

Legislative Update

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In the midst of all the negative, legislation has been introduced that seeks to accomplish the positive – although most of these bills unfortunately have been killed:

AB 1869 – Melendez [R] / SUPPORT / ACTIVE
Firearm theft – felony.

AB 2340 – Gallagher [R] / SUPPORT / FAILED
CCW – school zone exemptions.

AB 2478 – Melendez [R] / SUPPORT / FAILED
Firearms offenses - imprisonment.

AB 2508 – Mathis [R] / SUPPORT / FAILED
Relates to the safe handgun roster.

AB 2510 – Linder [R]
/ SUPPORT if amended / ACTIVE
Uniform license for concealed weapon permits.

AB 2540 – Melendez [R] / SUPPORT / ACTIVE
Tax exemption – gun safes.

AB 2666 – Baker [R] / SUPPORT / FAILED
Felons / firearm possession.

From the Courts

By GOC Staff

The U.S. Supreme Court recently issued an opinion which can be read as a **strong re-affirmation of the Heller decision.**

In the case of **Jaime Caetano v. Massachusetts** — the Court vacated a state court opinion affirming a conviction for possession of a stun gun because it categorically violated the Second Amendment. In short, relying on the Heller decision – the Supreme Court firmly rebuffed the three rationales offered by Massachusetts' Court and basically re-affirmed Heller. The incredible footnote to this is that it was done without Justice Scalia.

There is speculation as to why the Court reached this unanimous decision, but regardless, the justices made a sound decision, **understanding that allowing weaker people an "equalizer" is the essence of the right of self-defense.** As Justice Alito's concurring opinion states **"The decision below also does a grave disservice to vulnerable individuals who must defend themselves because the State will not."**

In other judicial news, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas recently took the Supreme Court by storm when his

voice boomed a question straight from an amicus brief filed by Gun Owners of California, Gun Owners Foundation, Gun Owners of America, U.S. Justice Foundation, Conservative Legal Defense and Education Fund, and Institute on the Constitution.

Justice Thomas startled onlookers when he made the inquiry, breaking his decade of silence during oral arguments.

In the absence of our 2nd Amendment champion – the late Justice Antonin Scalia – we couldn't have asked for a better legal mind to question the counsel for the federal government whether she (Assistant U.S. Solicitor General Ilana Eisenstein) knew of any other example where a misdemeanor criminal conviction could deprive an American citizen of a constitutional right (the case before SCOTUS is *Voisine v. United States*, and pertains to misdemeanor crimes and the loss of gun rights).

Observers confirmed that Justice Thomas' questioning completely changed the tenor and direction of the argument. **Thank you, Justice Thomas. Defenders of the 2nd Amendment across the nation are grateful for your leadership.**

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BULLY TACTICS: The Gut-and-Amend

By Sam Paredes, Executive Director

The gut-and-amend – it's a favored tool of our elected leaders that just so happens to violate almost every legislative rule, not to mention that of decorum and honesty. For a legislative body that cries with angst at the unfairness of school-yard bullies, they don't seem to have a problem with such behavior if it gets them what **they** want.

The Legislature has fixed "Constitutional" rules that must be followed, but there are also "House Rules" which can be broken with a simple majority vote. Thus, anytime the majority party wants to break a rule, they can — and boy, do they! For all the hunters out there, we all know what it means to "gut" something. You take out the innards and that's the end of it. Legislators take this to another level, because after they "gut" a bill, they slip

something else in its place.

This year is NO exception. As if the anti-gun zealots weren't busy enough, they've taken **five proposals** that formerly dealt with such issues as global warming and net-zero emissions and have literally **junked** that subject matter in favor of new content on **ammo transactions, unique serial numbering and so-called "assault weapons."** New language has also surfaced that would prevent the loaning of a firearm to anyone other than specified relatives. Do you want to lend your gun to a daughter or son-in-law for a day of trap shooting? Maybe not, if this bad boy passes.

A "gut and amend" is nothing less than a ticket straight to the front of the

line —bypassing all the steps that are in place for purposes of transparency. That means YOU, the public, aren't given any time to review legislative shenanigans. It's a sneaky maneuver used at the end of session by those in power, particularly when there is a strong desire to avoid a public "vetting" or examination. You will note that of the 5 bills we are following, all but one is either very similar or an exact duplicate of an active piece of legislation. Why is this? Because they still want to skip a few steps to keep us out of the mix.

Most of us learned in kindergarten that butting in line was a no-no. California's legislative leadership must have been collectively absent when this fundamental rule of decency was explained.

We are Californians – Aren't We Special!

By GOC Staff

"We go ahead and make laws **because we're California and WE DO IT ANYWAYS...**"

Well, aren't we SPECIAL! At least that's what Assembly Public Safety Committee Chair Reginald Jones-Sawyer says - so if you've ever wondered what the politicians at the Capitol think about you – and the Constitution – his comments pretty much sum it up.

