

# Final Status Report on Major Business Bills

The following list summarizes the final status of top priority bills for the California Chamber of Commerce that were sent to the Governor this year.

At the federal level, the free trade

agreements were still pending in Congress and therefore are not listed below.

On October 10, the CalChamber will publish a record of legislators' votes on key bills affecting California's business

climate. Generally, the bills selected for the vote record have appeared in one of the status reports.

Bills signed by the Governor will become law on January 1, 2009.

Status of bills as of September 30, 2008.

Subject and Bill — CalChamber Position	Status
<b>Agriculture and Natural Resources</b>	
<b>Construction Job Loss.</b> AB 2447 (Jones; D-Sacramento) severely limits residential and commercial development to a degree that it could virtually shut down any suburban development in certain areas of California by prohibiting the approval of development in fire-risk areas without a mitigating finding by the city or county. Oppose/ <b>Job Killer</b> .	Vetoed
<b>Agricultural Operations: California Endangered Species Act Take.</b> SB 1436 (Ducheny; D-San Diego) provides an incentive for California farmers and ranchers to run their operations in a wildlife-friendly manner by extending to 2011 agriculture's accidental take exemption for an endangered species during normal and customary agricultural practices. Support.	Signed - Chapter 82
<b>Infrastructure Planning.</b> SB 1557 (Wiggins; D-Santa Rosa) adversely affects major infrastructure and housing projects and complicates the state's planning priorities for orderly infrastructure development by adding the requirement to limit greenhouse gas emissions before regulations are in place and reduce vehicle miles traveled without consideration of how the reduction relates to rural and urban connectivity. Oppose.	Vetoed
<b>Pest Eradication Advanced Planning.</b> AB 2763 (Laird; D-Santa Cruz) better prepares state for inevitable infestations of invasive species by requiring Department of Food and Agriculture to develop and maintain a list of invasive species that may enter state and require eradication or control. Support.	Signed - Chapter 573
<b>Banking/Finance</b>	
<b>Foreclosure Procedures.</b> SB 1137 (Perata; D-Oakland), before amendments, created an ill-conceived, one-size-fits-all approach to altering the foreclosure process that included substantial compliance challenges and significant new legal exposure for California lenders. After amendments, addresses several key issues that have been identified as most problematic concerning the foreclosure process and represents a compromise between industry, consumers and the author. Neutral.	Signed - Chapter 69
<b>Unclaimed Property.</b> SB 1319 (Machado; D-Linden) imposes new compliance burdens, increases exposure/amount of civil penalties assessed against property holders under Unclaimed Property Law. Oppose.	Vetoed
<b>Mortgage Rate Information.</b> AB 529 (Torrico; D-Newark) imposes new disclosure requirements on mortgage lenders that are likely to cause consumer confusion rather than the intended assistance by requiring mortgage lenders to provide information to borrowers in a way that exceeds existing federal standards and with information that only estimates future loan payments. Oppose.	Vetoed

