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Agent/Broker

AB 2387 (Vargas) – Insurance Agents: Education

PIFC Position: Support

Status: Chapter 590 of the 2006 Statutes

This bill deletes the requirement that the pre-licensing education for license as a fire and casualty broker-agent, personal lines broker-agent or life agent be conducted in a classroom, and allows for alternative methods, such as Internet-based education.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2351-2400/ab_2387_bill_20060928_chaptered.pdf

Arbitration

AB 1553 (Evans) – Arbitration

PIFC Position: Oppose

Status: Chapter 266 of 2006 Statutes

This bill tolls the time period for a party to demand or commence arbitration of a controversy pursuant to an arbitration agreement when the party commences a civil action in court based on that controversy. The tolling would operate from the date the civil action is commenced until 30 days after the court's final determination in the court filing, as specified.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_1551-1600/ab_1553_bill_20060914_chaptered.pdf

Attorney

AB 1133 (Harman) – Evidentiary Privileges

PIFC Position: Support

Status: Died in the Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committees

This bill would have provided that the right of any person to claim evidentiary privileges is waived with respect to a communication protected by the privilege, if any holder of the privilege, without coercion, has intentionally disclosed a significant part of the communication or has consented to disclosure made by anyone. It also would have provided that consent to disclosure is manifested by any statement or other conduct of the holder of the privilege indicating intent to permit the disclosure.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_1101-1150/ab_1133_bill_20050414_amended_asm.pdf

SB 1489 (Ducheny) – Attorney’s Fees: Attorney General**PIFC Position:** Oppose**Status:** Vetoed by the Governor

This bill would have given judges the discretion to require companies that are sued by the Attorney General to pay all investigative costs whenever the Attorney General “prevails” and would extend this same right to private plaintiffs retained by the Attorney General. This bill would have applied to numerous types of cases, including suits under the Unruh Civil Rights Act, the Fair Employment and Housing Act, corporate securities laws, environmental laws, and public nuisance laws. http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1451-1500/sb_1489_bill_20060906_enrolled.pdf

SB 1818 (Alarcón) – Attorney’s Fees**PIFC Position:** Watch**Status:** Vetoed by the Governor

This bill would have established that a big box retailer must pay attorney's fees and litigation expenses to a local government entity if the retailer acted in an "arbitrary and capricious" manner by bringing an action against the local government entity, to challenge the validity or application of an ordinance, rule, regulation or initiative measure that regulated zoning.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1801-1850/sb_1818_bill_20060829_enrolled.pdf

Automobile**AB 2190 (Benoit) – Vehicles: Reckless Driving and Vehicle Speed Contests****PIFC Position:** Watch**Status:** Chapter 432 of 2006 Statutes

This bill amends existing law that relates to punishments for violations of specified provisions relating to reckless driving, motor vehicle speed contents and driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage or drug or the combined influence of both. It requires a person convicted of reckless driving that proximately causes one or more of various specified injuries to a person other than the driver to be punished in the same manner.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2151-2200/ab_2190_bill_20060923_chaptered.pdf

SB 1542 (Migden) – Vehicles: Key Information Access**PIFC Position:** Support**Status:** Chapter 433 of 2006 Statutes

This bill establishes a process whereby a vehicle owner, via registered locksmith, can access the information necessary to produce a replacement key to enter and operate his or her vehicle, if the vehicle has a model year of 2008 or later.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1501-1550/sb_1542_bill_20060923_chaptered.pdf

Automobile Accidents

AB 1413 (DeVore) – Vehicles: Accidents: Notification

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Senate Transportation and Housing, and the Senate Banking, Finance and Insurance Committees

This bill would have eliminated the requirement that a motorist involved in a traffic accident resulting only in property damage notify the appropriate law enforcement agency of the accident.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_1401-1450/ab_1413_bill_20050222_introduced.pdf

AB 1941 (Nava) – Vehicles: Bicycles

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Assembly Transportation Committee

This bill would have specified a minimum distance that a vehicle must maintain between itself and a bicycle upon a highway. It would have assessed a base fine of \$250 (\$875 total) for failing to pass a bicycle at a minimum distance of three feet and would have made it a felony or a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail or state prison upon conviction, for a person driving a motor vehicle to cause great bodily injury or death to the bicyclist.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_1901-1950/ab_1941_bill_20060321_amended_asm.pdf

