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**Joint Rules Committee Meeting Minutes**

1020 "N" Street, Room 100, Sacramento, CA 95814

April 12-13, 2005

**Tuesday, April 12, 2005**

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

The April 12-13, 2005 California Senior Legislature (CSL)/Joint Rules Committee (JRC) meeting was called to order by Interim Chair Helen Karr on April 12, 2005, 10:00 a.m. at 1020 "N" Street, Room 100, Sacramento, CA. Senior Assembly Member Helen Karr gave the invocation and Senior Assembly Member June Glasmeier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Roll Call**

Present: Senior Senators Mary Dennison, Connie Eaton, Erwin Fromm, Jim Levy and Joe Murphy. Senior Assembly Members June Glasmeier, Zelda Hutcherson, Helen Karr, Martin Tucker, Sally Wieck and alternates Senior Senator Roberta Marti.

Excused: Senior Senators Joe Cox and Jerry Smith. A quorum was established.

**III. Introductions**

Senior Senators Pasqual Bettio, Chair, Public Relations' Ad Hoc Committee on Arts & Humanities, Lenwood Long, Transition Team member and Senior Assembly Member Lola Young, Committee Liaison.

Staff: June P. Hamilton

Guests: Bill Hollabaugh, Ellie Peck, Kenna Toney, and Senior Assembly Member Julia Rosenberg.

**IV. Approve Agenda**

Agenda was approved with the following changes:

XIII. Interim Chair Helen Karr's Report

Add the following:

4. Senator Tom Torlakson's request for letter of support
5. Senator Bowen's request for letter of support
6. Congress of California Seniors
7. CFOA/CSL Fund
8. Appointment of Levy to represent CSL-Senior Rally
9. Calendar
10. Legal Opinion

XIX. Liaison Reports

- C. California Compassionate Choices Act-Allison Ruff

**V. Approve Minutes of February 8-9, 2005**

The minutes of the February 8-9, 2005 JRC meeting were approved with the following corrections:

Change the following:

- VII. 6. To read: The Chair appointed Senior Assembly Member Martin Tucker to the Past Chair Emeritus position.
- IX. Committee Reports 1. 5th sentence to read: block of rooms has been signed. It was agreed that Bill Hollabaugh's contract for producing the Session Program Book be funded through the California Foundation on Aging.
- XV. Announcements. 2nd paragraph to read: At 12:10 p.m. on February 9, 2005, it was determined the letter of reconsideration sent to Senior Senator Joe 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

**VI. Public Comment**

Ellie Peck made comments concerning the future of the CSL followed by additional comments by Senior Senator Lenwood Long.

**VII. California Commission on Aging (CCoA), Executive Director's Report—  
Sandra Fitzpatrick**

- Karen Cole's contract will be finalized this week and sent to the CDA for processing.
- The House of Travel contract has been overspent and was amended upward by \$1,000.
- The space occupied by the CDA at 1600 "K" Street is for lease, as they will be moving to their new location in August of this year. The relocation of the CCoA offices will have a modest financial impact on CSL and the inventory of CSL assets will be completed by the end of this month.
- There are 12 Governor appointees as delegates to attend the White House

Conference on Aging. All interested parties were urged to submit their application as soon as possible.

- The CCoA website has been updated.
- A progress report on the Long Range Strategic Plan on Aging will be available in May.
- The Governor will be soliciting nominations for vacancies on the CCoA.
- The April JRC meeting is the eighth meeting this year and Executive Director Sandra Fitzpatrick discussed the scheduling of future JRC meetings.
- A successful three-day informational conference was held on Convening Aging and Mobility Leadership, which heightened an awareness on mobility.
- In conclusion, Executive Director Sandra Fitzpatrick encouraged a close examination of the CSL By-laws.

Senior Senator Joe Murphy and the entire JRC expressed their appreciation to Sandra Fitzpatrick for transmitting the legal opinion to the JRC.

