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**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AND
JOINT RULES COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday - Thursday, December 8-10, 2009
Vagabond Inn Conference Room
909 Third Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

MINUTES

Leg Committee Chair, Senior Senator Anne Mack
Leg Committee Vice-Chair, Senior Senator Jim Levy
Leg Committee Vice-Chair, Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh
JRC Chair, Senior Assembly Member Richard Dahlgren
JRC Vice Chair, Senior Senator Dee Erman
JRC Vice Chair, Senior Assembly Member Julia Rosenberg

Tuesday, December 8, 2009, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The December 8-10, 2009 Joint Legislative Committee and JRC Meeting was called to order by Chair Senior Senator Anne M. Mack at 2:07 p.m.

II. Invocation was said by Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh

III. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senior Senator Jim Levy

IV. Roll Call

Present: Senior Senators Dee Erman, Joanne Kim-Selby, Jim Levy, Lenwood Long, Anne M. Mack, Kitty Mesler, Bruce Steir, Carla Treuting and Lola Young; Senior Assembly Members Eleanor Bloch, Jane Ann Godager, Allan Hurst, Alice Loh, Don MacAllister, Richard Shontz, Julia Rosenberg, and Evelyn Tom

Absent: Senior Senators Craig Orange and Bud Winslow; Senior Assembly Members Quincy Campbell, Richard Dahlgren and Jane Ann Godager

Staff: Sherry Jenkins

A Quorum was established

(Over)

V. Introduction of Guests

None

VI. Public Comments

None

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

VII. Approve Agenda

M/S/P (Eleanor Bloch/Jim Levy)

APPROVE THE DECEMBER 8-10, 2010 JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AND JRC MEETING AGENDA.

VIII. Approve Minutes of July 7-8, 2009

M/S/P (Lenwood Long/Kitty Mesler)
1 abstention

APPROVE THE JULY 7-8, 2009 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES.

IX. Discussion of Legislative Issues

It was announced that Assembly Member Monnings has agreed to author SFP-1 (Winslow) Gender Discrimination.

X. Review of previous "Walking the Halls"

A small discussion took place about the positive outcome of the previous "Walking the Halls".

Senior Assembly Member Hurst brought in extra copies of "*A Citizen's Guide to Lobbying*" to share with the members courtesy of Senator John Benoit.

XI. Review of Teams

Senior Senator Mack announced the teams and made the substitution for missing members. Appointment scheduling problems were discussed.

XII. How to Talk to Your Legislators Workshop

Tom Riley from Cal Capitol Group presented a "How to Talk to Your Legislators" Workshop and shared the www.leginfo.ca.gov website as being a very good website to go to for information on state bills, rules, and regulations. He pointed out that even "good bills" have opposition so you need to understand where the

opposition is coming from and try to find a compromise if possible. Mr. Riley suggested teaming with other organizations as much as possible to get a bill through the system. People and organizations who might be your enemy now can be your friend in another issue.

Mr. Riley went over the process a bill goes through to become a law and he mentioned that the most important thing is to advocate for that bill. You need to keep in contact with the state legislator's, who is authoring the bill, staff members so you will know how they feel about it.

Don't forget to look straight into the eyes of the person you are introducing yourself to without looking away and remember to be respectful of ALL staff members, including the receptionist/secretary/intern. What you discuss before and after the meeting may be as important as what is discussed during the meeting.

Meeting Recessed until Wednesday, December 9, 2009

Wednesday, December 9, 2009, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: Capitol Building

XIII. Walk the Halls of the State Capitol Building

Meeting Reconvened 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
at Vagabond Inn Conference Room

XIV. Review of Wednesday's "Walking"

All ten teams reported in on the day's "walk" and submitted their Site Visit Reports to Chair Mack.

Meeting Recessed until Thursday, December 10, 2009

Thursday, December 10, 2009, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: Capitol Building

XV. Walk the Halls of the State Capitol Building

Meeting Reconvened 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
at Vagabond Inn Conference Room

XVI. Review of Thursday's "Walking"

Teams reported in on the day's "walk" and submitted their Site Visit Reports to Chair Mack. Various comments that were made were:

"Be sure to send thank yous."

"Distribute Code 402 flyers to state legislators and maybe have available in their offices for others."

"Get Code 402 on the Public Service Announcement."

"Walking the Halls was very good."

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.