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Joint Rules Committee Meeting Minutes

1230 N Street, Room 201, Sacramento, CA 95814
January 18-19, 2006

Wednesday, January 18, 2006

- I. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
The January 18, 2006 California Senior Legislature (CSL) Joint Rules Committee (JRC) meeting was called to order by Chair Senior Senator Jim Levy on January 18, 2006, at 9:15 a.m. at the Congress Of California Seniors, 1230 N Street, Room 201, Sacramento, CA.
Senior Senator Joe Cox, Vice Chair, led the invocation and Senior Assembly Member Sharon Monck, Vice Chair, led the Pledge Of Allegiance.
- II. Roll Call
Present: Senior Senators Joe Cox, Audrey Formosa, Jim Levy, Jerry Smith and Dee Erman. Senior Assembly Members June Glasmeier, Helen Karr, Austin Lucero, Sharon Monck, Billie Taylor and Lola Young.

Members excused: Senior Senator Mary Dennison and Connie Eaton.

A quorum was established.

Staff: June P. Hamilton
- III. Introductions:
Senior Assembly Member Richard Shontz, Ted Gehrig and members of the Legislative Committee.
- IV. The agenda was approved with the following changes:
 1. XIV. Chair's Report was moved to VI-a
 2. VIII. Legislative Activities. Add f) Medicare, Part D.
 3. David Mandell, Supervising Attorney, Senior Legal Hotline, is scheduled to speak at 4:00 p.m., January 18, 2006
- V. The Minutes of the December 7-8, 2006 meeting were approved with the following corrections:

(Over)

1. XII. Senior Senator Mack made a motion to develop Tax Check-Off Ad Hoc Committee. M/S/P
 2. XVIII. Committee Reports
 - A. Budget and Finance Committee
 1. Senior Assembly Member Monck made a motion to have all travel expense reports sent to Chair Levy in order to establish a running log of expenses that will be forwarded to the chair of the Finance Committee. This will give Senior Assembly Member Monck a running total of expenses at all times. M/S/P
 2. Senior Assembly Member Monck made a motion that monthly reports for general operating budget and for the foundation funds be made available to CSL members on a monthly basis. M/S/P
- VI. California Commission on Aging (CCoA) Executive Director's Report Sandra Fitzpatrick
1. Connie Chang is a new Commissioner with CCoA. The next meeting is in San Francisco on February 1-2, 2006.
 2. The full report on the White House Conference on Aging is due in June. CCoA will play a leadership role in the State House Conference.
 3. AB132, emergency legislation to extend the state's emergency coverage for dual eligibles who are unable to obtain their medications from the Medicare D drug program, is on the Governor's desk for signature.
 4. The California Fund for Senior Citizens showed that \$296,136 was collected during 2005.
 5. Executive Director Fitzpatrick reviewed the recent Workers' Compensation Claim.
- VII. Chair Senior Senator Levy's Report
- A moment of silence was observed in honor of Senior Senator Mattye Fegan-Perry's mother who passed recently.
1. Chair Levy reminded everyone that writing a proposal is one of the requirements of all CSL members.
 2. Chair Levy made the following recommendations to reduce cost in order to meet and obtain the approval of the State Controller's office to enter into a one-year interagency agreement as the administrative agency for the CSL. AB 1994, (Berg), Chapter 633, 2004, mandated that CSL secure a new administrative agency.

- A. Reduce the number of JRC and Legislative meetings.
- B. Change the structure and number of days of the 2006 Annual Session for just the first of the four-year term of office for the newly elected 120 members. The Session Planning Committee will be given the task of creating a program to include a brief Opening Ceremonies for the swearing in of all CSL members, providing an intensive training program from the experts in the legislative field in all of the major aspects of proposal writing, making their proposals germane to the needs of the senior community by researching the issues, and how to draft and present the proposals to prospective legislators in order to improve the success rate in obtaining State Legislators to author proposals and the CSL working with Legislators to get these bills signed by the Governor.

The details concerning the method of having policy committee meetings, electing new members to the JRC and legislative committees and approving and prioritizing proposals within the limited time frame is the challenge given to the Session Planning and Legislative committees under the capable leadership of Senior Assembly Member Young and Senior Senator Smith respectively.

- 3. A memo to all AAA's thanking them for their support of the CSL, advising them of the election process and encouraging them to keep expenses at the minimum for the upcoming election was sent.
- 4. A change in the procedure in distribution of the JRC minutes will be made. The preliminary minutes will be sent to all CSL members after corrections/approval by the JRC Chair. Final correction/approval will be done at the ensuing JRC meeting.

The JRC meeting recessed at 10:15 a.m.

