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STATE PRIORITIES

CSL URGENCY PROPOSAL- AP-28-Sr. Asy.member Monk +-& Sr. Senator Levy

LONG-TERM CARE OPTIONS. This proposal would establish the right of any person in need of long-term Care services that are available in an institutional setting to receive those services in the community and to make changes in programs and agencies to implement that right.

AP-9 Sr. Asy. Members Glasmeier and Woods; Tribal gaming Funding for Senior

Centers. Proposal would set aside 20% from tribal gaming payments to the State to fund senior citizen centers.

AP-14- Sr. Asy.member Lucero-Hearing Aid Availability and Cost.

Proposal requires that hearing aids be made available for over-the-counter sales and vendors be encouraged to submit a plan to the Hearing Aid Dispensers Bureau

AP-16- Sr. Asy.member Lucero-Pharmaceutical Expiration Dates; (H)

Proposal requires the inclusion of an accurate "best before" date on pharmaceutical products.

AP-18- Sr. Asy.member Taylor-Senior Mobilehome Park Rent Control.

Proposal imposes rent control on seniors-only Mobilehome parks that limits rent increases to the CPI.

AP-19-Sr. Asy.member Trotter- Senior Facility Infrastructure Upgrades.

Proposal establishes a study of the infrastructure needs being shaped by increases in the senior population and includes funding for upgrades and renovations.

SP-2 Sr. Senator Fromm- IHSS Criminal Background Checks.

Proposal authorizes IHSS public authorities to obtain criminal background checks and subsequent arrest notification for non-IHSS providers.

SP-4-Sr. Senator Griswold – Property Tax Exemptions.

Proposal increases the homeowner's property tax exemption from \$7,000 to \$27,000 for seniors.

SP-17-Sr. Senator Mack- Large Print Prescription Warnings.

Proposal requires pharmacists to include large print inserts with prescriptions warning of drug interactions.

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SP-18 Sr. Senator Wright – Oral Health in Nursing Homes. Proposal requires that the DHS review the oral health component of nursing home treatment plans on a quarterly basis for proper completion and that appropriate referrals to dental professionals be made, with failures reported as abuse.

SP-22 Sr. Senator Murphy – Line 54 Contributions. Proposal permits designations to be made to line 54 on amended tax returns.

FEDERAL PROPOSALS

AFP-2 Sr. Asy.members Shontz & Gould- Parkinson’s Prescription Renewal. Proposal changes the renewal period for Parkinson’s Medicare prescriptions from 30 to 180 days.

AFP-3 Sr. Asy.member Mitchell- Aircraft Portable Oxygen Devices. Proposal requires aircraft operators to allow passengers on oxygen therapy to carry on and operate portable oxygen devices.

AFP-5 Sr. Asy.member Lucero-Sale of Personal Information. Proposal requires business entities to obtain written permission from seniors prior to the sale of personal information.

SFP- 11-Sr. Senator Gehrig- Medicare Podiatric Preventive Care. Proposal expands Medicare coverage to include a co-pay for one annual podiatric care visit.

STATE LEGISLATURE AND CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE GLOSSARY

AB- STATE-Assembly Bill

AP- CSL Assembly Proposal

SB- STATE –Senate BILL

SP- CSL Senate Proposal

AFP CSL Assembly Federal Proposal

SFP-CSL Senate Federal Proposal

AMENDED--Bill-revised.

SUSPENDED--Bill held for amendments and resubmitted for Committee hearing.

WITHDRAWN--Bill may not pass Committee hearing –can be submitted as a 2 year bill

2 YEAR BILL--Same bill reintroduced in the next year’s legislative session.

1st READING –INTRODUCING BILL. 2nd READING, ETC. Reading Bill after amendments

HELD FOR SUBMISSION- Bill to be scheduled for Committee hearing.

ENROLLED-Held for Governor’s signature

CHAPTERED- Governor signed, Bill becomes law.

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