<p><b>Mortgage Lending Reporting.</b> AB 69 (Lieu; D-Torrance), before amendments, imposed problematic and duplicative reporting requirements on state-chartered financial institutions that service mortgage loans. With amendments, essentially codifies the existing practice of the Corporations Commissioner collecting reports on residential mortgage loan servicing activities from state-licensed lenders, servicers and brokers. Neutral.</p>	<p>Signed - Chapter 277</p>
<p><b>Mortgage Debt Forgiveness.</b> SB 1055 (Machado; D-Linden) helps borrowers in a short sale of their home by excluding the forgiven debt from the borrower's taxable income. Would apply only to debt forgiven in 2007 and 2008 and would help provide conformity to federal income tax laws. Support.</p>	<p>Signed - Chapter 282</p>
<p><b>California Financial Literacy Initiative.</b> AB 2123 (Lieu; D-Torrance) promotes a healthier economy by establishing the California Financial Literacy Initiative, whose goal would be to better educate Californians on the subject of proper financial management. Support.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p><b>Mortgage Loan Limits.</b> AJR 45 (Coto; D-San Jose) encourages Congress and the President to permanently raise the federal conforming loan limit to \$729,750 in order to better reflect California's high home prices and to stimulate the economy. Support.</p>	<p>Signed - Chapter 81</p>
<p><b>Real Estate Law Violations.</b> SB 1737 (Machado; D-Linden) helps to address the mortgage market situation by making it easier for the Department of Real Estate to discipline violators of the Real Estate Law, and also helps to remove conflicts of interest in real estate transactions. Support.</p>	<p>Signed - Chapter 286</p>
<h2 style="color: red;">Climate Change</h2>	
<p><b>Restrictive Fuel Standard.</b> SB 1240 (Kehoe; D-San Diego), before amendments, interfered with the development of a competitive alternative fuels market and threatened job creation in California by creating a costly Low Carbon Fuel Standard that conflicts with the existing standard created by Governor's Executive Order S-7-04. No Position/<b>Former Job Killer</b>.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p><b>New Fuel Mandate.</b> SB 140 (Kehoe; D-San Diego), before amendments, disadvantaged California businesses and increased fuel prices by creating fuel mandate that picks winner in alternative fuels market, preventing research/development of additional viable options that may be cheaper, more efficient. Gutted/amended to deal with different subject. No Position/<b>Former Job Killer</b>.</p>	<p>Signed - Chapter 513</p>
<h2 style="color: red;">Crime</h2>	
<p><b>Scrap Metal Dealers.</b> SB 691 (R. Calderon; D-Montebello) deters theft of valuable metals used by utilities, construction sites and agricultural operations by imposing new identification requirements on sellers and buyers of scrap metals. Support.</p>	<p>Signed - Chapter 730</p>
<p><b>Scrap Metal Dealers.</b> AB 844 (Berryhill; R-Modesto) deters theft of valuable metals used by utilities, construction sites and agricultural operations by imposing new identification requirements on sellers and buyers of scrap metals. Support.</p>	<p>Signed - Chapter 731</p>
<p><b>Rural Crime Prevention.</b> AB 186 (Maze; R-Visalia) deters rural crime by extending the sunset provision for the Central Valley Rural Crime Task Force and prevention programs. Support.</p>	<p>Signed - Chapter 755</p>
<h2 style="color: red;">Education</h2>	
<p><b>Work-Based Learning.</b> AB 2078 (Fuentes; D-Sylmar) eliminates barriers to work-based learning programs by allowing school districts to purchase liability insurance for work-based learning programs. Support.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>

<p><b>Higher Education.</b> SB 325 (Scott; D-Pasadena) promotes accountability and performance-based measures in higher education by requiring a new accountability framework. Support.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p><b>Supplemental Instruction.</b> SB 1442 (Wiggins; D-Santa Rosa) provides flexibility to schools by allowing them to use supplemental instruction funds for project-based learning. Support.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p><b>Graduation/Job Placement Rates.</b> SB 823 (Perata; D-Oakland) exposes private corporations to tremendous liability by requiring onerous disclosures of vague graduation and job placement rate details. Oppose.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<h2 style="color: red;">Energy</h2>	
<p><b>New Government Program.</b> SB 1762 (Perata; D-Oakland) would increase costs to California rate payers by creating, under the University of California, the Climate Change Research and Workforce Development Institute to research and create workforce training projects throughout the state to address greenhouse gas and climate change mitigation. Oppose.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<h2 style="color: red;">Environmental Regulation</h2>	
<p><b>Tax on Freight Movement.</b> SB 974 (Lowenthal; D-Long Beach) increases the cost of shipping goods and makes California less competitive by imposing an illegal per-container tax in the ports of Long Beach, Los Angeles and Oakland. Oppose/<b>Job Killer</b>.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p><b>Plastic Packaging Ban.</b> SB 899 (Simitian; D-Palo Alto), before amendments, would have pushed jobs out of California and increased costs for industries that use plastic packaging by banning the manufacturing and distribution of specified plastic packaging in California. As amended, now requires the establishment of a program to reduce and recover derelict fishing gear. No Position/<b>Former Job Killer</b>.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p><b>Consumer Products Content Reporting.</b> SB 509 (Simitian; D-Palo Alto) now contains carve-outs to AB 1879 (Feuer; D-Los Angeles) for various types of products. Tied to AB 1879 to complete the green chemistry legislative package. Amended to remove CalChamber opposition. Neutral.</p>	<p>Signed - Chapter 560</p>
<p><b>Chemical Regulation.</b> AB 1879 (Feuer; D-Los Angeles) gives Department of Toxic Substances Control broad authority to implement the California Green Chemistry Initiative. The program will allow DTSC to regulate the use of “chemicals of concern” in some consumer products. No Position.</p>	<p>Signed - Chapter 559</p>
<p><b>Chemical List.</b> SB 973 (Simitian; D-Palo Alto), before amendments, would have raised threat of new regulatory actions by requiring state to adopt list of “chemicals of concern” based on Canadian list identified for elimination with no assessment of the effects on California. No Position.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p><b>Oil Spill Prevention and Response Fund Diversion.</b> AB 2547 (Leno; D-San Francisco) increases the cost of oil by increasing the cost of spill prevention and response programs by diverting funds for grant research programs and requiring increased dedicated response resources that are not necessary for effective response time, containment and cleanup of oil spills. Oppose.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p><b>Packaging Content.</b> AB 3025 (Lieber; D-San Jose), before amendments, would have banned the polystyrene loosefill packaging that is commonly referred to as “packaging peanuts” without regard to the existence of practical alternatives. As amended, requires polystyrene loosefill packaging to contain a specified amount of recycled materials. No Position.</p>	<p>Signed - Chapter 471</p>
<p><b>Product Recalls.</b> AB 1860 (Huffman; D-San Rafael) creates new state-mandated program to inform consumers about unsafe products by implementing new recall procedures. No Position.</p>	<p>Signed - Chapter 569</p>
<p><b>Fee Increase.</b> AB 2032 (Hancock; D-Berkeley) increases the cost of shipping goods by increasing the cap on fees per barrel of oil to increase the level of funding for the Oil Spill Response Trust Fund. Oppose.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>

