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2009 Legislative Update



With a new Republican Governor and a Republican controlled Legislature, the beginning of the 2009 legislative session looked promising. Unfortunately, almost the entire session has been devoted to the 2009 and 2010 budgets. Session deadlines for assigning and hearing bills have come and gone, with "promises" to extend them after the budgets are resolved. Meanwhile, some legislators are starting to grumble about leaving before hearing any non-budget legislation. The Arizona Constitution requires a vote from the majority of the legislators in each chamber to pass. If a handful of legislators decide to leave, and the required votes aren't there, the session is effectively over.

In the House, some non-budget bills have been heard in committees and a few have actually been sent to the Senate. The following is the status/fate of key pro-rights bills in the House.

HB 2171, a "Restaurant Carry" bill, missed the deadline for being heard in committee. A similar bill, SB 1113, still has a chance in the Senate.

HB 2174, which allows the carrying of firearms on game refuges by CCW permit holders, passed out of the House Committee of the Whole (COW) on May 6, 2009. From here, it waits to be calendared for the House Third Read (final vote before being transmitted to the Senate).

HB 2439, the AzCDL-requested bill that provides for an alternative 4 hour CCW course for first time permit applicants with prior firearms training, passed out of the House and was transmitted to the Senate on May 6, 2009.

HB 2474, which prevents any private or public employer, property owner, etc. from banning any person from keeping a firearm in a locked vehicle in a parking area on the property, with specific, limited exceptions, passed out of the House and was transmitted to the Senate on May 13, 2009.

HB 2607, this year's AzCDL-requested "Campus Carry" bill, missed the deadline for being heard in committee.

In the Senate, non-budget bills have not been assigned to any committees while the Senate works on the 2009 and 2010 budgets. The following are important pro-rights bills stuck in this legislative limbo.

SB 1270, the AzCDL-requested bill that removes the penalty for the lawful carrying of a concealed weapon without a permit.

SB 1243, the AzCDL-requested bill that clarifies when a defensive display of a firearm is justified.

SB 1113, A Restaurant Carry bill that permits firearms in certain restaurants if signs are not posted forbidding firearms, and the person possessing the firearm does not consume alcohol.

When the 2010 budget finally passes, the Senate is facing a tsunami of non-budget bills conflicting with their urge to end the session and go home. AzCDL's full-time volunteer lobbyists continue to meet with key legislators on strategies to prevent critical pro-rights bills from being axed to accommodate streamlined scheduling. We will not go quietly into the night!



Pending Federal Legislation



AzCDL focuses on Arizona legislation. There are many national firearms related organizations, starting with the 4+ Million member NRA, constantly reporting on what is going on at the National level. We urge everyone to pay attention to the news coming out of the major national firearms groups.

Since the current President and Congress have the majority needed to administratively and legislatively thwart our Right to Keep and Bears Arms (RKBA), the following are the more significant Federal assaults on our liberty that we should all be aware of.

Gun Owners = Extremists

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary, former Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano, recently issued an "assessment" that firearms owners, along with veterans and people holding right-of-center beliefs, pose a threat to our National Security.

Registration & Licensing

HR 45, the "Blair Holt's Firearm Licensing & Record of Sale Act," calls for gun owners to apply to the federal government for screening, testing and registration. Currently HR 45 appears to have no support aside from its sole sponsor, former Black Panther co-founder Bobby Rush.

Regulating Private Sales

S 843 imposes restriction on gun shows that include background checks on all private firearms transactions. It would also require federal registration of gun show promoters and vendors.

Permanent Cosmetic Features Ban

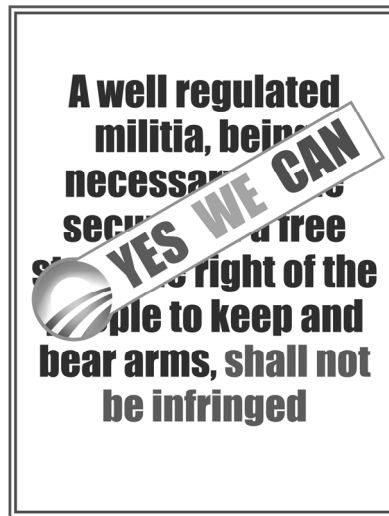
Described as the "assault" weapon ban on steroids, HR 1022 makes permanent the expired ban on popular semi-automatic rifles and pistols with certain cosmetic features. Standard capacity magazines would also be banned.

