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WEEKLY UPDATE FOR SEPTEMBER 5, 2008

State Board Nominations: CCSO will be having a State Board election later this year. We are now in the process of ascertaining interested candidates. Nomination forms have gone out to the homes of members this week. Take a few minutes to check out the nomination form with information on open seats. Placing your name on the nomination form and mailing it back to the independent accounting firm is the first step towards becoming an active member on the statewide level. Don't stop at just placing your name on the nomination form, but have your CCSO friends also put your name on their nomination form. Only the top four nominees will be selected to be on the election ballot.

Schwarzenegger Hammers Lawmakers: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger ripped Democratic and Republican lawmakers this week for collecting per diem checks, vacationing at political conventions and refusing to leave their "ideological corners" as California's budget stalemate is causing "severe consequences" for education, health and public safety. "I think it is very important for the California people to know that while the state is 2 1/2 months late on a budget, and while there are severe consequences...to education and health care and hospitals and law enforcement and firefighting, there are absolutely no consequences for the legislators," Schwarzenegger said in an appearance at Marshall Medical Center in Placerville. "Absolutely none."

"They go on vacation. They go on recess. They go home on the weekend and their two days off because God forbid for them to work on the weekend," Schwarzenegger said. "And they go to the various conventions and do their things and it's business as usual. They've been collecting per diem every day at the Capitol..."

Members of the Legislature make \$116,208 annually which makes them the highest paid in the nation. They also receive about \$35,000 to cover their living expenses in Sacramento, as long as their house is not in recess for more than three days in a row. The legislative session ended Sunday. But members of the state Senate -- who normally would have left the Capitol for the year -- are continuing to accrue their \$170-a-day, tax free per diem because of the longest California budget impasse in history.

The Governor touted his budget plan which proposes \$5 billion in new taxes, including a temporary 1-cent sales tax increase, \$10 billion in cuts and a "rainy day fund" to prevent future fiscal emergencies. He lit into Democrats and Republicans in the Legislature for submitting dead-on-arrival budget plans while failing to act on the compromised budget he proposed two weeks ago. "We have seen already the Democrats introduce their budget. They're asking for a tax increase of \$10 billion. That was voted down," Schwarzenegger said. "Then you have the Republicans who are now doing their budget even though it is 2 1/2 months late. And it relies on borrowing. That won't work and it will be voted down." The Governor said the state is still \$9 billion in debt from borrowing its way out of a budget deficit in 2003, and "They (GOP lawmakers) want to go again and borrow more money. It's like a family that has overextended itself on credit cards and then gets another credit card to pay off more credit cards," he said.

Court Ruling: Superior Court will hear on Friday, September 12th the legality of paying federal minimum wage to state employees when a Budget is not in place. Although the hearing is set for September 12th, a decision may not be made on that day. Last month state employees were paid their regular full salary because the court hearing was set in September and the court ruled, as the hearing had not been scheduled that the August pay would not be effective. Therefore, it is still uncertain if the

Governor's Executive Order regarding the minimum wage could still be implemented until the court makes their decision.

Please remember that CCSO is your advocate and we are working for you and fighting for you in Sacramento. Together the labor groups have come together to fight on behalf of all state workers. Unlike California legislators, labor groups have united and moved forward with one voice to secure the welfare of all our members.

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