Steffes Glossary

People


Bill Bagley – A Republican from San Rafael, Marin County; member of the Assembly, 1969-75,

Phil Battaglia – Chairman of Ronald Reagan’s 1966 campaign for governor and then his chief of staff in Sacramento.

Robert J. Beckus – Sacramento lobbyist with George Steffes and Loren V. Smith.

Anthony Beilenson – Democrat from Beverly Hills; member of the Assembly, 1963-67; state Senate, 1967-76; Congress, 1977-97. Author of California’s Therapeutic Act signed by Gov. Reagan in 1967. It allowed abortions in cases of rape, incest or if a woman’s physical or mental health was at risk.


John Burton – A Democrat from San Francisco; member of the Assembly, 1965-74 and 1988-96; Congress, 1974-83; state Senate, 1996-2004.


Robert F. Finch – A Republican, elected lieutenant governor of California in 1966; appointed secretary of health, education and welfare in 1972 by President Nixon.

Bob Foster – Mayor of Long Beach, 2006-14; president Southern California Edison, 2002-06.

Bill Hauck – A prominent figure in Sacramento and California politics and government for some 50 years. Aide to Assembly Speaker Robert Moretti during the welfare negotiations with the Reagan administration.

Jack Knox—A Democrat from Richmond; member of the Assembly, 1960-80.
Frank Lanterman – A Republican from La Canada Flintridge; member of the Assembly, 1950-78.

Leo McCarthy – A Democrat from San Francisco; member of the Assembly 1969-83; Speaker, 1974-80; lieutenant governor, 1983-95.


Robert Monagan – A Republican from Tracy; member of the Assembly, 1961-73; speaker, 1969-70.

Robert Moretti – A Democrat from Van Nuys; member of the Assembly 1965-74; speaker, 1971-74.


Verne Orr – Served Reagan in Sacramento as director of motor vehicles, and director of finance; and in Washington as secretary of the Air Force.

John Poindexter – A naval admiral, he served as a national security advisor to Reagan; he was convicted in 1990 of several felonies for lying to Congress and impeding an investigation of his part in helping arrange weapons shipments to Iran in exchange for help releasing American prisoners in Lebanon. The convictions were reversed on appeal.

Carley Porter -- A Democrat from Compton; member of the Assembly 1949-72.

Loren Smith -- Sacramento lobbyist with George Steffes and Robert J. Beckus.

Stu Spencer – A pioneering political consultant who managed Reagan’s campaigns for governor and president.

John Veneman – A Republican from Modesto; member of the Assembly, 1962-68.


Sales tax on gasoline – In 1971, Reagan signed the Transportation Development Act, which, for the first time, imposed the state sales tax on fuel purchases. The legislation dropped the sales tax rate by a quarter cent to make up for broadening the sales tax base.
One-man, one-vote – The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1964 that legislative districts had to have equal population to provide equal representation. The case was Baker v. Carr.

Proposition 1 – A complex property and income tax-cutting measure supported by Gov. Reagan on the November 1973 ballot. It was easily defeated by voters.

Withholding taxes – In 1970, Reagan signed legislation that imposed state income tax withholding. Until that time, Californians paid their taxes in a lump sum, which led to heavy state borrowing to solve cash flow problems. For years, Reagan had opposed withholding.