



# Hey, CSL

# What's Up?

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### Chair's Corner

By Joseph A. Cox

I am taking this last opportunity, as the Chair of the JRC, to say thank you to the members of the CSL, the members of the JRC, Legislative committee and our Executive Secretary. We have traveled many miles together this year and they have been good ones. It is a pleasure to work with such sincerely, dedicated people that have one purpose in mind - "To improve the Quality of Life for Aging Californians." Working together as a team has paid off!

Over the past few years, there have been many bumps in the road. We have benefitted from the efforts of previous members who worked on those bumps and built the solid foundation that we have today. They laid the ground work and built an excellent organization. This year we have had the opportunity to capitalize on those gains and move forward. We have taken advantage of their hard work and moved the CSL into a solid entity. Of course there is still much to be done. You now have a solid foundation and opportunity to move us into bigger and better achievements.

Stay active and stay involved

as you promote the "California Senior Legislature."

### What are Members up to?

**Senior Assembly Member Lola Young** – Was just appointed to the membership of the 2008-2009 Women's Policy Institute Fellows. This organization works in environmental health, reproductive justice, economic and educational justice, criminal justice, and elder women's issues from all over California and consists of 32 outstanding women.

**Senior Senator Joe Cox and Senior Assembly Member Richard Dahlgren** – Were featured in an article about the CSL in the first edition of the Merced Area Agency on Aging "Senior News and Programs, SNAP".

**Senior Senator Horace Mann** – Has adopted a portion of High-way 1 in Mendocino to clean and paid to put the CSL name and Logo on the highway sign.

**Senior Senator Connie Eaton** – Spoke to various people about the CSL on her recent trip to southern California.

**Senior Senator Dee Erman** – Advised that her Advisory Council will be reviewing the CSL new proposals and voting for their top 10.

**Senior Senator Anne Mack** – Was asked by Assembly Member Jim Beall to attend Senior Seminar on October 23 in Santa Clara County.

**The Seven Orange County CSL Members** – Conducted a Senior Citizens Advisory Council Session to prioritize the CSL's proposals as they apply to the seniors in Orange County.

**Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn** – Was featured in an article in the *California Chronicle* due to her bill, AB 2100, becoming chaptered.

**Senior Senator Lenwood Long** – Was quoted in the *Riverside Press-Enterprise* regarding the now deleted Participants in the Property Tax and Renters Assistance Program.

**Senior Senator Kitty Mesler, and Senior Assembly Members Juanita Beighle, Fran Givens, and Jane Ann Godager** – Spoke at the Yucca Valley Department of Aging and Adult Services.

**Senior Senator Kitty Mesler and Senior Assembly Member Fran Givens** – Volunteered at the Senior Day at the Orange Show in San Bernardino.

**Senior Assembly Member Fran Givens** – Spoke about the CSL at her 55<sup>th</sup> High School Class Reunion in Burlington, Iowa.

*If any members would like a copy of any of the above, please contact the CSL office.*

If there is any organization or individual that you would like to receive our monthly newsletter, please send the contact name and address to the CSL office and those people will receive a

copy every month either by email or snail mail.

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*The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.*  
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**CSL embarks on new Funding Venture**

by Horace Mann

Corporate sponsorship can add significantly to our annual budget. Do you have any ties to a corporate office, past employer, family member, friend, yourself? Please send any leads to Senior Senator Horace Mann at [www.fbmamm@juno.com](mailto:www.fbmamm@juno.com) or my home address 17900 Ocean Drive, #41, Fort Bragg, CA 95437. Please do not send just corporate or business name without the name of the person responsible for corporate giving.

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*You can't stay young forever, but you can be immature for the rest of your life.*  
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Any news for the November Newsletter need to be submitted to the CSL office by November 7, 2008.

**Greetings from Session Planning**

by Lola Young

It's October. Are you ready for the session? Here is a check list. If you haven't made hotel arrangements, it's too late. Travel arrangements? There will be bus transportation to and from the Capitol from the Holiday Inn. MV Transportation will provide transportation for those members with special needs.

