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ASSEMBLY BILLS

Assembly Bill 57 (Polanco)

DESCRIPTION

This bill changes and redefines the Small Business Procurement and Contract Act to the Business Enterprises Procurement and Contract Act to include minority business enterprises, women business enterprises, and disabled veteran business enterprises. The bill also requires the heads of all state agencies to develop annual minority/women/disabled enterprise goals in state procurement contracts.

FISCAL EFFECT

Unknown.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: Tilford Patterson.

STATUS

Dropped by the author.

Assembly Bill 90 (Moore)

DESCRIPTION

This bill directs the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to assure that the amounts paid to local governments in the form of property taxes, franchise fee and other local assessments are recovered in rates, and to assure that any variances between actual expenditures and the amounts estimated for ratemaking purposes are corrected.

FISCAL EFFECT

Minor costs for CPUC to order rate adjustments.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

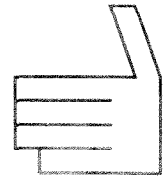
California Public Utilities Commission
GTE California Incorporated

COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: William Julian

STATUS

Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (2-year bill).



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Assembly Bill 218 (Hauser)

DESCRIPTION

This bill directs the California Public Utilities Commission to conduct workshops on propane service, rates, safety, and use as a transportation fuel, and report to the Legislature its recommendations regarding appropriate regulations of propane service, rates and safety by December 31, 1992.

FISCAL EFFECT

\$64,000 appropriated from the California Public Utilities Commission reimbursement account.

SUPPORT

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

March 11, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments. (Vote: 14-0). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

September 18, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

September 19, 1991: CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, CHAPTER 428, STATUTES OF 1991.

Assembly Bill 230 (Hauser)

DESCRIPTION

This bill requires those public utilities which furnish residential service to provide with their bills a statement indicating the customer's consumption of electricity, gas, or water during the corresponding billing period one year previously and the number of days in and charges for, that billing period.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

OPPOSE

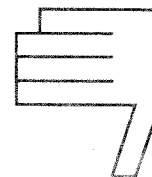
COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

Dropped by the author.

Vetoed



Assembly Bill 283 (Polanco)

DESCRIPTION

This bill establishes a twelve member Advisory Commission to the Office of California-Mexico Affairs. This bill also directs the Advisory Commission to meet periodically and prepare a report which identifies the infrastructure needs that would facilitate commerce along the California-Mexico border.

FISCAL EFFECT

\$150,000 General Fund one-time cost to prepare report.

SUPPORT

San Diego State University Institute
City of San Diego
Los Angeles county Enconomic Development Corporation
California Farm Bureau Federation
United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Latin Business Association
Public Financial Management Inc.

OPPOSE

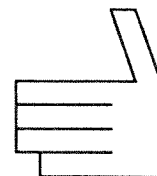
None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

May 6, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments (Vote: 11-2). Committee Consultant: Tilford Patterson.

STATUS

October 1, 1991: Vetoed by the Governor.



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Assembly Bill 290 (Clute)

DESCRIPTION

This bill provies that water service provided to residents of a mobilehome park may be subject to limited jurisdiction of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

FISCAL EFFECT

\$66,500 from the CPUC Utilities Reimbursement Account in the General Fund to the CPUC for expenditures in the 1991-92 fiscal year to handle anticipated complaints.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

Western Mobilehome Association

COMMITTEE ACTION

March 18, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments (Vote: 11-0). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

August 29, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

August 30, 1991: **CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
CHAPTER 349, STATUTES OF 1991**

Assembly Bill 307 (Polanco)

DESCRIPTION

This bill establishes the Farm Workers Services Coordinating Council in the Employment Development Department (EDD) to:

- 1) Identify specified issues of concern to farmworkers;
- 2) Establishes uniform, consistent administrative policies for state agencies dealing with farmworkers.
- 3) Ensure coordinated delivery of services to farmworkers;
- 4) Act as centralized liaison on farmworkers issues to the Governor, Legislature, state, local and government government, and
- 5) Report annually to the Legislature and the Governor on its activities, findings and recommendations.

FISCAL EFFECT

Minor absorbable costs for staff time, travel and per diem expenses..

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

April 29, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments (Vote: 8-6). Committee Consultant: Tilford Patterson.

STATUS

Assembly Inactive File.

Assembly Bill 314 (Moore)

DESCRIPTION

This bill requires telephone corporations, when offering "Caller ID" services, to permit residential customers to withhold the display of their telephone number on a blanket, or per line, basis without being charged. The bill also requires telephone corporations offering caller ID to also offer, when feasible, a service which permits a called party to automatically reject calls from certain numbers. Finally, this bill requires telephone corporations to notify customers annually that use the "800" or "900" services may result in the disclosure of the customer's telephone numbers.

FISCAL EFFECT

No direct state costs.

SUPPORT

Toward Utility Rate Normalization (TURN)
Consumer Action
Marin Abused Women's Services
California Alliance Against Domestic Violence
Vernon L. Strempeke, Ph.D.
Rape Crisis Service of San Mateo County
Numerous constituents
California Psychiatric Association
California Common Cause

OPPOSE

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)
U. S. Sprint
Contel
Pacific Bell
AT&T

COMMITTEE ACTION

May 6, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments (Vote: 8-6). Committee Consultant: Randy Chinn.

STATUS

Assembly Inactive File.



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Assembly Bill 329 (Moore)

DESCRIPTION

This bill requires prime contractors who do business with public utilities to pay subcontractors with 10 days of receipt of payment from the utility. The bill also creates a specified penalty to the prime contractors for late payments to subcontractors.

FISCAL EFFECT

No direct state costs.

SUPPORT

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)
Construction Industry Legislative Council

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

April 19, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments (Vote: 8-5). Committee Consultant: Tilford Patterson.

STATUS

October 13, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

October 14, 1991: CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
CHAPTER 925, STATUTES OF 1991.

Assembly Bill 331 (Moore)

DESCRIPTION

This bill changes the term of office of appointees to the California Public Broadcasting Commission to 5 years, except that the initial terms of members who were appointed by the Governor on or after January 1, 1992, shall be staggered.

FISCAL EFFECT

Unknown.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: William Julian

STATUS

Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (2-year bill).

Assembly Bill 332 (Moore)

DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the Department of General Service to conduct outreach and educational programs to increase the participation of minority and women business enterprises in state contracts.

FISCAL EFFECT

Unknown.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: Tilford Patterson

STATUS

Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (2-year bill).

Assembly Bill 349 (Statham)

DESCRIPTION

This bill authorizes the California Film Commission to establish and operate an office in northern California on a pilot project basis. The bill specifies the duties of the Northern California office to include, among other things, the promotion of the production of motion picture in all the regions of California and coordinate activities with the Hollywood office of the California Film Commission.

FISCAL EFFECT

Unknown.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: Tilford Patterson.

STATUS

Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (2-year bill).

Assembly Bill 359 (Moore)

DESCRIPTION

This bill allows the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to change the method used to set the price of natural gas made available to cogeneration projects.

FISCAL EFFECT

Potential costs of up to \$1,000,000 (General Fund) resulting from increased fuel costs for cogeneration facilities operated at state institutions.

