

Oakland Legislators continued . . .

days. The newspapers and television reported that the first two officers were shot by the parolee using a handgun during a routine traffic stop. The shooter, Mixon, then escaped the scene and sequestered himself in a relative's home. When SWAT Team officers prepared or attempted to enter the home, Mixon, who had acquired an AK-47 or similar firearm, shot through the wall and/or door and hit three officers in areas not covered by body armor. Two of the officers died and one survived with minor injuries.

Senator Hancock and Assemblyman Swanson issued a press release on March 25, 2009 announcing their intentions on sponsoring this legislation and in the 3 page release never once put any of the blame for this cowardly and dastardly deed on the shooter except to say that "Mixon should not have had access to firearms."

The legislation has yet to receive a bill number but we do know that it will be calling for all high capacity feeding devices legally owned in California to receive a serial number and be entered in a registry like so-called "Assault Weapons." This will be true of all legally owned high capacity ammunition feeding devices whether constructed of metal, plastic or fabric. For the record, it is estimated that there are upwards of 25 million legally owned feeding devices that can hold 10 or more rounds in circulation in California today! That will be some registry...

HR 45 Alert

By Lee Dummel

With the introduction of HR 45 on the Federal level by ex-Black Panther Bobby Rush of Illinois, who served time in prison for weapons violations and is now a U.S. Congressman; this is a bill that totally ignores and holds in contempt the "shall not infringe" portion of the Second Amendment, and is the most draconian anti-gun bill to date.

Said bill is ready for introduction and passage in the most anti-gun Congress yet; the provisions of this bill have the approval of President Obama and his anti-Second Amendment Attorney General, Eric Holder.

In conjunction with HR 45, we are witnessing an unprecedented power grab by the Obama Administration and Congress in order to give them control through the Federal Government of your access to firearms and ammunition, your right to self-defense and your ability to participate in the various shooting sports.

It is incumbent on every gun owner, gun club and firearm dealer to contact your U.S. Congressional Representative urging him or her to vigorously oppose all provisions of HR 45. Make yourself thoroughly familiar with the provision of this bill and articulate with specificity your reasons for opposition; make sure your Congressman or their staff duly record your rationale for your opposition to this bill.

In addition, advise your representative that

despite HR 45 author's claim that the bill is going to reduce gun violence, stop criminal access to firearms and ammunition and "allegedly make you safer," this bill will do nothing of the kind. However, this bill is a blatant attempt by Congress to circumvent the recent Heller Supreme Court Decision and give the Federal Government unconstitutional control of your Second Amendment Rights.

If you, as a gun owner, believe this is an overreaction on the part of individual gun owners or various gun organizations (GOC, GOA, CRPA, NRA, SAF & others) or if you are a hunter, competitive shooter or gun collector, and you believe HR 45 will not affect your firearms and ammunition, you are sadly mistaken and/or misinformed.

HR 45 is part of an ongoing plan by the Federal Government to deprive you of many other of your freedoms, and what better way to do this than by incrementally, and in this case, totally ignoring the "shall not infringe" phrase of the Second Amendment, which confirms a pre-existing right "of the people" that "shall not be infringed" - by ANYBODY.

There are approximately 75-80 million gun owners in the United States (about one quarter of the U.S. population); use this power to stop HR 45 and similar gun bills both federally and statewide, or lose this power altogether to the Federal and State Governments.

(Editor's Note: Lee Dummel served a 30 year career in law enforcement. He is a member of GOC and a member of the Board of Directors of the Paradise Rod and Gun Club in Paradise, CA. He is also one of the best volunteer spokesmen GOC has had in the Capitol. GOC supports Lee's challenge to gun clubs and gun owners throughout CA.)



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They're Back... With a Vengeance!**Just as expected!**

Sam Paredes - Executive Director

It was definitely a welcome reprieve, not having to deal with anti-gun legislation while the Governor and the State Legislature wrestled with the state budget crisis. But, we all knew, deep down in our hearts, it was only a matter of time before the radical anti-gun legislators in the Capitol would get down to their anti-Second Amendment agenda.

As expected, almost every bill we defeated in the 2007/2008 legislative session has been re-introduced just before the 2009 deadline for new bills. It will be another daunting task to stop the gun-grabbers again but we are ready for the fight.