Automobile Insurance

AB 687 (Horton, J.) – Auto Insurance: Assigned Risk Plans

PIFC Position: Sponsor, Support

Status: Died in the Senate Banking, Finance and Insurance Committee

This bill would have modified the composition of the advisory board of the California Automobile Assigned Risk Plan (CAARP) to account for changes in the size of insurers in the auto insurance market since the early 1990's.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_0651-0700/ab_687_bill_20060109_amended_asm.pdf

AB 1122 (Wyland) – Auto Insurance: Total Loss

PIFC Position: Support

Status: Chapter 412 of 2006 Statutes

This bill allows an insurance company to request a salvage certificate from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) when, within 30 days following a total loss settlement for a vehicle in its possession, the insurer has been unable to obtain proper ownership documents from the owner, as specified.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_1101-1150/ab_1122_bill_20060922_chaptered.pdf

AB 2840 (Benoit) – Automobile Insurance

PIFC Position: Support

Status: Died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would have prohibited the Insurance Commissioner from adopting any regulation that would change the weight given to any factor in determining automobile rates and premiums unless the department finds that the proposed change would result in rates and premiums that are substantially related to the risk of loss, and would not result in rates and premiums that are arbitrary and unfairly discriminatory. This bill would have provided that the study be based on a specified analysis of available studies.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2801-2850/ab_2840_bill_20060531_amended_asm.pdf

Automotive Repair**AB 226 (Bermudez) – Automotive Technology Education**

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Senate Appropriations Committee

This bill, an urgency measure, would have created the Automotive Career and Technical Education Account within the Vehicle Inspection and Repair Fund. Funds within the account would have been awarded as matching grants to high schools and community colleges for the purpose of providing automotive education programs.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_0201-0250/ab_226_bill_20060808_amended_sen.pdf

AB 303 (Calderon) – Automotive Repair Dealers: Insurers

PIFC Position: Support

Status: Died in the Senate Banking, Finance and Insurance Committee

This bill would have allowed a vehicle owner to authorize his/her insurer to act on his/her behalf to arrange repair of the owner's motor vehicle, as specified.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_0301-0350/ab_303_bill_20050701_amended_sen.pdf

SB 98 (Murray) – Auto Repair

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Assembly Insurance Committee

This bill would have allowed a policyholder to receive a reduced auto insurance premium if the policyholder agrees to have his or her insured vehicle repaired at specified body repair shops.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_0051-0100/sb_98_bill_20050504_amended_sen.pdf

SB 1492 (Speier) – Automotive Body Repair: Insurance Claims

PIFC Position: Oppose

Status: Died in the Senate Appropriations Committee

This bill would have required the Department of Insurance to establish a Rapid Dispute Resolution Program to mediate disputes between insureds and insurers arising out of claims under automobile collision or physical damage coverage. The bill provided the insurers may agree to participate and, upon agreement, the insurer would have been bound by the decision made regarding a dispute. It would have required an insurer to notify the insured of the RDR Program. This bill would have provided the insured would not be bound by the decision and that all material would be confidential.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1451-1500/sb_1492_bill_20060515_amended_sen.pdf

California Department of Insurance

AB 687 (Horton, J.) – Auto Insurance: Assigned Risk Plans

PIFC Position: Sponsor, Support

Status: Died in the Senate Banking, Finance and Insurance Committee

This bill would have modified the composition of the advisory board of the California Automobile Assigned Risk Plan (CAARP) to account for changes in the size of insurers in the auto insurance market since the early 1990's.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_0651-0700/ab_687_bill_20060109_amended_asm.pdf

California Insurance Guaranty Association (CIGA)

AB 3072 (Assembly Insurance Committee) – Insurance Guarantee Association

PIFC Position: Support

Status: Chapter 112 of 2006 Statutes

This bill permits the California Insurance Guarantee Association (CIGA) to issue bonds for an additional two years beyond the current sunset date, but would not change the total amount of bonds that CIGA could issue.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_3051-3100/ab_3072_bill_20060721_chaptered.pdf

Cell Phones

AB 963 (Garcia) – Provisional Driver's License: Cellular Telephone Use

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee

This bill would have prohibited a person issued a provisional driver's license from using a cellular telephone and other mobile electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle, unless the licensee is calling 911 or another emergency services number.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_3051-3100/ab_3072_bill_20060721_chaptered.pdf