In testimony before the committee on March 15, GOC's Executive Director Sam Paredes brought up the constitutionality of AB 1695 (Bonta-D) and Jones Sawyer

arrogantly dismissed the issue as if it were an annoying little fly. Jones-Sawyer proclaimed "the Legislature sometimes ignores whether or not it's constitutional or not – we go ahead and make laws because we're California and we do it anyways...."

We think someone's gotten a little too big for his britches.

The frightening part is that he isn't alone. Many members of the Legislature seem to have forgotten that when they take the oath of office, they swear to uphold

the Constitution. Rather than a priceless document that protects all Americans, they treat it as something to be discarded. Sadly, Jones-Sawyer's remarks are pretty much echoed by his liberal colleagues who run the place, which is evidenced by the bills which passed – and which failed.

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California Candidate Scorecard – Primary Election – June 7, 2016

**Incumbent*

Grades are based on a comprehensive questionnaire which was sent to each (non-incumbent) candidate that was certified by the Secretary of State. Incumbents are graded exclusively on their voting records. If you do not see one of your local candidates listed below, they did not respond to our questionnaire regarding their opinions on the importance of the 2nd Amendment. Incumbents are noted with an *.

An A+ indicates authorship of pro-2nd Amendment legislation.

An F- indicates authorship of anti-gun legislation.

District/Candidates Party Rating

California State Senate

SD 1	ROB ROWEN TED GAINES* STEVEN BAIRD	DEM REP REP	B- A A
SD 3	BILL DODD MARIKO YAMADA G. "COACH" COPPES	DEM DEM REP	F- F A
SD 5	SAMUEL ANDERSON CATHLEEN GALGANI* ALAN NAKANISHI	REP DEM REP	A- C- A
SD 7	STEVE GLAZER* JOSEPH A. RUBAY	DEM REP	F- A
SD 9	NANCY SKINNER SANDRÉ R. SWANSON RICH KINNEY	DEM DEM REP	F F B
SD 11	KEN LOO	REP	A
SD 13	JERRY HILL* JOHN H. WEBSTER	DEM LIB	F- A
SD 15	ANTHONY MACIAS JIM BEALL NORA CAMPOS CHUCK PAGE	REP DEM DEM REP	A F- F- A
SD 17	BILL MONNING* PALMER KAIN	DEM REP	F- B
SD 19	H.B. JACKSON* COLIN P. WALCH	DEM REP	F- B+
SD 21	SCOTT WILK* STAR MOFFATT	REP REP	A A
SD 23	MIKE MORRELL*	REP	A
SD 25	ANTHONY PORTANTINO MICHAEL ANTONOVICH	DEM REP	F A
SD 29	LING LING CHANG	REP	A

SD 31	RICHARD ROTH* RICHARD REED	DEM REP	A B
SD 33	RICARDO LARA*	DEM	F-
SD 35	STEVEN BRADFORD WARREN FURUTANI	DEM DEM	F F
SD 37	J. M. W. MOORLACH*	REP	A
SD 39	TONI ATKINS* JOHN RENISON	DEM REP	F A

District/Candidates Party Rating

California State Assembly

AD 1	BRIAN DAHLE*	REP	A
AD 2	JIM WOOD	DEM	F
AD 3	EDWARD RITCHIE JAMES GALLAGHER*	DEM REP	C A+
AD 4	ELMER MARK KROPP CHARLIE SCHAUPP	DEM REP	A A
AD 5	FRANK BIGELOW*	REP	A
AD 6	BRIAN CAPLES JOHN E. Z'BERG BILL HALLDIN KEVIN HANLEY GABRIEL L. HYDRICK KEVIN KILEY CRISTI NELSON AANDY PUGNO	DEM DEM REP REP REP REP REP REP	C- C+ A A A A A A
AD 7	KEVIN MCCARTY*	DEM	F-
AD 8	KEN COOLEY* NICK BLOISE	DEM REP	D- A
AD 9	JIM COOPER* TIM GORSULOWSKY	DEM REP	F- A-
AD 10	MARC LEVINE*	DEM	F-
AD 11	JIM FRAZIER* DAVE MILLER	DEM REP	B B
AD 12	SUSAN EGGMAN*	DEM	F
AD 15	TONY THURMOND CATHERINE BAKER*	DEM REP	F C

AD 17	DAVID CHIU*	DEM	F-
AD 18	ROB BONTA*	DEM	F-
AD 19	PHIL TING*	DEM	F-
AD 20	BILL QUIRK*	DEM	F-
AD 21	ADAM GRAY*	DEM	B
AD 22	KEVIN MULLIN*	DEM	F
AD 23	GWEN L. MORRIS JIM PATTERSON*	REP REP	F A
AD 24	JOHN M. INKS	LIB	A
AD 25	KANSEN CHU*	DEM	F
AD 26	DEVON MATHIS* RUDY MENDOZA	REP REP	A+ A
AD 28	EVAN LOW*	DEM	F-
AD 29	MARK STONE*	DEM	F-
AD 32	RUDY SALAS*	DEM	D
AD 33	JAY OBERNOLTE*	REP	A
AD 34	ERNIE GOLLEHON	REP	B
AD 35	DOMINIC R. RUBINI	LIB	A
AD 36	OLLIE MCCAULLEY TOM LACKEY*	DEM REP	A A
AD 39	PATTY LOPEZ*	DEM	F
AD 40	MARC STEINORTH	REP	A
AD 41	CHRIS HOLDEN* DAN M. TAYLOR	DEM REP	F A
AD 42	CHAD MAYES*	REP	A
AD 43	DENNIS R. BULLOCK AARON CERVANTES	DEM AIP	F D
AD 44	JACQUI IRWIN*	DEM	F
AD 45	MATT DABEBNAH*	DEM	F
AD 46	ADRIN NAZARIAN*	DEM	F

