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The *Pacific Law Journal* is proud to present our twenty-third *Review of Selected California Legislation*. From the thousands of bills introduced during the 1992 legislative session, we have attempted to select for analysis the enacted legislation having the most significance to members of the bench and bar.

The 1992 session was overshadowed by the budget impasse between Governor Wilson and the Democratic leadership in the Legislature. As a result, many important issues were left unresolved including reform of California's troubled Worker's Compensation system. The Governor vetoed most of the Worker's Compensation bills proposed by the Democratic leadership and called a special session of the Legislature to effect comprehensive revision of the system. At this writing, it appears unlikely that anything of significance will emerge from the special session.

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This *Review* is prepared for the use of the members of the bench and bar, and we hope that you find it useful. Comments and suggestions are always welcome and should be directed to the *Pacific Law Journal's* Legislative Review Department.

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