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 Re: California LMC - November 1 to December 8

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• State Assembly - Labor and Employment Committee Hearing

After learning that Assemblymember Terry Friedman, Chair of the Labor and Employment Committee, was holding a public hearing on the issue of "second-hand smoke in the workplace," I contacted Bob Pruett at TI in Sacramento. Friedman, a vocal anti-smoker, had scheduled the hearing for December 5 in Los Angeles. The TI lobbyists had not yet been in contact with Bob, so I called the committee consultant in charge of that particular hearing to discuss who had been invited to testify and reported that back to Mr. Pruett.

In the meantime, Bob was busy arranging a meeting of all the industry lobbyists. I was scheduled to be out of town that day, but I rearranged my schedule based on his invitation to attend. It was a "who's who of tobacco," with 10 different lobbyists from various firms in attendance. Pruett was very ill, but ran a very organized and efficient meeting.

At that time, Jack Henning, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the State AFL-CIO, was scheduled to make a statement regarding his concern for the health of workers, etc.

I arranged a meeting to discuss indoor air quality with Mr. Patrick Henning, who has been the Principal Consultant to the Assembly Labor and Employment Committee since 1986. Pat had served as a Governor's appointee to the Agricultural Labor Relations Board, and prior to that worked for the Hotel/Restaurant Employees union. Pat was sympathetic to the argument that total indoor air quality, through proper ventilation, was really the issue. However, he also cited the fact that the Contra Costa Labor Council has supported a smoking ban, and that most public employee unions have not objected when local restrictions have been imposed throughout the state. Pat, who goes outside when he wants to smoke a cigarette, also is the son of Mr. Jack Henning.

On December 5th, the hearing was held at the Los Angeles City Hall. The night before reapportionment maps had been issued by a Court appointed panel. Republicans were in heaven. Democrats were in a panic. The changes in the districts are very significant!!! Very few Assemblymembers were present at the hearing. Of the 10 people in the audience, 5 were also at the "tobacco all-star meeting."

There were two scheduled witnesses who did not show up, Jack Henning and Patrick Reynolds.

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• Redistricting -- The Capitol Explodes

The Capitol was just settling down from the shock of State Senator Alan Robbins' plea bargain on corruption and racketeering charges. Everyone was waiting for the aftershocks that were likely to come if it were true that Robbins had been "wearing a wire" for the last 5 months. A well known Sacramento lobbyist was rumored to be the next person on the block. The mood in the Capitol was generally bleak since more staff cuts were taking place, the state budget is a nightmare around the corner, etc.. The speculation was that the legislature would be coming back for a Special Session in December to talk about the state budget. It was also rumored that one more attempt might be made to reach a compromise on redistricting.

On December 3rd, California politics erupted when the California Supreme Court "Special Masters" issued their redistricting plan. The plan, which must still be adopted by the Supreme Court in January, has created an incredible whirlwind. Districts have changed significantly. Many representatives have been thrown into districts with other incumbents. Republicans were joyful, Democrats are still reeling. I have attached an LA Times article that gives some analysis of the situation. Things are likely to be pretty wild when the legislature returns to Sacramento in January.

CTRA

By now you should have received a package of material on CTRA. We had discussed gathering this material when we met during late September. In addition, I have attached an article regarding a recent CTRA press conference held in Sacramento. The event received good press coverage throughout the state.

Indoor Air Quality

I continue to be in contact with NEMI's Richard Sequest on the projects/referrals from Oakland, Richmond and Contra Costa.

After receiving the LMC memo on OSHA testimony, I began to discuss the matter with various labor leaders. Some leaders wanted to contact their own national organizations to discuss this matter before committing. Others are willing to write a letter and we are currently discussing content. I will be focusing on this project in the weeks ahead. Jim Carey has been very responsive when I have had questions and/or needs on this project.

I also had several meetings with Art Carter and his Legislative Director, Joe Pasqualini, on the subject of indoor air quality and other issues of mutual concern.