SB 1613 (Simitian) – Vehicles: Wireless Telephones**PIFC Position:** Watch**Status:** Chapter 290 of 2006 Statutes

This bill prohibits, beginning July 1, 2008, a driver from using a wireless phone while operating a vehicle, unless the phone is specifically designed and configured to allow hands-free operation and is used in that manner and prohibits the use of a wireless phone while driving a school bus or transit vehicle, except as specified. http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_3051-3100/ab_3072_bill_20060721_chaptered.pdf

Civil Actions**AB 2064 (Aghazarian) – Civil Actions: Time of Commencement: Asbestos****PIFC Position:** Watch**Status:** Died in the Assembly

This bill would have addressed issues related to a civil action for injury, illness, or wrongful death based upon exposure to asbestos brought within one year, and would have made technical, non-substantive changes to such provisions.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2051-2100/ab_2064_bill_20060215_introduced.pdf

Community Investments**AB 925 (Ridley-Thomas) – Insurance: Community Investments****PIFC Position:** Neutral**Status:** Chapter 456 of 2006 Statutes

This bill would have required California-admitted insurers to submit information about their community investment activities to the Insurance Commissioner (IC) on a biennial basis until January 1, 2011, and require posting that information to the California Department of Insurance (CDI) website. The bill also requires insurers that did not comply with the community investment data call of May 2005 to provide the information requested to the Commissioner on or before February 28, 2007. http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_0901-0950/ab_925_bill_20060925_chaptered.pdf

AB 2052 (Haynes) – California New Market Venture Capital Program**PIFC Position:** Watch**Status:** Died in the Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy

This bill would have enacted the New Markets Venture Capital Program Act of 2006. It would have required the establishment of the New Markets Venture Capital Program which authorizes the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency to enter into agreements with New Markets Venture Capital companies to enable them to make developmental venture capital investments in small business concerns and grants to community development corporations for operational assistance to small businesses.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2051-2100/ab_2052_bill_20060406_amended_asm.pdf

AB 2570 (Arambula) – Community Investment

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

This bill would have required public retirement systems with assets over \$4 billion to include in financial statements information regarding investments it holds in its portfolio in California and emerging domestic markets (EDM) within the state; required the Secretary of Business, Transportation & Housing Agency (BT&H) to establish a statewide cooperative partnership with business and industry sectors to develop a strategy to attract new private investment into the state; and would have codified legislative declarations and definitions regarding "emerging domestic markets.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2551-2600/ab_2570_bill_20060915_enrolled.pdf

AB 2831 (Ridley-Thomas) – Insurance, Income and Corporation Tax Credits: CDFI

PIFC Position: Support

Status: Chapter 580 of 2006 Statutes

This bill extends and amends existing law to allow credits against the tax imposed on insurers or under the personal income and corporation tax laws for specific investments with a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI).

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2801-2850/ab_2831_bill_20060928_chaptered.pdf

SB 1775 (Alarcon) – Economic Development Lenders

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Senate Rules Committee

This bill would have declared that stimulating a secondary market for community and economic development lenders can significantly increase the availability of capital to small business and micro enterprises.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1751-1800/sb_1775_bill_20060224_introduced.pdf

Confidentiality

SB 1636 (Ackerman) – Trade Secrets

PIFC Position: Neutral

Status: Chapter 62 of 2006 Statutes

This bill seeks to allow the prevailing party to recover "costs" of litigation in trade secrets litigation, in addition to attorneys' fees. Specifically, this bill permits the court to award costs under Civil Code Section 3426.4, which costs are defined to include "a reasonable sum to cover the services of expert witnesses, who are not regular employees of any party, actually incurred and reasonably necessary in either, or both, preparation for trial or arbitration, or during trial or arbitration, of the case by the prevailing party."