If you haven't let June Glasmeier know your food choices for the banquets, be sure you get that in to her. Special entertainment is being planned for Tuesday evening at the reception and dinner.

Have you read your proposal book? The whole book? You need to read all of the proposals, because we will be voting for all of them when they reach the Assembly and Senate floor. After reading a proposal, I find it helpful to pencil in my vote on the first page of the proposal before the session. I say pencil in, just in case I change my mind at the session.

Registration will begin on Monday at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided all three days for all members. You need to dress appropriately and wear your name badge at all times.

Be sure not to miss Lt. Governor Garamendi's breakfast on Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. Lt. Governor Garamendi has said that he will make every effort to be there to greet us in person this year.

This promises to be a great session. I am looking forward to seeing all of you!

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*The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age.*  
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**Code 402**

Be sure to check out the new line number for the CSL voluntary contributions on the California State Income Tax Return. It will now be Code 402 and will remain that number from now on.

**SOS**

“Support our Seniors” is now a phase that you can expect to see more and more. The CSL is investigating having fans and other advertising objects produced so members can give out as reminders to everyone regarding the voluntary contributions on the California State Income Tax Return. Be sure to watch for them.

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*I have to walk early in the morning, before my brain figures out what I'm doing.*  
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**Office Closures**

The CSL office will be closed on the following dates:  
 October 13 – Columbus Day  
 October 20-22 – Annual Session  
 November 11 – Veterans Day  
 November 27-28 - Thanksgiving

**Current CSL Legislation**

- AP-2 AB 2139 (De La Torre)  
 Senior Assembly Member Lola Young  
 IHSS Provider Auto Insurance - **Failed**
  
- AP-4 AB 2100 (Wolk/Berg/Krekorian)  
 Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn  
 Elder Abuse Reporting – **(Chaptered)**
  
- AP-10 AB 2516 (Mendoza)  
 Senior Assembly Member Sharon Monck  
 Prescriptions: electric transmissions - **Failed**
  
- AP-12/2006 AB 1765 (Blakeslee)  
 Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh  
 Elder Abuse: Mandated Reporters - **Failed**
  
- AP-12/2007 AJR 21 (Portantino)  
 Senior Assembly Member Arthur Serrin  
 Housing authorities: federal vouchers and certificates: shared housing – **(Chaptered)**
  
- AP-13 SB 1058 (Alquist/Florez)  
 Senior Assembly Member Sol Fingold  
 Health & Care Facilities: Bacterial Infections - **(Chaptered)**
  
- AP-19 SB 977 (Correa)  
 Senior Assembly Member Pat Trotter  
 Senior Facility Infrastructure Upgrades - **Failed**
  
- AP-28 AB 2051 (Anderson)  
 Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn  
 Elder abuse offender registry - **Failed**  
 (Krohn) AB 2543 (Berg)  
 Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn  
 Geriatric & Gerontology Workforce Expansion Act - **Failed**

- SP-2/2006 SB 692 (Ashburn)  
 Senior Senator Fromm  
 IHSS: criminal background checks - **(Chaptered)**
  
- SP-16 AB 2229 (Huffman)  
 Senior Senator Dolores G. Wright  
 Medi-Cal: dental examinations - **Failed**
  
- SP-18 AB 2160 (Carter)  
 Senior Senator Kitty Mesler, Senior Assembly Members Juanita Beighle, Fran Givens, and Jane Godager  
 Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act: disability: definition - **Failed**
  
- SP-22 AB 2460 (Davis)  
 Senior Senator Marvin Goldman  
 Consumer Loans: seniors - **Failed**
  
- SP-29 AJR 111 (Huffman)  
 Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby  
 Senior Volunteer Month - **(Chaptered)**
  
- AFP-1/2004 SJR 12 (Simitian)  
 Retired Member Helen Karr  
 Elder Abuse Awareness Stamp - **(Chaptered)**
  
