interview, Campaign Headquarters, Los Angeles.

2:15 p.m. NBC TV "News Conference" 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. taping, 3000 W. Alameda, Burbank (Studio #5)

Overnight - Los Angeles

Saturday, May 30

No public appointments scheduled.  
Overnight - Los Angeles

Sunday, May 31

2:00 p.m. KNXT TV (CBS) "Newsmakers" taping, 6121 Sunset Blvd. Los Angeles. (Air Sunday, May 31, 4:30-5:00 p.m.)

p.m. Return to Sacramento.

Overnight - Sacramento

#####

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-22-70

RELEASE: Immediate

#283

Governor Ronald Reagan today issued the following statement on learning of the death of former Governor Goodwin Knight.

"Nancy and I were saddened to hear of the death of Goodwin Knight.

"As both a lieutenant governor and then governor of California, he served the people long and well, with dedication and integrity.

"We extend our deepest sympathies to Mrs. Knight and the family and pray that God will grant them comfort in this hour of need."

#####

EJG

Governor Ronald Reagan today sent the following telegram to Dennis Carpenter, Chairman of the California Republican State Central Committee, and Leon Cooper, Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee:

"As you know, the backers of Proposition 8 on the June ballot have launched a massive propoganda campaign across the state aimed at deceiving the people into thinking that this measure will guarantee lower property taxes and solve the basic problems of school finance.

"Masquerading as the Committee for Responsible Property Tax Reform, they have left no stone unturned in their attempts to fool the people--- including an expensive radio advertising campaign which falsely implies that I support Proposition 8.

"Nothing could be further from the truth.

"The fact is, I have spoken out strongly against Proposition 8 on numerous occasions in recent months. I have done so because I firmly believe that the people must be made aware of the staggering new tax burden which the passage of Proposition 8 will impose on them---not to mention the bewildering fiscal chaos it will cause the state.

"Indeed, this very frightening measure will foist off on the people of California a gigantic \$1.13 billion tax increase.

"Instead of cutting taxes, Proposition 8 could well mean a net tax increase of \$200 per year for the average California family of four.

"Proposition 8 offers absolutely nothing in the way of tax relief for renters---who represent roughly a third of all the taxpayers in the state.

"And, as you already know, it will not solve the basic inequities of educational finance. On the contrary, it will only widen the existing fiscal inequities between school districts.

"Above all, Proposition 8 does not and cannot guarantee lower property taxes---despite all the misleading claims of its backers.

"Because passage of this ill-conceived measure will hit all Californians, of both political parties, equally hard, I am urging you to actively assist in making the people of California fully aware of the fraudulent nature of the Proposition 8 campaign.

"I believe that we have a responsibility to make sure that the citizens of California realize full well that if Proposition 8 passes, it can only raise---not lower---everyone's total tax bill, Republicans and Democrats alike.

"I am confident that when the taxpayers are armed with the facts--- when they know the serious consequences which will befall them if Proposition 8 is successful---they will register a resounding NO ON 8 June 2."

#####

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-22-70

RELEASE: Immediate

#285

Governor Ronald Reagan today joined State Forester Francis Raymond in declaring the fire season to be in effect throughout California.

The declaration came about a month earlier than normal because of extreme dryness caused by heat, northwest winds and a lack of rainfall.

In reminding Californians of the potentially explosive fire conditions in California's wildlands, Governor Reagan said, "every citizen must make it his personal responsibility to protect our precious natural resources.

"All pollution begins with a single act of carelessness and we can ill afford the loss of our precious resources through forest fires.

"Every year thousands of acres of valuable forest and watershed lands are lost to fires that in turn cause air pollution, water and pollution, soil displacement /downstream flooding. These fires cost millions of dollars to control and are responsible for the loss of human life and untold suffering," the governor said.

State Forester Raymond joined the governor in asking all citizens to follow fire safety rules by using common sense.

