

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

**Monday, March 12, 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

I. FEDERAL LEGISLATION (Jim Copeland/Emily Bacque)

Legislative Update

FY 07 War Supplemental

The House Appropriations Committee will mark up the FY07 emergency supplemental appropriations bill this Thursday. The President's request totaled \$103 billion for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Congress has added approximately \$20 billion to that request.

The focus of the supplemental debate has centered on the war in Iraq. The Democratic leadership has included language in the draft bill that would set a deadline for troop withdrawals. It is unclear if there are enough votes for passage because the Democratic caucus is divided and Republicans will likely oppose because they feel the language is tying the hands of the Administration. However, Democrats have included billions of dollars in non-military spending intended to attract support from Caucus members, including for Katrina-related spending and for agricultural disasters. A few of the specifics are as follows:

- \$735 million the State Children's Health Insurance Program (S-CHIP)
- \$4.3 billion for agriculture disaster relief
- \$2.9 billion for Gulf Coast hurricane recovery efforts
- \$2.5 billion for homeland security

House floor debate is expected next week.

FY08 Budget

Both House and Senate Committees continue to hold hearings on the budget. The House Democratic leadership anticipates debate on a FY08 Budget Resolution during the week of March 26th.

Homeland Security Legislation

The Senate will pass its omnibus homeland security bill tomorrow that would enact the 9/11 Commission recommendations as well as authorize homeland security funding. It has been debating the bill the last two weeks. Major debates continue over the allocation of homeland security funding between the states, with the underlying bill reducing from .75% to .45% the minimum share states receive.

The Senate bill would authorize \$3.5 billion in transit security grants. The bill is similar to legislation approved by the Banking Committee in 2005. Funding would be distributed directly to transit agencies and grants would go towards capital projects that can address the specific security needs of a transit agency.

The bill also includes grants for the operation of security equipment, evacuation drills, and worker training and requires rail and public transportation systems to train their employees on how to prevent, prepare for, and respond to a terrorist attack.

The House previously passed legislation on the 9-11 recommendations, but that bill had no provisions relating to rail or mass transit security. In anticipation of a future conference with the Senate, the House Homeland Security Committee and the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee are advancing separate legislation on rail and transit security.

II. STATE LEGISLATION (Lynn Suter/Steve Wallauch)

Legislative Update

Request for Legislation Position – Action Item

(Copies of documents related to requests are on file in Board Committee Clerk's Office)

i. AB 110 (Laird) Drug Paraphernalia: Clean needle and syringe exchange projects

Recommendation: Support: Health Care Services Agency

ii. AB 345 (Saldana) The Underage Drinking Prevention Act of 2007

Recommendation: Support: Health Care Services Agency

iii. AB 346 (Beall) The Prevention of Youth Access to Alcoholic Beverages with Special Appeal to Minors Act of 2007

Recommendation: Support: Health Care Services Agency

iv. AB 1512 (Torrico) Public social services: child welfare

Recommendation: Sponsor: Gail Steele, District 2, Board of Supervisors

v. SB 107 (Alquist) Community development: health food choices

Recommendation: Support: Health Care Services Agency

vi. SB 120 (Padilla) Food facilities: nutritional information

Recommendation: Support: Health Care Services Agency

vii. Proposed Legislation – Sentence enhancements for long-term child abductions

Recommendation: Support: District Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENT

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