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SPECIAL ALERT: Senate Announces New Committee Chairs & Members

California Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles) announced his leadership members and nominees for Senate standing committee chairs and members today.

Committee chairmanships and memberships are subject to change each session as a result of newly elected legislators and changes in the legislative makeup. Legislative leaders often use Chairmanships as political currency, for example awarding big party contributors with the higher profile "juice committees" and removing those members who failed to follow the party line or upset leadership in some manner.

There are nine new members of the Senate, six of whom has either immediately or within the last 10 years served in the Assembly. As a result, Senate President Pro Tempore had a good idea of their political track record as he placed them on their various new committees and awarded Chairmanships.

Most notable for the insurance industry -- and a move no one saw coming -- is the removal of Senator Richard Roth as Chair of the Senate Insurance Committee. He was replaced with Senator Tony Mendoza, who previously served as Chair of the Senate Labor & Industrial Relations Committee. In addition, two new Democratic members were added to the Senate Insurance Committee: newly elected Senator Josh Newman and former Assemblyman now Senator Anthony Portantino. These changes in Chairs have the potential to change the fate of some controversial legislation that have stalled in past years (i.e. uninsured/underinsured motorist).

Senator Steven Bradford replaces Medoza as new Chair of Labor & Industrial Relations. Former Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins joins Senators Holly Mitchell and Hannah Beth Jackson on the committee. Jeff Stone remains the lone Republican and Vice Chair.

New Senator (coming right from the Assembly) Bill Dodd was named Chair of the Banking & Financial Institutions Committee, which will see a lot of action this year post Wells Fargo scandal. He replaces Senator Steve Glazer, who was given the distinguished role of Chair of Governmental Organization Committee.

Official Legislative Information

The full list of all new Chairs and memberships are below. Designated committee chairs and membership will be formally adopted by the Senate Rules Committee when it convenes on January 11, 2017.

Majority Leader:

Senator Bill Monning (D-Carmel)

Majority Whip:

Senator Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley)

Democratic Caucus Chair:

Senator Connie Leyva (D-Chino)

Democratic Caucus Vice-Chair:

Senator Mike McGuire (D-Healdsburg)

Agriculture

Senator Cathleen Galgiani (D-Stockton), Chair

Senator Scott Wilk (R-Santa Clarita), Vice Chair

Senator Tom Berryhill (R-Stanislaus)

Senator Bill Dodd (D-Napa)

Senator Richard Pan (D-Sacramento)

Appropriations

Senator Ricardo Lara (D-Bell Gardens), Chair

Senator Patricia Bates (R-Laguna Niguel), Vice Chair

Senator Jim Beall (D-San Jose)

Senator Steve Bradford (D-Gardena)

Senator Jerry Hill (D-San Mateo)

Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Tehama)

Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco)

Banking and Financial Institutions

Senator Bill Dodd (D-Napa), Chair

Senator Andy Vidak (R-Hanford), Vice Chair

Senator Cathleen Galgiani (D-Stockton)

Senator Ben Hueso (D-San Diego)

Senator Ricardo Lara (D-Bell Gardens)

Senator Mike Morrell (R-Inland Empire)

Senator Anthony Portantino (D-La Cañada-Flintridge)

Budget and Fiscal Review

Senator Holly Mitchell (D-Los Angeles), Chair

Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Tehama), Vice Chair

Senator Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica)

Senator Joel Anderson (R-San Diego)

Senator Jim Beall (D-San Jose)

Senator Steve Glazer (D-Contra Costa)
Senator Mike McGuire (D-Healdsburg)
Senator Tony Mendoza (D-Artesia)
Senator Bill Monning (D-Carmel)
Senator John Moorlach (R-Costa Mesa)
Senator Janet Nguyen (R-Garden Grove)
Senator Richard Pan (D-Sacramento)
Senator Anthony Portantino (D-La Cañada-Flintridge)
Senator Richard Roth (D-Riverside)
Senator Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley)
Senator Jeff Stone (R-Temecula)
Senator Bob Wieckowski (D-Fremont)

Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Education

Portantino (Chair), Allen and Moorlach

Budget Subcommittee No. 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection, Energy and Transportation

Wieckowski (Chair), McGuire, Mendoza and Nielsen

Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Health and Human Services

Pan (Chair), Monning and Stone

Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration and General Government

Roth (Chair), Glazer and Nguyen

Budget Subcommittee No. 5 on Corrections, Public Safety and the Judiciary

Skinner (Chair), Beall and Anderson

Business, Professions and Economic Development

Senator Jerry Hill (D-San Mateo), Chair
Senator Patricia Bates (R-Laguna Niguel), Vice Chair
Senator Bill Dodd (D-Napa)
Senator Cathleen Galgiani (D-Stockton)
Senator Steve Glazer (D-Contra Costa)
Senator Ed Hernandez (D-West Covina)
Senator Josh Newman (D-Fullerton)
Senator Richard Pan (D-Sacramento)
Senator Scott Wilk (R-Santa Clarita)

Education

Senator Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica), Chair
Senator Scott Wilk (R-Santa Clarita), Vice Chair
Senator Cathleen Galgiani (D-Stockton)
Senator Connie Leyva (D-Chino)
Senator Tony Mendoza (D-Artesia)

Senator Richard Pan (D-Sacramento)
Senator Andy Vidak (R-Hanford)

Elections and Constitutional Amendments

Senator Henry Stern (D-Canoga Park), Chair
Senator Joel Anderson (R-San Diego), Vice Chair
Senator Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica)
Senator Bob Hertzberg (D-Los Angeles)
Senator Connie Leyva (D-Chino)

Energy, Utilities and Communications

Senator Ben Hueso (D-San Diego), Chair
Senator Mike Morrell (R-Inland Empire), Vice Chair
Senator Steve Bradford (D-Gardena)
Senator Anthony Cannella (R-Ceres)
Senator Ted Gaines (R-El Dorado)
Senator Bob Hertzberg (D-Los Angeles)
Senator Jerry Hill (D-San Mateo)
Senator Mike McGuire (D-Healdsburg)
Senator Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley)
Senator Henry Stern (D-Canoga Park)
Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco)

Environmental Quality

Senator Bob Wieckowski (D-Fremont), Chair
Senator Andy Vidak (R-Hanford), Vice Chair
Senator Patricia Bates (R-Laguna Niguel)
Senator Jerry Hill (D-San Mateo)
Senator Ricardo Lara (D-Bell Gardens)
Senator Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley)
Senator Henry Stern (D-Canoga Park)

Governance and Finance

Senator Mike McGuire (D-Healdsburg), Chair
Senator Janet Nguyen (R-Garden Grove), Vice Chair
Senator Jim Beall (D-San Jose)
Senator Ed Hernandez (D-West Covina)
Senator Bob Hertzberg (D-Los Angeles)
Senator Ricardo Lara (D-Bell Gardens)
Senator John Moorlach (R-Costa Mesa)

Governmental Organization

Senator Steve Glazer (D-Contra Costa), Chair
Senator Tom Berryhill (R-Stanislaus), Vice Chair
Senator Steve Bradford (D-Gardena)
Senator Anthony Cannella (R-Ceres)
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Senator Tony Mendoza (D-Artesia)
Senator Anthony Portantino (D-La Cañada-Flintridge)
Senator Andy Vidak (R-Hanford)

Health

Senator Ed Hernandez (D-West Covina), Chair
Senator Janet Nguyen (R-Garden Grove), Vice Chair
Senator Toni Atkins (D-San Diego)
Senator Connie Leyva (D-Chino)
Senator Holly Mitchell (D-Los Angeles)
Senator Bill Monning (D-Carmel)
Senator Josh Newman (D-Fullerton)
Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Tehama)
Senator Richard Roth (D-Riverside)

