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**Joint Rules Committee Meeting Minutes**

1600 K Street, 1st Floor, Conference Room 1B

Sacramento, CA

February 8 - 9, 2005

Senior Senator Joe Murphy, Chair of the Joint Rules Committee, read the Agenda Statement.

**I. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

The February 8 - 9, 2005 Joint Rules Committee (JRC) meeting was called to order by Senior Senator Joe Murphy, Chair, on February 8, 2005, 9:00 a.m., at 1600 K Street, 1st Floor, Conference Room 1B, Sacramento, CA. The invocation was given by Senior Assembly Member Helen Karr and Senior Senator Joe Cox led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Roll Call**

Present: Senior Senators Joe Cox, Erwin Fromm, Jim Levy and Joe Murphy. Senior Assembly Members June Glasmeier, Zelda Hutcherson, Helen Karr, Martin Tucker, Sally Wieck and Ed Woods and Alternate Senior Senator Dee Erman.

Excused: Senior Senator Mary Dennison and Senior Senator Jerry Smith. A quorum was established.

**III. Introductions**

Senior Senators Connie Eaton and Lynwood Long

Staff: June P. Hamilton

Guest: Bill Hollabaugh

**IV. Approve Agenda**

Agenda was approved with the following changes:

VII. Chair Senior Senator Joe Murphy's Report

1. Little Hoover Commission Hearings.
2. Leadership Conference
3. Line 54 Contacts
4. Calendar Status
5. Status of "Meet and Greet" of Legislature members
6. Review Appointment to Past Chair Position.

XI. 6. Ad Hoc Social Security Committee moved to XV 3a.

XII. Changed Transition Team Report to Transition Meeting (3:45-4:15 p.m., 2/8)

XIII. Roll Call

Transition Team Report to be given 2/9, 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.

XIV. Leg. Committee Report changed to 9:45-10:15 a.m.

XV. Add Preparation of Sub-Committee Agendas – June Glasmeier

XVI. Add 5. By-Laws Committee Memorandums

**V. Approve Minutes of January 12-13, 2005**

The Minutes of the January 12-13, 2005 meeting were approved with the following correction. XVII. C. Last sentence to read: JRC Chair stated that Triple As have total control over which of the three potential choices stated in the By-Laws.

**VI. Public Comment**

Hearing none, Chair declared public comment closed.

**VII. Chair Senior Senator Joe Murphy's Report**

1. Little Hoover Commission Hearings held on January 26, 27 and 28, 2005. The Governor's reorganization plan was reviewed on the 26th. The California Commission on Aging is not one of the proposed agencies to be cut. Reports on the 27th and 28th meetings will be received and reviewed in the near future.
2. JRC was invited to participate in the Annual Coordinated Leadership Conference to be held at the Double Tree Motel in Ontario, CA on April 26 - 28, 2005.
3. Chair Senior Senator Joe Murphy read a letter from H &R Block on their software identifying Line 54 contributions.
4. The JRC calendar for the remainder of the fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) was reviewed. Solicitation of funds for the Annual Session is underway. Deadline for any Bills to be introduced in the Legislature is February 18, 2005.
5. "Meet and Greet" Report. A productive meeting was held with Senator Don Perata, President Pro Tem of the Senate. The scheduled meeting with Assembly Member Fabian Nunez, Speaker of the House, was cancelled and will be rescheduled. The invitation to meet with the Governor has been declined.
6. The Chair appointed Senior Assembly Member Martin Tucker to the Past Chair Emeritus position.

At 10:00 a.m. Chair Joe Murphy excused himself from the JRC meeting and asked Vice Chair Senior Assembly Member Helen Karr to conduct the remainder of the meeting. Vice Chair Senior Assembly Member Helen Karr read a letter from Senior Senator Joe Murphy stating his resignation from the JRC. The letter was handed to the Secretary, June Glasmeier, and reread to the Committee. It was an unanimous decision of the JRC that a letter be sent to Senior Senator Joe Murphy asking for his reconsideration with a response due by noon, February 9, 2005. Vice Chair Senior Assembly Member Helen Karr conducted the remainder of the meeting.