SUPPORT

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)
California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA)
Southern California Edison Company (SCE)
Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E)

OPPOSE

Independent Energy Producers
California Manufacturers Assn.
California Cogeneration Council
Container corporation of America
Renewable Energy, Inc.
Intechmar
Numerous private electricity producers and organizations

COMMITTEE ACTION

April 22, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee
(Vote: 10-3). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

Held under submission in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

Assembly Bill 379 (Moore)

DESCRIPTION

This bill creates a Department of Telecommunications and Information Resource Management in charge of recommending to the Governor and the Legislature elements of state telecommunications and information resource policy, developing plans for the use of telecommunications and information resources by the state. The Department would also underwrite or participate in the development of technologies for use by state government.

FISCAL EFFECT

Unknown.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: Randy Chinn.

STATUS

Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (2-year bill).

Assembly Bill 406 (Katz)

DESCRIPTION

This bill requires moneys deposited with gas and electric utilities by their customers that go unclaimed for more than three years to be collected by the state (in the same manner as unclaimed property is currently collected by the state) and allocated to the Low Income Energy Assistance Fund (LIEAF) which the bill rates. The moneys deposited in the LIEAF are continuously appropriated to the Controller who is directed to disburse 75% of the funds to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and 25% to the Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP), both of which are administered by the Department of Economic Opportunity.

FISCAL EFFECT

A continuous appropriation of approximately \$4 billion annually from the LEAF to fund low-income energy assistance program. A loss of up to \$4 million beginning in 1997 to the General Fund from reducing the amount of funds deposited in the Unclaimed Property Fund (UPF), thus available for transfer to the General Fund (if unclaimed after five years.)

SUPPORT

Toward Utility Rate Normalization (TURN)
California Association of the Physically Handicapped
California Coalition for Rural Housing
California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation
Veteran of Foreign Wars
American Association of Retired Persons
California/Nevada Community Action Assn.
National Association of Social Workers
Pacific Gas & Electric Company
Women's Civil Improvement Club

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

April 29, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee
(Vote: 10-3). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

Held under submission in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

Assembly Bill 409 (Moore)

DESCRIPTION

This bill appropriates an unspecified amount from the General Fund to the California Public Broadcasting Commission to make available development grants to public broadcasting stations and to conduct research and demonstration activites.

FISCAL EFFECT

Unknown.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

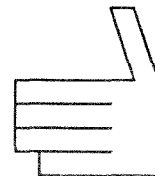
None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

Subject Matter Changed. Withdrawn from Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee.



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Assembly Bill 410 (Moore)

DESCRIPTION

This bill directs the Director of Industrial Relations (DIR) to notify the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) within 7 days of the issuance of a stop order involving a CPUC regulated motor carrier and directs the CPUC to suspend the operating authority of the carrier. The bill also directs the CPUC to revoke the operating authority of a CPUC-regulated carrier when a claim is paid to an employee from the Uninsured Employer's Fund. The CPUC will not approve issuance or transfer of motor carrier operating authority to any person, firm or corporation with a outstanding liability to the Uninsured Employer's Fund.

FISCAL EFFECT

Unknown.

SUPPORT

California Teamster Public Affairs Council

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

April 8, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments (Vote: 15-0). Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

October 14, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

October 14, 1991: **CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, CHAPTER 1071, STATUTES OF 1991.**

Assembly Bill 413 (Moore)

DESCRIPTION

This bill authorizes the California Public Utilities Commission to determine just compensation payable by a public utility for property owned by another public utilities which the former seeks to acquire through eminent domain if the condemnor petitions for that determination.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

Southern California Gas Company (sponsor)

OPPOSE

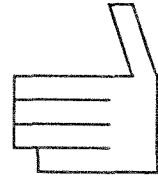
None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

Dropped by the author.



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Assembly Bill 451 (Hauser)

DESCRIPTION

This bill clarifies the definition of motor transportation brokerage service as the act of arranging for the transportation of property for or behalf of a shipper, consignor or consignee, not the actual provision of transportation service.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

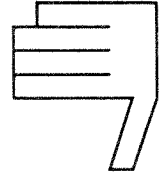
COMMITTEE ACTION

March 11, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments (Vote: 14-0). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

August 29, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

August 30, 1991: CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
CHAPTER 351, STATUTES OF 1991.

**Assembly Bill 461 (Moore)**DESCRIPTION

This bill establishes a telecommunications policy, to be implemented by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), which is intended to provide telecommunications consumers with specified rights. The bill requires the CPUC to implement the policy through applicable tariffs on telecommunications service providers.

FISCAL EFFECT

Unknown but minimal costs to the CPUC Reimbursement Account (PUCRA) for the CPUC to apply the telecommunications policy through regulation of investor-owned telecommunications corporations.

SUPPORT

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)
Toward Utility Rate Normalization (TURN)
Pacific Bell

OPPOSE

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

COMMITTEE ACTION

April 29, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments (Vote: 11-2). Committee Consultant: Randy Chinn.

STATUS

September 8, 1991: Vetoed by the Governor.

Assembly Bill 462 (Moore)

DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to find the terms of collective bargaining agreements to be reasonable unless the CPUC finds clear and convincing evidence to the contrary.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

State Association of Electrical Workers
Southern California Edison
Communication Workers of America

OPPOSE

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

COMMITTEE ACTION

April 1, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (Vote: 12-3). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

Senate Inactive File.

Assembly Bill 467 (Hauser)

DESCRIPTION

This bill requires that the director designate a staff person in each foreign trade office to become acquainted with rural California business and serve as liaison with rural California business. The bill also establishes legislative intent that the requirements of this bill be accomplished with existing funding levels.

FISCAL EFFECT

Up to \$200,000 on an annual basis.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

April 29, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendment. Recommendation to Consent (Vote: 13-0). Committee Consultant: Tilford Patterson.

STATUS

Senate Appropriations Committee (2-year bill).

Assembly Bill 486 (Polanco)

DESCRIPTION

This bill: (1) Requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to certify socially and economically disadvantaged businesses for the purposes of contracts that are fully or partially funded by the federal government, and are administered or authorized by the United States Department of Transportation. (2) Requires the Office of Small and Minority Business (OSMB) to certify all qualified minority and women business enterprises and disabled veterans' business enterprises and authorize local agencies to accept the certification of SMB as valid when awarding contracts to a minority and women business enterprise or a disabled veterans' enterprise. (3) Provides the OSMB the sole responsibility to certify minority business enterprises and women business enterprises for the purpose of statewide participation goals and require the OSMB to accept certification by the DOT and California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) as specified. 4) Requires DOT to provide the certified contractor information to the OSMB. (5) Requires the Department of General Services (DGS) to establish a computerized data bank containing a list of small, minority, and women business enterprises or disabled veterans' enterprises, to be administered by OSMB and requires that the data bank be accessible to all state departments for use in contracting on or before January 1, 1993. (6) Provides that it mandate provisions become operative on the effective date of the bill.

FISCAL EFFECT

Unknown but potentially significant.

SUPPORT

Commission on the Status of Women
Arguelles & Company

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

April 29, 1991: Passed the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments (Vote: 8-2). Committee Consultant: Tilford Patterson.

STATUS

Senate Appropriations Committee (2-year bill).