- VIII. Joint Meeting of the JRC and the Legislative Committee was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

Legislative Roll Call:

Present: Senior Senators Jerry Smith, Anne Mack, Ann Gehrig and Ramiro Munoz. Senior Assembly Members Claudine Duff, Jane Godager, Alice Loh, Julia Rosenberg and Marcia Gould.

(Over)

Excused Absence: Senior Assembly Member Ric Rickles
Absent: Senior Senator Robert Gallimore

- IX. Legislative Activities - Senior Senator Smith
Senior Senator Smith made a motion to send a Resolution, signed by the JRC Chair, to the President, Members of Congress, Governor of the State and State Legislators requesting that Part D of the Medicare be rescinded. M/S/P Three Abstentions
- X. Visit Legislative Offices
The Joint JRC and Legislative Committee recessed at 10:45 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. to visit State Legislators at the Capitol and present the Top Ten Proposal Books.

The Chair reconvened the Joint JRC and Legislative Committee at 3:00 pm.

- XI. The results of the legislative visits were recapped.
A. The follow-up procedure was reviewed.
B. Senior Assembly Member Gould will compose a thank you letter, which will be sent to all visited personnel at the Capitol.

The Joint JRC and Legislative Committee Meeting was adjourned.

The JRC meeting was reconvened.

The sub-committees met.

- XII. David Mandel, Supervising Attorney for Senior Legal Hotline, gave a presentation to the JRC shortly after 4:00 pm.

The JRC was recessed at 4:45 p.m. until 8:30 a.m., Thursday, January 19, 2006.

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The JRC reconvened at 8:30 a.m.

- XIII. Roll Call
Present: Senior Senators Joe Cox, Jim Levy and Jerry Smith. Senior Assembly Members June Glasmeier, Austin Lucero, Sharon Monck, Billie Taylor and Lola Young.
A quorum was established.

Excused Absence: Senior Senator Mary Dennison, Connie Eaton, Dee Erman and Audrey Formosa. Senior Assembly Member Helen Karr.

- XIV. Committee Meetings and Reports
Finance and Insurance, Chair Senior Assembly Member Monck
1. California Foundation on Aging Account
A. Cost of managing the account

- B. Request timely and accurate information on monies in account
- C. Check on process of becoming a 501(c)3
- 2. Budget
 - A. Meet with Executive Director Fitzpatrick for full disclosure on budget status
 - B. Research status of \$66,000 for elections
- 3. Travel Expense Claims to be sent to JRC Chair

Policies and Procedures, Chair Senior Assembly Member Lucero

- 1. Review of 12 Teams and Leaders and available material
- 2. Review of new letterhead and bookmark

Public Relations, Chair Senior Senator Cox

- 1. Review of Handouts:
 - A. Promotion of California Fund for Senior Citizens
 - B. Sample of involvement with other senior organizations
 - C. Sample of contact with local tax preparers
 - D. Literature on promoting CSL
- 2. Review of CSL members who have submitted news articles:
 - A. Use of photo in Press Releases was stressed.
- 3. Review of Donor Recognition:
 - A. Thank you notes to donors
- 4. Web site update to include Request for Funds for Line 54
- 5. Capability of donating on-line.

Session Planning, Senior Assembly Member Young

- 1. Chair Levy and Senior Assembly Member Young will establish rules for setting up conference phone call.
- 2. Senior Assembly Member Monck will write a letter to be included in a packet to be sent to establishments for fundraising and Annual Session sponsors combined.
- 3. Annual Session needs major modifications in order to not exceed the available funds in the event that CSL must keep \$150,000 in a restricted account. It was also felt that improved proposals would be generated by both the new and returning members by having an extensive training period.

XV. Staff Report - June Hamilton

- 1. Organization of office files and records
- 2. Archiving Office material
- 3. Responding to October Session requests
- 4. Present the CSL's 2006 Legislative Program
- 5. Set-up binders for unbacked proposals
- 6. Completion of 2006 Proposal Books
- 7. Payment of October, 2005 Session lunches

XVI. Old Business

None

XVII. New Business

In order to maximize JRC meetings, box lunches will be purchased for the first day of the March JRC meeting.

XVIII. Correspondence

None

XIX. Set Next Meeting

The next JRC meeting will be held on March 21-22, 2006, starting at 11:00 a.m. on the first day with JRC members scheduling departures on the second day no sooner than 5:00 p.m.

XX. Announcements

The JRC passed a Resolution that CSL will request rescinding Part D of Medicare program.

The JRC meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Senior Assembly Member June Glasmeier, Secretary, and approved by JRC Chair, Senior Senator Jim Levy, pending final approval of the JRC.

Approved without change by the JRC 3/21/06.