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JOINT RULES COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes – Pending Approval
June 17, 2002

I. Call to Order and Invocation

The meeting of the California Senior Legislature (CSL) Joint Rules Committee (JRC) was called to order by Senior Senator Irene Tonello, Chair, at 9 a.m. in the 1st Floor Conference Room, 1600 K Street, Sacramento, CA. Senior Assembly Member Edward Woods led the invocation.

II.-III. Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call

Senior Senator Joe Murphy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Senior Senators Mattye Fegan-Perry, Jim Levy, Richard Lundin, Marianne Mannia, Joe Murphy and Irene Tonello; Senior Assembly Members Erwin Fromm, Zelda Hutcherson, Earl Kelley, Sally Wieck and Edward Woods. A quorum was established.

Excused: Senior Assembly Member Martin Tucker

Guests: Senior Senators Bill Hollabaugh and Larry Russ and Senior Assembly Members Jack Hale and Arnold Roth

Staff: June P. Hamilton

IV. Approval of Agenda

Senior Senator Jim Levy asked to move forward E of Agenda Item IX- New Business. It has to do with SB 1255 sponsored by Senator Burton and Assemblywoman Dion Aroner. The proposed bill would reinstate 10 percent and 11 percent tax rates for high- income Californians. Only 2.4% of Californian taxpayers would be affected by the proposed increase. Fact Sheets and a letter from Assemblywoman Aroner were distributed. Senior Senator Levy asked that a letter of support be sent to The Honorable Steve Peace, Chair of the Senate Budget Committee from the CSL. He, also, stated that AARP and Older Woman's League are in support of this proposal. After an in-depth discussion and a critical assessment of a proposed letter of support from CSL, some changes were made in the format of the letter. Action was then taken and motion was made and seconded to approve.

M/S/P.

V. Approval of April Minutes

Minutes approved as amended. M/S/P.

VI. Public Comments: None

VII. Information from the Chair – JRC Chair, Senior Senator Irene Tonello, addressed the following:

- Protocol- reminded committee members about correct parliamentary procedures.
- CSL Brochures need to be updated and corrected, if necessary. Give to the PR Committee to peruse for accuracy and the amount to be ordered. M/S/P.
- 100 CSL member pins have been ordered (80 blue member pins and 20 -10 years).
- Transfer of funds from Special Deposit to pay CSL Coordinator was discussed- vote delayed until Ellie Peck was present.
- Letter from the Legislative Counsel of California was passed out concerning Rule 7 of the Legislative Rules in reference to "What constitutes a quorum" It was referred to the Policy and Procedure Committee to review . M/S/P.
- Money that was left over from last year's budget has been used towards the planning of this year's Session. However, it is time to begin to use this year's budget allocation for the Annual Session. M/S/P.

VIII. Committee Meetings

A. Public Relations and Finance from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

B. Session Planning and Policy and Procedure from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

Lunch from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.1st Floor Conference Room

IX. Legislative Committee Report by Committee Chair, Senior Senator Mattye Fegan Perry

- Gave an overview and update on the progress of the 10 Top State Priorities and the status report on CSL Two-year Bills.

X. Report from Chair of the California Commission on Aging- Commissioner Jack Horak (substituting for Executive Director Ray Mastalish)

- Announced that Carla Hett Smith, Associate Government Program Analyst will be spending 20% of her time on CSL proposals.
- Distributed copies of budget, revised as of April 30, 2002, and discussed pertinent operating expenses.

- COA is not going to renew contract with Sacramento Travel Service; CSL will need to negotiate for their travel contract.
- Hotel Clarion rates were raised (\$10.00 more) as of June 1st and will eliminate the shuttle service as of July 1.
- David is now the office technician and Karen Jones, a student intern, will work 2 days a week starting in September on the Annual Session. CCoA and CSL will not be charged for her time. She will, also, be able to help with the proposals and get added research material.
- The Commission Meeting in Ontario was excellent. The next meeting will be held in Fresno, September 10 and 11 on Transportation.
- Met with TACC concerning a task force to look at their operation and recommended that CSL do so too.
- CSL Travel Budget is \$ 58,000. Expenses for trips go against the month it is spent.
- PSA's Election expenses are not in yet.
- CCoA Chair, Jack Horak, accepted CSL's invitation to speak at the New Member Orientation Session on June 18th.

XI. Finance & Insurance Committee Report by Committee Chair, Senior Assembly member Zelda Hutcherson

- Since committee members did not have the up-to-date budget figures, no recommendations were made about the expenditures.
- Reminded JRC members that the Treasurer is the authorized person to withdraw money from the Special Deposit Fund. The amount in this fund is about \$32,022.00.