Assembly Bill 488 (Polanco)

DESCRIPTION

This bill prohibits the race, color, sex, ethnic origin, or ancestry of a bidder from being counted for purposes of satisfying the state's emerging business enterprise goals.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

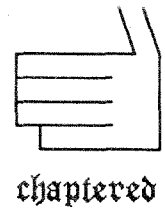
None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: Tilford Patterson.

STATUS

Dropped by the author.



Assembly Bill 547 (Moore)

DESCRIPTION

This bill directs the State World Trade Commission to develop a study to determine the optimum location for a foreign trade office in Africa.

FISCAL EFFECT

Approximately \$30,000 for the study.

SUPPORT

California State World Trade Commission

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

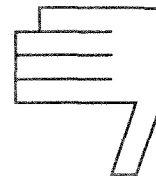
April 29, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments (Vote: 13-0). Committee Consultant: Tilford Patterson.

STATUS

October 9, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

October 10, 1991: **CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, CHAPTER 783, STATUTES OF 1991.**

Vetoed



Assembly Bill 548 (Moore)

DESCRIPTION

This bill makes legislative findings that the Department of General Services (DGS) has a conflict of interest between its role as a provider of telecommunications services through CALNET and its role in acquiring the cost-effective goods and services for the state. Consequently, this bill:

- 1) Requires DGS, in circumstances where it is providing computer or telecommunications services through CALNET in competition with private sector vendors, to adopt procedures to treat itself as it would any other vendor.
- 2) Requires the Department of Finance (DOF) to conduct a study, as specified, on the impact of the CALNET/CALDEX procedures on state operations and on private sector telecommunications providers. This study is due by July 1, 1992.
- 3) Prohibits the DGS from (a) committing any funds for further CALNET/CALDEX modernization or expansion, and (b) provide CALNET/CALDEX network services to any non-state or public entities other than those already using the network on January 1, 1992, until the results of the study have been reviewed.

FISCAL EFFECT

One-time costs to the Department of Finance of \$100,000 for the specified study. In addition, the Legislative Analyst indicates ongoing costs of up to \$420,000 to the Service Revolving Fund (General Fund and various special funds) to ensure that the DGS is treated the same as private vendors, as specified.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

April 29, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments (Vote: 10-0). Committee Consultant: Randy Chinn.

STATUS

September 26, 1991: Vetoed by the Governor.

Assembly Bill 549 (Moore)

DESCRIPTION

This bill abolishes the State Office of Information Practices (OIP) within the State Personnel Board and transfers its responsibilities to the State Office of Information Technology (OIT) within the Department of Finance.

FISCAL EFFECT

\$60,000 appropriation to OIT.

SUPPORT

State Personnel Board

OPPOSE

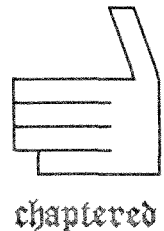
Department of Corporations

COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (2-year bill).



Assembly Bill 554 (Moore)
(URGENCY)

DESCRIPTION

This bill, an urgency measure, requests the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to develop procedures to mitigate the telephone expenses of soldiers serving in the Persian Gulf War.

FISCAL EFFECT

Minor costs to the CPUC to develop a billings and collection program.

SUPPORT

GTE California Incorporated

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

March 11, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments (Vote: 14-0). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

July 20, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

July 22, 1991: **CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
CHAPTER 122, STATUTES OF 1991.**

Assembly Bill 558 (Polanco)

DESCRIPTION

This bill removes the requirement that the withholding of the display of the caller's telephone number be done on an individual basis.

FISCAL EFFECT

SUPPORT

OPPOSE

COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: Randy Chinn.

STATUS

Dropped by the author.

Assembly Bill 589 (Moore)

DESCRIPTION

This bill provides that any additional cable franchise that is granted in an area which has an existing cable franchise, but which is not currently served and where the existing cable operator does not certify to the franchising authority's satisfaction that it is ready, willing, and able to provide service, shall contain the same public, educational, and governmental access requirements that are set forth in the existing franchise.

FISCAL EFFECT

SUPPORT

OPPOSE

COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: Randy Chinn.

STATUS

Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (2-year bill).



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Assembly Bill 663 (Hansen)

DESCRIPTION

This bill provides that the Board of Pilot Commissioners shall establish the compensation to be paid to pilot trainees (as distinguished from licensed pilots) and imposes a surcharge in an amount to be established by the Board to pay the costs of compensating such trainee pilots.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

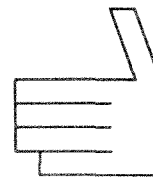
COMMITTEE ACTION

April 8, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments. Recommendation to Consent (Vote: 14-0).
Committee Consultant: William Julian

STATUS

July 29, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

July 30, 1991: CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
CHAPTER 282, STATUTES OF 1991.



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**Assembly Bill 682 (Moore)
(URGENCY)**

DESCRIPTION

This bill extends the sunset that exempts the billing and collections practices of a telephone corporation for services rendered to or for an information provider offering harmful matter from the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) jurisdiction to July 1, 1993.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

Pacific Bell

OPPOSE

Law Office of Earl Nicholas Selby

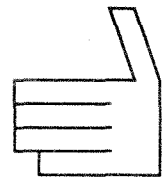
COMMITTEE ACTION

April 22, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (Vote: 14-0). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

September 18, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

**September 19, 1991: CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
CHAPTER 436, STATUTES OF 1991.**



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Assembly Bill 684 (Moore)

DESCRIPTION

This bill describes the responsibilities of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) with respect to rail safety, activities and programs, and set forth findings and declarations of the Legislature that the CPUC is to aggressively enforce state and federal rail safety standards.

FISCAL EFFECT

Appropriates \$3.6 million to CPUC on annual basis.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

April 8, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (Vote: 14-0). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

October 9, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

October 10, 1991: **CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, CHAPTER 764, STATUTES OF 1991.**

Assembly Bill 733 (Felando)

DESCRIPTION

This bill authorizes the California State World Trade Commission to receive and investigate complaints about unfair imposition of civil or criminal sanctions by strict and literal application of state or local civil or criminal laws on California business people or their service providers for the extraterritorial acts of omission of trading partners who are not California business people. The bill also requires the Commission to recommend to the Governor, the Legislature, or local authorities changes in law or policy necessary to remove unwarranted inhibitors on economic growth and international trade.

FISCAL EFFECT

Unknown.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

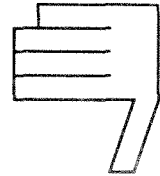
COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: Tilford Patterson.

STATUS

Dropped by the author.

Vetoed



Assembly Bill 736 (O'Connell)

DESCRIPTION

This bill addresses several issues relating to coordination of governmental agencies' response to railroad accidents, and increases the information about toxic chemicals carried by railroads available at railroad accident sites.

FISCAL EFFECT

Unknown.

SUPPORT

United Transportation Union
County of Ventura, Board of Supervisors
Ventura County Sheriff's Department
Fire Chief's Association of Santa Barbara County
California Labor Federation

OPPOSE

California Railroad Industry

COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

October 12, 1991: Vetoed by the Governor.