- AFP-2 (Lopes) H.R.3648 (Rangel)  
 Senior Assembly Member Foster Lopes  
 Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007  
**(Public Law #110-142 12/20/2007)**
  
- AFP-7 AJR 31 (Jones/Machado)  
 Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh  
 Government Negotiated Drug Prices - **(Chaptered)**

**Other Supported Legislation**

- AB 152 Beall  
 Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority - **Failed**

AB 725 Lieber  
Housing: universal rental housing application -  
**Failed**

AB 1022 Saldaña  
Continuing care home service - **Failed**

AB 1158 Benoit  
Witnesses: conditional examinations – **(Chaptered)**

AB 1444 Benoit  
Physical Therapists: scope of practice - **Failed**

AB 1526 Lieber  
Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund  
Act of 2006. - **Vetoed**

AB 1554 Jones  
Health care coverage: rate approval - **Failed**

AB 1887 Beall  
Health care coverage; mental health services -  
**Failed**

AB 2038 Lieber  
Persons with disabilities: victims of crime -  
**Failed**

AB 2101 Wolk/Krekorian  
Residential Care Facilities - **Failed**

AB 2105 DeSaulnier  
Elder and dependent adult abuse - **Failed**

AB 2137 Saldaña  
Insurance: rescission of long-care contracts –  
**(Chaptered)**

AB 2149 Berg  
Investment Advisors – **(Chaptered)**

AB 2150 Berg  
Insurance: sales designations – **(Chaptered)**

AB 2157 Horton  
Skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities:  
licensing - **Failed**

AB 2319 Horton  
Identification cards: renewal by mail

AB 2370 Bass  
Residential care facilities for the elderly –  
**(Chaptered)**

AB 2439 De La Torre  
Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan  
Repayment Program: fees – **(Chaptered)**

AB 2475 Horton  
Skilled nursing facilities - **Failed**

AB 2543 Berg  
Geriatric and Gerontology Workforce Expansion  
Act - **Failed**

AB 2598 Leno  
Residential care facilities for the elderly - **Failed**

AB 2796 Nava  
Civil obligations – **(Chaptered)**

AB 2947 Eng  
Elder and dependent adult abuse: waiver of rights -  
**Failed**

AB 2967 Lieber  
Health care cost and quality transparency - **Failed**

AB 3000 Wolk  
Health care decisions: life sustaining treatment –  
**(Chaptered)**

SB 491 Alquist  
State Alzheimer's Disease Strategic Plan –  
**(Chaptered)**

SB 981 Perata  
Health care coverage; noncontracting emergency  
physician claims - **Failed**

SB 1140 Steinberg  
Financial abuse of elder or dependent adults –  
**(Chaptered)**

SB 1164 Scott  
Investigators – **(Chaptered)**

SB 1216 Scott  
Insurance: long-term care

SB 1259 Margett  
Witness testimony: support persons: elder abuse -  
**Failed**

SB 1343 Battin  
Witness testimony: support persons: elder abuse

SB 1400 Simitian  
Sweepstakes – **(Chaptered)**

SB 1406 Correa  
Optometry – **(Chaptered)**  
SB 1474 Alquist  
Chronic dialysis clinics - **Failed**

SCR 112 Padilla  
Services for older adults – **(Chaptered)**

S 2708 Boxer  
Caring for an Aging America Act of 2008

### Sneak Preview of 2009 Proposals

AP 1 Senior Assembly Members Phyllis Purcell, John Kirwin, and Senior Senator Lenwood Long  
Transportation: Seniors

AP 2 Senior Assembly Members Phyllis Purcell, Juanita Beighle, John Kirwin, and Senior Senator Roberta Marti  
Disabled Persons' and Disabled Veterans' Parking Spaces: width and availability

AP 3 Senior Assembly Member Shirley Krohn  
Financial Elder Abuse Reporting

AP 4 Senior Assembly Member Evelyn Freidman and Senior Senator Edward Woods  
HIV/AIDS Education for Older Adults

AP 6 Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero  
Food Safety

AP 7 Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero  
Relating to Hearing Aids

