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LABOR DAY MESSAGE FROM DON DUNSTAN.

The past year of Labor Government in South Australia was highlighted by a landmark in industrial legislation - passage through Parliament of the new Workmen's Compensation Act.

This vital reform, giving workers and their families greater protection when they need it most, is now a model for other States to follow.

It was passed by the Liberal-dominated Legislative Council only after a tough fight marked by an effective, co-ordinated campaign by both the parliamentary and trade union wings of the Labor movement.

On behalf of the Government I would like to thank all those trade union officials and workers who gave their time and energies to this campaign. It was a fine example of the harmony and co-operation which has traditionally marked relations between those two sections of the movement in this State.

The Government is now reviewing other important matters affecting the daily lives of workers, including study of safety laws and revision of the Industrial Code.

Unionism remains a vital activity in South Australian society and in the fight for social justice. Union support and activity make an indispensable contribution to the adoption of the reforms we all believe to be necessary.