Last year we were successful in defeating our adversaries largely due to the lack of financial resources available in the state coffers to pay for all of the new programs they conjured up. We made sure that the price tags for each of their programs were announced loud and clear. In the end, a perfect storm, political and economic, defeated the anti-gunners. We are now learning that the combination of loans, financial tricks and massive tax increases used to balance the budget are falling colossally short of projections. While California continues to slide down the financial rat hole we stand a good chance of keeping the anti-gunners at bay.

Gun Owners of California will continue to keep you informed as to the progress of all of these bills. We will be fighting the bad ones and supporting the good ones. For more information on each of these bills, go to our website, www.gunownersca.com and click on legislation for the latest update.

Legislation Introduced in 2009**Bills We Oppose****AB 668 (Lieu - D) Firearms: gun-free school zones.**

Summary: This bill would extend the gun-free zone distance from 1,000 to 1,500 feet from the grounds of the public or private school. Gun Free Zones are Victim Rich Zones, making victims of everyone in them. Gun free zones deprive law-abiding citizens of their right to self-defense. **Oppose**

AB 814 (Krekorian - D) Firearms: surrender.

Summary: This bill sets fourth a detailed procedure for surrendering firearms to law enforcement or selling them to a firearms dealer. **Hearing 4/14/09-Oppose unless amended**

AB 962 (De Leon - D) Ammunition.

Summary: Same bill as last year. Creates a Registry for handgun ammunition vendors and requires the vendors be licensed. Employees who handle ammunition must have background checks, handgun ammunition must not be accessible to the purchaser, and buyer must give thumbprint in order to purchase. As we at GOC so often say, "It's the criminal, stupid" **Strongly Oppose**

AB 1513 (Evans - D) State lands: wilderness areas.

Summary: This bill sets up a process in which the state could confiscate private property, thereby making it inaccessible to the public. **Strongly Oppose**

SB 41 (Lowenthal - D) Firearms.

Summary: This bill would require purchasers of handguns to fill out additional paperwork reporting when they actually pick-up newly purchased handguns. A fee would be charged to the buyer to cover the cost of this report and the maintenance of information by the Attorney General. Another harassing bill to inconvenience

the law-abiding gun owner. **Hearing 4/14/09-Oppose unless amended**

SB 250 (Flores - D) Dogs and cats: spaying and neutering.

Summary: This bill makes it mandatory to spay cats and dogs. No unsplayed cat or dog may be outside. If a dog is not spayed a dog license will be denied, that includes hunting dogs! **Oppose**

SB 585 (Leno - D) Agricultural District 1-A: firearm sales at the Cow Palace.

Summary: This bill is a gun show ban... it would prohibit the sale of firearms and ammunition at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. **Strongly Oppose**

SB 697 (DeSaulnier -D) Firearms: owner-authorized handguns.

Summary: Named "Smart Guns" because this bill requires that the handgun recognize its owner and not fire for anyone else. This same author ran the same bill last year (AB 2235) when he was an Assemblyman, and it was defeated. Nothing has changed. The technology to manufacture "smart guns" does not exist yet. GOC opposes the bill because it negatively impacts manufacturers, purchasers, and the law-abiding who need to defend themselves. **Strongly Oppose**

SB 746 (DeSaulnier - D) Gun Safety Board.

Summary: This bill would create, within the State Department of Public Health, the Gun Safety Board, and charge it with various duties in regard to reducing gun violence. GOC opposes because we do not need another layer of bureaucracy. **Strongly Oppose**

Bills We Support**AB 225 (Miller - R) Firearms: concealed firearm license.****TO: SENATOR H. L. RICHARDSON, (ret.)**

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Back with a vengeance continued . . .

Summary: Spot bill. Waiting new language regarding CCW's. GOC anticipates greater CCW freedom. **2 Year Bill-Support**

AB 357 (Knight -R) Firearms: license to carry concealed firearm.

Summary: In the Author's own words: "This bill converts California's concealed weapons permitting system from a 'may' issue to a 'shall' issue. More than 30 states have moved to a 'shall' issue state. The undisputed facts are that the expanded issuance of concealed weapons around the country has not resulted in problems or crimes by permit holders. This proposal would solve the issue of arbitrary standards, and create a fair and equitable process for all applicants." **Strong Support**

AB 373 (Hagman - R) Firearms.

Summary: Spot bill making technical changes only. Subject of bill is criminal possession of a firearm and lists exceptions which include going to and from hunting, motion picture activity and assisting a law enforcement officer. **2 Year Bill-Support**

AB 1167 (Nielsen - R) Firearms: concealed firearm licenses: reciprocity.