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1601-1650/sb_1636_bill_20060707_chaptered.pdf

Construction Dispute Resolution

AB 2803 (Parra) – Attorney Advertising: Residential Construction

PIFC Position: Support

Status: Died in the Assembly Judiciary Committee

This bill would have regulated client solicitation by plaintiffs' attorneys regarding construction defect issues. Specifically, this bill would have required that a direct mail solicitation that urges a person or entity to take an action that may lead to the filing of a claim for residential construction deficiencies shall disclose, prior to filing a lawsuit on the person or entity's behalf, the following information: (a) alternatives to remedy the deficiencies without litigation; and (b) potential adverse consequences of litigation.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2801-2850/ab_2803_bill_20060224_introduced.pdf

SB 1581 (Dunn) – Construction Defects: Litigation: Insurance

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Senate Rules Committee

This bill was selected as the legislative vehicle for reform to the construction defect issue, unfortunately, the sponsors were not able to create traction for this needed reform. This bill would have provided that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to provide for the equitable resolution of construction defect claims and litigation and to address the costs of liability insurance for builders, contractors, and subcontractors.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1551-1600/sb_1581_bill_20060223_introduced.pdf

Department of Motor Vehicles

AB 2542 (Daucher) – Driver Assessment

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Chapter 282 of 2006 Statutes

This bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to conduct a pilot study on a 3-tier assessment system to determine the effectiveness of the system in identifying functional impairments, reducing crashes and prolonging safe driving years of all drivers regardless of age. It also requires the DMV to submit to the Legislature a report of the pilot study containing specified information.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2501-2550/ab_2542_bill_20060914_chaptered.pdf

Disasters

AB 450 (Yee) – Standardized Emergency Management System: Animals

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Chapter 604 of the 2006 Statutes

This bill requires the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) to approve and adopt, and incorporate the "California Animal Response Emergency System" (CARES) program into the standardized emergency management system.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_0401-0450/ab_450_bill_20060929_chaptered.pdf

AB 912 (Ridley-Thomas) – Income Taxes: Credit: Housing: Disaster Relief
PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee

This bill would have allowed a credit for taxpayers housing individuals displaced by a federally declared disaster. The credit is equal to \$100 for each individual, up to \$400 per year, and expires on January 1, 2011. The credit cannot be used for more than one year for each individual, can be carried over for four years, and is available regardless of whether the individual was displaced by Hurricane Katrina or any other federally declared disaster. Additionally, the taxpayer cannot claim the credit if the taxpayer received any rent in connection with the housing, and the housing must be located in California to be eligible for the credit.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_0901-0950/ab_912_bill_20060123_amended_asm.pdf

AB 1890 (Mountjoy) – Property Taxation: Transfer of Base Year Value: Disaster Relief

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Chapter 317 of 2006 Statutes

This bill increases from three years to five years the time frame within which a property owner may transfer the base-year value of property damaged or destroyed in a governor-declared disaster to a replacement property. This extension would apply to any property acquisition or replacement of a property damaged or destroyed by a disaster occurring on July 1, 2003 or thereafter, and to determinations of base-year values for the 2003-04 and subsequent fiscal years.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_1851-1900/ab_1890_bill_20060918_chaptered.pdf

AB 2140 (Hancock) – General Plans: Safety Element

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Chapter 739 of the 2006 Statutes

This bill authorizes a city, county, or a city and county to adopt a local hazard mitigation plan (HMP) with the safety element of its general plan, and creates incentives for local governments to adopt HMPs. This bill prohibits the state share for any eligible project under the Disaster Assistance Act from exceeding 75% of the total state eligible costs unless a local agency is located within a city, county or city and county that has adopted a hazard mitigation plan under the federal Disaster Mitigation Act as part of its general plan.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2101-2150/ab_2140_bill_20060929_chaptered.pdf

SB 1075 (Hollingsworth) – Emergency Services**PIFC Position:** Watch**Status:** Died in the Assembly Judiciary Committee

This bill would have made changes to the Emergency Services Act that authorizes the Governor to take specified actions, including: to use and employ any of the property, services and resources of the state, to mitigate the effects of an emergency; and, illegal immigration within the definition of an emergency to which this authority of the Governor would apply.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1051-1100/sb_1075_bill_20050830_amended_asm.pdf

SB 1451 (Kehoe) – Emergency Preparedness: Disabled Community**PIFC Position:** Watch**Status:** Chapter 600 of the 2006 Statutes

This bill requires the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to ensure representation of the disabled community on all pertinent Standardized Emergency Management System Specialist Committees. It requires the State Fire Marshal's office to seek research funds for development of new technologies to assist in the evacuation of disabled persons. It also expressed the intent that funds be appropriated without regard to fiscal years from funds received from the federal Department of Homeland Security.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1451-1500/sb_1451_bill_20060929_chaptered.pdf