XII. Public Relations Committee Report by Committee Chair, Senior Senator Jim Levy

- Recommendation to create and maintain a Web Site for CSL up to \$400.00 annually.
- Senior Senator Bill Hollabaugh will be the Web Master at no charge.
- Domain name will be www.4csl.org.
- Service provider would be directly - no charge to CSL.
- Information regarding CSL's activities and goals will be readily available.
- Oversight committee will be the Executive Committee of the JRC.
Motion made and seconded to accept all of the above recommendations. M/S/P.

- Senior Senators Levy and Bettio made 30 copies of the Annual Session film that was done in 1994. Five copies are in the CSL "lending library" and the others have been distributed to JRC Members past and present. They did not request payment because CSL was short of funds at the time. Thank you, Jim and Bettio.
- Photo Collage of pictures taken at last year's Annual Session is ready and will be on display at this year's session.
- Made corrections and added some more pertinent information to the CSL Brochure before ordering. M/S/P.
- At the next JRC Meeting, a progress report will be made on the feasibility of sponsoring a reception honoring Assembly Member Lynne Daucher.
- PR Committee discussed the possibility of taking pictures at the forthcoming Annual Session. Some members felt that there should be a bidding process for the vendor.

XIII. Policy and Procedures Committee Report by Committee Chair, Senior Senator Marianne Mannia.

- CSL Resource Manual has been revised and it is ready for new CSL members at the Orientation Session, June 18th and 19th.
- Gold pins for 10-year members have been ordered. Question was brought up about shortening the time span to receive a gold pin. This will be discussed at the next JRC meeting.
- The 5 types of Election Methods and do we need 5 was discussed. It will be put on the next committee meeting agenda.

XIV. Session Planning Committee Report by Committee Vice Chair Senior Senator Joe Murphy(substituting for Senior Assembly Member Martin Tucker) and Ellie Peck, Session Consultant/Coordinator.

- Contacting previous donors and researching for new ones.
- Recommendation was made to revise approach to donors by offering them a free quarter page ad in the Program Book. M/S/P.
- Recommendation was made to have Banquets at the Sterling Hotel, the Sheraton and the Hyatt. M/S/P.
- Invitations will be sent out inviting Governor Davis and the Republican Gubernatorial Candidate to speak at the Annual Session.
- Betsy Howard has been contacted about the Volunteer coordinator position. As yet no response.

- Proposed CSL Member Session Mailing (including calendar) in the final stages of refinement and scheduled to be sent. M/S/P.
- Ellie Peck stated that she would not accept ads for the program book if the checks accompanying the ads were made out to the Foundation instead of the CSL Special Deposit Fund.

XV. Orientation Overview by Ellie Peck, CSL Coordinator

- Room to be set up by JRC members at 9 a.m.
- Registration handled by Senior Assembly Members Zelda Hutcherson and Sally Wieck.
- Everyone is expected to participate in welcoming the new members.
- Box lunches sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline (Thank you, Ellie, for securing this donation).
- Morning and afternoon refreshments provided by Kaiser Permanente (Senior Senator Mattye Fegan-Perry secured this donation. Thank you, Mattye)
- A time schedule was distributed about the two-day Orientation Program and JRC members program responsibilities.

XVI. New Business

- Report from Senior Assembly Member Erwin Fromm about CCoA meeting in Ontario.
- Senior Senator Levy, Fegan-Perry and Senior Assembly Member Hutcherson, also, attended.
- Content about Health Insurance and Health Programs with linkages to Alcoholism and Oral Health.
- Information about SB 953 (Senator Vasconcellos) concerning a new vision of broader involvement of seniors (Elder Corps) to change the attitude of the public toward the older population. Bill will be heard on June 25th.
- Additional information on fractures, bone density, Health Care Power of Attorney, dental disease, substance abuse was presented.
- Make-up of audience consisted of representatives of Triple A's and government entities and a small number of consumers.

XVII. Legislative Committee Budget

- A recommendation to increase the budget from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for travels expenses.
- Discussion included a line item in the budget for allocating funds for the Legislative

- committee in the next year's proposed budget.
- Need justification from the Chair of the Legislative Committee as to the need for this increase.
- Recommendation to table this request to another time for more discussion.

XVIII. Next Meeting Time August 6 - 7, 2002.

XIX. Meeting Adjourned: At 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Senior Senator Marianne Mannia, Secretary

Date:_____