<p><b>Emission Reduction Offsets.</b> SB 1662 (Cox; R-Fair Oaks) creates flexibility for businesses by expanding current law to allow offsets for emissions of air pollutants by a stationary source to occur outside of their own air basin. The bill would also allow the offsets to occur in the Sacramento Metro federal non-attainment area. Support.</p>	<p>Signed - Chapter 725</p>
<p><b>Certification.</b> SB 1334 (R. Calderon; D-Montebello) requires manufacturers to complete a certification process to show that pipes contain no lead. No Position.</p>	<p>Signed - Chapter 580</p>
<h2 style="color: red;">Health</h2>	
<p><b>Government-Run Health Care.</b> SB 840 (Kuehl; D-Santa Monica) creates a new government-run, multibillion-dollar socialized health care system financed from a yet-to-be-specified tax increase. Oppose/<b>Job Killer</b>.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p><b>Reduced Medical Services.</b> SB 1440 (Kuehl; D-Santa Monica) imposes an arbitrary medical cost ratio of 85 percent on health care service plans and health insurers, leading potentially to less service to plan subscribers rather than more and eliminating low-cost products. Oppose.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p><b>Autism-Related Services.</b> SB 1563 (Perata; D-Oakland) proposes a workgroup to review health care coverage issues in the delivery of autism-related services. CalChamber opposes unless the bill is amended to expand the scope of services and to include members of the business community as participants in the workgroup because the group market will be impacted by any changes in coverage. Oppose Unless Amended.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p><b>Increased Costs: Mandated Expanded Mental Health Coverage.</b> AB 1887 (Beall; D-San Jose) increases health care premiums by mandating that health plans and insurers provide parity coverage for all of the over 400 mental disorders identified in the latest <i>Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders</i>. Oppose.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p><b>Increased Costs: Mandated Acupuncture Benefit Coverage.</b> AB 54 (Dymally; D-Compton) increases health care premiums by requiring health plans to provide coverage for acupuncture. Oppose.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p><b>Increased Costs: Mandated Durable Medical Equipment Coverage.</b> SB 1198 (Kuehl; D-Santa Monica) increases health care premiums by requiring health plans to provide coverage for durable medical equipment. Oppose.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p><b>Increased Costs: Mandated Maternity Services Benefit Coverage.</b> AB 1962 (De La Torre; D-South Gate) increases health care premiums by mandating that all health plans provide maternity coverage. Oppose.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p><b>Increased Costs: Mandated Hearing Aids Benefit Coverage.</b> AB 368 (Carter; D-Rialto) increases health care premiums by requiring health plans to offer coverage for hearing aids. Oppose.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p><b>Increased Costs: Mandated HIV Testing Benefit Coverage.</b> AB 1894 (Krekorian; D-Burbank) increases health care premiums by requiring health plans to cover testing for AIDS and HIV regardless of whether the testing is related to a primary diagnosis. Oppose.</p>	<p>Signed - Chapter 631</p>
<p><b>Increased Costs: Mandated Cleft Palates Benefit Coverage.</b> SB 1634 (Steinberg; D-Sacramento) increases health care premiums by requiring health plans to provide coverage for orthodontics for cleft palates. Oppose.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>

