

1 years ago, it was discovered that 35% of all Senate bills
2 which passed the house of origin arrived in the House in the
3 last seven (7) days of session (including Saturday and
4 Sunday). The handling of 132 bills in so short a period
5 doesn't give much time for serious consideration. Similarly,
6 159 House bills (33.4% of all) had the same amount of time
7 in the Senate.

8 In that same session, the second house killed 16.4% of
9 all bills which came across the hall, and the governor vetoed
10 12.6% of all bills reaching him. An examination of the
11 governor's veto messages in the same session discloses that
12 46.7% of his 92 vetoes were on grounds that the bills were
13 unnecessary, unconstitutional, inconsistent with another
14 passed at the same session, formerly repealed, vague, care-
15 less, duplicating, ambiguous, etc., rather than on grounds
16 of policy. If second house action were effective, the bulk
17 of these nonpolicy vetoes would be unnecessary.

18 Immeasurable, but nevertheless important, is the appli-
19 cation of the good old American policy of "passing the buck."
20 That practice, combined with the frequently expressed "This
21 bill was thoroughly considered in the other house. Let's