AP 8 Senior Assembly Member Austin Lucero  
Pharmaceuticals: Labels

AP 9 Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh  
Nursing Home Reform

AP 10 Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh  
SSI/SSP Benefits

AP 11 Senior Assembly Member Roland Gerbracht  
Crimes against Elders

AP 12 Senior Assembly Member Roland Gerbracht  
Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse: Sexual abuse or touching

AP 13 Senior Assembly Member Samuel Park  
California Senior Legislature: California Senior Citizens' Club

AP 14 Senior Assembly Member Eleanor Bloch  
Emergency Transportation

AP 15 Senior Assembly Members Billie Taylor and Senior Senator Mickey Peabody  
Notarized Documents: Execution by patient in skilled nursing facility

AP 16 Senior Assembly Members Lola Young, Martin Tucker, Sally Wieck, and Senior Senators Erwin Fromm, Jim Levy, and Bill Young  
California Elder Economic Security Standard Index

AP 17 Senior Assembly Member Lola Young, Martin Tucker, Sally Wieck, and Senior Senators Erwin Fromm, Edward Woods, and Bill Young  
Skilled Nursing Facilities: End-of-life privacy

AP 18 Senior Assembly Member Richard Wolfe  
Caregivers

AP 19 Senior Assembly Member Richard Wolfe  
Grading System for Nursing Homes

AP 20 Senior Assembly Member Martin Tucker, Sally Wieck, and Senior Senator Erwin Fromm  
Medi-Cal Benefits: Personal and incidental needs

AP 21 Senior Assembly Member Dorothy Sorensen  
Senior Convalescent Care Facilities: Personal equipment: Permanent marking

AP 24 Senior Assembly Member Bernard Weintraub  
Nursing Homes: Corporate ownership

AP 25 Senior Assembly Member Phyllis Purcell, Juanita Beighle, John Kirwin, and Senior Senator Patricia Jones  
Funding of Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals

AFP 1 Senior Assembly Member Alice Loh  
Social Security: Cost-of-living adjustment

AFP 2 Senior Assembly Member Bernard Weintraub  
Nursing Homes: Disclosure of ownership information

AFP 3 Senior Assembly Member Lola Young, Martin Tucker, Sally Wieck, and Senior Senator Erwin Fromm, Jim Levy, and Bill Young  
Federal Poverty Guidelines

AFP 4 Senior Assembly Member Arthur Serrin  
Affordable Housing: Families of servicemen and servicewomen deployed to Afghanistan and the Gulf War Zone of Iraq

AFP 5 Senior Assembly Member Jane Ann Godager, Juanita Beighle, Fran Givens, and Senior Senator Kathleen Mesler  
Social Security Cards

AFP 6 Senior Assembly Member Foster Lopes  
Social Security Adjustment

AFP 7 Senior Assembly Member Foster Lopes  
Federal Income Tax: Deductions: Medical expenses

AFP 8 Senior Assembly Member Margaret Sowma  
Medicare: Home health agencies: Patient rights

AFP 9 Senior Assembly Member Bernard Weintraub  
Transparency in Nursing Home Ownership

AFP 10 Senior Assembly Members Patricia Wilson and Richard Wolfe  
Federal Social Security: Continuing disability reviews

AFP 12 Senior Assembly Member Lawrence Hartmann  
Required Tire Safety Information

SP 1 Senior Senator Marion Faustman  
Universal Health Care

SP 2 Senior Senator Clifford Erven  
Goods and Services Tax

SP 3 Senior Senators Richard Griswold, Connie Eaton, and Senior Assembly Members June Glasmeier and Larry Hartmann  
Property Tax

SP 4 Senior Senator Dolores Wright  
Target Population: At-risk seniors

SP 5 Senior Senator Richard Lundin  
Senior Housing: Security

SP 6 Senior Senator Joe Murphy  
Alzheimer Silver Alert Program

SP 7 Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby  
Stroke Education Campaign

SP 8 Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby  
Senior Volunteers

SP 9 Senior Senator Joanna Kim-Selby  
Automated External Defibrillators: Signs: Public awareness campaign

