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CSL URGENCY PROPOSALS

SP-20 Senior Senators Levy & Smith: CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATURE. This proposal reduces the minimum contribution level for CSL tax check-off to \$250,000. revises CSL election rules--**SB 1249--SENATOR ALQUIST-SENT TO ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE. - HEARING POSTPONED BY COMMITTEE.**

SP 19 SR. SENATOR Griswold: property tax exemptions. Would increase homeowner's property tax exemption from \$7,000 to \$27,000 for seniors. **AB 2738-ASSEMBLYMEMBER WYLAND -ASSEMBLY REVENUE & TAXATION COMMITTEE.—SET FOR 2ND HEARING. HELD FOR SUBMISSION**

LEGISLATION SUPPORTED BY CSL

AB 1928 Assembly member Berg ;aging and Long Term Care---amended to add division 11 to section 19900, --provide funds for *independent living centers* assisting individuals with disabilities to remain in their homes. Funds to be appropriated from the federal trust fund in the absence of a state budget by July 1 of a fiscal year. **ASSEMBLY APPROP. COMM.—HELD UNDER SUBMISSION.**

AB 1929 Assemblymembers Berg & S. Horton----Area agencies on aging: electronic transfer of funds. Amended Welfare and Institution code to add “quickly” as possible. **SENATE HUMAN SERVICES-HELD FOR SUBMISSION.**

AB 2486 Assemblymembers Ridley-Thomas-In-home Supportive services: Criminal background checks.—amended section 12301.6 to read “no fees shall be charged for background checks. **SENATE HUMAN SERVICES.- HELD FOR SUBMISSION..**

SB 1312 – Senator Alquist –Long Term health care facilities: inspections—amended section 1274 & 1422 would require every health facility for which a license or permit has been issued, to be inspected periodically. **-PASSED AS AMENDED. REREFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

SB 1609-Senator Simitian—Reverse Mortgages: Annuities: Amended section 1632 to require lender to show certification that borrower was referred to a housing counseling agency.-before granting loan.-CHAPTERED INTO LAW.

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FEDERAL TOP 4 PROPOSALS

AFP 2 Sr. Assemblymember Loh: FOOD STAMP Would prevent a reduction in food stamp eligibility for seniors receiving Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage. **.Assembly Human Services Committee.**

AFP 4 Sr. Assemblymember Mitchell: PORTABLE OXYGEN CONCENTRATOR DEVICES ON AIRCRAFT. Would require aircraft operators to allow passengers needing oxygen therapy to carry on portable oxygen concentrators.

AFP 6 Sr. Assemblymember Godager: SOCIAL SECURITY REPRESENTATIVE PAYEES. Would prohibit care facility operators and conservators who operate facilities from being designated as Social Security representative payees unless related by blood or marriage.

SFP 1 Sr. Senator Faustman: REHABILITATION ENTITLEMENT FOR THE BLIND. Creates a rehabilitation entitlement for the blind that is adequate for reeducation and independence.

“WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY”, was observed **JUNE 15, 2006** throughout the world. International Network For the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) is an organization founded in 1997, which is dedicated to global dissemination of information as part of its commitment to world-wide prevention of the abuse of older people.

June 15, Democratic Congressional Delegation U.S. Representative Zoe Lofgren, Chair, read a proclamation to the U.S. House of Representatives. Representing California, Democratic members of the delegation—Representatives, Capps, Cardoza, Eshoo, Honda, Lantos, Lee, Linda Sanches, Loretta Sanchez, Schiff and Tauscher.

A STROLL DOWN MEMORY LANE- BY SR. SENATOR BOB JAFFEE

A new elected Senior Assembly Legislator submitted a proposal in the 1990 legislative session, to increase the size of print on over-the-counter medications, to enable not only seniors with impaired eyesight, but the general public included. Los Angeles Assemblywoman Gywen Moore authored AB 2713 to make the over-the-counter medications' packaging more readable. AB 2713 was signed into law by former Governor Dukmejian. Little progress was made to induce the pharmaceutical industry to comply with the law.

“reprint from FDA Consumer Magazine”

“The rule, published in March 17, 1999, Federal Register, covers some 100,000 nonprescription products, including those like sunscreen that have both drug and cosmetic uses. The goal of the uniform label is to help consumers understand a nonprescription drug's benefits and risks and take the medicine correctly”. “The new rule”, said Vice President Al Gore when he announced it March 11, (1999) will “ensure that the labels on medicine we buy over the counter are no longer written in language that is over our heads.”

In my recent shopping trip to Longs Pharmacy, all aisles had magnifying glasses mounted in each section with over-the-counter medications. This can be a model for all drugstores (especially chain drug stores) to emulate. Perhaps this is a **giant** step to assist the public with impaired eyesight to read about the medication they are taking.

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