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## Industry Meetings

I attended various meetings conducted by TI on the two competing workplace smoking bills. There are some meetings that I can not attend since they are often called with less than 24 hours notice and I am on the road a great deal of the time. After each meeting that I am not able to attend I review the discussions that took place with Art Carter and Joe Pasqualini. AB 13 passed out of the Assembly today, so now both AB 13 and the industry supported AB 996 are on there way to the Senate. Ever since AB 996 passed last week the tobacco industry has been heavily attacked in the press.

I am attaching an article from the Sacramento News and Review, a weekly free paper, which talks about the LMC as a tobacco industry front group.

## State AFL-CIO Legislative Conference

I attended various portions of the 3 day meeting which was held in Sacramento. I talked to various union leaders about the two competing measures on workplace smoking. I spent most of my time outdoors where the ashtrays were since that's where the smokers congregated.

## Tax Related Matters

As you know, California is facing a budget crisis much worse than the one we experienced last year. Revenue increases and deep spending cuts are likely. The legislature is trying harder than usual to reach an agreement prior to July 1 since last year's stalemate caused them such a political problem.

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At this point we are predicting that a budget bill may make it to the Governor's desk by June 20th. I have been working with the People First Budget Coalition which consists of the labor movement, the League of Women Voters, and various community based organizations. There is a weekly steering committee meeting and various sub-committee meetings that I have been attending. They Coalition is planning a huge rally on June 16th to support alternatives to the deep cuts in social programs that are on the table now. Obviously, revenue options are also being considered. Along with several other allies, including Lenny Goldberg of the California Tax Reform Association, we were able to successfully argue against increases in "sin taxes" being considered as an option. While the coalition as a whole does not include "sin tax" increases, we can not guarantee that individual member organizations won't support them as the budget moves forward.

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