Repealing the Tiahrt Amendment

Within hours after being declared president-elect, the Obama transition team website announced anti-rights initiatives designed to ban guns and drive law-abiding firearms manufacturers and

dealers out of business. One of those initiatives called for the repeal of the Tiahrt Amendment, which prohibits the release of federal firearm tracing information to anyone other than a law enforcement agency. Rights prohibitionists want the tracing data to persecute law-abiding firearms manufacturers.

Other initiatives President Obama supports are a permanent "assault" weapons ban, closing the gun show "loophole" and making guns "childproof," which is the code word for expensive and impossible to comply with design requirements.



CIFTA

On his recent "Blame America First" visit to Mexico, President Obama promised to get the Senate to ratify an international treaty, known as CIFTA, that could have far-reaching effects on U.S. gun ownership, without needing to pass additional legislation.

CIFTA was signed by President Clinton but has yet to be ratified by the Senate. If ratified, the conditions of the treaty become mandatory and override existing federal law (as specified in Article VI of the Constitution). It calls for the registration of firearms, ammunition and ammunition components. Reloading ammo would become illegal. Same with modifying (customizing) a firearm. Firearms records that must now be destroyed or cannot be shared would be stored online internationally for easy access.

When will all this happen?

Despite the Democrats controlling the Executive and Legislative branches of the US Government, anti-RKBA legislation doesn't have a majority of supporters—for the moment at least. Many newly elected Democrats defeated their Republican opponents by displaying conservative and pro-RKBA characteristics. Hopefully, many long-term Democrats also remember the many defeats caused by attacking gun owners in past elections. Let's hope that sanity prevails.

Some Good News

The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, covering Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon and Washington, ruled in *Nordyke v. King*, that the 2nd Amendment is "incorporated" through the 14th Amendment. This means that the Second Amendment is a right protected at the state and local levels for residents in the states under the jurisdiction of the Ninth Circuit.

Buried in the credit card "reform" act, recently signed by President Obama, was an amendment that restored the right to possess firearms in National Parks. However, implementation of the new law will be delayed for 9 months because the underlying bill contains the delay to allow credit card companies to adopt their new rules.

Remain Vigilant!



Chains
you can
believe in.



AzCDL's 2009 Director Election



To promote continuity in leadership, the terms of office for AzCDL's directors are staggered. This year, the position held by Dave Kopp, AzCDL's President and chief volunteer lobbyist, expires.

While Dave is seeking reelection, the nomination process is open to all members. All nominations will appear on the ballot. If there is only one nominee for the vacancy there will not be a balloting process.

If you are a Life member interested in running for this position on the AzCDL Board of Directors, you may nominate yourself or be nominated by any other member. If you are going to nominate

someone else, you must provide a personal verification from the nominee, including the nominee's signature and membership number, indicating they want to be on the ballot. Candidate biographies and/or statements are welcomed. Send all nomination requests to:

AzCDL Membership
P.O. Box 86256
Tucson, AZ 85754-6256

You may also email nomination requests to: treasurer@AzCDL.org. A readable, scanned image of the nominee's personal verification document attached to an email may be considered

acceptable if, in the sole judgment of AzCDL's Board of Directors, it can be verified as authentic.

All nomination requests must be received by AzCDL by June 30, 2009. Any nomination received after June 30, 2009 will not be placed on the ballot.

If you include a candidate biography and/or a statement of why they/you should be elected, it must be limited to a single 8.5" x 11" page using standard margins and line spacing, and a font size equivalent to Arial 10. Any legitimate candidate statement timely received will be made available to members during the balloting process.

AzCDL's 2009 Annual Meeting will be in Tucson!

Mark your calendars! This year's annual meeting will be on **Saturday, October 10, 2009**.

This year's annual meeting will be held at the Beaudry Event Center, 3200 E. Irvington, Tucson.

Lunch will be catered by Port-A-Pit and will feature a barbeque buffet of chicken, pork ribs and tri-tip. Side dishes include



salads, beans and muffins. Desert is a mixed berry cobbler. Iced tea, water, lemonade and coffee are included.

As with all AzCDL annual meetings, the open carrying of firearms is encouraged!

Our Annual Meeting Committee is ironing out the details. Stay tuned.....



Independence Day Rifle Match—Shooters Wanted!



On July 4, 2009, the fourth annual AzCDL Independence Day Action Rifle Match will be hosted by the Phoenix Rod and Gun Club. Celebrate Independence Day in a way that would make our Forefathers proud!