Disclosure**AB 2426 (Hancock) – Corporations: Reporting Requirements****PIFC Position:** Oppose**Status:** Died in the Assembly Banking and Finance Committee

This bill would have required certain corporations, including financial institutions and insurers, to submit additional information in their filing with the Secretary of State relative to compensation of executive officers and certain violations of federal or state securities laws or state banking laws; and these corporations that file a corporate income or franchise tax return to disclose specified information from their tax returns and the Secretary of State to make this information public. It also would have imposed a filing fee.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2401-2450/ab_2426_bill_20060223_introduced.pdf

AB 2447 (Plescia) – Insurance: Annual and Quarterly Statements**PIFC Position:** Watch**Status:** Died in the Assembly

This bill would have made a non-substantive and technical change to existing law that requires every insurer doing business in this state to make and file with the Department of Insurance specific annual and quarterly statements of the insurer's condition and affairs.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2401-2450/ab_2447_bill_20060223_introduced.pdf

Do Not Call

SB 1666 (Bowen) – Personal Information: Prohibited Practices

PIFC Position: Neutral

Status: Died in the Assembly

This bill would have prohibited any person from, among other things, obtaining or attempting to obtain or causing or attempting to cause the disclosure of personal information about a customer or employee of a business through specified methods, such as by making false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1651-1700/sb_1666_bill_20060807_amended_asm.pdf

Drivers' Licenses

AB 1788 (Cohn) – Vehicles: Driver's License: Issuance and Renewal

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would have established more restricted driver's license requirements for registered sex offenders (RSOs). Specifically, this bill would have limited to one year instead of the standard five years, the period of time before a driver's license issued by the DMV to an RSO must be renewed, and would have required an RSO who applies for, or renews, a driver's license to provide verification of the applicant's residence address to the DMV.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_1751-1800/ab_1788_bill_20060104_introduced.pdf

SB 806 (Speier) – Provisional Licensing Program

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would have made changes related to vehicles and would have provided that: during the first 12 months after issuance of a provisional license, the licensee is prohibited from transporting persons under 20 years of age, unless the licensee is accompanied and supervised; revises the sanction upon a second or subsequent violation; imposes a 30-day license suspension; provides for an alternative sanction of community service, and requires parents or guardians to sign an acknowledgment of awareness of associated responsibilities.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_0801-0850/sb_806_bill_20050815_amended_asm.pdf

SB 924 (Speier) Driving Schools

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

This bill would have prohibited an institution or representative of an institution from reducing the wages of a trainee in order to recover the costs of training unless specified conditions are met. It would have prohibited the institution from advertising its training as free if a trainee is required to enter into specified agreements in order to receive the training, and would have prohibited any person from owning or operating a school, unless all the conditions applicable to a school or instruction are met.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_0901-0950/sb_924_bill_20060907_enrolled.pdf

SB 1160 (Cedillo) – Vehicles: Driver’s License

PIFC Position: Support

Status: Died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would have required the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to issue driver’s licenses that permit driving and are acceptable by a federal agency for any official purpose, as certified by the federal Secretary of Homeland Security, to those applicants who are in compliance with specified requirements of the federal Real ID Act. It would have required the department to utilize a specified online system to verify an applicant’s pending status. Provides for the term of such license and makes it a misdemeanor for violations of these provisions.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1151-1200/sb_1160_bill_20060501_amended_sen.pdf

SB 1162 (Cedillo) – Drivers License and Identification Cards

PIFC Position: Support

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

This bill would have required the department, upon receipt of full federal funding to implement the federal Real ID Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-13), to issue licenses and cards under the Vehicle Code that are in compliance with specified requirements of the Federal Real ID Act of 2005. This bill is similar to SB 1160 (Cedillo) which was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1151-1200/sb_1162_bill_20060905_enrolled.pdf

