

*When we fight as one,
The fight will be won!*



‘Move Over Bill’ becomes law



Caltrans workers, from left: Vernell Lorda, Bill Brown and Martin Retta work together to post signs along Hwy. 156.

New law helps protect our highway workers

After a three-year battle to get Senate Bill (SB) 240 passed, Gov. Schwarzenegger finally signed the “Move Over Bill,” which the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) strongly supported. Now, vehicles are required to move over when passing a stationary vehicle on the freeway. If a lane is not available, they must slow down.

A big thanks to all our members who called the governor’s office and asked him to approve this law, thus helping make the roads safer for our brothers and sisters working on our highways.

SB 240 is the third bill signed into law (considered “badged benefits” in the past) that we secured to help protect our highway workers.

Previous bills that the IUOE drafted and supported that are currently laws today:

- ◆ **SB 1509 Assault Bill** – This law increases the penalty for assault or for battery committed against a highway worker to one year in county jail and a \$1,000 to \$5,000 fine.
- ◆ **Death Benefit** – If you are killed along California’s highways while on duty, this benefit entitles your beneficiary to 50 percent of your salary plus any increases negotiated on your behalf of retirement, and lifetime medical.



Suit filed against state regarding furloughs

International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) State Unit 12 has been proactive in proceeding forward with its own lawsuit against the state of California to stop the injustice of Gov. Schwarzenegger's imposed furloughs on the state's employees. We filed an Amended Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief in the Superior Courts.

To read a copy of this complaint, visit the IUOE State Unit 12 Web site at www.stateunit12.org.



Columbus Day grievance filed

On Sept. 28, 2009, we filed a grievance against the state of California, requesting the state to honor Oct. 12 (Columbus Day) as a paid holiday under Article 9 of our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). As a result, Bargaining Unit 12 employees are being forced to work for straight-time pay and not be compensated at the premium rate of 1-½ times the hourly rate.

We also filed Unfair Labor Practice (ULP) charges on leave time and holidays. Both were denied.

Stay tuned for further updates.

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Unit 12 endorses J.J. Jelincic



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International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) State Unit 12 is proud to support J.J. Jelincic for CalPERS Board, the committee that directly impacts all CalPERS members.

Jelincic is an investment officer with 23 years at CalPERS and has been a negotiator for health-care benefits and the president of California State Employees Association (CSEA) from 2003 to 2007, specializing in Pension protection and health benefits. Jelincic has the knowledge and expertise to understand the financial complexities of Pension investment and health benefits and the political skills needed to protect our CalPERS investments.

We strongly encourage you to vote for J.J. Jelincic, a friend of labor.

