

California Farm Bill Backed By Panel as Unionists Fight

SACRAMENTO, Calif., May 13 (UPI)—An Assembly committee, beset by chanting, scuffling farm workers belonging to rival unions, approved today Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr.'s bill to quell farm labor strife, which has troubled California for a decade.

Eight persons were arrested by state policemen on charges of disturbing the peace as sporadic fist fights erupted during an angry, day-long confrontation between 2,000 Cesar Chavez supporters and teamsters union members.

Members of Mr. Chavez's United Farm Workers union cheered jubilantly after the Governor's bill was approved on a 7-to-2 vote of the Democratic-dominated Labor Relations Committee. It went to the Ways and Means Committee.

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