SP 10 Senior Senators Jim Levy, Richard Lundin, Bob Jaffee, and Senior Assembly Members Austin Lucero and Lola Young  
Increased Access to Community-Based Services

SP 11 Senior Senator Richard Lundin  
Senior Financial Abuse

SP 12 Senior Assembly Member Jane Ann Godager  
Powers of Attorney

SP 13 Senior Senator Horace Mann  
State Department of Mental Health: Suicide prevention program

SP 14 Senior Senator Bob Jaffee  
Paratransit

SP 15 Senior Senator Connie Eaton, and Senior Assembly Member June Glasmeier  
Affordable Senior Housing: Second units

SP 16 Senior Senator William Young and Senior Assembly Member Lola Young  
In-Home Supportive Services: Expanded services

SP 17 Senior Senator Bruce Steir  
Elder Death Reviews

SP 18 Senior Senator Richard Lundin  
Statewide Elder Protection Courts

SP 19 Senior Senator Craig Orange  
Prescription Medication Labels

SP 20 Senior Senator George Winslow  
Public Safety: Crosswalk, curb, and sidewalk improvement

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**Southern California Senior Voices 2008**

SP 21 Senior Senator Dolores Wright  
Free Sport Fishing Licenses

SP 22 Senior Senator Connie Eaton  
Funding for the California Senior Legislature

SFP 1 Senior Senator Richard Lundin  
Federal Annuitants: Health premiums

SFP 2 Senior Senator Joe Murphy  
The Alzheimer Silver Alert Program

SFP 3 Senior Senator Clifford Erven  
Senior Consumer Protection: Deceptive marketing  
practices

SFP 4 Senior Senator Joe Cox and Senior Assembly  
Member Richard Dahlgren  
Medicare Coverage of Dental Care

SFP 5 Senior Senator Marion Faustman  
Prescription Drug Safety

SFP 6 Senior Senator John Sorensen and Senior  
Assembly Member Dorothy Sorensen  
Unsolicited Blank Checks

SFP 7 Senior Senator Horace Mann  
Medicare Support for Shingles Immunization  
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The Congress of California Seniors (CCS) is calling a one-day conference for seniors and senior organizations from throughout southern California in the City of Ventura on Monday, October 27, 2008. The conference will be held at the Derby Club of the Ventura County Fairgrounds, on the waterfront adjacent to Highway 101. A leading co-sponsor with the CCS will be the California Commission on Aging.

This conference, Senior Voices 2008, will focus on the growing problem of elder abuse and how we can mobilize to adequately seek ways to fund adult protective services. There will be discussion on strengthening senior centers, exploring ways to increase older driver safety, and seeking ways to unite seniors in defending Medicare and Social Security at the national level. They are welcoming to participate the Area Agencies on Aging from the region, in addition to senior providers and other senior advocates in the Southern Region. Presenters and speakers will include representatives from city, county, state and federal entities.

Please contact the Congress of California Seniors for registration and schedule at (916) 442-4474.  
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**Joint Rules Committee Meetings**

October 20, 2008      10:00 a.m.      Sacramento  
 October 22, 2008      2:45 p.m.      Sacramento

**“Help the Golden State  
 Support the Golden Years!”**

**Legislative Committee Meetings**

October 22, 2008      2:30 p.m.      Sacramento  
 January 6-8, 2009      with JRC Members  
 March 10-11, 2009      with Leg Committee Alternates  
 May 13-14, 2009  
 July 7-9, 2009

**California Commission on Aging Meetings Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Field Hearing Topic</u>
October 15-16, 2008	Redding (Shasta County)	Access to Health Care
December 3-4, 2008	Orange County	Access to Health Care
February 4, 2009	Sacramento	Senior Center Stakeholder Forum
April 7-8, 2009	Fresno	TBD
June 2-3, 2009	Sonoma	TBD
August 4-5, 2009	Sacramento	TBD
December 1-2, 2009	Long Beach	TBD

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