

Catholic Bishops Speak Out on Proposition 14

The people themselves must "act positively to assure stability for the operations of the Agriculture Labor Relations Board," the Catholic Bishops of California declared in a statement issued on Proposition 14.

"Part-time justice is not justice at all Peace and stability must go hand in hand."

"We note that in the course of the public discussion on this issue, the access rule adopted by the ALRB, and its impact on private property rights, have surfaced as a focus of attention. This rule, which allows union organizers to enter the fields before and after work and during lunch period, is supported by the Constitution and statutory laws of our country. The fundamental principle is that the ownership and use of private property is not absolute, but is limited by the demand of the common good. This concept, is, in our view, wholly consistent with the traditions of the faith community which we represent."

"It is our prayerful hope that all citizens will recognize the rights and responsibility imposed on them as members of a free society. We urge them to consider carefully the qualifications of candidates for public office and the moral implications of the ballot propositions, and to give expression to their views by voting on November 2."

AN OPEN LETTER FROM GOV. BROWN

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

Dear Fellow Californians:

Last year we enacted a labor law to guarantee farm workers the same rights the rest of us take for granted. It was a good law. But because of continuous political infighting in Sacramento, not one single farm labor election has been held since February.

I don't want to see that happen again.

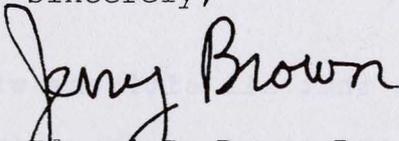
That is why I'm voting yes on Proposition 14-- to put the farm labor problem behind us. Then we can concentrate in the legislature on property tax relief and other issues.

I hope you won't be misled by the oil companies and the corporations which are buying ads using small farmers. Proposition 14 helps all of us, farmers, farm workers and taxpayers by firmly fixing into law, for at least 2 years, the right of secret ballot elections.

Proposition 14 does not affect property rights. The Supreme Court made that clear.

It is time to settle the farm labor issue and get on to other things. So join with me and vote yes on Proposition 14.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Governor

VOTE YES ON 14