Assembly Bill 746 (Hayden)

DESCRIPTION

This bill:

- 1) Directs the Governor to communicate the outrage of the people of California concerning the events in Tiananmen Square to the People's Republic of China, and to memorialize the President and Congress of the United States to defend human rights in the People's Republic of China.
- 2) Establishes the Legislature's intent that economic links be limited until human rights improve.
- 3) Restricts the use of state monies to (a) make loans to the People's Republic of China, (b) make or renew investments in firms who do business in or with the People's Republic of China, and (c) make investments in financial institutions that make loans to the People's Republic of China .
- 4) Requires the Controller to submit a report biennially to the Legislature, Governor, the Board of Regents and the governing boards of the state trust funds on human rights in the People's Republic of China.
- 5) Establishes a format for state trust funds to annually report investments in firms who do business in or with the People's Republic of China.

FISCAL EFFECT

Potential cost increase to the General Fund for having the Controller to prepare the required biennial report.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

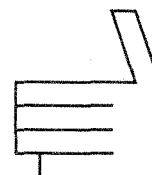
AT&T

COMMITTEE ACTION

April 29, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (Vote: 8-4). Committee Consultant: Tilford Patterson.

STATUS

Senate Banking, Commerce and International Trade Committee (2-year bill).



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**Assembly Bill 807 (Roybal-Allard)
(URGENCY)**

DESCRIPTION

This bill, an urgency measure, eliminates the sunset for the statutes requiring free blocking and a separate telephone prefix for "harmful matter" messages, and for the requirement which mandates presubscription of such service. The bill also extends the sunset to January 1, 1995 for the provision requiring the establishment of a complaint procedure and a waiver of charges for a first time mistaken use of such service. This bill adds language to require new telephone customers to be notified of their options for blocking such services.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

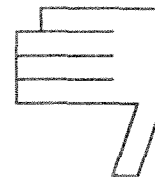
April 8, 1991. Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee. Recommendation to Consent (Vote: 14-0). Committee Consultant: Randy Chinn.

STATUS

August 1, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

**August 1, 1991: CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
CHAPTER 297, STATUTES OF 1991.**

Vetoed



Assembly Bill 821 (Moore)

DESCRIPTION

This bill enacts the Video Consumers' Bill of Rights, to become operative July 1, 1992. Specifically, the bill:

- 1) Defines video providers to include cable and satellite television broadcasts and for-fee programming.
- 2) Places various customer service requirements on video providers.
- 3) Requires service terminated without good cause to be restored without charge.
- 4) Provides that the locality in which the customer resides is responsible for resolving disputes and requires that video providers who are not covered under franchising authority register, as specified in the bill, in their localities.
- 6) Authorizes the legislative body of the locality to provide a schedule of penalties, within specified limits, for material breach of contract by the video provider.
- 7) Requires cable television operators to file, by March 1, a schedule of its applicable rate structure with the Department of Consumer Affairs.

FISCAL EFFECT

Minor costs (\$10,000 or less) to the Department of Consumer Affairs.

SUPPORT

American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)
League of California Cities

OPPOSE

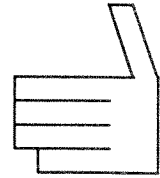
None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

April 29, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments (Vote: 12-0). Committee Consultant: Randy Chinn.

STATUS

October 10, 1991: Vetoed by the Governor.



Assembly Bill 842 (Polanco)

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DESCRIPTION

This bill authorizes the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to revoke the operating authority of trucking, bus and limousine companies or levy fines between \$1,000 to \$5,000 per day that have had their operating authority suspended by continue to provide transportation services. The bill also creates a misdemeanor violation for false reporting o revenues to avoid CPUC fees by individuals employed by moving, bus or limousine companies. The bill increases the maximum fine for first-time violators of CPUC regulations by moving, bus or limousine companies from \$5,000 to \$20,000.

FISCAL EFFECT

Minor absorbable cost to the CPUC Transportation Reimbursement Account and the Transportation Rate Fund to conduct additional hearings.

SUPPORT

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

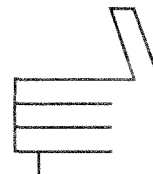
COMMITTEE ACTION

April 1, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments (Vote: 14-1). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

October 13, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

October 14, 1991: CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, CHAPTER 927, STATUTES OF 1991.



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Assembly Bill 843 (Polanco)

DESCRIPTION

This bill authorizes the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to issue a 6-month seasonal carrier permit and allows for an additional extension period of three months.

FISCAL EFFECT

Minor savings to the Transportation Rate Fund for simplifying the seasonable agricultural carrier permit process.

SUPPORT

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

April 1, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments. Recommendation to Consent (Vote: 15-0).
Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

July 20, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

**July 22, 1991: CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
CHAPTER 128, STATUTES OF 1991.**

Assembly Bill 844 (Polanco)

DESCRIPTION

This bill provides that the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) operating author may be suspended or revoked upon the charter party carrier's conviction of any felony.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: William Julian

STATUS

Incorporated into AB 842 (Polanco).

Assembly Bill 846 (Polanco)

DESCRIPTION

This bill provides that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), after a hearing, shall either revoke the certificate or permit, or levy a fine of between \$1,000 to \$5,000 a day against a carrier who operates while under suspension.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

Incorporated into AB 842 (Polanco).

Assembly Bill 847 (Polanco)

DESCRIPTION

This bill increases the fine for a first offense committed by a highway common carrier and household goods carriers to a maximum of \$20,000.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

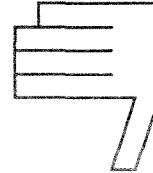
COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

Incorporated into AB 842 (Polanco).

Vetoed



Assembly Bill 1013 (Peace)

DESCRIPTION

This bill creates the Water Energy Pilot Project (WEPP) as a combination electric generation/desalination project subject to the California Public Utilities Commission's certificate of public convenience and necessity jurisdiction.

FISCAL EFFECT

Minor cost to the California Public Utilities Commission and the California Energy Commission for existing siting and permitting programs.

SUPPORT

San Diego Gas & Electric Company
San Diego County Water Authority

OPPOSE

None reported by the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

September 13, 1991: Assembly Committee on Utilities and Commerce concurred in Senate Amendments (Vote: 12-0). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

October 8, 1991: Vetoed by the Governor.

Assembly Bill 1049 (Murray)

DESCRIPTION

This bill requires retail water utilities, including utilities regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and public districts and utilities to provide their customers with an annual report on their performance on the required water quality tests.

FISCAL EFFECT

Minor absorbable costs to the CPUC Utilities Reimbursement Account.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

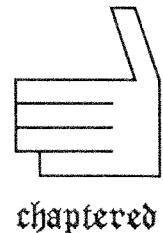
California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA)

COMMITTEE ACTION

April 22, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (VOTE: 11-2). Committee Consultant: Tilford Patterson.

STATUS

Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee (2-year bill).



Assembly Bill 1123 (Moore)

DESCRIPTION

This bill extends indefinitely the requirement that telephone companies notify customers of their public services.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

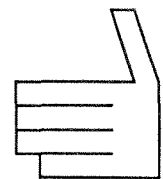
COMMITTEE ACTION

April 8, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (Vote: 13-1). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

July 20, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

July 22, 1991: **CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, CHAPTER 134, STATUTES OF 1991.**



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Assembly Bill 1166 (Moore)

DESCRIPTION

This bill applies certain directives concerning information disclosure and access specifically to computer models relating to the planning, operating, constructing and maintaining electric transmission systems.

