

To effect the above suggestion, the following bill (S.B. 1720) has been introduced into the legislature by Senator Regan at the request of the Division of State Lands:

"An act to add Sections 7901.2 and 7901.3 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to the use by telephone or telegraph corporations of lands owned by the State.

"The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

"Section 1. Section 7901.2 is added to the Public Utilities Code, to read:

"7901.2. Whenever a telegraph or telephone corporation pursuant to Section 7901 proposes to construct lines of telegraph or telephone across any of the waters or proprietary lands belonging to the State, it shall file with the State Lands Commission, the State Controller, and the Recorder of the County in which the lands are situated, a plat of the lands to be utilized, giving the extent thereof and use for which the lands are desired, duly verified to be correct. If approved, the State Lands Commission shall so endorse the plat, and issue to the corporation a permit to use the lands, unless, on petition properly presented to a Court of competent jurisdiction, a review is had and such use prohibited.

"Sec. 2. Section 7901.3 is added to said Code, to read:

"7901.3. If any telegraph or telephone corporation utilizing any waters or proprietary lands belonging to the State ceases or discontinues such use for a period of six months, the permit to use such waters or proprietary lands of the State is thereby cancelled."

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SUPPORT, ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION, THE ENACTMENT OF S.B. 1720 AS SET FORTH ABOVE.

30. PROPOSED LEGISLATION, TIDELANDS CONTROVERSY - W.O. 721) The Commission was advised of the contents of a letter signed by Governor Earl Warren and addressed to United States Senator O'Mahoney strongly protesting the enactment of SJ Res. 20, or any similar proposed interim legislation affecting the status or control of tide and submerged lands along the coasts of the United States.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED IN WHICH THE COMMISSION REAFFIRMED ITS OPPOSITION TO SJ RES. 20, AND SIMILAR INTERIM LEGISLATION AS AN ATTEMPT TO EVADE THE REAL ISSUES OF STATE'S RIGHTS INVOLVED, AND SUPPORTED THE STATEMENTS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN THAT REGARD.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.