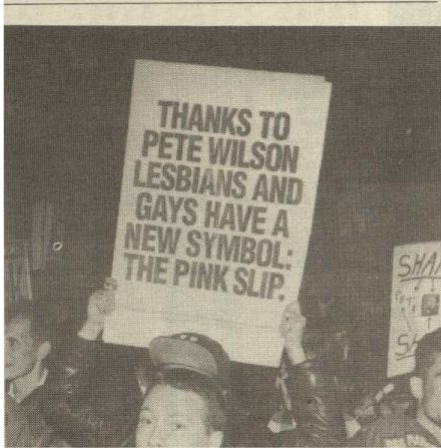




AB101 VETO by Pete Wilson



Or how the California Governor welcomed me
the month I moved to San Diego (September 1991)



- Assembly Bill 101 would have made it illegal for private businesses to discriminate in employment on the basis of sexual orientation.
- Wilson had promised to sign it during his election campaign.
- He vetoed it because it is supposedly bad for business.

The San Francisco AB101 Veto Riot



Excellent Quote

The Rev. Jerry Sloan, founder of Sacramento's Lambda Community Center with tongue firmly planted in cheek, asked the [Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence](#) to declare a miracle. "On the date he vetoed AB101," Sloan said, "he was able to establish common ground between the lesbian and gay community and the religious right wing. Both of us can agree on one thing you can't trust Pete Wilson." [from Bay Area Reporter October 3, 1991]

Aftermath

One year later Governor Wilson signed a similar bill into law and California became the 7th state to bar job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation (following Connecticut, Hawaii, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Vermont, and Wisconsin).

More info:

- [GLBT Historical Society Panel Discussion](#)
- [The AB101 Veto Riot Remembered @ GLBT History Museum](#)
- [Bay Area Reporter October 3 1991](#)