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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday through Wednesday, February 15-16, 2011
Vagabond Inn Conference Rooms
909 Third Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
And
State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814

MINUTES

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

Tuesday, February 15, 2010, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: Vagabond Inn Conference Room
909 Third Street, Sacramento
(800) 522-1555

I. Call to Order

The February 15, 2011 Legislative Committee Meeting was called to order by Chair Alice Loh at 1:10 p.m.

Invocation was said by Senior Senator Dee Erman

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Senior Senator Nneenah Frazier

II. Roll Call - Determine excused and unexcused absences

Present: Senior Senators Jack Alderson, Nneenah Frazier, Dee Erman and Lola Young; Senior Assembly Members Alice Loh, Jane Ann Godager, Allan Hurst, Eleanor Bloch and Richard Shontz

Excused: Senior Senators Craig Orange and Anne M. Mack

Staff: Clare Smith and Crystal Wallace

A Quorum was established

III. Introduction of Guests

Senior Senator Jim Levy was present and filling in for Senior Senator Anne M. Mack with JRC Chair Richard Dahlgren's approval, Senior Senator Sandra Miller.

Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh presented guest Ernie Powell, Manager of Advocacy representing AARP. Mr. Powell reviewed what this year's focus

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Is on the impact of budget cuts on seniors. Mr. Powell feels it would be a great opportunity to unite with CSL on this front.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- V. Approval of February 15-16, 2011 Legislative Committee Meeting Agenda

M/S/P (Allan Hurst/Eleanor Bloch)

APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 15-16, 2011 Legislative Committee Meeting AGENDA

- VI. Approval of Minutes of January 3-5, 2011 Legislative Committee Meeting

M/S/P (Jane Ann Godager/Richard Shontz)

APPROVE THE JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

- VII **Discussion of “Walk the Halls” followed by visiting State Legislators in the State Capitol Building**

Committee Members walking the halls are encouraged to share unbacked proposal spreadsheet when visiting with Legislator.

Meeting Recessed until 4:45 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened at 4:45 p.m.–5:45 p.m.

Location: Capitol Building Room 127

- VIII. **“Walk the Halls” de-briefing and sharing insights**

Brief review of teams was given by Chair Alice Loh.

Members shared and exchanged their insights, issues/concerns; and explored opportunities and possibilities to working together with the Legislators and their staffs.

Chair Loh reminded the Committee that it may be best to fill out the Site Visit Report as much as possible prior to “Walking the Halls”.

Meeting Recessed until Wednesday, February 16, 2011

Wednesday, February 16, 2011, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: Capitol Building

- IX. **“Walk the Halls” in the State Capitol Building**

Meeting Reconvened 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- X. **Review of “Walk the Halls”**

Members were asked to review, discuss and vote on the following Bills as Presented: AB 20 (Yamada), AB 310 (Ma) AB 367 (Smyth) and AB 579 (Moning). Members reviewed, discussed, and passed.

Senior Senator Jim Levy shared that SP 11 was authored by Senator Correa Senior Senator Nneenah Frazier noted that Florence Bernall from Assembly Member Paul Fong's office is interested in additional proposals.

~~Senior Assembly Member Rosenberg suggested that AB 367 be referred out to another agency .~~

Members suggested to Chair to establish an Executive Order to have Legislative Committee members to do the following:

1. Every member has to stay the entire trip through meeting adjournment.
2. If one cannot stay the full length, one should inform alternate to attend.
3. If no alternate exists, notify Chair of Legislative Committee.

M/S/P (Eleanor Bloch/Jane Ann Godager)

XI. Election of Vice Chair to fill vacated seat

Chair Alice Loh held volunteer suggestions which all members did volunteer. Senior Senator Nneenah Frazier nominated Richard Shontz. 5 Aye Votes. 2 No Lola Young nominated Jane Ann Godager. 2 Aye Votes. 5 No.

Richard Shontz is elected Vice Chair of the Legislative Committee.

Members did not accept absentee member's volunteering effort of being on the ballot for votes.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.