Summary: CCW permit holders would be free to carry in other states and permit holders from other states would be free to carry in California if this bill passes. The bill requires the California DOJ to enter in reciprocity agreements with other states. **Strongly Support**

AB 1423 (Berryhill, Tom - R) Commercial hunting clubs.

Summary: This bill would establish a number of exemptions from having to obtain a commercial hunting club license. The bill would require an application for a commercial hunting club license to be on a form furnished by the department. The bill would require the application to contain prescribed information. The bill would require the department to issue a license to any person upon submission of a completed application and payment of a fee, in accordance with a fee schedule based on the number of properties used by the club. **Support**

ACA 11 (Berryhill, Bill - R) Hunting and taking game.

Summary: This measure would establish the right to hunt and take game in the state. **2 Year Bill-Support**

Bills We Are Watching

AB 532 (Lieu - D) Search warrants: firearms.

Summary: Pertains to persons to be examined for mental conditions or domestic violence incidents with threat to human life. This bill authorizes a search warrant when property to be seized includes a firearm. **Watch**

AB 708 (Huffman - D) Fish and wildlife: poaching.

Summary: This bill allows for the department of fish and game to establish minimum and maximum fines for violations relating to poaching if the determined value of what is poached is above \$400. **Hearing 4/14/09-Watch**

AB 789 (De Leon - D) Search warrants.

Summary: Pertains to persons prohibited from possessing a firearm due to protective orders. This bill authorizes issuing a search warrant when property to be seized includes a firearm. **Watch**

AB 1129 (Hagman - R) Firearms: concealed firearms.

Summary: Allows for revoking the certificate of a retired police officer to carry concealed if his conduct compromises public safety. Sets up a hearing process to decide if the temporary revocation should be made permanent. **Watch**

AB 1286 (Huber - D) Firearms: purchasing restrictions.

Summary: California law limits its citizens to the purchase of only one gun in a thirty day period. There are exceptions to the law, and this bill adds to the exempted list the community colleges that are presenting certified law enforcement training. **Watch**

AB 1363 (Davis - D) Firearms.

Summary: Spot bill. Makes technical changes so far. This bill addresses the same section of the penal code which covers open carry in unincorporated areas of the state. **Closely Watching**

SB 449 (Padilla - D) Firearms: transaction reports.

Summary: Existing law requires every secondhand dealer or coin dealer, as described, to report daily, or on the first working day after receipt or purchase of the property, on forms either approved or provided at actual cost by the Department of Justice, all tangible personal property which he or she has purchased, taken in trade, taken in pawn, accepted for sale on consignment, or accepted for auctioning, to the chief of police or to the sheriff, as specified. This bill would except firearms from those provisions. **Watch**

(Editor's Note: Update on AB 1471 (2007 Session). Micro-stamping, which is scheduled to go into effect on 01/01/10, may never actually be implemented. The law requires that the sole-source owner of the patent must first put the technology into the public domain, and that the Attorney General certifies that at least two companies can offer the technology to firearms manufacturers without any patent-related restrictions. None of these things have taken place. The patent owner is requesting royalties and fees in other states and refuses to allow any other company to provide his technology. The result of which is that Micro-stamping cannot go into effect in California under the present situation. GOC will be working diligently to rescind AB 1471 during this legislative session.)

Oakland Legislators Call for Registration of Hi-Cap Mags

The Legislative attack on firearm ammunition continues again this year in 2009 and now is expanded by anti-gun Senator Loni Hancock (D) of Berkeley to affect Large Capacity Magazines.

The Senator is reacting to the tragic deaths of 4 policemen in Oakland, blaming the weapon and the ammunition and calling the legality of the ammunition magazines a "loophole" to be closed by banning or restricting the so-called high capacity feeding devices.

AK-47's have been banned in California for a long time. It is illegal to own one here if not owned and registered before 1999. The same is true for large capacity magazines.

So, who had the AK-47 and where did it come from?

Does this not reinforce what we always say, "It's the Criminal stupid, not the gun?" As the anti-gun Senator said, "I intend to create a workable registration system which recognizes that there are a few legitimate reasons to acquire, possess....these devices - be it in the military or private security, or otherwise."

The facts as we know them show that four officers were brutally shot down by Lovelle Mixon, a recent parolee who was reported to have been involved in a sexual assault in recent

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A Knight Leads the Charge!

