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CSL STATE & FEDERAL PRIORITIES

SP-22 -Sr. Senator Eaton-CSL FUNDING REPEAL DATE. Proposal would extend the repeal date for contributions to the California Fund for Senior Citizens. (Code 402).—Author Senator Correa. – BILL SB 91

AP-3 Sr. Assembly Member Krohn: Sunset date for Financial Elder Abuse reporting Act. Proposal removes the repeal date of the Financial Elder Abuse Reporting Act.

AP-7 Sr. Assembly 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-8 Sr. Assembly Member Lucero: Pharmaceutical Expiration Date. Proposal requires pharmaceutical manufacturers to include a “best before” date on packaging.

AP-9 Sr. Assembly Member Loh: Nursing Home Reform. Proposal increases staffing levels in nursing homes, and ensures Departmental protection and guidance for high-quality care.

AP –16 Sr. Assembly Member L.. Young –California Elder Economic Security Standard Index. The State of California would enact legislation that would express eligibility for Means-tested-tested benefit programs.

AP –17 Sr. Assembly Member Young-Nursing home End-of-Life Privacy.. Requires nursing homes to provide privacy for a resident who has been diagnosed as terminal

SP- 18-Sr. Senator Godager- Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act: disability: definition
Author Senator Carter Bill number SB 152

Bill would define “disability for purposes of the act to be the same as the term is defined for purposes of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act. **HEARING FEBRUARY 25/**

AP-19 Sr. Assembly Member Wolfe: Grading System for Nursing Homes. Proposal Establishes a user-friendly compliance grading system for long-term care facilities.

AP-20 Sr. Assembly Member Tucker: Medi-Cal Monthly Allowances. Proposal increases the monthly allowance for personal and incidental needs for a Medi-Cal beneficiary.

AP-21 Sr. Assembly Member Sorenson: Convalescent Care Facility Personal Equipment I.D.
Author Assembly Member Carter – Bill Number Pending. Would require convalescent care facilities to permanently identify patient’s personal equipment.

SP-3 Sr. Senator Griswold: Property Exemptions. Proposal increases the homeowner’s property tax exemption from \$7,000 to \$27,000 for seniors.

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SP-6- Sr. Senator Murphy: Silver Alert Program. Proposal establishes a missing persons program called Silver Alert to protect persons suffering from Alzheimer's or dementia who roam away from home. California's Senior Legal Hotline. **Author Senator Alquist-SB 38.**
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SP 8 –Sr. Senator Kim-Selby-Senior Volunteer Month. Author – Senator Correa Bill No. SCR.

SP-23 Sr. Senator Young: Support for the Ombudsman Program and the Senior Legal Hotline. Proposal requires the immediate reinstatement of State core support of the Ombudsman Programs and the Senior Legal Hotline, and assistance to restore and expand the Federal funding for California's Senior Legal Hotline.

FEDERAL—TOP LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

AFP-1 Sr. Assembly Member Loh: Cost-of Living Adjustment for Social Security. Proposal authorizes SSA to replace the federal poverty line and COLA adjustment with the elder economic security standard index.

SFP 2- Senator Murphy: Silver Alert Program. - Author Senator Correa--- BILL PENDING. Proposal establishes a federally coordinated program known as Silver Alert to locate missing persons with dementia and federal grant program to fund states development

AFP-3 Sr. Senator Young-Federal Poverty Guidelines..-Author Assembly Member Beall. Requires the reevaluation and adjustment of the federal poverty guidelines to more accurately reflect seniors basic cost of living - Bill number AJR

AFP-4 Sr. Senator Cox: Medicare coverage of dental care. Proposal expands Medicare coverage to include dental care and dental plates.-

AFP-7 Sr. Assembly Member Lopes: Medical Expense Tax Deductions. Proposal allows persons 65 and older to fully deduct all medical expenses.

INCOME TAX FOR 2008 IS DUE APRIL 15th 2009

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE “CALIFORNIA FUND FOR SENIOR CITIZENS” (CSL) On State Income Tax Contributions CODE 402.”

SECOND ADDITIONAL STATE AND FEDERAL PRIORITIES ** (PARTIAL LIST)

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AP-10 Sr. Assembly Member Loh: SSI/SSP Yearly Adjustments. Proposal requires consideration of UCLA's Elder Standard Index to guide the yearly adjustment of SSI/SSP benefits.

AP-12 Sr. Assembly Member Gerbracht: Sexual Abuse or touching of Elders. Proposal adds infliction of unjustifiable sexual abuse or touching to the list of crimes against elders.

AP-14 Sr. Assembly Member Bloch: Disaster Emergency Transportation for Elders and Disabled. Proposal requires the mobilization of paratransit and other modes of transportation to move disabled and seniors to a safe place to receive services during a natural disaster

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