



CAL-ERT 05/11/03 -- 10:00 P. M.

IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

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AB 50 (Koretz) - .50 Caliber Rifle Ban - would ban the sale/possession of rifles that are chambered for the .50 BMG cartridge and the sale/possession of .50BMG cartridges. Passed Assembly Public Safety Committee on 4/29/03. AB 50 will be next heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Thanks to Ronnie Barrett of Barret Firearms and Bill Ritchie of EDM Arms for their strong testimony against AB 50!

AB 992 (Ridley-Thomas) - Ammo Tax - Amended to direct revenues to a "Victim Reimbursement Fund". AB 992 will be next heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

SB489 (Scott) - Semi-Auto Handgun bill - would have required that all semiautomatic handguns, manufactured after a specific date - that are imported and sold in California, be equipped with a loaded chamber indicator and a magazine disconnect mechanism. Although it passed the Senate Public Safety committee on 5/6/03, it was massively amended. SB 489 will be next heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

SB 601 (Perata) - .50 Caliber Handgun Ban - would ban sale/possession of .50 caliber handguns. This bill is aimed specifically at the new S&W .500 Magnum cartridge but would also ban others. Passed the Senate Public Safety Committee on 5/6/03. SB 601 will be next heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Thanks to Smith & Wesson for their strong lobbying effort against both SB601 and SB489!

Action requested:

AB50 and **AB992** could possibly be heard in the Assembly Appropriations Committee as early as Wednesday, May 14th or May 21st. Please contact the Assembly Appropriations Committee and urge them to oppose AB50 and AB992.

SB489 and **SB601** could possibly be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee as early as Monday, May 12th or May 19th. Please contact the Senate Appropriations Committee and urge them to oppose SB489 and SB601.

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