Assemblyman Steve Knight Follows Famous Footsteps



Since Gun Owners of California (GOC) was founded in 1975, we've had many pro-gun legislators serve in both the State Senate and Assembly; so many that it's hard to remember all of their names. On the other hand it's easy to remember the names of the legislators who led the fight to defend the Second Amendment, the real leaders. These are the ones who were not asked to lead, but those who charged to the front and told the others to follow.

Of course, Senator H.L. Richardson was the first as he founded GOC 34 years ago, but there are others. Folks who led while they served in both the Senate and the Assembly like Dick Mountjoy, Pete Knight, Rico Oller and Dennis Hollingsworth (now Senate Minority Leader). We also remember Assemblyman Jay LaSuer. These were the giants, those who led without being asked to lead.

It didn't take long before one of the new legislators charged to the front and called everyone to follow. That new guy is Assemblyman Steve Knight, son of former pro-gun and aviation hero Senator Pete Knight. Assemblyman Knight represents the 36th Assembly District, the same area his father represented as both Assemblyman and Senator.

Assemblyman Knight took it upon himself to introduce AB 357, a bill that would in essence make California a "shall issue" state with regards to concealed weapons permits (CCW). That is something that we have all wanted for a very long time. The bill is very simple; it would delete the good cause requirement, and require the sheriff to issue the license (CCW) upon proof that the person applying is of good moral character, and a resident of the jurisdiction.

We are not kidding ourselves to think that this bill

will have smooth sailing through the Legislature and wind up on Governor Schwarzenegger's desk. It will be a hard uphill battle but one that is worthy to be fought. And, that guy up front leading the charge will be Assemblyman Steve Knight.

(Editor's Note: No matter what happens in the Assembly Public Safety Committee to AB 357, look for more good things to come from Assemblyman Knight. GOC will keep you informed.)

Pro-Second Amendment Champion Elected Senate Minority Leader

Senator Dennis Hollingsworth to Lead the Charge

Not since Senator H.L. Richardson served as Senate Republican Caucus Leader have we had one of our own as the leader in the State Senate. That is not to say that most of the previous Republican Leaders were not pro-gun; as a matter of fact, virtually all of them were pro-Second Amendment. The difference is that Senator Dennis Hollingsworth's record has consistently demonstrated that the Second Amendment is a top-priority issue and ranks among one of the most important rights to be defended. He has, throughout his elected career, been one of the most effective leaders in the fight.



Senator Hollingsworth is an avid hunter and outdoorsman, enjoying big and small game, plus waterfowl and even the occasional varmint. He's hunted all over California as well as Colorado, Wyoming and Texas. He is also an avid collector of both fun and fine guns, and a target shooter. He does it all - handguns, rifles and shotguns (and he is more than a proficient trap and sporting clays shooter). He also makes it a point to share these traditions with his three children.

To cap it all off, Senator Hollingsworth is the founder of the California Legislature Outdoor Sporting Caucus and has served as the Chairman since its inception. The caucus

serves to educate legislators - Republican and Democrats from both houses - about outdoor related issues and activities. The Caucus annually sponsors a very well attended legislative trap shoot and barbecue in Sacramento, inviting legislators and staff to get some solid, hands-on information about the shooting sports.

Gun Owners of California offers heartiest congratulations to Senator Hollingsworth, and we are proud to call him a friend. We will work very closely with him to defend the Second Amendment in the 2009-2010 Legislative Session.



Federal Court Flips on CCW in National Parks

As of March 19, 2009, a Washington DC federal district court barred regulations from going into effect that would allow CCW holders to legally carry concealed weapons in National Parks and Refuges.

Last December, the Bush Administration adopted rules that were heavily supported by Gun Owners of America and other pro-gun, hunting and outdoor groups which would allow citizens who complied with their state's CCW laws to legally carry concealed on park service land. In response to the new rules, the Brady Campaign and the National Parks Conservation Association filed a lawsuit to stop the regulations from going in effect. They charged that the government conducted an insufficient environmental review. The court has set a deadline of April 20 for the Obama Administration to decide whether they are going to support the Bush Administration regulations or allow them to be dropped by the courts.

Bottom line, even if you have a California CCW permit, do not carry your concealed firearm on National Park Service land, including Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks. If you do, you run the risk of facing federal criminal charges.

