

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION/LEGISLATION (PAL)
COMMITTEE**

Monday, April 23, 2007
1:30 pm

Supervisor Keith Carson, Chair
Supervisor Scott Haggerty

Location: Board Conference Room-5th floor-County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

Supervisor Scott Haggerty called the meeting to order.

I. FEDERAL LEGISLATION (Jim Copeland/Emily Bacque)

Legislative Update

The House passed the Water Resources Development Act, which is a bill that includes money for Army Corps flood control projects. The House also passed a bill last week to give the District of Columbia full voting member of the House. The bill would increase the voting membership of the House from 435 to 437 members. It would accommodate a D.C. representative and one from another state, likely Probably Utah.

The Senate will take up similar legislation. In the Senate, Republicans blocked a bill that would permit the secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate for lower Medicare prescriptions and drug prices.

This week the focus will shift to the supplemental appropriations bill to fund the war in Iraq. Conferees are scheduled to meet this afternoon. The President has said he will veto any bill that contains troop withdrawal language.

Questions/Discussion

Supervisor Scott Haggerty: Was Alameda County on the list of flood control projects?

Jim Copeland: There is one project in the House bill for one of the creeks in the County. A list of projects will be provided to Supervisor Haggerty's office.

Request for Legislation Position – Action Item

i. H.R. 1593 (Davis) Second Chance Act of 2007

Recommendation: Support: Social Services Agency

ii. S. 845 (Enzi) Keeping Seniors Safe From Falls Act of 2007

Recommendation: Support: Health Care Services Agency/Social Services Agency

iii. S. 1060 (Biden) Second Chance Act of 2007

Recommendation: Support: Social Services Agency

Recommendation from PAL Committee: Support. Move to the full Board of Supervisors

II. STATE LEGISLATION (Lynn Suter/Steve Wallauch)

Legislative Update

All five (5) budget committees will meet at the same time on Wednesday. Some issues the Legislature has been dealing with are tribal gaming, redistricting, health care reform.

Senator Perata and Speaker Nuñez have introduced their proposals for health care reform and are working to reconcile some of the differences.

Prison Reform

Department of Corrections proposals for prison reform can be found in the Sheriff's proposal which will be sent to the PAL Committee.

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and the Urban County Caucus (UCC) -

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i. Increased funding for Adult Protective Services

Recommendation: Support: Social Services Agency

ii. AB 190 (Bass) Child Welfare Services

Recommendation: Support: Social Services Agency

iii. AB 508 (Swanson) Food Stamps: eligibility: drug felonies

Recommendation: Support: Social Services Agency

iv. AB 881 (Mullin) Vehicles: child passengers

Recommendation: Support: Health Care Services Agency

v. AB 1334 (Swanson) Corrections: sexual barrier protection devices

Recommendation: Support: Health Care Services Agency

Recommendation from PAL Committee: Support. Move to the full Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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