<h2 style="color: red;">Housing and Land Use</h2>	
<b>Limits Transportation Capacity.</b> SB 375 (Steinberg; D-Sacramento) thwarts the intent of voters who approved broad-based transportation bonds and limits increased transportation capacity in certain areas of the state by prioritizing transportation projects in areas identified as a preferred area for growth. Oppose/ <b>Job Killer</b> .	Signed - Chapter 728
<b>Building Cost Increases.</b> AB 2939 (Hancock; D-Berkeley) increases costs to developers by encouraging adoption of building standards written by private entities whose process is not open to public input or scrutiny consideration. Oppose.	Vetoed
<b>Subdivision Maps.</b> SB 1185 (Lowenthal; D-Long Beach) relieves developers of increased entitlement costs by extending time expired tentative map may be applicable from 12 to 24 months. Support.	Signed - Chapter 124
<h2 style="color: red;">Industrial Safety and Health</h2>	
<b>Bypasses Open Rulemaking.</b> AB 1183 (Lieber; D-San Jose) requires the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board to adopt permissible exposure levels as determined by the Office of Environmental Health Hazards Assessment, with few exceptions, trumping the effective and participatory rulemaking process now in place. Oppose.	Signed - Chapter 758
<h2 style="color: red;">Insurance</h2>	
<b>Vehicle Repair Task Force.</b> SB 1167 (Wiggins; D-Santa Rosa), before amendments, inappropriately limited informed consumer choice by restricting information that insurers can provide to policyholders in regards to their auto repair options. After amendments, requires Insurance Commissioner to convene task force to review the issues arising from the implementation of existing anti-steering laws related to auto repairs and report its findings in writing to Legislature by December 31, 2009. Neutral.	Vetoed
<h2 style="color: red;">Labor and Employment</h2>	
<b>Increased Agricultural Costs.</b> AB 2386 (Núñez; D-Los Angeles) hurts the competitiveness of California agricultural producers by artificially increasing labor costs for California producers who must compete in a global market with lower-than-average operating costs. Eliminates the requirement for secret-ballot elections for union representation among farm employees, stripping them of their right to decide free of intimidation on that crucial subject by creating a new, completely unsupervised process called a mediated election. Oppose/ <b>Job Killer</b> .	Vetoed
<b>Employee Safety Risk.</b> AB 2279 (Leno; D-San Francisco) hurts employee safety and employers' right to maintain drug-free workplace policies and exposes employers to potential litigation by prohibiting employers from refusing to hire applicants or fire current workers who use medical marijuana. Oppose/ <b>Job Killer</b> .	Vetoed
<b>Independent Contractors.</b> SB 1583 (Corbett; D-San Leandro) establishes new penalties and liability for independent contractor misclassification, rather than the much-needed clarification for who is and who is not an independent contractor, by creating joint and several liability penalizing advisors who work with businesses on the complex task of determining worker status. Oppose.	Vetoed
<b>Credit Reports.</b> AB 2918 (Lieber; D-San Jose) unduly restricts the ability of businesses to use all legally available information in employment decisions, including consumer credit reports. Oppose.	Vetoed
<b>Handicaps Employment Decisions.</b> AB 3063 (Committee on Labor and Employment) prohibits employers from asking applicants to disclose certain prior criminal convictions which could legitimately impact an employer's hiring decisions. Oppose.	Vetoed

