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Joint Rules Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes

California Senior Legislature
1020 N Street, 1st Floor Conference Room, #169.
Sacramento, CA 95814
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Thursday, August 24, 2006

I. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The August 24, 2006 California Senior Legislature (CSL) Joint Rules Committee (JRC) Teleconference Meeting was called to order by Chair Senior Senator Jim Levy on August 24, 2006 at 1:10 p.m. Senior Senator Joe Cox gave the Invocation and Senior Senator Anne Mack led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call

Present: Senior Senators Joe Cox, Mary Dennison, Audrey Formosa and Jim Levy and Senior Assembly Members June Glasmeier, Helen Karr, Austin Lucero, Billie Taylor and Lola Young. Alternate Senior Senator Anne Mack.

Members Excused: Senior Senators Connie Eaton and Jerry Smith and Senior Assembly Member Sharon Monck.

A quorum was established

Staff: June Hamilton.

III. Introductions: Messrs. Bill Hollabaugh and Don MacAllister.

IV. The agenda was approved as presented.

V. The Minutes of the July 25, 2006 meeting were approved as presented.

VI. JRC Chair's Report.

SB 1249 was approved in the Assembly, being heard in the Senate today for concurrence and then will go to the Governor's Office for signature. This needs to be done by September 1, 2006 in order to satisfy the Franchise Tax Board. Everyone was requested to send a letter to the Governor urging his signature on this bill.

Senior Senators Jim Levy and Anne Mack will meet with the Franchise Tax Board on August 30, 2006 on CSL meeting the \$250,000 tax check-off quota. The phone tree will be activated to urge everyone to contact taxpayers who are on an extension to make a generous contribution to Line 54. A letter and e-mail will be sent to all CSL members on this issue.

Chair Jim Levy will meet with the Human Relations Department of the Controller's Office to analyze the effect on the CSL budget of the \$19,000 and \$100,000 Workers Compensation claims. Senior Senator Ann Gehrig has been appointed as Chair of an ad hoc committee to investigate Workers' Comp Insurance for CSL. This information will be reviewed at the September JRC meeting.

An ad hoc Grants Committee will be formed to seek donations from organizations and foundations who have a vision for seniors.

Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero moved that Bill Hollabaugh be authorized to enter into a discussion with the Chair of the California Foundation on Aging to obtain clarification on the JRC receiving monthly statements from the Foundation. M/S/P

An effort will be made to extend the Interagency Agreement between the Controller's Office and CSL for an additional year. Other agencies will be pursued in the event the Agreement extension is not granted.

State of California has a contract with Southwest Airlines which must be honored by all CSL members who depart from cities serviced by Southwest. Senior Senator Audrey Formosa and Senior Assembly Member Sally Wieck have been appointed to assist CSL members in making Southwest reservations. CSL has a contract with House of Travel to service those cities not served by Southwest.

Election results have been received from 32 PSA's. The election rules will be reviewed by the Policy and Procedures Sub-Committee. Senior Senator Anne Mack moved that the 2006 election for the Legislative Committee be for a two year term from the Senate and a one year term from the Assembly. M/S/P

VII. CSL Staff Report – June Hamilton

The 67 CSL proposals have been reviewed by Leg Council and the Proposal Summary will be completed by Senior Senator Joe Murphy.

VIII. Sub-Committee Reports

Budget and Finance, Chair Senior Assembly Member Sharon Monck

Senior Assembly Member Helen Karr gave the report in the Chair's absence.

- (a) The Workers' Compensation status was covered in the Chair's report.
- (b) CSL could establish a Public Benefit Non-profit arm, (501(c)3), for a cost not to exceed \$2100. This Non-Profit arm will not hinder the tax check-off position.
- (c) California Foundation on Aging was covered in the Chair's report.
- (d) The CSL Travel Expense Form can be downloaded from the CSL website.

Report Accepted.

Public Relations, Chair Senior Senator Joe Cox

- (a) Radio Broadcast to promote CSL is scheduled for 9/6/06.
- (b) National Adult Protective Services Conference will be held 9/6-8/06.
- (c) Letter of Announcement of 2006 Session has been approved.
- (d) Only 2005 Session photos with captions will be on the web site.
- (e) Discussion was held on an umbrella campaign by a tax check-off organization to increase the Line 54 contributions. CSL's cost would be \$2500/year with an anticipated increase in revenue of 23%. Senior Senator Joe Cox moved that CSL join the umbrella group for a cost of \$2500. Senior Senator Audrey Formosa moved that the discussion be tabled until the September JRC meeting until more facts are learned. M/S/P 5 Yes, 3 No. A letter will be sent to the check-off organization alerting them to the fact that we are interested and requesting them to extend the due date of 9/8/06. The Executive Committee authorized approval of the \$2500 expenditure if this is required prior to the September JRC meeting.

Report Accepted.

Policies & Procedures, Chair Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero

- (a) Twelve group leader organizational charts will be coordinated with the telephone tree to deliver a united message.
 - (b) Recommend that the 12 leaders be recognized at the Annual Session.
 - (c) Recommend a policy be generated to assist in recruiting new CSL members.
- Report Accepted.

Session Planning, Chair Senior Assembly Member Lola Young

- (a) Review of Task list showed Annual Session is on schedule.
- (b) There are 41 volunteers and the assignments have been mailed.
- (c) Banquet reservation form and the Moira Jackson Nomination form will be mailed next week. Senior Senator Anne Mack moved that the Henry Mello Award be given to Senator Elaine Alquist. M/S/P
- (d) Senator Torlakson has confirmed to be a Legislative Floor Session leader.
- (e) \$21,500 has been committed/ received in sponsorships for the Annual Session.
- (f) Due to Senior Senator Marianne Mannia's efforts, MV Transportation has committed to a \$5000 donation for the Annual Session; however, this will be the last year they will be a sponsor.

Report Accepted.

IX. To date \$2,143 has been received in ads. All 33 PSA's will be contacted to solicit ads for the Session Program Book

X. Public Comments -0-

XI. Legislative Committee Report, Senior Senator Anne Mack
SB 1249 – Senate for Concurrence
SB 1609 – Hearing in Senate

SB 1312 – 2nd reading in Senate
AB 2486 – Assembly for Concurrence.
SJR 33 – To be heard again in January
SB 840 – Heard in Assembly for 3rd time
Report accepted.

XII. Liaison Report, Senior Assembly Member Lola Young
Gray Panthers – no report
California Coalition of Seniors – Representative from the Governor's office spoke on priorities of Department of Health Services concerning seniors.
OWL – Unable to attend the Saturday meeting.
Task Force Meeting – Determine if the provisions of 1629 are being employed.
Senior Assembly Member Lola Young will be a part of this group.

XIII. Old Business -0-

XIV. New Business
Request for donors for the Umbrella Company with credit being given in the Program Book.

XV. Next JRC Meeting will be in Sacramento on September 26, 2006, 11:00 a.m.

XVI. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Senior Assembly Member June Glasmeier, Secretary, and reviewed by JRC Chair Senior Senator Jim Levy, pending approval by the Joint Rules Committee