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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 11-12, 2012

The Vagabond Inn

909 Third Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Leg Committee Chair: Senior Assembly Member Julia Rosenberg

Leg committee Vice Chair: Senior Senator Lola Young

Leg Committee Vice Chair: Senior Assembly Member Anne Warren

I. Call To Order

The Legislative Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair, Julia Rosenberg at 9:34 a.m.

Invocation by Senior Senator Nneenah Frazier

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senior Assembly Member Charles Molnar

II. Roll Call

Present: Julia Rosenberg, Allan Hurst, Lola Young, Vernon Uecker, Anne Warren, Richard Shontz, Nneenah Frazier, Dee Erman, Marcia Gould, Margaret Sowma, Charles Molnar

Excused: Craig Orange, Sol Fingold, Jane Ann Godager, Zelda Hutcherson

Absent: Susan Thompson, Jack Alderson, Norma Jackson

Staff: Janice Bailey

It was determined that a quorum was present.

III. Introductions

Julia Rosenberg, Chair, introduced Senior Assemblymember Charles Mitchell as a guest.

IV. Public Comments

No public comments.

Discussion/Action Items

V. Approve Agenda of April 11-12, 2012 Legislative Committee Meeting

Agenda was approved as presented by Chair, Julia Rosenberg

VI. Approve Minutes of February 7-8, 2012 Legislative Committee Meeting

Minutes amended to add Margaret Sowma as present at the February

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meeting. Minutes approved with amendment.

VII. Travel Arrangement Procedures

- A. Julia Rosenberg noted that the May meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will be held July 9-11, 2012. All Legislative Committee members are invited to this meeting including alternates. The meeting will begin at 1pm.

July Meeting Topics

1. Assigning proposals to committee
 2. Walk the halls and sell program advertisements
 3. Assemblymember Rosenberg will arrange for a guest speaker from Legislative Counsel
- B. The committee discussed the best start time for future meetings. It was agreed that future meetings would begin at 1pm. Early arrival requests must be approved by Don MacAllister w/ copy to Julia Rosenberg and the office.
- C. Chair Rosenberg requested members email the office with their flight choices and hotel requirements at least two weeks in advance.
- D. Chair, Julia Rosenberg noted that it is the Legislative Committee primary members' responsibility to notify their alternate if they can not make a meeting with as much advance notice as possible.

VIII. Walk the Halls

Chair Rosenberg provided a red white and blue legislative hand-out to use during walk the halls and made changes to teams based on absences. Julia noted changes and errors on the form that needed to be corrected. She requested members hand out the form as it is without making changes and send suggested changes to Janice Bailey at jbailey@seniorleg.ca.gov with copy to her.

Meeting recessed at 10:20 am to "walk the halls"

Meeting reconvened 2:50 pm at Vagabond Conference Room

IX. "Walk the Halls" de-briefing and sharing insights

- A. Teams provided short debrief and shared insights. The following bills were presented for vote of CSL support and were unanimously approved for support letters to be sent.
1. AB 1224 Veterans' Farm and Home Purchases Employment Training Panel (P. Cook)
 2. AB 1225 Cemeteries: Veteran's Commemorative Property (P. Cook)
 3. SB 1198 Homeless Veterans (R. Calderon)
 4. SB 1258 Department of Veterans Affairs: Monitoring Outcomes for Veterans(L. Wolk and L. Correa)
 5. SB 1170 Senior Insurance (M. Leno)
 6. AB 1714 In Home Supportive Services: Providers (L.Halderman)
- B. Senior Senator Lola Young suggested that someone keep track of veteran bills, so that CSL can maintain active on all vet bills. Senior Assemblymember Julia Rosenberg requested Senior

- Senator Lola Young to keep track of veteran bills and communicate to Senior Assemblymember Charles Mitchell.
- C. Senior Assemblymember Marcia Gould will send AB 1422 for the group to review and follow-up regarding the possibility of support.
 - D. Senior Senator Nneenah Frazier noted that SB 1400 Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly has been pulled and is being handled as an administrative issue. Senior Senator, Lola Young suggested that it be followed-up on to ensure that it doesn't "die". Senior Senator Frazier will continue follow-up.
 - E. Senior Assemblymember Richard Shontz provided an overview of AB 2374 Consumer Credit Reports. Assemblymember Shontz plans to write a letter to the chairman and committee members individually in support of this bill.
 - F. Senior Assemblymember Marcia Gould indicated that she had an article from AARP titled "Are You Missing Out on Benefits?" She stated that it references where seniors can go on the internet for help. It was requested that the office send this out to the membership or link it in the newsletter. It was noted that the information is copy written.
 - G. Senior Assemblymember Marcia Gould recapped her 2004 proposal which required the purpose of the medication to be included on the drug label. She is presenting this proposal again and knows that the Medical Association will fight it but it hopes to gain support from the Pharmaceutical Association. She passed around a medication form w/ CSL logo that can be utilized in the session program book. Chair Julia Rosenberg will present this form to the JRC for review/discussion. Assemblymember Gould requested that anyone with a pharmaceutical contact to please contact her. Additionally, she provided a form for Kaiser Members to show support.
 - H. Copies of Senior Senator Lola Young's thank you notes were distributed as samples to the committee.
 - I. Senior Assemblymember Allan Hurst discussed the need for a bill to "unbundle" homeowner and auto insurance when seniors no longer drive to avoid an increase in insurance cost.
 - J. Senior Assemblymember Charles Molnar spent time trying to save AB 1525 Elder or dependent adult financial abuse: mandated reporters. Assemblymember Molnar reported that the District Attorney of San Diego will co-sponsor the bill.

Recessed at 4:55 pm

Meeting Reconvened April 12, 2012 from 9:30am-12:30pm

Location: Vagabond Conference Room

X. Training

A. John Skoglund, Legislative Aide for Assemblymember Betsy Butler (working process for bills)

At the last minute, Skoglund was not able to make the meeting.

B. Senior Assembly Member, Charles Mitchell

(Develop A Strategy for Federal Proposals)

Brief Synopsis:

1. Federal proposal passed in previous session
2. Find sponsor to carry proposal as Joint Resolution
3. Legislative Counsel prepares as Joint Resolution
4. Clears both houses
5. Can be converted to HJR or SJR
6. Get your congress person interested in "picking it up"
7. See if it can be attached to a bill going through Congress
8. Establish a relationship w/ Congress persons staff
9. Can always be an amendment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.