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NOTICE

The final Legislative Report of 1951, mailed December 20, was accompanied by a letter and reply card requesting that we be advised whether our members believed that these reports should be (1) continued, (2) restricted to those signifying their interest, or (3) discontinued. To about 260 such letters sent out, 96 replies were received, 67 asking continuance and 29 signifying lack of interest. Twenty-two new names have been added to the mailing list by request.

This issue of the Legislative Reports, the first in 1952, is being mailed to the entire list. If you have not replied to the December 20 letter and you do not now advise us that you wish this service continued, no further issues will be mailed to you.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT #17

Federal - New Bills

Senate

S.1310 Mine Safety. A Senate Labor and Public Welfare subcommittee, headed by Senator Keely (Dem., W. Va.), held hearings January 24 and 25 on the Neely Mine Inspection bill (S.1310), which would give Federal coal mine inspectors power to enforce their safety recommendations. In addition to Keely, the committee is composed of Senators Hill (Dem., Ala.), Humphrey (Dem., Minn.), Taft (Rep., Ohio), and Morse (Rep., Ore.).

S.2325 Bureau of Accident Prevention. A subcommittee headed by Senator Lehman (Dem., N.Y.), and composed of Senators Hill (Dem., Ala.), Keely (Dem., W. Va.), Humphrey (Dem., Minn.), Smith (Rep., N.J.), Ives (Rep., N.Y.) and Nixon (Rep., Calif.), has before it S.2325 introduced by Senator Humphrey. Humphrey is expected to press for early hearings on this measure which would create a Bureau of Accident Prevention in the Department of Labor. The Humphrey bill would empower this Bureau to (1) conduct inquiries and technical investigations into conditions of employment in operation of industries; (2) develop reasonable standards of operation for protection of health, safety and general well-being of employees; and (3) promote acceptance and adoption by employers and employees of these standards. The measure would also set up an Accident Prevention Board for each industry consisting of 4 employer representatives, 4 employee representatives, and 1 public member. These boards would have power to make rules governing the elimination of unsafe and unhealthful conditions, including prevention of accidents and occupational diseases.



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State

Status Changed

PENNSYLVANIA H.1195 (#16) Clean Streams. Recommitted to Public Health in House December 10.

S.796 (#16) Housing - Pollution. Senate refuses to concur November 27. To conference in House December 13. Conference report adopted in Senate December 18. Conference report adopted in House December 19.

New Bills

MASSACHUSETTS

H.1258

Compulsory Insurance. Proposes enactment of a law establishing a system of compulsory nonindustrial accident and health insurance benefits.

H.1268

Medical Records. Proposes to require that copies of medical records, reports of hospitals, clinics, and physicians be furnished to the employee or his attorney.

H.1324

Water Pollution. An Act to authorize additional municipal indebtedness for financing any program for the prevention of pollution and contamination of waters and water courses and tidal waters. To Municipal Finance January 2. Hearing in House January 21.

H.1401

Council on Industrial Health and Safety. Proposes the creation in the department of Industrial accidents of a council on industrial health and safety.

H.1513

Nonoccupational Disability. Proposes the enactment of a nonoccupational disability benefits law.

H.1682

Federal Social Security Act. Proposes to memorialize the Congress of the United States to pass legislation extending the provisions of the social security act so as to include provisions for workmen's compensation, cash sickness, and retirement benefits.

H.1764

Medical Reports. Proposes that any employer who maintains a clinic, dispensary, or hospital for the treatment of injured employees shall furnish such employee or his attorney with copies of reports of all medical examinations of the employee while at such clinic, dispensary, or hospital.

S.197

Cash Sickness Compensation. Proposes the enactment of a cash sickness compensation law.

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MASSACHUSETTS S.198
(Cont'd)

Workmen's Compensation Act. To amend the workmen's compensation act, proposes that the record of the history, examination, diagnosis, or treatment of an employee shall not be furnished to any employer or to his or her agents by any doctor, physician, surgeon, nurse, or other person who shall examine, treat, or attend an employee, unless the employee consents thereto in writing.

S.199

Disability Benefits. Proposes the enactment of a disability benefits law.

S.203

Cash Sickness Compensation. Proposes the enactment of a cash sickness compensation law.

MICHIGAN

H.110

Smoke Regulation. To protect the public from fumigation and lethal, poisonous or noxious gases, fumes, vapors or substances dangerous to human life; to proscribe liabilities and remedies. To Judiciary January 15.

VIRGINIA

H.67

Pollution. To amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 6, Chapter 2 of Title 62, sections numbered 62-41.1 and 62-41.2, relating to pollution of State waters, and to provide penalties for the violation thereof. To General Laws January 15, 1952.