He offered the following suggestions to prevent fires:

1. Obtain a burning permit from your local fire agency.
2. Burn your incinerator only when it is safe to do so and provide a clearance of 10' around it with a 1/4" mesh screen covering to keep burning debris from flying onto dry flammable vegetation (in counties where incinerator burning is allowed).
3. Clear flammable vegetation from around your home or cabin for a distance of at least 30 feet.
4. Do not use fire on hot, dry and windy days.
5. Make sure internal combustion engines working in wildland areas are equipped with spark arresters.
6. Contact your local fire protection agency if you are in doubt on any fire laws or regulations.

#####

WAS



Department of Finance  
State of California  
Verne Orr, Director  
May 22, 1970

RELEASE: MONDAY A.Ms.  
May 25, 1970

PLEASE GUARD AGAINST PREMATURE  
RELEASE.

State Finance Director Verne Orr---warning that "passage of Proposition 8 would impose a staggering new tax burden on the citizens of California"---today listed eight misleading arguments being used by the proponents of the June 2 ballot measure to deceive the voters.

1) "The sponsor's official pamphlet argument blatantly misleads the voters as to amount of property tax relief. Their statement claims 'an immediate saving of \$1.17 per \$100 assessed valuation on his next tax bill (\$117 on a \$10,000 assessed home); an immediate saving of \$109 on a \$10,000 home in Alameda County; an immediate saving of \$171 on a \$10,000 home in Fresno County.' These '\$10,000 homes' they are referring to are, in fact, \$45,000 homes. Homes with a market value of \$10,000 would receive a maximum of about \$35 in relief if, and I repeat if, any relief were passed on to the homeowners. The wording on the official ballot is clearly intended to deceive," Orr said.

2) "The sponsors of Proposition 8 claim in their literature that the state has a \$537 million surplus which is available to finance the \$1.13 billion tax increase. This is totally false and they know it. We projected an available surplus of only \$28 million in the governor's 1970-71 budget last January.

3) "The sponsors of Proposition 8 claim immediate property tax relief of \$445 million for local property taxes for welfare. Neither this relief nor any other relief in this proposition is mandated. Two-thirds of any relief that is passed on by local government will go to the commercial property taxpayer, not the homeowner.

4) "The sponsors of Proposition 8 claim that state support for the schools has declined to about 35 percent of the total. The state school fund was 36.6 percent of the total school costs in 1968-69, (it was 35.5 percent in 1966-67) but the total state subventions to education was an estimated 41.92 percent in 1968-69. The percentage for the 1969-70 would probably be higher since \$187 million was added to the school subventions.

5) "The sponsors of Proposition 8 are misleading the public on the value of \$600 million in new school funds. Since 85 percent of current expenses for education are used for salaries and since California ranks second in the United States in school salaries, it is difficult to see how this massive outpouring of tax monies will improve education.

Schools do need additional money, but this proposal is nothing more than a salary grab in the name of tax relief.

6) "The sponsors of Proposition 8 have claimed that their proposal is well-drafted. Nothing could be further from the truth. There is no description of what constitutes state and local costs in the proposition. About \$250 million in added taxes rests on legal interpretation of the proposition. It is unclear whether or not the aid for the disadvantaged pupils is limited by the wording of the proposition. There are many other ambiguities in this proposition.

7) "The sponsors of Proposition 8 claim in their official ballot argument that their proposal can be financed by 'modest increases in existing tax sources,' when, in fact, it would require an 85 percent increase in the personal income tax or at least a 2.5¢---or 50 percent--- increase in the sales tax to raise the \$1.13 billion. The cost of the proposition will increase rapidly each year requiring future tax increases.

8) "The sponsors of the proposal clearly intended to deceive the voters by their use of Governor Reagan's voice in their radio commercials. The governor is opposed to Proposition 8 because it would impose a staggering new tax burden on the citizens of California---rather than providing honest tax reform, as its proponents claim," Orr said.