**VIII. California Commission on Aging, Executive Director's Report—  
Sandra Fitzpatrick**

A senior community worker has been hired in the Commission office to assist with the preparation for the White House Conference on Aging. The House of Travel contract will be reviewed by Sandi Fitzpatrick and Senior Senator Erwin Fromm. A draft of the agenda for the Convening Aging and Mobility Leadership Conference on March 7, 8 and 9 was distributed along with a registration form. Sandi encouraged JRC representation at the Coordinated Leadership Conference on April 26-28, 2005, at the Double Tree Hotel, Ontario Airport.

**Lunch 12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m.**

**IX. Committee Reports**

1. Session Planning Committee, Senior Assembly Member Sally Wieck, Chair  
Sponsor letters will be mailed on February 22, 2005. Letters of invitation to State Legislators to chair Floor Sessions and/or present Welcoming Remarks at the Annual Session are being prepared. Hyatt Contract for use of site and block of rooms has been signed. It was agreed that Bill Hollabaugh's contract for producing the Session Program Book will be funded through the California Foundation on Aging. The contract for Karen Morris Cole is in the process of finalization. The Lt. Governor's breakfast will be continued. Program ads in color will be available for the Session Program Book, and member business cards will now carry the capitol logo in color.
2. Public Relations Committee, Senior Senator Jim Levy, Chair
  - a. There are nine weeks before the mailing of Income Tax Returns. Contributions to the California Fund for Senior Citizens is 32 percent below the 2004 total, and a telephone tree will be activated to raise awareness of Line 54.
  - b. JRC is not in a position at this time to pursue a JRC newsletter.
  - c. Lt. Governor Bustamante's office is being contacted regarding placing the CSL collage outside his office during the Annual Session.
  - d. A Certificate of Appreciation to be presented to Mrs. Matsuio at the Annual Session will be discussed at the April meeting.
  - e. A recommendation for the method and timing of the Proposal Book distribution will be presented at the April JRC meeting.
  - f. A motion was made to refer the formation of a CSL Legislative Advisory Coalition to the Legislative Committee. M/S/P
3. Finance and Insurance Committee, Senior Senator Irwin Fromm Chair  
The Finance and Insurance input for the updating of Part II of the Resource Manual has been provided. A letter will be sent to Senior Assembly Member Jim Garvey declining his mileage request.

4. Policy and Procedures Committee, Senior Assembly Member Helen Karr, Chair  
A letter will be written to Senior Assembly Member Edward Gonzalez in answer to his suggestions. A motion was made to approve the changes to Part I, AB 1994, of the Resource Manual. M/S/P  
There will be a Sub Committee to review the Bagley-Keene Act. Review of Part II of the Resource Manual will be continued.
5. By-Laws Committee, Senior Assembly Member Zelda Hutcherson, Chair  
The same paperwork, which was used two years ago, will be used this year for by-law changes. A motion was made that the 2003 By-Law Change procedure be used this year. M/S/P  
An ad hoc Committee will review Bill 1994 and bring the By Laws into compliance with the bill to be reviewed at the April meeting.

JRC meeting recessed until Wednesday, February 9, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

### **Wednesday, February 9, 2005**

The JRC Vice Chair reconvened the Joint Rules Committee meeting at 9:00 a.m.

#### **X. Roll Call - Determine excused/unexcused absences, establish quorum**

Present: Senior Senators Joe Cox, Erwin Fromm, Jim Levy and Jerry Smith. Senior Assembly Members June Glasmeier, Zelda Hutcherson, Helen Karr, Sally Wieck, Martin Tucker and Ed Woods, and Alternate Senior Senators Connie Eaton and Dee Erman.

Excused: Senior Senator Mary Dennison. A quorum was established.

Staff: June Hamilton

Guests: Senior Senators Ramiro Munoz, Anne Mack and Senior Assembly Members Jane Godager, Julia Rosenberg and Lola Young.