FISCAL EFFECT

Unknown. Probably cost to the California Public Utilities Commission to verify, validate, and review computer models relating to electric transmission lines. These costs would be offset by fees.

SUPPORT

Independent Energy Producers

OPPOSE

Pacific Gas & Electric Company

COMMITTEE ACTION

April 8, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments (Vote: 13-2). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

October 7, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

October 9, 1991: CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, CHAPTER 695, STATUTES OF 1991.

Assembly Bill 1167 (Moore)

DESCRIPTION

This bill increases the number of ex officio members in the California Film Commission.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSITION

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (2-year bill).

Assembly Bill 1168 (Moore)

DESCRIPTION

This bill requires persons using computers to collect and distribute information about individuals for commercial purposes to: 1) notify annually each person contained in the database; 2) offer the individual the opportunity to see and correct the information contained in the database, and 3) identify any third person on whose behalf the information is compiled. This bill also exempts the collection and distribution of personal information by person, organization or entity legally authorized to collect and distribute personal information by state or federal law from these requirements.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

California Manufactured Housing Institute
California Financial Services Association

COMMITTEE ACTION

April 29, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (Vote: 9-2). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

Senate Judiciary Committee (2-year bill).

Assembly Bill 1218 (Murray)

DESCRIPTION

This bill establishes a nonprofit foundation with a board of 7 members to support various activities on behalf of cable television subscribers before local franchise authorities, administrative agencies, and other governmental bodies; directs the foundation to organize itself not later than July 1, 1992; and requires the foundation to report annually to the Legislature on its activities. The bill also directs the cable providers to pay a fee of fifty cents per subscriber per year to support the activities of the foundation, and requires the inclusion of any channel capacity for public, education or governmental use to be included in the lowest cost level or entry tier of service on the cable system.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

Sylvia Siegal (individual)

OPPOSE

Cal-Tax
California Cable Television Association

COMMITTEE ACTION

April 29, 1991: Failed passage in the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (Vote: 1-6) Recommendation to INTERIM STUDY (Vote: 13-0). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

Interim Study in the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee.

Assembly Bill 1221 (Mays)

DESCRIPTION

This bill repeals January 1, 1998 sunset on the statutory provisions which direct the Public Utilities Commission to engage in research to encourage gas and electric corporations to seek market penetration of electric and compressed natural gas vehicles, and to establish special incentive tariffs for natural gas and electricity used to fuel vehicles.

FISCAL EFFECT

Unknown.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

Dropped by the author.

Assembly Bill 1260 (Chacon)

DESCRIPTION

This bill makes decisions and orders relating to dumptruck carriers and household goods carriers reviewable on appeal in the California Court of Appeals.

FISCAL EFFECT

Unknown costs for the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the Court of Appeals.

SUPPORT

California Moving & Storage Association
California Dump Truck Owners Association

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee. California Cable Television Association

COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (2-year bill).



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Assembly Bill 1430 (Moore)

DESCRIPTION

This bill extends the sunset on the surcharge which pays for the programs to subsidize telephone service for the handicapped, deaf and severely hearing impaired persons.

FISCAL EFFECT

No general fund impact.

SUPPORT

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)
Pacific Telesis
California Association of the Deaf, Inc.
Center for Independent Living

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee

COMMITTEE ACTION

April 22, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (Vote: 12-2). Committee Consultant: Randy Chinn.

STATUS

October 7, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

October 9, 1991: **CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
CHAPTER 714, STATUTES OF 1991.**

Assembly Bill 1431 (Moore)

DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to examine the wholesale cellular telephone rates in the major metropolitan markets in California, including Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego and Sacramento by December 31, 1992, to determine the costs, including fair profit, of providing wholesale cellular telephone service in each of those markets and base whole-sale rates on those costs.

FISCAL EFFECT

Unknown.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: Randy Chinn.

STATUS

Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (2-year bill).

Assembly Bill 1432 (Moore)

DESCRIPTION

This bill makes decisions and orders of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) relating to highway motor carriers reviewable by the Superior Court of San Francisco instead of going directly to the Supreme Court.

FISCAL EFFECT

Costs for CPUC and San Francisco Superior Court.

SUPPORT

California Moving and Storage Association

OPPOSE

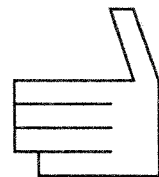
California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

COMMITTEE ACTION

April 22, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments (Vote: 9-5). Committee Consultant:
William Julian.

STATUS

Senate Appropriations Committee/Suspense File.



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**Assembly Bill 1561 (Epple)
(URGENCY)**

DESCRIPTION

This bill requires mobilehome park operators to maintain maps of their natural gas distribution systems as well as other information.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

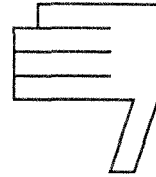
April 29, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (Vote: 12-0). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

October 6, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

October 8, 1991: **CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
CHAPTER 633, 1991.**

Vetoed



Assembly Bill 1585 (Moore)

DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to consider the impacts on electric ratepayers and air quality in Southern California when establishing priorities for natural gas.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

Southern California Edison Company
Southern California Utility Power Pool

OPPOSE

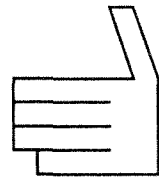
None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

April 29, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (Vote: 11-1). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

October 12, 1991: Vetoed by the Governor.



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Assembly Bill 1607 (Costa)

DESCRIPTION

This bill authorizes gas utilities to spend ratepayer dollars for demonstration program on compressed natural gas (DNG) infrastructure, vehicle conversion facilities, and vehicle conversions, if the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) determine that to do so is substantially in the ratepayers' interest, and that utilities do not compete unfairly with nonutility enterprises.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

San Diego Gas & Electric Company

OPPOSE

California Energy Commission

COMMITTEE ACTION

April 29, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments (Vote: 9-4). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

October 14, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

October 14, 1991: **CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, CHAPTER 1204, STATUTES OF 1991.**



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Assembly Bill 1663 (Eaves)

DESCRIPTION

This bill authorizes the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to approve contracts between electric utilities and heavy industrial customers of not more than 10 years duration in which the utility buys from the heavy industrial customer the right to interrupt the customer's service on short notice.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

California Steel Industries, Inc.

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

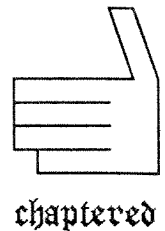
COMMITTEE ACTION

April 29, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (Vote: 12-0). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

October 12, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

October 14, 1991: CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
CHAPTER 878, STATUTES OF 1991.



Assembly Bill 1747 (Boland)

DESCRIPTION

This bill includes charter-party carrier services ancillary to commercial balloon operations to the list of enterprises eligible for a Class C certificate.

FISCAL EFFECT

Small revenue increment to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) from the creation of a new Class C certificate category.

SUPPORT

Professional Balloon Pilots Association of Napa County

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

April 22, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee. Recommendation to Consent (Vote: 14-0). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

October 6, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

October 8, 1991: **CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, CHAPTER 636, STATUTES OF 1991.**

Assembly Bill 1792 (Harvey)
(URGENCY)

DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to develop and implement cost estimates for the marginal costs of general, bulk transmission, and energy costs for different classes of consumers of electrical energy, including agricultural and residential use, for the purpose of determining reasonable and just rates for electrical energy.