# # # # #

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-26-70

RELEASE: Immediate

#286

Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the appointments of two new members to four-year-terms on the Board of Vocational Nurse and Psychiatric Technician Examiners of the Department of Professional and Vocational Standards and appointed a third to fill an unexpired term.

John P. Preston, executive vice president of the Inter-Community Hospital at Covina and Dr. Thomas B. Merson, dean of instruction at Bakersfield College, were named to four-year-terms. Gerald P. Mayo, psychiatric technician at Napa State Hospital was appointed to fill an unexpired term ending January 15, 1971.

Preston of 18210 East Vine Street, West Covina, will represent hospital administrators on the board. A Republican, he succeeds Joseph L. Zem of Hillsborough, whose term has expired.

Dr. Merson of 2516 Parkway, Bakersfield, will represent public school administrators. A Democrat, he succeeds Mrs. Alice J. Greenough, R. N. of Downey, whose term has expired.

Mayo of 2280 Pine Street, Napa, will fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Buna Mae Springer of Modesto who has resigned.

A Democrat, Mayo will represent certified psychiatric technicians on the board.

Board members are paid \$25 per diem while on official duty.

#####

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-27-70

RELEASE: Immediate

#287

Governor Ronald Reagan today issued the following statement  
upon learning of the death of Assemblyman Patrick McGee:

"Patrick McGee served his district, his state and his  
nation with bravery, dedication and honor. I am saddened by his  
death as are all those who knew him and worked with him. Nancy and  
I extend our deepest sympathy to his family, who demonstrated the  
same courage that he exemplified, as he fought against the disease  
that claimed his life."

# # # #

WAS

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-27-70

MEMO TO THE PRESS

Governor Reagan will hold a special press conference at the  
Greater Los Angeles Press Club, 600 North Vermont, Los Angeles,  
Friday, May 29, at 10 a.m.

# # # # #

Governor Ronald Reagan today announced the following bills have been signed:

- AB 141 - Milias  
(Chapter 136) Extends from 1972 to 1975 permit conditions for the release and recapture of domestically reared anadromous fish in Waddell Creek, Santa Cruz County. At the same time it extends the date for the Fish and Game Commission report and recommendations to the legislature regarding such permits from 1971 to 1972.
- AB 195 - Thomas  
(Chapter 137) Defines a midwater trawl as a trawl net and makes provisions for the Fish and Game Commission to regulate its use.
- AB 303 - Barnes  
(Chapter 131) Increases retirement benefits for Division of Forestry members of the Public Employees' Retirement System.
- AB 305 - Barnes &  
Belotti  
(Chapter 138) Provides that the maximum age of a candidate for any examination for firefighting positions with the State Division of Forestry shall be 31 years. The bill becomes operative September 1, 1970.
- AB 420 - Greene, L.  
(Chapter 125) Broadens the authority of a county board of education to require reporting of severance of attendance by public or private school pupils who are subject to the compulsory education law.
- AB 459 - Chappie  
(Chapter 139) Exempts from the prohibition against signs of specified size and content at on-sale licensed premises buildings located within state parks on which signs depicting or reproducing historical conditions and usage may be placed. The bill also allows the use of the word "saloon" on on-sale premises in areas registered by the Department of Parks and Recreation as historical landmarks.
- AB 519 - Milias  
(Chapter 147) Authorizes the State Commission on Voting Machines and Vote Tabulating Devices to study and adopt regulations governing the use of voting machines and vote tabulating devices and to investigate any alleged violation of its regulations.
- AB 595 - Greene, L.  
(Chapter 126) Specifically authorizes the governing board of a school district to delegate the power to contract to persons, rather than a person, designated by the district superintendent. The bill also gives governing boards power to delegate to a designated employee the authority to make certain purchases of less than \$10,000. Such authority has been limited in application to the Los Angeles City School District.
- AB 628 - Belotti  
(Chapter 140) Revises applicability of certain provisions relating to sales of petroleum products. The bill also exempts portable dispensing devices for aircraft fuels from the requirements relating to price indications on petroleum dispensing apparatus.
- AB 645 - Badham  
(Chapter 141) Includes among the various specified powers of the Orange County Water District, the power to protect the quality of common water supplies, to inject and extract ground water, to improve and protect the quality of ground water supplies, to provide for protection and enhancement of the environment in connection with the district's water activities, and to make agreements for recreational use of the district's facilities.