#### **XI. Transition Team Report, Senior Assembly Member Martin Tucker, Chair**

The contract for the CSL office space at 1020 "N" Street, Sacramento, CA., Room 513, has been signed by the Commission and the Senate Rules, and the CSL name appears in the Lobby. A meeting was held on Monday between the Deputy Controller for Policy and Sandi Fitzpatrick, Joe Murphy, Erwin Fromm, and Martin Tucker to determine if they would become the umbrella for CSL to replace the Commission. A Contractual Memorandum of Understanding for their review and approval is being prepared. At the Controller's request, the Commission will continue to function through the October Session. The phone, furniture and staffing issues are not resolved. A motion was made that a timeline for completion of the move be prepared and presented to the JRC within the next two weeks. M/S/P

**XII. Legislative Committee Report, Senior Senator Jerry Smith, Chair**

The status of the top ten State and four Federal proposals was reviewed. The authored proposals are AP4 (AB288 Mountjoy) and SP4 (AB205 Rushkin). Commitments have been made on AP6, AP16, AFP1 and SFP2.

The legislators may be visited in December versus January as was done in 2005. It is recommended that a strong emphasis be placed on proposal writing at the Orientation. The Legislative Committee would like to review the proposals before Session. When a proposal is authored, one member from the Legislative Committee will be assigned to the Bill for follow up. A motion was made that proposal documentation be given to Committee during hearings be referred to the Legislative Committee. M/S/P

Line 54 information will be placed on the back of CSL business cards.

The Legislative Committee recommended that CSL support SB137. A motion was made that CSL should not take any action on this Bill at this time. M/S/P  
The final copy of SB137 Bill will be reviewed and placed on April's agenda. Bill AB 179 was referred back to the Legislative Committee for review.

It is recommended that the Legislative Committee election coincide with the JRC election. The suggestion that a CSL member not be eligible to run for the Legislative Committee until being in office for one year and having written one proposal was forwarded to the Committee for review.

**XIII. New Business**

Jim Levy reported on attending the "Dying with Dignity" hearings, and it was the opinion of JRC that the Bill needs to be written and reviewed before any action is taken on his issue.

June Glasmeier asked that Sub-Committee agendas be submitted to her for finalization.

**XIV. Old Business**

Senior Assembly Member Lola Young reported on the activities of the Congress of California Seniors, Gray Panthers and California Senior Coalition and stated it is important that the organizations speak with "one voice" to the Governor. There needs to be a serious look at the Governor's medical budget. CSL involvement on senior issues would be a big help and promote the CSL name. The JRC will not support the Sacramento In-Home Services Registry DOJ check as it is a local issue.

Ed Woods attended the LA City/County Social Security Forum and stated the younger generation needs to be educated on Social Security changes. Levy asked that JRC members send to him information on any Social Security change.

**XV. Announcements**

JRC members Joe Murphy, Jerry Smith, Jim Levy, Helen Karr and Mary Dennison will attend the Three-day Transportation and Aging Leadership Forum on 3/7-9/2005.

At 12:10 on February 9, 2005, it was determined the letter of reconsideration sent to Senior Senator Jim Murphy had been declined. By consensus, the JRC held an election to select a new chair and nominations were made to elect the candidate to fill the vacated JRC Chair position caused by the resignation of Senior Senator Joe Murphy. Senior Assembly Members Helen Karr and Ed Woods were nominated. Twelve votes were cast. The election resulted in a tie with each of the nominees receiving six votes. The members were asked if anyone wanted to change their vote and no one would change his or her vote.

After recessing for lunch, the members were again polled and there was no change in the vote. Questions were raised concerning the validity of the vote. A unanimous request was made to Sandra Fitzpatrick, Executive Director, California Commission on Aging (CCOA), to take the voting issue to the California Department of Aging (CDA) Legal Counsel for an opinion. CCoA Executive Director Sandra Fitzpatrick accepted and indicated that she would do this before the April meeting. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to have Senior Assembly Member Helen Karr be the interim JRC Chair until the April meeting. M/S/P

The next meeting of the Joint Rules Committee will be on April 12-13, 2005.

The February JRC meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m. on February 9, 2005.

Submitted by June Glasmeier  
Chair, Communications Committee