FISCAL EFFECT

Unknown.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

Dropped by the author.

Assembly Bill 1794 (Moore)

DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) to set water rates so that total forecast revenues for the district are equal to total forecast expenses. The bill specifies that financial assets of the district be "the minimum necessary to maintain the debt rating selected as prudent by the board" and requires the board to refund any excess assets, in a timely manner, to member agencies or taxpayers, or both.

FISCAL EFFECT

Potential significant costs to the MWD.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

Metropolitan Water District
City of Pasadena
Long Beach Water Department
Chino Basin Municipal Water District
Central Basin Municipal Water District
West Basin Municipal Water District
Municipal Water District of Orange county
California-American Water company
Coastal Municipal Water District
Association of California Water Agencies
City of Los Angeles
San Diego Water Authority

COMMITTEE ACTION

April 29, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee
(Vote: 9-1). Committee Consultant: Randy Chinn.

STATUS

Senate Inactive File.

Assembly Bill 1975 (Moore)

DESCRIPTION

This bill would narrow the types of proceedings for which intervenor funding is available, and broaden the circumstances when intervenor funding may be obtained. The bill also requires the funding to be calculated at market rates, and requires more timely awarding of funding.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

Toward Utility Rate Normalization (TURN)
California Manufacturers Association
Utility Consumer Action Network
California Cogeneration Council
Engineers and Scientists of California
Legal Aide Society of Orange County
Public Advocates
Latino Issues Forum

OPPOSE

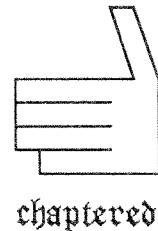
California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)
Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E)

COMMITTEE ACTION

May 13, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments (Vote: 8-4). Committee Consultant: Randy Chinn.

STATUS

Senate Energy and Public Utilities Commission.



Assembly Bill 2054 (Polanco)

DESCRIPTION

This bill directs the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to authorize utilities to engage in programs to encourage economic development, and to include in rates the utilities' reasonable expenditures for these purposes, to the extent of ratepayer benefit.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

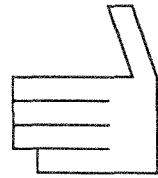
May 6, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (Vote: 8-5). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

October 11, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

October 14, 1991: CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, CHAPTER 852, STATUTES OF 1991.

Assembly Bill 2198 (Sher)



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DESCRIPTION

This bill declares the state's policy that electric resources acquisitions programs explicitly include and give value to resource diversity benefits of renewable energy resources.

FISCAL EFFECT

Minor administrative cost.

SUPPORT

Magna Power Company

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

April 29, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments (Vote: 9-4). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

October 14, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

October 14, 1991: CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, CHAPTER 1225, STATUTES OF 1991.

Assembly Bill 2236 (Costa)



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DESCRIPTION

This bill provides that agricultural electric customers will have their rate increases limited to the system average rate increase, until June 1, 1992, and directs the Energy Commission to study the economic implications for the California economy of higher agricultural electric rates, and report to the Legislature by June 1, 1992.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

April 29, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments (Vote: 10-2). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

October 11, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

October 14, 1991: CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, CHAPTER 862, STATUTES OF 1991.

Assembly Constitution Amendment 30 (Bates)

DESCRIPTION

This resolution provides for the election of five commissioners to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to staggered 4-year term. One commissioner would be elected from each of 5 distinct public utilities districts, which are to be formed similarly to Senate and Assembly districts.

FISCAL EFFECT

Unknown.

SUPPORT

California Teamsters Public Affairs Council

OPPOSE

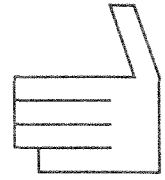
California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)
Southern California Gas Company

COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

Dropped by the author.



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Assembly Concurrent Resolution 47 (Bronzan)

DESCRIPTION

This resolution calls for input from interested parties prior to the State of California taking a position on a free trade agreement between the United States, Mexico, and Canada.

FISCAL EFFECT

Minor state costs.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

June 3, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (Vote: 13-0). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

September 9, 1991: RESOLUTION CHAPTER 96, STATUTES OF 1991.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution 59 (Mays)

DESCRIPTION

This resolution emphasizes the importance of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to expedite implementation of utility incentive rates, as well as research, development, demonstration, and market development programs which promote electric and compressed natural gas vehicles enacted by the Legislature in 1989 and 1990.

FISCAL EFFECT

Unknown.

SUPPORT

Southern California Edison Company
San Diego Gas & Electric Company

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

Dropped by the author.

Assembly Joint Resolution 31 (Moore)

DESCRIPTION

This resolution memorializes the President and the Congress of the United States (1) to promote policies for solicitation of telecommunications services by federal agencies and corporations, such as the United States Postal Service, that will permit all qualified providers, including local telephone companies, to bid on federal telecommunications project, (2) to facilitate competition by allowing consideration of all financing options and by permitting bid responses on a regional and local basis.

FISCAL EFFECT

SUPPORT

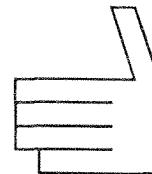
OPPOSE

COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: Randy Chinn.

STATUS

Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (2-year bill).



Assembly Bill 20 (Bronzan)
(Extraordinary Session)
(URGENCY)

chaptered

DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to provide avocado and citrus producers with a payment deferral program for their electric bills provided that the customer can verify crop losses of not less than 50 percent as a result of the unexpected freeze this past winter.

FISCAL EFFECT

Absorbable cost to the CPUC.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

July 3, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments (Vote: 10-1). Committee Consultant:
William Julian.

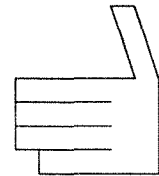
STATUS

August 29, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

August 30, 1991: CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
CHAPTER 8, STATUTES OF 1991.

SENATE BILLS

Senate Bill 48 (Thompson)



chaptered

DESCRIPTION

The bill enacts a comprehensive program for railroad safety and emergency planning and response. This bill directs the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) to identify a list of commodities by category that pose potential threats to the public property and the environment when transported on railroad lines in California and report them to the California Public Utilities Commission and the Legislature by July 1, 1992. The bill also provides for the assessment of railroad user fees to support CPUC rail safety activities. SB 48 requires each railroad which transports hazardous materials in California to provide specified information to the Office of Emergency Services (OES).

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

Sierra Club

OPPOSE

California Manufacturers Association
California Railroad Industry

COMMITTEE ACTION

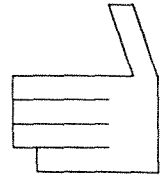
August 29, 1991: Passed the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments (Vote: 10-4). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

October 9, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

October 10, 1991: **CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, CHAPTER 766, STATUTES OF 1991.**

Senate Bill 152 (Killea)



chaptered

DESCRIPTION

This bill provides for the assessment of railroad user fees to support the California Public Utilities Commission's rail safety activities. The bill also clarifies the use by the CPUC of certain federal and general fund monies.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

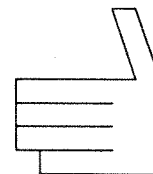
August 29, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments (Vote: 14-0). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

October 9, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

October 10, 1991: CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
CHAPTER 767, STATUTES OF 1991.

