Colorado Legislature Update

The status (as of March 5, 2007) of bills of interest to gun owners that have been introduced in the Colorado General Assembly are:

Bad bills (still alive):

(1) Senate Bill 07-034 which would prohibit concealed carry in Colorado with a permit issued by another state to a non-resident of that state. Status: Passed out of the Senate. Was amended by Republicans to make it a good bill, but amendments were removed by Senate. Passed out of the House Judiciary Committee to the full House where it was passed on Second and Third Readings (Contact Governor to request he veto this bad bill)

(2) House Bill 07-1174 would allow sheriffs to add concealed carry permit holders to the statewide CCIC database. The CCIC database is used to store information on criminals. Status: Passed out of the House. Passed amended from Senate Judiciary Committee to full Senate. Is being laid over (not brought to a vote—an indication there are not enough votes to pass—keep the pressure on)

(3) Senate Bill 07-109 adds a $15 fee for running a background check when purchasing a firearm (currently there is no fee). Status: Passed out of Senate Judiciary Committee to Appropriations Committee.

Good bills (still alive):

(1) None.

All the good bills have been killed. There are still three bad bills alive. We need to contact our legislators and ask them to do whatever they can to get these bad bills killed.

You can get the latest status of a bill and read the text of a bill on the PPFC website.

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Special Forces Deputy Commander to Speak

10th Special Forces Group Commander Colonel Rick Steiner, US Army, will be the speaker at the April 12th PPFC general membership meeting. This will be a special meeting and one not to be missed. Please plan on attending and bring your friends!

Colorado Springs City Council Election Results

Unfortunately, Bernie Herpin did not get elected to the Colorado Springs City Council on April 3rd. He came in fifth and the top four vote getters got elected. More than 21,000 people voted for Bernie. The very liberal Jan Martin beat all of the incumbents knocking Bernie out of fourth place. Ms Martin is no friend of gun owners, but only has one vote of nine on Council. Tom Gallagher and Larry Small were reelected and they are pro-gun. Randy Purvis is the fourth person elected and he is not very pro-gun. Bernie ran a good race and he will be back. Bernie lives in Council District 4, currently represented by Margaret Radford who is term limited in 2009. Bernie will like run for that seat in 2009. We need to start supporting him and getting ready for 2009 NOW!

PPFC President elected Vice Chair of El Paso County Republicans

Dane Nowels, the PPFC President, was elected as the Vice Chairman of the of El Paso County Republicans and will help lead the party for the next two years. The County Republican Party needs some new direction and strengthening. There are several vacant precinct committee chair positions. This is a great opportunity for you to get involved at the grassroots level as we begin to prepare for the 2008 county, state, and national elections. Call the Republican Headquarters (578-0022) to see if there is a vacancy in your precinct and get involved! Bernie Herpin was also reelected as the Chair of Commissioner District 2.

PPFC DUES

Please send in your 2007 dues ($20 individual, $30 family). You can also pay at the April meeting. If you have not paid you dues, this will be the last newsletter you will receive. Help save us money by not having to send you a renewal notice. We have already seen more gun control from the Colorado General Assembly. We must remain strong to better speak up on our rights.