- AB 870 - Ketchum  
(Chapter 142) Repeals the Agricultural Code provision that permits any registered manufacturer of ant poison to manufacture and sell, and any dealer in ant poison to sell ant poison which contains not more than a specified percentage of thallium prepared, packaged, and sold in accordance with regulations of the Director of Agriculture.
- AB 896 - Chappie  
(Chapter 127) Makes clarifying amendments to the Health and Safety Code provisions relating to mobilehomes.
- AB 1023 - McCarthy  
(Chapter 143) Permits correction of the assessment role for errors with respect to taxable tangible property rather than only personal property.
- AB 1024 - McCarthy  
(Chapter 144) Requires an assessor to assess all property subject property taxation according to its value on the lien date.
- AB 1346 - Wood  
(Chapter 145) Repeals an obsolete section of the Milk Stabilization Law relating to stabilization and marketing plans for fluid cream.
- AB 2518 - MacDonald  
(Chapter 132) Requires the Director of Health Care Services to bring payment within the total amount scheduled for the 1969-70 fiscal year for any category of service budgeted for less than 100 million dollars when the amounts paid exceed by 15 percent, rather than 10 percent, the amount scheduled.
- AB 2521 - Greene, L.  
(Chapter 124) Provides that any presently employed secondary level teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District may be permitted to teach in grades 4 to 8, inclusive, for a period to be determined by the governing school board, but not to exceed two years.
- SB 33 - Nejedly  
(Chapter 146) Provides that all meetings conducted by a board of supervisors pertaining to salaries of county employees shall be open and public except those held with the board's designated bargaining representatives on such matters. The bill also provides for notice of such meetings.
- SB 60 - Grunsky  
(Chapter 128) Authorizes boards of commissioners of harbor districts to pass ordinances for the protection and safety of persons and property. The bill makes the violation of such ordinances a misdemeanor.
- SB 232 - Lagomarsino  
(Chapter 129) Provides that when property is acquired after the lien date by a public entity and becomes tax exempt, unpaid taxes on the property shall be paid through escrow at the close of escrow or if unpaid, collected like any other taxes on the unsecured roll. The bill also provides for the transfer of tax-delinquent property from the secured to the unsecured roll in certain cases and for the manner of correcting errors with respect to additional taxes due on delinquent property.
- SB 317 - Schrade  
(Chapter 133) Permits boards of supervisors in counties having an industrial farm, road camp or honor camp to authorize by ordinance, the person in charge of such facility to permit the removal of persons confined therein for private medical, vision, dental, psychological care, vocational and educational services and funerals without a court order. The bill also authorizes the board of supervisors to designate a facility other than the county Jail for work furlough programs.
- SB 354 - Short  
(Chapter 134) Provides that the period of more than 90 days between active memberships shall not affect the computation of final compensation of a member of more than one system established pursuant to the County Employees' Retirement Law of 1937, if he is precluded by law from becoming a member of the second system.

SB 406 - Lagomarsino Authorizes the board of supervisors of any county  
(Chapter 135) to establish reasonable fees to cover the costs  
incurred by county agricultural commissioners in  
the enforcement of the Agricultural Code provisions  
relating to lettuce used for chopping or shredding.

SB 448 - McCarthy Allows board of supervisors to dispose of county  
(Chapter 130) property not required for public use by leasing,  
in addition to selling outright, pursuant to the  
same procedures and requirements which now govern  
the sale of such property.

# # #



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-29-70

RELEASE: 10 A.M.  
May 29, 1970

#289

Governor Ronald Reagan today made the following statement at the opening of his press conference at the Los Angeles Press Club.