Senate Bill 170 (Mello)



chaptered

DESCRIPTION

This bill (1) appropriates \$300,000 from the California Unitary Fund to the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency to enable California reserve space at the 1992 World's Fair in Seville, Spain, and (2) exempts contracts related to the exposition from specified provision of the State Contract Act.

FISCAL EFFECT

\$300,000 appropriation to the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency..

SUPPORT

Business, Transportation and Housing Agency
California State World Trade Commission
California 1992
California Chamber of Commerce

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: Tilford Patterson.

STATUS

October 14, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

October 14, 1991: CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
CHAPTER 1104, STATUTES OF 1991.

Senate Bill 232 (Rosenthal)

DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to require any call identification service offered by a telephone corporation or any other person to allow a caller to withhold the display of the caller's telephone number from the telephone instrument of the receiving caller at no charge.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

OPPOSE

COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: Randy Chinn.

STATUS

Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (2-year bill).

Senate Bill 350 (Craven)

DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the Governor to establish an overseas trade office in Vienna, Austria. The bill set forth specified duties of this office, and permits the Director of finance to loan funds from the California State World Trade Commission Fund in the amount necessary to cover start up costs of this office.

FISCAL EFFECT

Legislative Analyst Office estimates an increase in administrative costs to the General Fund of up to \$480,000 annually. A portion of these costs would be offset by fee revenues generated by the overseas trade office for services rendered.

SUPPORT

None reported to the Committee.

OPPOSE

California State World Trade Commission

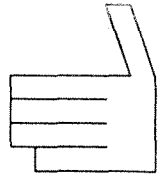
COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: Tilford Patterson.

STATUS

Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (2-year bill).

Senate Bill 461 (Vuich)



chaptered

DESCRIPTION

This bill increases the membership of the California Export Finance Board from seven to nine members.

FISCAL EFFECT

Unknown.

SUPPORT

California State World Trade Commission

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee

COMMITTEE ACTION

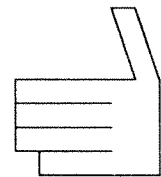
June 3, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with recommendation to Consent (Vote: 13-0). Committee Consultant: Tilford Patterson.

STATUS

July 29, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

July 30, 1991: Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter 290, Statutes of 1991.

Senate Bill 547 (Rosenthal)
(URGENCY)



chaptered

DESCRIPTION

This bill provides that "ownership or operation of a facility which sells compressed natural gas at retail to the public for use only as a motor vehicle fuel does not make the corporation or individual a public utility" solely on that account, and provides that such facilities are subject to the Business and Professions Code provisions governing gas stations.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

Southern California Gas Company (SCE)
San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E)
Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E)
California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA)
Unocal Corporation
Western States Petroleum Association
Toward Utility Rate Normalization (TURN)
Automotive Trade Organizations of California
Southern California Service Station Association
South Coast Air Quality Management District
The California Natural Gas Vehicle Coalition

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee

COMMITTEE ACTION

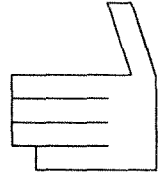
June 17, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with recommendation to Consent (Vote: 14-0). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

October 5, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

October 7, 1991: CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, CHAPTER 514, STATUTES OF 1991.

Senate Bill 693 (Rosenthal)



chaptered

DESCRIPTION

This bill allows nonprofit group living facilities to participate in the low income ratepayer assistance program upon the determination of the California Public Utilities Commission

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

Western Center on Law and Poverty
Utility Consumer Action Network (UCAN)
Toward Utility Rate Normalization (TURN)
California Association of Homes for the Aging
California/Nevada Community Action Association
Salvation Army, Southern California Division
City of Los Angeles Housing Authority
(Numerous nonprofit organizations)

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee

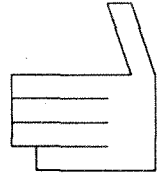
COMMITTEE ACTION

June 17, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments (Vote: 10-4). Committee Consultant: William Julian

STATUS

September 25, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

Senate Bill 718 (Roberti)



chaptered

DESCRIPTION

This bill states the intent of the Legislature that the University of California's California Policy Seminar report the study's findings on businesses owned or operated in the state by minorities and women to the Governor, the Legislature, and the Small Business Development Board.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

OPPOSE

COMMITTEE ACTION

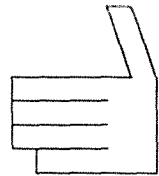
July 15, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments (Vote: 11-1). Committee Consultant: Tilford Patterson.

STATUS

October 14, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

October 14, 1991: CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, CHAPTER 1208, STATUTES OF 1991.

Senate Bill 721 (Rosenthal)



chaptered

DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to prohibit charging cellular telephone subscribers for dialing "911" emergency service.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

L.A. Cellular
Cellular One
GTE-Mobilnet

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee

COMMITTEE ACTION

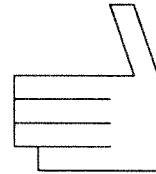
June 3, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with recommendation to Consent (Vote: 13-0). Committee Consultant: Randy Chinn.

STATUS

July 29, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

July 29, 1991: Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter 273, Statutes of 1991.

Senate Bill 841 (Rosenthal)



DESCRIPTION

chaptered

This bill specifies that the lessor of a residential building is responsible for the installation and maintenance of a telephone inside wiring, and requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to annually notify residential customers of the respective responsibilities of the lessor and lessee with regard to telephone inside wiring.

FISCAL EFFECT

Minor.

SUPPORT

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)
Toward Utility Rate Normalization (TURN)
Utilities Consumer Action Network (UCAN)
Pacific Bell

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee

COMMITTEE ACTION

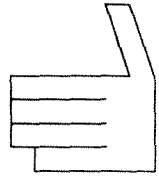
June 17, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (Vote: 13-0). Committee Consultant: Randy Chinn.

STATUS

October 13, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

October 14, 1991: CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
CHAPTER 1001, STATUTES OF 1991.

Senate Bill 846 (Bergeson)



chaptered

DESCRIPTION

This bill permits any public utility, or its contractor, to which an excavation permit has been issued by any local agency for the installation, removal, maintenance or repair of underground facilities to backfill the permitted excavation in any public road or highway with native "spoil", if specified conditions are met.

FISCAL EFFECT

Minor.

SUPPORT

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee

COMMITTEE ACTION

June 24, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (Vote: 9-0). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

October 14, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

October 14, 1991: CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, CHAPTER 1060, STATUTES OF 1991.

Senate Bill 859 (Rosenthal)

DESCRIPTION

This bill prohibits the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) from approving any tariffs, contracts or similar agreements pertaining to the procurement, storage, or transportation of natural gas by a gas corporation or intrastate pipeline company, or for the benefit of an electric corporation. The bill also prohibits any utility, both gas and electrical corporations, from discriminating in providing gas procurement, storage or transportation services, so as to disadvantage cogeneration technology projects.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

OPPOSE

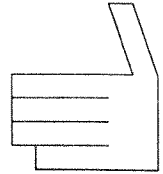
COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (2-year bill).

