Workmen's Compensation Law

Below are bills to improve provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Law in line with the 1956 Legislative Program of your State CIO. Each is designed to give greater protection and security to workers and their families when the wage earner is incapacitated by occupational injuries. All of these bills are now BEFORE THE SENATE OR ASSEMBLY LABOR COMMITTEES.

**1. Assembly Intro. 377 (Travis) Senate Ed. No. 1001 (Roe)\nIncreases maximum benefit from $15 to $40 weekly for injuries occurring after July 1, 1956, or a minimum for total disability based upon wages.**

2. A. L. 378 (Travis), A. L. 379 (Perry)\nProvides separate awards (a) for temporary total disability and (b) permanent or partial disability from any injury, neither award limited in amount.

3. A. L. 379 (Travis), S. L. 1001 (Roe)\nProvides for partial disability from silicosis or other dust diseases.

4. A. L. 1536 (Travis), S. L. 1377 (Roe)\nRequires employees to report or repair loose or broken equipment, and in cases, with maximum of $100 for each resulting death.

**Action**

Communicate with the following Legislators and emphasize the importance of Workmen's Compensation generally and necessity for improvements.

**Senate Labor & Industry Committee**

E. A. NAVREW Chairman

**Assembly Labor & Industry Committee**

J. A. FOUNTAIN Chairman

**Ex-Head of NAM**

Although the National Association of Manufacturers is opposed to new, any of its leaders have supported the above legislation, including Henry Reilly, III, former NAM head.

He was chairman of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Research Company when the firm signed its first union shop contract with the United Brotherhood, "to assure" the agreement stood, "the best protected production which still results from greater harmony between workers and employers ... which cannot exist without a stable and responsible union."
The Unemployment Compensation Board of Pennsylvania has been overwhelmed with applications for benefits. The board is processing claims as quickly as possible, but it is experiencing delays due to a high volume of work. The board is currently backlogged with approximately 10,000 claims. It is estimated that it will take the board several weeks to process all claims.

The board is working to expedite processing by using an automated system to verify eligibility and by assigning more staff to the claims processing division. The board is also working to improve communication with claimants by providing updates on the status of their claims.

In addition to processing claims, the board is also dealing with a significant increase in appeals. The number of appeals filed has increased by 50% in the past year. The board is working to handle appeals as quickly as possible to ensure due process for claimants.

The Unemployment Compensation Board of Pennsylvania is committed to providing efficient and effective service to claimants. The board is making every effort to reduce backlogs and improve processing times, but it is challenging to keep up with the increased demand.

Resolutions on Westernbine Strike

The Westernbine Strike Committee has received word that the strike by Westernbine workers is expected to continue for an additional week. The workers have been on strike since July 15 to demand better wages and benefits. The company has refused to negotiate a new contract and has locked out the workers.

The strike has drawn widespread support from workers across the country, and there have been demonstrations and rallies in support of the striking workers. The company has been accused of using strikebreakers and unfair labor practices.

The strike has caused significant disruptions in the Westernbine area, with many businesses closed due to the lack of workers.

Resolution on Organizing Unorganized

The U.S.W.C.T.U. has passed a resolution to support the organizing efforts of the U.S.W.C.T.U. in the manufacturing industry. The resolution encourages U.S.W.C.T.U. members to support organizing drives and to work with unions to improve working conditions.

The resolution highlights the need for workers to have a voice in the workplace and to be able to negotiate for better wages and benefits. The resolution also calls for the end of sweatshops and hazardous working conditions.

The resolution is a part of the U.S.W.C.T.U.'s ongoing efforts to improve the lives of working people and to build a stronger union movement.