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Legislative Update

There have been four bills of interest to firearm rights advocates introduced in the Colorado legislature. Unfortunately, two of the good bills were killed in the Democrat controlled committee. You can get up-to-date status on the PPFC website.

- Senate Bill 10-051 (GOOD) would restrict the governor’s authority to restrict the distribution of firearms during a state of disaster emergency. The bill was introduced by Senator Renfoe and Representative Sonnenberg. The bill was Postponed Indefinitely (Killed) in the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee.

- Senate Bill 10-092 (GOOD) will exempt any firearm that was manufactured in Colorado, and remains in Colorado, from federal firearm laws. The bill was introduced by Senator Dave Schultheis and is sponsored by Representative Steve King in the House. The bill was Postponed Indefinitely (Killed) in the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee.

- Senate Bill 10-125 (BAD) will add a surcharge of up to 65% on the CBI background check for a firearms transfer. Introduced by Senator Tapia. There is no House sponsor. The bill has been assigned to the Senate Finance Committee.

- House Bill 10-1094 (GOOD) applies the “Make my Day” law to a place of business. Introduced by Representative C. Gardner and Senator Harvey. The bill has been assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

More PPFC Elections

Due to the election of Jeff Crank as President and the resignation of Amy Mullaney as Secretary, the following PPFC/PAC officers were elected at the February meeting:

Secretary: Laura Carno
PAC Steering Committee Chair: Paul Paradis

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One of the more difficult positions is the Director of Programs. To assist Cherish Schaffer, Director of Programs, we’d like to establish a Program Committee which would be responsible for arranging for the membership meeting program. Members had some great program ideas and we need a Program Committee to help Cherish get the speakers lined up. If you’d like to serve on the Program Committee, please e-mail Cherish at cherishschaffer@gmail.com.

2010 Elections

The 2010 “off-year” elections are fast approaching. We will be elected all Colorado representatives, several Colorado senators, a US senator, governor, attorney general, Colorado treasurer, and several El Paso County officers including re-electing Sheriff Maketa. The election process starts in your precinct with your precinct caucus. The Republican caucuses will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010. Every PPFC member should attend their caucus and get elected as a delegate to the county assembly. County assembly delegates are then eligible to be delegates to the 5th Congressional and state assemblies. Candidates for the various offices will be listed on the PPFC website with contact information.

If we want to take back the Colorado House, Senate, and governor’s office, we MUST be involved and we MUST support pro-gun candidates with time and money. If you haven’t donated to the PPFC Small Donor Committee, please consider doing so. The max any one person can give is $50 per year, but the SDC can contribute 10 times more to a candidate than a normal PAC. Our support can make the difference in some very critical races including the two El Paso house seats currently held by anti-gun Democrats.

Candidates to Speak to PPFC

Continuing our election coverage, Sheriff Maketa will speak to the PPFC membership about his re-election and plans for his third and final term. Tom Wiens, US Senate candidate, will also speak to us. This is an opportunity to meet the candidates and hear their position on gun rights. We will be inviting in other state-wide and local candidates in the following months leading up to the county and state assemblies and the primary.

If you are not signed up for e-mail alerts from our Legislative Director, Doug Davis, then you need to sign up so you can get timely notice on legislative happenings. Send an e-mail to Doug at: doug@dougavisent.com asking to be put on his e-mail alert.