Be sure to get your application in early. The match is limited to 60 shooters. There is still time to make a reservation if you act now.

Entry fee is \$40 and includes a free AzCDL Basic Annual membership. If you are already an AzCDL member, your membership will be renewed. All proceeds (minus range and target expenses) will be donated to AzCDL.

Spend the day like a true patriot exercis-

ing your rights, supporting a good cause, and having FUN!

Match rules and applications can be found at AzCDL's website: http://www.azcdl.org/html/rifle_match.html



There will be 4 stages this year. At least half the match will be long range oriented (100-400 yards).

Sign in will start at 6:30 AM. Shooter's meeting will be held at 7AM. Range goes "hot" by 7:30 AM. All shooting is finished by 1 PM.

About 200 rounds are needed for the match.



Awards will be handed out and a Prize Raffle conducted following range clean up and tear down.

All questions should be directed to Russell Phagan: SinistralRifleman@hotmail.com

If you do not have Internet access and need to have a match application mailed to you, call AzCDL at **623-594-8521**.

As in past years, this year's primary sponsor is Cavalry Arms: <http://www.cavalryarms.com/>

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Gun Show Volunteers—Free Admission!

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Like it says in our brochure, AzCDL is an “all volunteer” organization. We need volunteers to staff the AzCDL tables at Arizona gun shows.

Unlike anti-rights organizations, AzCDL does not have a rich “sugar daddy,” receive any grants or have any paid staff. We pay our expenses from individual donations.

Also, unlike anti-rights organizations, AzCDL has an actual membership. We are experiencing phenomenal growth, mainly from our gun show presence. The more members we have, the more clout we have at the legislature. The more clout we have the greater our success.

However, recruiting members takes lots of work. Our best venue for educating gun owners about AzCDL’s success, is at gun shows. Almost everyone reading this probably was persuaded to join AzCDL at a gun show. As a result, you have also seen your membership “investment” returned several fold in terms of restored and expanded rights.

How about helping us spread the word—and enjoy a gun show at the same time?

We are looking for interested individuals to staff the AzCDL gun show tables. To those who are already volunteering—Thank you!

If you can spare a few hours (at a gun show!) we would deeply appreciate your help. Come on down and spend some time observing the other volunteers. When you feel ready, step in and

let other gun owners know what AzCDL can do for them. If proactive selling is not your forte, we need volunteers to manage the table, help hand out literature and keep an eye on things.



Volunteers who work the AzCDL table for a few hours will get into the gun show FREE!

If you can spare some time to support AzCDL recruiting efforts at gun shows, and would be interested in volunteering, please drop us a note at

Duke.Schechter@AzCDL.org
or call 623-594-8521.

The following is a list of the remaining gun shows that we expect to work during 2009. If we get enough volunteers we will work more shows.

Sometimes the gun show promoters add or change dates and venues. Be sure to check with us ahead of time.

PHOENIX AREA GUN SHOWS

June 27 & 28, 2009
Mesa Centennial Hall

July 11 & 12, 2009
Arizona State Fairgrounds

September 12 & 13, 2009
Arizona State Fairgrounds

September 26 & 27, 2009
Mesa Centennial Hall

November 21 & 22, 2009
Mesa Centennial Hall

December 4, 5 & 6, 2009 (the “big” one)
Arizona State Fairgrounds

TUCSON AREA GUN SHOWS

May 30 & 31, 2009
Pima County Fairgrounds

August 8 & 9, 2009
Tombstone

September 5 & 6, 2009
Pima County Fairgrounds

September 19 & 20, 2009
Tucson Convention Center

October 17 & 18, 2009
Tombstone

October 24 & 25, 2009
Tucson Expo Center

November 7 & 8, 2009
Pima County Fairgrounds

December 19 & 20, 2009
Tucson Expo Center

AzCDL Membership Surges!

In June 2009, AzCDL will be 4 years old. We have grown from a handful of activists to over 1,900 members. We anticipate passing the 2,000 members mark by July and closing in on 3,000 members by the end of the year. That’s incredible!

We joke about the “Obama Effect,” but the real credit goes to YOU, our members who continue to support us in our fight to restore the Right to Keep and



Bear Arms in Arizona.

A huge hat tip goes to our small, but vital, army of gun show volunteers, too numerous to list here, who give up their weekends to hand out AzCDL goodies and convince passersby that an investment in AzCDL is better than buying the latest gee-whiz item at all those other tables.

Congratulations and THANK YOU!