<p><b>Temporary Employees: Wages.</b> SB 940 (Yee; D-San Francisco), before amendments, would have exposed employers to joint and several liability for workers' compensation with temporary staffing agencies while proposing to resolve terminal pay timing for employees of temporary staffing agencies. Amended to remove this objectionable provision. No Position.</p>	<p>Signed - Chapter 169</p>
<p><b>Unemployment Insurance Increase.</b> SB 1661 (Kuehl; D-Santa Monica) increases cost of doing business by creating new eligibility requirement for employees to receive unemployment insurance (UI) benefits financed by all employers' increased contributions to the UI Trust Fund. Oppose.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p><b>Expanded Employer Liability.</b> AB 2075 (Fuentes; D-Sylmar) expands employer liability in meal period litigation by adding to what is included within the prohibition of an execution of a release by an employee for wages due and hours worked. Oppose.</p>	<p>Signed - Chapter 224</p>
<p><b>Legal Reform and Protection</b></p>	
<p><b>Advancing Disability Access.</b> SB 1608 (Corbett; D-San Leandro) Comprehensive reform that increases public access for individuals with disabilities while reducing unwarranted litigation, including by encouraging use of state-certified disability access specialists and establishing court procedure for early judicial review of lawsuit claims. Support/<b>Job Creator</b>.</p>	<p>Signed - Chapter 549</p>
<p><b>Increased Employer Liability Exposure.</b> AB 437 (Jones; D-Sacramento) could result in significant new liability exposure for employers by stating that the Legislature rejects, for purposes of <i>any</i> California statutes of limitation, a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that provided clear limits on statutes of limitation for lawsuits relating to employer decisions. Oppose/<b>Job Killer</b>.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p><b>Incentive to Sue.</b> SB 1113 (Migden; D-San Francisco) expands reward to plaintiffs for costs of litigation stemming from private attorney general actions while providing no cost recovery for those who must defend themselves against such actions, even if those actions are found to be baseless. Oppose/<b>Job Killer</b>.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p><b>Trademark Protections.</b> AB 1394 (Krekorian; D-Burbank) improves protections of trademark owner rights and consumer health and safety by strengthening California laws against trafficking of fake products such as auto parts, prescription drugs and children's toys. Sponsor/Co-Sponsor/<b>Job Creator</b>.</p>	<p>Signed - Chapter 431</p>
<p><b>Attorney's Fees.</b> AB 2379 (Evans; D-Santa Rosa), before amendments that removed opposition, could have exposed companies' proprietary or sensitive personnel information by undermining the right to appeal an order to unseal records. No Position.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p><b>Corporate Director's Duties.</b> AB 2944 (Leno; D-San Francisco) confuses the duty of care standard and creates liability exposure for directors by unnecessarily singling out certain factors to be listed in statute such as the environment and employees and instructing directors that they "may" consider them in determining the best interests of the corporation and its shareholders. Oppose.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p><b>Consumer Rebates.</b> SB 1257 (Machado; D-Linden) increases cost of doing business by creating unnecessary new regulations for processing of manufacturer rebates, but as amended on 6/9/08, removes the unworkable and overly burdensome provisions. No Position.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>
<p><b>Arbitration Restrictions.</b> AB 2947 (Eng; D-Monterey Park) undermines right to contract for arbitration by creating new restrictions on arbitration agreements in long-term care facility contracts. Oppose.</p>	<p>Vetoed</p>

<b>Other</b>	
<b>Nutritional Information.</b> SB 1420 (Padilla; D-Pacoima), before amendments, mandated that nutritional information be provided by restaurants to customers in a prescribed fashion and without necessary safeguards. After amendments, requires chain restaurants to provide caloric information on menus and menu boards by 2011. Provides much-needed uniformity for affected businesses by including explicit statewide pre-emption language and necessary legal protections. Neutral.	Signed - Chapter 600
<b>Sweepstakes.</b> SB 1400 (Simitian; D-Palo Alto), before amendments, would have significantly reduced the ability of businesses, non-profits and charitable organizations to operate sweepstakes in California. After amendments, gives added protections to sweepstakes consumers through increased disclosures and representation restrictions. Neutral.	Signed - Chapter 749
<b>Environmental Quality Defendants.</b> SB 68 (Kuehl; D-Santa Monica), before amendments, would have disadvantaged business by changing how the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) names defendants in lawsuits and barred legitimate parties from participating in the action. After amendments, clarifies who must be named in CEQA judicial reviews. Neutral.	Vetoed
<b>Political Affairs</b>	
<b>Public Financing of Secretary of State Campaigns.</b> AB 583 (Hancock; D-Berkeley) inappropriately taxes lobbyists and lobbyist employers to publicly finance the political campaigns of candidates running for the Secretary of State. Oppose.	Signed - Chapter 735
<b>Privacy and Confidentiality</b>	
<b>New Business Liability.</b> AB 1656 (Jones; D-Sacramento) imposes onerous and unneeded data management requirements on business and creates new financial liabilities for small and medium-sized businesses accepting credit and debit cards. Oppose.	Vetoed
<b>Breach Notification Expansion.</b> SB 364 (Simitian; D-Palo Alto) helps hackers circumvent security programs by requiring businesses to give too much information in security breach notices. Oppose.	Vetoed
<b>Consumer Credit Reports: Security Freezes.</b> AB 372 (Salas; D-Chula Vista), before amendments, imposed new unwarranted additional penalties on businesses for recordkeeping violations. Amended to reduce consumer fees for credit freezes and requires requests for freezes to be sent via mail and implemented within three business days of receipt. Neutral.	Signed - Chapter 151
<b>Identification Documents.</b> SB 31 (Simitian; D-Palo Alto) imposes jail time and a monetary penalty for any person or entity that intentionally tries to read remotely through radio frequency identification (RFID) a person's identification document without his or her knowledge. Support.	Signed - Chapter 746
<b>Taxation</b>	
<b>Cigarette Tax.</b> SCA 13 (Torlakson; D-Antioch), before amendments, created a new excessive tax on cigarette distribution. Amended to deal with a different subject. No Position.	Signed - Chapter 144
<b>Local Sales Tax Rebates.</b> AB 697 (Hancock; D-Berkeley), before amendments that removed CalChamber opposition, significantly undermined an economic development tool relied upon by many localities by eliminating their ability to offer local sales tax rebates. No Position.	Vetoed
<b>Property Tax: Refunds.</b> AB 2411 (Caballero; D-Salinas) improves administration of property tax overpayments, while maintaining taxpayer notification rights and protections. Support.	Signed - Chapter 329

