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NEWSLETTER

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FEDERATION REPORT

NO REPORT RECEIVED

NOTES FROM LAST MEETING

Membership applications: Dean Knapp of Whitesboro sponsored by David Lansing, and Wildfredo Silvestry of Rome sponsored by Paul Marcellus, Randall Wilcox of Whitesboro Sponsored by Anthony Sawanec.

Members voted in: Erin Alden of Whitesboro and Don Alden of Whitesboro, , Michael Smith of Rome and Richard Coriale of Rome, Ronald Adsit of Rome.

Sponsors must be present for candidates to be voted in.

NOTE

Since we are an NRA affiliated club, if you are an NRA member please include your NRA membership No. When paying your dues.

LEGISLATION

STATE

New York: 2011 Legislative Summary

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

The New York Legislature adjourned this summer, and gun owners were able to successfully hold back all but one gun related bill during the 2011 legislative session. However, these issues are still alive for the 2012 session, and the NRA will to continue to work against these anti-gun bills.

Of the nearly 200 gun bills introduced, only one was passed and signed into law. Assembly Bill 698D, sponsored by Assemblyman Amy Paulin (D-88), will require the transmission of misdemeanor domestic violence convictions to the federal NICS database. This bill is duplicative of federal law.

Again this session, the top gun issue in New York was micro-stamping. While Assembly Bill 1157, introduced by Assemblyman Michelle Schimel (D-16), passed in the Assembly by an 84 to 55 vote in May, the Senate did not hold a committee hearing on this bill, effectively stopping this ill-conceived legislation for now. Micro-stamping is easily circumvented and useless in terms of public safety, despite the sensationalized claims of gun control advocates. This legislation would be very harmful to gun owners, adding another layer of unneeded regulation at a cost to manufacturers who will pass along those costs to ammunition and gun purchasers. The NRA strongly opposes this bill as it would likely force firearm manufacturers to stop selling handguns in the Empire state, effectively resulting in a ban on the sale of handguns in New York. In addition, it would likely

lead many New York-based manufacturers to relocate their facilities out of state.

The NRA will continue to support Senate Bill 459, sponsored by state Senator Mike Nozzolio (R-54), which would eliminate the expensive and unsuccessful Combined Ballistic Identification System (COBIS). This gun control gimmick costs taxpayers four million dollars annually, while failing to prevent or solve a single gun crime. This bill passed in the Senate by a 38 to 22 vote in June, and the Assembly must pass this legislation before it goes to the Governor.

On a positive note, hunters were victorious in several counties, where rifle hunting seasons were approved and signed into law by Governor Andrew Cuomo.

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AG attempts to shoot down Senate gun bill

ALBANY (AP) - New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman is urging U.S. Senate leaders to reject pending legislation that would establish handgun reciprocity among states.

Schneiderman says the bill, which has some 245 House cosponsors, would force states like New York with tougher handgun restrictions to allow visitors to carry their weapons obtained in other states with weaker laws. In a letter to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Nevada Democrat, and Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, a Kentucky Republican. Schneiderman says reciprocity would increase the risk of violence against New Yorkers and make it harder for police to crack down on illegal guns. He says 92 Percent of traced guns recovered from 2009 crimes in New York City which has strict limits on handgun licensing, came from other states.

NEXT MEETING

Nov. 9

7:30 PM

NATIONAL

NRA Backed Amendment

NRA-Backed Amendment to Prohibit Funding of "Gun-Walking" Programs Passes Unanimously in U.S. Senate.

On Tuesday, October 18, an NRA-supported amendment offered by U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-Tex.) to prohibit funds from being used by the Department of Justice to conduct "gun-walking" programs similar to the now-infamous "Fast and Furious" operation was passed in the Senate with unanimous, bipartisan support (99-0).

Veteran's Second Amendment Rights

A Bill to Protect Veteran's Second Amendment Rights Passes U.S. House on Voice Vote.

As we previously reported, on September 9th the U.S. House Veterans Affairs Committee passed an amendment by U.S. Representative Denny Rehberg (R-Mont.) as a part of a larger piece of veterans' legislation.

"The Recreational Lands Self-Defense Act" Introduced In The Senate

Urge Your Senators To Cosponsor And Support This Important Legislation.

On September 21, Senators Jim Webb (D-Va.) and John Boozman (R-Ark.) introduced S. 1588 -- "The Recreational Land Self-Defense Act." S. 1588 is the Senate companion bill to H.R. 1865, and is designed to protect the rights of gun owners on lands owned or managed by the Army Corps of Engineers.

HEADS ROLL

Heads Roll In Wake of BATFE "Fast and Furious" Scandal
In the latest development in the on-going Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE) "Fast and Furious" scandal, the Department of Justice announced the appointment of U.S. Attorney for the District of Minnesota B. Todd Jones to serve as Acting Director of BATFE, replacing Kenneth Melson.