Human Services

Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco), Chair
Senator Tom Berryhill (R-Stanislaus), Vice Chair
Senator Steve Glazer (D-Contra Costa)
Senator Josh Newman (D-Fullerton)
Senator Janet Nguyen (R-Garden Grove)

Insurance

Senator Tony Mendoza (D-Artesia), Chair
Senator Ted Gaines (R-El Dorado), Vice Chair
Senator Tom Berryhill (R-Stanislaus)
Senator Steve Glazer (D-Contra Costa)
Senator Ed Hernandez (D-West Covina)
Senator Holly Mitchell (D-Los Angeles)
Senator Josh Newman (D-Fullerton)
Senator Anthony Portantino (D-La Cañada-Flintridge)
Senator Richard Roth (D-Riverside)

Judiciary

Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson (D-Santa Barbara), Chair
Senator John Moorlach (R-Costa Mesa), Vice Chair
Senator Joel Anderson (R-San Diego)
Senator Bob Hertzberg (D-Los Angeles)
Senator Bill Monning (D-Carmel)
Senator Henry Stern (D-Canoga Park)
Senator Bob Wieckowski (D-Fremont)

Labor and Industrial Relations

Senator Steve Bradford (D-Gardena), Chair
Senator Jeff Stone (R-Temecula), Vice Chair
Senator Toni Atkins (D-San Diego)
Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson (D-Santa Barbara)
Senator Holly Mitchell (D-Los Angeles)

Legislative Ethics

Senator Ed Hernandez (D-West Covina), Chair
Senator Mike Morrell (R-Inland Empire), Vice Chair
Senator Patricia Bates (R-Laguna Niguel)
Senator Ted Gaines (R-El Dorado)
Senator Bill Monning (D-Carmel)
Senator Bob Wieckowski (D-Fremont)

Natural Resources and Water

Senator Bob Hertzberg (D-Los Angeles), Chair
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Senator Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica)
Senator Toni Atkins (D-San Diego)
Senator Ben Hueso (D-San Diego)
Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson (D-Santa Barbara)
Senator Bill Monning (D-Carmel)
Senator Henry Stern (D-Canoga Park)
Senator Andy Vidak (R-Hanford)

Public Employment and Retirement

Senator Richard Pan (D-Sacramento), Chair
Senator Mike Morrell (R-Inland Empire), Vice Chair
Senator Connie Leyva (D-Chino)
Senator John Moorlach (R-Costa Mesa)
Senator Anthony Portantino (D-La Cañada-Flintridge)

Public Safety

Senator Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley), Chair
Senator Joel Anderson (R-San Diego), Vice Chair
Senator Steve Bradford (D-Gardena)
Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson (D-Santa Barbara)
Senator Holly Mitchell (D-Los Angeles)
Senator Jeff Stone (R-Temecula)
Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco)

Rules

Senator Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles), Chair
Senator Anthony Cannella (R-Ceres), Vice Chair
Senator Toni Atkins (D-San Diego)
Senator Tom Berryhill (R-Stanislaus)

Senator Connie Leyva (D-Chino)

Transportation and Housing

Senator Jim Beall (D-San Jose), Chair

Senator Anthony Cannella (R-Ceres), Vice Chair

Senator Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica)

Senator Toni Atkins (D-San Diego)

Senator Patricia Bates (R-Laguna Niguel)

Senator Ted Gaines (R-El Dorado)

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Senator Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley)

Senator Bob Wieckowski (D-Fremont)

Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco)

Veterans Affairs

Senator Josh Newman (D-Fullerton), Chair

Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Tehama), Vice Chair

Senator Bill Dodd (D-Napa)

Senator Ben Hueso (D-San Diego)

Senator Janet Nguyen (R-Garden Grove)

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Please note that This Week In Sacramento will not be publishing through the end of the year in observance of the holidays. Publishing will resume on Friday, January 6th 2017. We at Norwood & Associates wish you and your families a happy holiday season, and we will see you again next year at the beginning of a new Legislative session.