

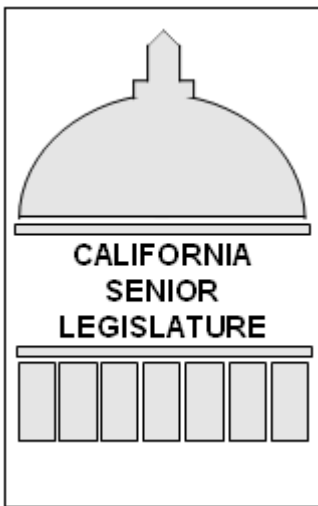
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The California senior Legislature (CSL) concluded their 2009-2010 Legislative Session.

Keynote speaker Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi, spoke about the dysfunctional State Legislature 's ability to meet the challenges of the States budget problems.

Lieutenant Governor Garamendi greeted the Senior Legislators with a full breakfast.

THANK YOU.

During the four-day session, sixty-four proposals were introduced to five Assembly Policy Committees and five Senate Policy Committees. Forty-three proposals were passed by the Senior Legislature.

STATE TOP TEN PROPOSALS

AP-2 Sr. Assembly Member Rolfe: Use of IHSS In Declared Disaster Shelters. Proposal funds IHSS program providers to assist evacuated seniors and disabled in emergency shelters.

AP-3 Sr. Assembly Member Young: Nursing Home End-of Life Privacy. Proposal requires nursing homes to provide privacy for a resident who has been diagnosed as terminal.

AP-7 Sr. Assembly Member Weintraub: Gerontological Nurse Practitioner Training. Proposal establishes a pilot project for training RN's as Gerontological Nurse Practitioners.

AP 20 Sr. Assembly Member Lucero: Hearing Aid Availability and Cost. Proposal. Proposal requires 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 23 Sr. Assembly Member Lopes: Home Sale Capital Gain Exclusion. Proposal conforms California Tax Law to Federal Law extending the \$500,000 capital gain exclusion for home sales for two years after a spouse's death for a widow (er) 60 or older.

AP 24 Assembly Member Krohn: Elder Abuse Prevention. Proposal removes the sunset date from the elder abuse prevention provisions of the Financial Elder Abuse Reporting ACT of 2005.

AP 27 Sr. Assembly Member Lucero: Identity Theft Prevention. Proposal prohibits businesses from using Senior's Social Security Numbers and holds those responsible for damages.

SP 6 Sr. Senator Mack: Capital Gains Tax on Sale of Senior Residence. Proposal allows seniors over 65 to move anywhere in California without increased property taxes and eliminates capital gains tax on the residence sale.

SP 7 Sr. Senator Lundin: Abuse by Financial Institutions. Proposal prevents financial institutions from targeting and abusing senior citizens by keeping seniors from entering into bad or marginal investments.

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TOP 4 FEDERAL PROPOSALS

AFP 8 Sr. Assembly Member Lopes: Medical Expense Tax Deductions. Proposal allows persons 60 and older to fully deduct all medical expenses.

AFP 11 Sr. Senator Lopes: Income Tax on Social Security Benefits. Proposal eliminates all income taxes on the total amount of Social Security Benefits for persons 65 or older.

SFP 4 Sr. Senator Mack: Capitol Gains Tax on Sale of Senior Residence. Proposal eliminates Capital Gains Tax on the sale of principle residences of seniors over 65.

SFP 8 Sr. Senator Hartmann: Tire Safety Identification. Proposal requires tire manufacturers to clearly label tires with month and year of manufacture and include the info on sales receipts.

(Partial List) ADDITIONAL PROPSALS PASSED BY THE CSL LEGISLATURE

AP 1- Sr. Assembly Member Dahlgren: Senior Center Month

AP. 4_ Sr. Assembly Member Wolfe: IHSS in Declared Disaster Shelters.

AP 5 Sr. Assem Member Wolfe: Certification and Regis of All Supportive Service Caregiver

AP 6 Sr. Assembly Weintraub: Health Care Facility Event Reporting.

SP 1 Sr. Senator Young: S Expanded IHSS Services.

SP 2 Sr. Senator Sorenson(John):Criminal Public Remuneration.

SP 3 Sr. Senator Pankhurst: Consolidation and Integration of Senior Services

SP 4 Sr. Senator Messler: Witnessing Seniors' Power of Attorney

SP 5 Sr. Senator Messler: Designated Payees of Care Facilities Benefits.

SP 8 Sr. Senator Lundin: Exclusive Elder Protection Courts.

2009 INCOME TAX REPORTING.

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