### **VIII. Interim Chair Senior Assembly Member Helen Karr's Report**

1. June Hamilton is appointed as the CSL representative to attend the Coordinated Leadership Conference in Ontario on April 26-28, 2005.
2. Jim Levy distributed a report on the three-Day Transportation and Aging Leadership.
3. Interim Chair Helen Karr met briefly with Lt. Governor Bustamante followed by a meeting with his Policy Director Val Dolcini. She shared information about CSL activities. Mr. Dolcini was very receptive and expressed an interest in assisting with the CSL's advocacy on behalf of California's seniors.
4. Senior Assembly Member Helen Karr and June Hamilton attended the California Seniors Coalition Annual Legislative breakfast on February 23, 2005.
5. A letter will be written to Senator Tom Torlakson stating the CSL is in the process of reviewing his request for support of his eight bills.
6. A letter will be written to Senator Debra Bowen stating the CSL is in the process of reviewing her request for support of her Consumer Protection, Privacy and ID Theft bills.
7. Congress of California Seniors request for support of their May 23-24 Convention was forwarded to the Finance Committee.
8. The request from the Bay Area Caucus was reviewed and the issue will be noticed for the June meeting. The issue of an accounting of the Foundation funds will be noticed for the June JRC meeting.
9. The Policy and Procedures Committee will review the procedure for handling donor thank you letters.
10. Senior Senator Jim Levy and Senior Assembly Member Lola Young will be the CSL representatives at the Senior Rally in May.
11. The Resource Book calendar was reviewed. Senior Senator Erwin Fromm will address the CFOA/CSL campaign planning in his Committee Report.
12. Senior Senators Mary Dennison and Jim Levy have been appointed as delegates to the White House Conference on Aging.
13. Senior Senator Bill Young will be recognized as a Silver Honoree at the MetLife Foundation 2005 Older Volunteers Enrich America Award dinner and luncheon in Washington D.C. April 21 and 22, 2005.

14. Congratulations were extended to Senior Assembly Member Zelda Hutcherson and Senior Senator Jim Levy for their input in the "Los Angeles Times" article on the CSL.
15. 2005 State Legislative pocket rosters have been ordered for CSL members.
16. Senior Senator Joe Murphy stated AARP has supported CSL bills in the past when the bills were on their issues.
17. Senior Senator Joe Murphy stated the dress code issue has been addressed.

**IX. JRC Chair**

Senior Assembly Member Helen Karr became chair of the JRC based on the legal opinion from the CDA's legal counsel.

**Lunch 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. The JRC reconvened at 1:15 p.m.**

Senior Senator Jim Levy made a motion that the JRC have an Emergency Action to fill the Vice Chair position. M/S/P. Senior Assembly Member June Glasmeier was elected to fill the position of Vice Chair from the Assembly.

**X. Committee Reports**

An ad hoc committee will be formed to address the following issues:

- A. Four-year term for CSL members
- B. Number of meetings—within two fiscal years
- C. Election of Legislative Committee members.

By-Law Committee, Senior Assembly Member Zelda Hutcherson, Chair

By-Law Committee Chair Zelda Hutcherson reported that the following members have accepted their appointment to the By-Law Committee: Senior Senator Mattye Fegan-Perry, and Senior Assembly Members Dee Erman, Marvin Goldman, and Austin Lucero.

**XI. Standing Committee Reports**

Session Planning, Senior Assembly Member Sally Wieck, Chair

Session Planning Chair Sally Wieck reported that June Hamilton informed her that the letters to reserve the Capitol Chambers and rooms have been mailed.

Karen Cole's contract will be finalized by the end of the month

Bill Hollabaugh is contracted to produce the Program Book.

JRC Chair Karr will follow-up on the Governor's invitation

Session Planning Chair Sally Wieck will pursue Sarah Steenhausen, Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services as a Keynote Speaker.

Senior Assembly Member Zelda Hutcherson made a motion that an appropriate recognition for the late Congressman Robert Matsui be placed in the 2005 Program Book. M/S/P.

The CSL has received responses from Senators Cox, Denham, and Assembly Member Levine. Karen Cole will follow-up on obtaining a Catholic priest to give the Invocation at the Session.

Public Relations, Senior Senator Jim Levy, Chair

Public Relations Chair Jim Levy reported that Senior Assembly Member Helen Karr and he would explore the possibility of the artographic (collage) painting being on display at the Capitol during the CSL 25th Anniversary.

The suggestion of obtaining a professional photographer for the Annual Session was referred to the Session Planning Committee.

A motion was made to remove the Work Group Report entitled "Recommendations for Change to California Senior Legislature" and the paragraph in the section entitled "About the CSL" which contained the Link (hyperlink) that transferred the reader to the "Work Group Report." M/S/P

Allison Ruff reported that AB 654 (Berg) had passed out of the Assembly Judiciary Committee and will next be heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. Senior Senator Jim Levy will compose a letter to be mailed to all CSL members stating the CSL does not take a position on AB 654, California Compassionate Act, but leaves it to members to contact their legislators stating their individual views.

