for a study on the possible health hazards of video display terminal work. The Division of Occupational Hygiene, under the Deapartment of Labor and Industries received an additional $75,000 to investigate VDTs and their work stations to ascertain the effects the potential health problems that may develop from prolonged use in unhealthy and unsafe work stations. Any further legislative action will be decided once thhe results of thhe study are completed.

Due to the strong lobby effort on the part of the AFL-CIO and other consumer groups a bill to protect employees medical insurance benefits was signed into law. The Balanced Billing Act will stop the practice of doctors billing insured patients again once the patients' insurance carrier has provided payment.

When the Legislature returns to the State House in October, we expect movement on many of our remaining legislative pieces. Still to be acted upon are bills to provide for the labeling of garments as to their country of origin. The consumer has the right to know where their clothes are being made ... whether here in the United States or off-shore. We expect passage soon of our voter registration bill, which has already passed the House and is awaiting further action in the Senate. Two bills are currently in House Third Reading - fringe benefit/mechanics lien and requiring fines in prevailing wage disputes. We have every confidence that all of these bills will be on the Governor's desk and signed before the session ends this year.

The effort continues at the State House and we have our work cut out for us withh the end of the session rapidly approaching. As we proved in 1983 and so far in 1984, our obstacles are surmountable if we work together as brothers and sisters in **SOLIDARITY.**