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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday - Thursday, March 10-12, 2009
Vagabond Inn Conference Room
909 Third Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Agenda

Leg Committee Chair, Senior Senator Anne Mack
Leg Committee Vice-Chair, Senior Senator Craig Orange
Leg Committee Vice-Chair, Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh

I. Call to Order

The Tuesday, March 10, 2009 Legislative Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Senior Senator Anne M. Mack at 1:15 p.m. at the Vagabond Inn Conference Room.

II. Invocation

Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh gave the invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Senior Senator Craig Orange led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call

Present: Senior Senators Craig Orange, Lenwood Long, Anne M. Mack, Horace Mann, Bruce Steir, Vernon Uecker, and Bill Young; Senior Assembly Members Eleanor Bloch, Fran Givens, Jane Ann Godager, Sharon Lamagno, Alice Loh, Herbert Schwartz, Richard Shontz, Anne Warren, and Lola Young

Excused: Senior Senators Marion Faustman, Jim Levy, and Dolores Wright; Senior Assembly Members Walter Brooks

Staff: Sherry Jenkins

A Quorum was established.

V. Introduction of Guests

Arianna Smith from Assembly Member Mike Feuer's office.

(Over)

VI. Public Comment

None.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

VII. Approve Agenda of March 10-11, 2009 Legislative Committee Meeting

M/S/P (Long/Orange)

APPROVE THE MARCH 10-11, 2009 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA.

VIII. Approve Minutes of July 20-21, 2008 Legislative Committee Meeting.

M/S/P (Long/Loh)

APPROVE THE JULY 20-21, 2008 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES.

IX. Approve Minutes of January 6-8, 2009 Legislative Committee Meeting.

M/S/P (Long/Loh)

APPROVE THE JANUARY 6-8, 2009 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES.

X. Discuss Support and Sponsored Bills

Arianna Smith from Assembly Member Mike Feuer's office gave a presentation on AB 215 – Nursing Home Grade Postings (Feuer and Smyth) and asked for CSL's support. She announced that the five star grade ratings are listed on the Center for Medicare and Medicaid website. This bill proposes these ratings be listed on a poster in a clearly marked area for the public to see in the nursing homes.

M/S/P (Orange/Young)

THE CSL SHOULD SUPPORT AB 215 WITH THE STIPULATION THAT THE CSL CONTINUES TO SUPPORT SENIOR ASSEMBLY MEMBER RICHARD WOLFE'S ORIGINAL PROPOSAL.

Other bills presented to the Leg Committee for support were:

SB 303 Support
AB 283 Support
AB 478 Support

SB 341 Undecided
SB 1290 Undecided
AB 108 Undecided

AB 479 Support	AB 138 Undecided
AB 721 Support/one abstention	AB 142 Undecided
AB 378 Undecided	AB 235 Undecided
AB 498 Undecided	AB 292 Undecided
AB 885 Undecided	AB 329 Undecided
AB 1259 Undecided	AB 398 Undecided
AB 1535 Undecided	AB 583 Undecided

List of undecided bills will be sent out to the Legislative Committee members by Staff Jenkins so a vote can be taken before the Joint Rules Committee meets in April.

XI. Review of Walking the Halls in January

Discussion took place regarding the January Walk the Halls and all agreed that it was a very positive experience and they are looking forward to visiting the state legislators again on this trip.

Meeting recessed until Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Meeting was reconvened at 5:00 p.m., March 11, 2009.

XII. Discussion of Wednesday's Walking the Halls

Most have finished their visits and most reported very positive reception by the state legislators and their staff members. Several bills were brought that the CSL are being asked to support.

Meeting recessed until Thursday, March 12, 2009

Meeting was reconvened at 1:00 p.m., March 12, 2009.

XIII. Walk the Halls of the State Capitol Building

Meeting reconvened

XIV. Review of Thursday's Walking the Halls

Members gave site visit reports and added to the growing list of bills that the CSL are being asked to support. All reported positive feedback from the Walk.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.