Finance and Insurance, Senior Senator Erwin Fromm, Chair

A motion was made to place a ¼ page ad in the Congress of California Seniors program book at a cost of \$175. M/S/P.

Only certain authorized expenditures can be made from the Special Deposit Fund and the Resource Manual will be revised to show this change.

Policy and Procedures, Senior Senator Mary Dennison, Chair

Part I of the Resource Manual has been approved but will be revised to reflect the change from a two-year term to a four-year term for CSL members.

**JRC meeting recessed at 5:35 p.m.**

**Wednesday, April 13, 2005**

JRC Chair Helen Karr reconvened the meeting at 8:30 a.m., at 1020 "N" Street, Cafeteria, Sacramento, CA.

**XII. Roll Call**

Present: Senior Senators Mary Dennison, Connie Eaton, Erwin Fromm, and Jim Levy. Senior Assembly Members June Glasmeier, Zelda Hutcherson, Helen Karr, Sally Wieck, and Ed Woods. Senior Senator Anne Mack, Vice Chair of the Legislative Committee, and Alternate Senior Senator Roberta Marti.

Excused: Senior Senators Joe Cox, Jerry Smith and Joe Murphy. A quorum was established.

Guests: Senior Senators Pasqual Bettio, Lenwood Long, and Senior Assembly Members Martin Tucker and Lola Young

Staff: June Hamilton

**XIII. Transition Team Report—Senior Assembly Member Martin Tucker, Chair**

Senior Assembly Member Martin Tucker shared a report from the Controller's Office, which showed a cost of \$362,000/year to be the administrative agency for CSL.

It was suggested that the following three options be explored:

- 1) Going forward with the Controller's Office and exploring the possibility of his office reducing the charges.
- 2) Continue to explore other State Agencies.
- 3) Seek corporate sponsorship.

Senior Senator Jim Levy made a motion that the JRC follow the Transition Team's recommendation to ask the Controller's Office to enter into a one-year contract to carry out the needed administrative duties without making a final commitment until there has been a conference with the CCoA Executive Director and the JRC Chair. This motion also empowers the Executive Committee and the Transition Team Chair to make the final decision, which would then have to be ratified by the JRC. M/S/P.

Senior Assembly Member Martin Tucker resigned as Chair of the Transition Team due to health reasons. Chair Helen Karr declined to honor his resignation at that time. Senior Assembly Member Tucker agreed to continue to solicit donors for the October Annual Session.

**XIV. Legislative Committee Report, Senior Senator Anne Mack, Vice Chair**

Senior Senator Anne Mack reviewed the CSL Bills. The hearing on AB 615 has been cancelled at the request of the author. Proper legislative protocol was reviewed and will be discussed at the caucus level. A motion was made at the recommendation from the Legislative Committee that CSL support Bills SB 244 and

SB 141. M/S/P. It was reported the Legislative Committee has spent approximately \$2,000 of their \$10,000 budget. Final date for CSL proposals to be received in the office is June 3, 2005. The Legislative Committee will review the proposals. It was suggested that only a Summary of the top ten State and four Federal proposals be sent to the Legislators and the Proposal Book be presented at the time of the January visits. The remaining items will be noticed on the June Agenda.

**XV. Liaison Reports**

Senior Assembly Member Lola Young reported that the Congress of California Seniors, Gray Panthers, OWL, and California Senior Coalition have adopted the CSL bills and are in a position of support as well as a presence at the committee hearings. Senior Senator Connie Eaton and/or Senior Assembly Member Arnold Roth will be asked to be CSL's representative at the Coalition of Seniors meeting on April 26, 2005.

Senior Senator Jim Levy reported that the Ad Hoc Social Security Committee recommended that the CSL should not take a position on the Social Security proposed revisions at this time.

**XVI. New Business**

A motion was made that Senior Senator Pasqual Bettio be designated as the official photographer for the CSL Annual Session. M/S/P

**XVII. Old Business**

Appointments to fill the vacancies of Senior Senator John Bowen and Senior Assembly Member Richard Edger will be made by the respective PSAs as well as a replacement for Senior Assembly Members Jim Garvey and Mary L. Johnson. A moment of silence was held in memory of Senior Senator John Bowen. Senior Senator Paulene Goddard has been appointed as an alternate for Senior Senator Connie Eaton.

**XVIII. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting of the Joint Rules Committee will be June 14-15, 2005.

**XIX. Public Comment**

None

**XX. Executive Committee Meeting (if necessary)**

None

**The April JRC meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.**

Prepared and submitted by Senior Assembly Member June Glasmeier, Chair, Communication Committee