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THE NATION IS WATCHING!



Dear Friends of CalCAP,

Events in California are often harbingers of economic, political and social developments across our nation. We may not always like it, but people pay attention and then follow our lead.

In 2009, people are again paying attention to events in our state. There is a bill that will legalize marijuana (AB 390), and we expect another to be introduced that will legalize internet poker. If either of these pass, you can be sure that they will impact other states, and eventually our nation.

Likewise, there are bills that will

impose a surcharge on a per drink basis. This will not only help meet the economic and social costs of alcohol in our state, and thus reduce our budget deficit, but will also help deter underage drinking. Since many states face similar economic challenges, the alcohol industry is expected to mount a furious attack on our efforts to pass these bills.

It is important that we succeed in our efforts regarding alcohol, other drugs and gambling, not just for California, but for the rest of the nation. Thanks for your help. Your state and nation are counting on you.

Rev James B. Butler,
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VOTE "NO" ON PROPOSITION 1C

On May 19, all registered voters in California are invited to decide the outcome of 6 propositions placed on the ballot by the California State Legislature. One of these is Proposition 1C, the Lottery Modernization Act. The intent of this proposition is to restructure the California State Lottery, and allow the revenues to be used to secure funding from bonds instead of being used for education, the original purpose of the Lottery revenues. It will also allow the State Lottery Board greater

flexibility in promoting sales, perhaps even using the internet.

In order for there to be enough Lottery revenues to fund the mandated expenditures associated with this proposition, many more Lottery tickets will need to be sold. If this does not happen, than the state budget deficit will grow in order to pay the educational and bond obligations. Promoting gambling to secure California's economic future is a bad idea, especially now. Please vote "NO" on Prop. 1C. There will be more information sent in April.

2009 ALCOHOL LEGISLATION

Some of the Legislation related to Alcohol that we are tracking and addressing this Session.

AB 172, Smyth: Would provide that the prohibition against the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages on the grounds of a public schoolhouse does not apply if the alcoholic beverages are acquired, possessed, or used during events at a public education facility in which any grade from kindergarten to grade 12, inclusive, is schooled, if the event is held at a time when children are not present at the stadium or other facility.

AB 1019, Beall: This bill would require, wholesalers located within the state who distribute alcoholic beverages to retailers for consumption in the state, to pay a \$0.10 per drink surcharge, based upon a specified formula, and would require the State Board of Equalization to administer and collect this surcharge.



2009 GAMBLING LEGISLATION

Some of the Legislation related to Gambling that we are tracking and addressing this Session.

AB 1036, Niello: This bill would, instead of 10, allow a maximum of 100 unaffiliated organizations to enter into an agreement to cosponsor a remote caller bingo game if the game does not have more than 100 locations.

SB 126, Cedillo: This bill would delete the reference to school districts in the provisions specifying the organizations that may conduct bingo games and would instead authorize charitable organizations affiliated with a school district to conduct bingo games.

SB 200, Correa: This bill would delete the pro-

SB 1, Ducheny: This bill would, beginning on February 1, 2009, impose an additional surtax on beer, wine, sparkling cider, and distilled spirits, and would also impose a surtax on sparkling wines. This bill would require that the revenues derived from the additional taxes be remitted to the State Board of Equalization and deposited in the General Fund.

SB 558, DeSaulnier: This bill would, in addition, establish the Alcohol Abuse Treatment Program Fund and would authorize the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to assess and collect a fee in an amount not to exceed \$0.05 per drink from every person who is engaged in business in this state and sells alcoholic beverages for resale, as prescribed.

SB 598, Huff: The bill would require a person required to have a court ordered ignition interlock device on a vehicle to have the device serviced at least once every 30 days, and the installer would be required to notify the court the first time the person failed to comply with the maintenance or calibration requirements.

hibition on advertising a raffle over the Internet and would set forth specified information regarding a raffle that may be included on an Internet Web site.

SB 318, Calderon: This bill would provide forfeiture procedures for certain property connected with the crime of dog fighting, as specified.

SB 610, Corbett: This bill would provide that a gambling establishment licensed by the commission and operating in the City of San Jose on January 1, 2010, may change its location within the County of Santa Clara by providing the commission with notice at least 3 months prior to that change.

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A LIFE

Because of our long history of working to prevent the problems caused by alcohol and other drugs, the Alcohol-Narcotic Education Foundation was invited to participate in a special event on the grounds of the Capitol. At our display booth we invited persons in recovery to answer questions that will help us in our prevention-oriented mission. We continue to share some of those answers.