Senate Bill 891 (Lockyer)



DESCRIPTION

chaptered

This bill makes changes in the bar pilotage rates for the Bays of San Francisco, San Pablo and Suisun. The bill also changes the monthly pension entitlements for retired or disabled bar pilots.

FISCAL EFFECT

Minor.

SUPPORT

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee

COMMITTEE ACTION

July 15, 1991: Passed by the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with recommendation to Consent (Vote: 15-0). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

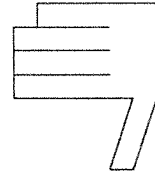
STATUS

October 13, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

October 14, 1991: CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, CHAPTER 1006, STATUTES OF 1991.

Senate Bill 920 (Rosenthal)

Vetoed



DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the Department of Health Services to continue research, training and public education programs concerning potential health risks associated with exposure to electromagnetic fields.

FISCAL EFFECT

Unknown.

SUPPORT

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee

COMMITTEE ACTION

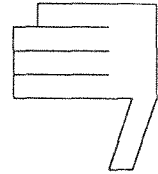
July 15, 1991: Passed the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments (Vote: 14-0). Committee Consultant:
William Julian.

STATUS

October 14, 1991: Vetoed by the Governor.

Senate Bill 927 (Killea)

Vetoed



DESCRIPTION

This bill requires a city or county to select a public trustee to govern the programming of a cable television educational channel.

FISCAL EFFECT

Unknown.

SUPPORT

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee

COMMITTEE ACTION

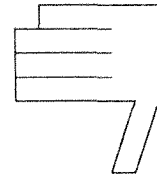
July 15, 1991: Passed the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with recommendation to Consent (Vote: 14-0). Committee Consultant: Randy Chinn.

STATUS

October 10, 1991: Vetoed by the Governor.

Senate Bill 973 (Rosenthal and Killea)

Vetoed



DESCRIPTION

This bill imposes certain restrictions on the offering of information services, broadens the instances when a waiver of charges must be granted, and restricts the sale of the telephone numbers acquired by the information service provider.

FISCAL EFFECT

Negligible.

SUPPORT

Consumer Action
Toward Utility Rate Normalization (TURN)

OPPOSE

AT&T

COMMITTEE ACTION

June 17, 1991: Passed the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments (Vote: 10-2). Committee Consultant: Randy Chinn.

STATUS

October 7, 1991: Vetoed by the Governor.

Senate Bill 1010 (Rosenthal)

DESCRIPTION

This bill requires cable television operators to establish "customer service standards", and inform customers and employees of these standards annually.

FISCAL EFFECT

Unknown.

SUPPORT

League of California Cities
City of Sacramento
Sacramento Metropolitan Cable TV Commission
City of Berkeley
City of Capitola

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

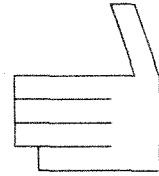
COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: Randy Chinn.

STATUS

Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (2-year bill).

Senate Bill 1031 (Watson)



chaptered

DESCRIPTION

This bill revises the definitions of "minority business enterprise" and "women business enterprise" for purposes of meeting the requirements of the Government Code relating to state bonds.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

Treasurer Kathleen Brown

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

June 24, 1991: Passed the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments (Vote: 8-1). Committee Consultant: Tilford Patterson.

STATUS

October 13, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

October 14, 1991: CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, CHAPTER 1021, STATUTES OF 1991.

Senate Bill 1036 (Killea and Rosenthal)

DESCRIPTION

This bill requires that no state agency, unless exempted, may enter into a contract with any "900" number provider for the purpose of charging customers for access to information about state government services. The California State Lottery is exempt from these provisions.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

Toward Utility Rate Normalization (TURN)
California Trucking Association
Consumers Union
California Newspaper Publishers Association

OPPOSE

US Sprint

COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: Randy Chinn.

STATUS

Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (2-year bill).

Senate Bill 1042 (Roberti)

DESCRIPTION

This bill revises the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) procedures for hearings and judicial review of complaints received by the CPUC and limits ex parte communications between the CPUC commissioners and staff and interested parties. The bill also requires the findings and decision of an ALJ to be based on a record of the proceedings and requires the CPUC to be bound by this record.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

OPPOSE

COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (2-year bill).

Senate Bill 1184 (Presley)

DESCRIPTION

This bill repeals and revises provisions relating to the Office of Tourism and creates a Department of Tourism in the Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency. The Department of Tourism would succeed to the duties and responsibility of the former office, and the bill removes the California Tourism Commission from the Department of Commerce and relocate it within the new Department of Tourism.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

California Trade Industry Association
California Tourism Corporation
California Hotel and Motel Association
California Restaurant Association
Anheuser-Busch Companies
Hilton Hotels Corporation
California Lodging Industry Association
California Caucus of Western Association of
Convention and Visitor Bureaus
Yosemite Park and Curry Company
Numerous other organizations

OPPOSE

Department of Finance
Department of Commerce

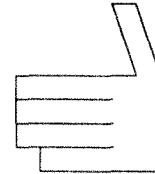
COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: Tilford Patterson.

STATUS

Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee (2-year bill).

Senate Bill 1209 (McCorquodale)



chaptered

DESCRIPTION

This bill empowers the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to authorize utilities to provide incentives for the development and purchase of energy efficient mobilehomes.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

Committee on Energy and Public Utilities
Coalition for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies
Sierra Club of California
Natural Resources Defense Council
SYCOM Enterprises
Portland Energy Conservation, Inc.
Southern California Edison Company
South Coast Air Quality Management District

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee.

COMMITTEE ACTION

July 15, 1991: Passed the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments , recommendation to Consent (Vote: 15-0). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

October 12, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

October 14, 1991: CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
CHAPTER 890, STATUTES OF 1991.

Senate Bill 1210 (Rosenthal)

DESCRIPTION

This bill directs the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the California Energy Commission (CEC) to implement a pilot project involving revenue-neutral, variable hookup fees to encourage the construction of energy efficient buildings.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

Coalition for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Technologies
Sierra Club of California
Natural Resources Defense Council
Insulation Contractors Association
SUCOM Enterprises
Portland Energy Conservation, Inc.
California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA)
Toward Utility Rate Normalization (TURN)

OPPOSE

Department of Finance
Southern California Edison Company
San Diego Gas and Electric Company
California Building Industry Association

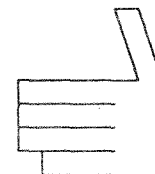
COMMITTEE ACTION

None. Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

Assembly Inactive File.

Senate Bill 1227 (Russell)



chaptered

DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to report to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) if a "private carrier" does not have proof of insurance. The bill also allows the CPUC to revoke the private carrier's registration if the proof of insurance has lapsed or been terminated.

FISCAL EFFECT

None.

SUPPORT

Teamsters Public Affairs Council
California Trucking Association

OPPOSE

None reported to the Committee

COMMITTEE ACTION

July 15, 1991: Passed the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee with amendments, recommendation to Consent (Vote: 14-0). Committee Consultant: William Julian.

STATUS

October 14, 1991: Approved by the Governor.

October 14, 1991: CHAPTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
CHAPTER 1144, STATUTES OF 1991.