AD 47	CHERYL R. BROWN*	DEM	F
AD 49	ED CHAU*	DEM	F
AD 50	RICHARD BLOOM* MATTHEW CRAWFEEY	DEM REP	F A
AD 51	JIMMY GOMEZ*	DEM	F
AD 52	FREDDIE RODRIGUEZ*	DEM	F
AD 53	MIGUEL SANTIAGO*	DEM	F-
AD 54	S. RIDLEY-THOMAS*	DEM	D-
AD 55	PHILLIP CHEN MIKE SPENCE	REP REP	A A
AD 56	EDUARDO GARCIA*	DEM	F
AD 57	IAN C. CALDERON* RITA TOPALIAN	DEM REP	F A
AD 58	CRISTINA GARCIA	DEM	F-
AD 59	R. JONES-SAWYER*	DEM	F-
AD 60	ERIC LINDER*	REP	B-
AD 61	JOSE MEDINA*	DEM	F
AD 62	AUTUMN BURKE*	DEM	F
AD 63	ANTHONY RENDON*	DEM	F
AD 64	MIKE A. GIPSON* THERESA SANFORD	DEM REP	F- B
AD 65	S. QUIRK-SILVA YOUNG KIM*	DEM REP	F A
AD 66	AL MURATSUCHI DAVID HADLEY*	DEM REP	F B-
AD 67	MELISSA MELENDEZ*	REP	A+
AD 68	SEAN JAY PANAH A. DELIGIANNI-BRYDGES DEBORAH PAULY KOSTAS RODITIS HARRY SIDHU BRIAN CHUCHUA	DEM REP REP REP REP NPP	A A- B A- A A
AD 69	TOM DALY*	DEM	F
AD 70	PATRICK O'DONNELL*	DEM	F

Legislative Update At the Capitol

By GOC Staff

GOC is continuing to march on for what continues to be a *very busy year*, fighting each backwards attempt to “protect the public.” Thus far, our biggest success has been the defeat of AB 2459, which was billed as the Brady Campaign’s top priority. While this is terrific news, we still have a lot of bad bills in our path; for the text and GOC analysis of each bill, go to www.gunownersca.com.

AB 156 – GUT AND AMEND – McCarty [D] OPPOSE / ACTIVE
Ammo registration

AB 857 – GUT AND AMENND – Cooper [D] OPPOSE/ ACTIVE
Homemade firearms – identifying mark (Same as SB 1407 De Leon).

AB 1135 – GUT AND AMEND – Levine [D] OPPOSE/ ACTIVE
Revises the definition of “assault weapon” (Similar to SB 880 – Hall).

AB 1511 – GUT AND AMEND – Santiago [D] OPPOSE/ ACTIVE
Massively restricts the loaning of a firearm.

AB 1663 – Chiu [D] / OPPOSE /ACTIVE
Bans semiautomatic centerfire rifles; bullet buttons.

AB 1664 – Levine [D] / OPPOSE / ACTIVE
Bans all semi-auto rifles.

AB 1673 – Gipson [D] / OPPOSE / ACTIVE
Bans un-serialized 80% lowers.

AB 1674 – Santiago [D] / OPPOSE /ACTIVE
One gun per month.

AB 2607 – TING (D) / OPPOSE / ACTIVE
Expands Gun Violence Restraining Orders.

SB 650 – GUT AND AMEND/ Hall [D] OPPOSE / ACTIVE
Redefines a so-called “assault weapon” (Similar to SB 880).

SB 880 – Hall [D] / OPPOSE / ACTIVE
Revises the definition of “assault weapon”.

SB 894 – Jackson [D] /OPPOSE / ACTIVE
Firearm thefts – lost/stolen guns.

SB 1006 – Wolk [D] / OPPOSE / ACTIVE
Enacts Firearm Violence Research Act.

SB 1235 – De Leon (D)/ OPPOSE / ACTIVE
Ammo registration.

SB 1332 – Mendoza [D]/ OPPOSE / ACTIVE
Loaning of firearms / spousal registration.

SB 1407 – De Leon [D] / OPPOSE / ACTIVE
Homemade firearms; unique serial number.

SB 1446 – Hancock [D]/ OPPOSE / ACTIVE
Bans possession of standard magazines holding more than 10 rounds.

SJR 20 – Hall [D] / OPPOSE / ACTIVE
Publicly funded scientific research on gun violence.

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