When asked **“What Advice would you give to someone to prevent a life of alcohol or other drug abuse/addiction?”**

many answers related to personal loss and a need for faith. Below are some of the answers from individuals in recovery.

Get help! Don't be afraid to ask.

Out of all the things I lost, I miss my mind the most. Don't lose yours.

Don't Do Drugs!

I would ask them to think about their life and their spouse. If they are going to have kids, it aint (sic) worth it.

Don't start.

You kill yourself slowly and one drug leads to the other.

It isn't worth it. Don't use.

Respect life for everything that it is and love yourself enough to make it.

You have to heal yourself from the inside out. I've abused myself and I've suffered. It's a horrible way to live.

I would share my experience, strength and hope. Stay in school and learn all you can that is positive and healthy.

There is a power greater than yourself that “Can restore your sanity” if you give Him your will and your life.

God is the way. Call on him and don't look back!

God could and would if he were sought.

Get in to activities such as sports or any hobby that fills your idle time and interests you. Make friends with people who do fun things, not just “hangout”.

I'd share about how bad my life was on Drugs/Alcohol and how great life is in recovery for 21 years!

Never get into any gang-life and also the ugly life of drugs.

Gather information – attend Ala-Non, Ala-Teen, AA or NA.

My story along with facts of addiction.

Share the Christian Faith.

Education / Treatment / Faith

Drugs ruin your life.

Make quality decisions that have a positive effect on your life.

LEGALIZE MARIJUANA? ARE THEY SERIOUS?

A bill has been introduced to “decriminalize” (Legalize) marijuana in California. That bill is **AB 390, Ammiano**. This bill would remove marijuana and its derivatives from existing statutes defining and regulating controlled substances. It would instead legalize the possession, sale, cultivation, and other conduct relating to marijuana and its

derivatives by persons 21 years of age and older. It would set up a wholesale and retail marijuana sales regulation program. It would ban local and state assistance in enforcing federal and other laws relating to marijuana, and would provide specified infraction penalties for violations of these new marijuana laws and regulations.

In spite of studies that clearly document the dangers of marijuana use, there are some that are using the promise of tax revenues as an effort to legalize marijuana.

Is there really a bill trying to Legalize Marijuana in California? Yes! Unbelievable but true.



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OUR TASK AND MISSION

The CalCAP family, which includes the California Council on Alcohol Problems (CalCAP), the Alcohol-Narcotic Education Foundation (ANEF) and the California Coalition Against Gambling Expansion (CCAGE), is a statewide, faith based organization that seeks to prevent the moral, economic, scientific and social problems caused by alcohol and gambling. This is done through research, education, advocacy and lobbying. Thus, we raise the awareness of these problems among the people, and address the legislature regarding alcohol and gambling issues.

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If you would like to be part of our information network, arrange for a program or preaching date, or support our work through-out California, please contact our Executive Director, the Rev. James Butler, or our Sacramento office, at 916 / 441-1844 or calcap@sbcuc.net. Our Mailing address is 803 Vallejo Way, Sacramento CA 95818.

Because CalCAP is involved in lobbying efforts, donations to CalCAP are not tax-deductible. Donations to ANEF are tax-deductible.

WHAT'S A PARENT TO DO?

What can a parent do to help prevent their children from smoking, drinking or using drugs? We continue to answer that question using a recent report from the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University (CASA). Many parents know "What" to do, but may not know "How" to best do it. The following excerpts from the CASA report are provided by the Center on Substance Abuse Research in Maryland.

Safeguard Prescription Drugs: One-third of teens who know someone who abuses prescription drugs say that person gets the drugs from parents, home, or medicine cabinets.

Address Drugs in School •One-third of parents think that the presence of drugs in school does not make it more likely that their child will use drugs. Yet previous CASA surveys have found that teens attending schools where drugs are used, kept, or sold are 5 times more likely to use marijuana, 15 times more likely to use prescription drugs, and 16 times more likely to use an illegal drug (other than marijuana or prescription drugs).

Set a Good Example •One-fourth of all teens know a parent of a classmate or friend who uses marijuana—and 10% say that this parent smokes with people the teens' age.

"Although virtually all mothers and fathers are concerned about the challenges of raising their kids in today's world, many fail to take essential actions to prevent their kids from smoking, drinking or using drugs," according to a report from (CASA). These steps will help.