<h2 style="color: red;">Telecommunications</h2>	
<b>Emergency Telephone Users.</b> SB 1040 (Kehoe; D-San Diego) provides clarity and removes liability exposure for telephone companies regarding collection of the 911 surcharge on Voice Over Internet Protocol service. Support.	Signed - Chapter 17
<h2 style="color: red;">Water Supply and Quality</h2>	
<b>Construction Jobs Loss.</b> AB 2046 (Jones; D-Sacramento), before amendments, would have halted construction of housing, cost construction jobs and provided a disincentive to clean up groundwater by inappropriately denying use of some groundwater resources as a stable water supply. As amended, requires water agencies to specify remediation and financial plans for groundwater that will be used as a water supply in the future. Neutral/ <b>Former Job Killer.</b>	Vetoed
<b>Water Quality: Enforcement.</b> AB 1946 (Nava; D-Santa Barbara) promotes inconsistent enforcement of water quality regulations, hindering business' compliance. Allows city or county attorneys to file cases that are handled by a single unit in the Attorney General's office. Oppose.	Vetoed
<b>Delta Emergency Preparedness.</b> SB 27 (Simitian; D-Palo Alto), before amendments, imposed additional layers of government bureaucracies over land use decisions in the Delta. As amended, deals with stockpiling emergency supplies for levee failures. Neutral.	Signed - Chapter 608
<h2 style="color: red;">Workers' Compensation</h2>	
<b>Workers' Compensation Reform Roll Back.</b> SB 1717 (Perata; D-Oakland) increases workers' compensation costs and rolls back the workers' compensation reforms from 2004 by arbitrarily doubling permanent disability benefits and altering the 15 percent bump up/down provision in current law. Oppose/ <b>Job Killer.</b>	Vetoed
<b>Workers' Compensation Reform Roll Back.</b> SB 1115 (Migden; D-San Francisco) increases workers' compensation costs and rolls back the workers' compensation reforms from 2004 by making apportionment very difficult to prove. Oppose/ <b>Job Killer.</b>	Vetoed
<b>Medical Treatment Utilization Reviews.</b> AB 2969 (Lieber; D-San Jose) increases the cost of utilization review services and makes it harder for employers to apply objective medical treatment guidelines and control costs. Oppose.	Vetoed
<b>Predesignation of Physician.</b> SB 1338 (Migden; D-San Francisco) increases medical costs in workers' compensation insurance by undermining medical provider networks, which were established to ensure that injured employees received appropriate medical care. Oppose.	Vetoed
<b>Internet Web Sites.</b> AB 507 (De La Torre; D-South Gate) creates a website through the Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau that would provide coverage information for employers in California that are insured for workers' compensation insurance. No Position.	Vetoed
<b>Public Employees: Leaves of Absence.</b> AB 419 (Lieber; D-San Jose) increases workers' compensation costs by expanding the number of public safety workers who are eligible for expanded benefits and preferential treatment in California's workers' compensation law. Oppose.	Vetoed
<b>Cancer Presumption.</b> SB 1271 (Cedillo; D-Los Angeles) extends cancer presumption of compensability to employees of private companies that operate publicly owned fire departments. No Position.	Signed - Chapter 747