"With the election only four days off I would like to draw your attention to two of the most critical ballot propositions to face California voters in many years. They are Propositions 7 and 8.

"I have chosen to discuss both of them---together---because if Proposition 7 fails and Proposition 8 passes, California taxpayers will suffer a multi-billion dollar <sup>double</sup> disaster---without precedent in the state's history.

"As you know, I have warned repeatedly that passage of Proposition 8 would raise taxes by \$1.13 billion in the first year alone and even more in succeeding years.

"Failure to approve Proposition 7 could increase that burden yet another billion dollars.

"I have asked you to come here today because, as Governor of California, I would be derelict in my duty to the taxpayers if I did not point out this frightening possibility.

"Californians must be made aware of the fiscal consequences should such a catastrophe occur.

"The reason a YES vote on Proposition 7 is so important is that it will make possible the sale of a huge backlog of state bonds which, so far, have gone unsold due to the low 5 percent interest ceiling currently imposed on them by the State Constitution. Proposition 7 would enable the state to adjust that ceiling up to 7 percent, where necessary, to compete for investors' dollars in today's tight money market.

I want to emphasize that these are not new state bonds. They are bonds that the taxpayers of California have already voted for in past elections.

If we fail to sell our state bonds to finance completion of the water project, taxpayers throughout the state will be forced to assume the existing \$1 billion debt for the project---a burden which would otherwise be borne by water project users.

"Failure to pass Proposition 7 will also cripple the state's veterans' home loan program. Funds for our wounded and disabled Vietnam servicemen were exhausted three months ago, because bonds could not be

"But this is not all!

"Today the development of \$75 million worth of state and local parks and recreation projects---stretching through every county in California---is at a complete standstill because of the state's inability to sell bonds.

"And, unless we approve Proposition 7, \$266 million worth of school building aid bonds will remain unsold---forcing double and even triple sessions in many school districts.

"As I have already pointed out, this double disaster to California's financial health could, indeed, occur if the taxpayers are not made fully aware of what Proposition 8 would actually do.

"If Proposition 8 should pass, the average family of four in California could be saddled with a net tax increase of \$200 the first year alone.

"Proposition 8 does not and cannot guarantee lower property taxes. Nor can it offer anything in the way of tax relief for renters.

"Proposition 8 will not solve the basic inequities of educational finance. In fact, it will actually widen the existing fiscal inequities between school districts.

"It is nothing more than a massive spending scheme---a tax increase---disguised as property tax reform.

"Careful scrutiny of Proposition 8 can only lead to the conclusion that Proposition 8 is a fraud on the already overburdened taxpayers of the state.

"I am confident that as the voters come to realize that Proposition 8 will raise---not lower---everyone's total tax bill they will register a resounding NO vote on it June 2.

"And that is why I urge all California voters to look at the facts and then vote YES on 7 and NO on 8."

#####

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-29-70

C O R R E C T I O N

In Press Release #289, sent to you today (Governor's opening statement to his Press Conference at the Los Angeles Press Club), line 3 of the second paragraph of the statement should read:

MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR DOUBLE DISASTER.

The word DOUBLE was inadvertently left out of the statement.

# # # # #

EJG

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
Sacramento, California  
Contact: Paul Beck  
445-4571 5-29-70

MEMO TO THE PRESS

#290

SUBJECT: GOVERNOR REAGAN'S SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

The governor will vote Tuesday morning and will be at the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, election night.

Wednesday evening, he will attend the Greater Los Angeles Press Club's Headliner of the Year Award Dinner at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

No other public appointments are scheduled for the remainder of the week.

#####

✓  
EJG

May 13, 1970

R.R. Statement on L.A. School strike ends:

"I am pleased that those teachers in Los Angeles who have been on strike are returning to their classrooms and their students. It is now incumbent on all those in the Los Angeles City School District to make sure that the children and their education will not have suffered from the strike."

# # #