Driving Under the Influence

AB 1903 (Benoit) -- Driving: Controlled Substances

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would have required the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to immediately suspend a person's driving privilege if the person was driving a motor vehicle with a measurable amount of an illegal controlled substance in his or her blood. Specifically, the bill: would have required DMV to immediately suspend a person's driving privilege if the person had a measurable amount of an illegal controlled substance in his or her blood when the person was operating a motor vehicle; defined an "illegal controlled substance" as a substance regulated and controlled as currently listed in the Health and Safety Code (e.g. opiates, opium derivatives, and hallucinogenic substances, among other substances) that is not prescribed for the person by a medical professional; and would have required a peace officer, upon the findings of a chemical test, to serve a person with a notice of order of suspension or revocation of the person's driving privilege if the person has a measurable amount of a controlled substance.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_1901-1950/ab_1903_bill_20060501_amended_asm.pdf

Earthquake/Seismic Safety Commission

AB 1801 (Laird) – Budget Act of 2006

PIFC Position: Oppose.

Status: Chapter 47 of the 2006 Statutes

This bill makes appropriations for support of state government for the 2006-07 fiscal year including providing ongoing funding for the Seismic Safety Commission.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_1801-1850/ab_1801_bill_20060630_chaptered.pdf

AB 1809 (Assembly Budget Committee) – Budget Act of 2006:

Implementation: Taxes

PIFC Position: Oppose.

Status: Chapter 49 of the 2006 Statutes

This bill extends Insurance Fund support of the Seismic Safety Commission until July 1, 2009.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_1801-1850/ab_1809_bill_20060630_chaptered.pdf

SB 1278 (Alquist) – Alfred E. Alquist Seismic Safety Commission

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Chapter 532 of 2006 Statutes

This bill renames the Seismic Safety Commission (Commission) as the Alfred E. Alquist Seismic Safety Commission, places the Commission within the State and Consumer Services Agency as an independent unit, increases the membership of the commission, and, makes other substantive and technical changes to the Commission's responsibilities. PIFC opposed an earlier version of this bill that would have extended Insurance Fund support of the Seismic Safety Commission.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1251-1300/sb_1278_bill_20060928_chaptered.pdf

Elections

AB 2946 (Leno) – Initiative Petitions

PIFC Position: Oppose

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

This bill would have placed several new requirements on the signature-gathering process for initiatives, referenda and recalls.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2901-2950/ab_2946_bill_20060918_enrolled.pdf

ACA 31 (Canciamilla) – Term Limits

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Assembly

This bill would have proposed a constitutional amendment to remove existing term limits. It would have allowed a person to serve not more than 16 years in the Senate, the Assembly or both. It would also have made a person ineligible to be elected or appointed if service of full term of office would exceed the maximum years of service allowed.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_0001-0050/aca_31_bill_20060224_introduced.pdf

SB 1598 (Bowen) – Petitions: Initiative, Referendum, Recall

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

This bill would have required any state or local initiative, referendum or recall petition circulated by a paid circulator who is paid by a committee to include a disclosure statement identifying the names of the persons from whom the committee received the 5 largest cumulative contributions in support of the measure. It would have required that if more than 5 donors meet this disclosure threshold at identical contribution levels, the 5 highest donations be disclosed according to chronological sequence.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1551-1600/sb_1598_bill_20060831_enrolled.pdf

Fire/Homeowners' Insurance

AB 1890 (Mountjoy) – Property Taxation: Transfer of Base Year Value: Disaster Relief

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Chapter 317 of 2006 Statutes

This bill increases from three years to five years the time frame within which a property owner may transfer the base-year value of property damaged or destroyed in a governor-declared disaster to a replacement property. This extension would apply to any property acquisition or replacement of a property damaged or destroyed by a disaster occurring on July 1, 2003 or thereafter, and to determinations of base-year values for the 2003-04 and subsequent fiscal years.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_1851-1900/ab_1890_bill_20060918_chaptered.pdf

AB 1946 (Nava) – Residential Property Insurance

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Chapter 137 of the 2006 Statutes

This bill makes a clarifying change to the "Petris disclosure" law and to the mandatory statements within the declarations page of a homeowners' policy. Specifically, this bill clarifies that the Petris disclosure must be made prior to or concurrent with the initial phase of homeowners' insurance, adds to the disclosure the toll-free phone number for the Consumers help line at the Department of Insurance, and specifies that information regarding the cost estimate to rebuild the structure must be included in the disclosure.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_1901-1950/ab_1946_bill_20060822_chaptered.pdf

Fire Safety

AB 715 (Levine) – Forestry: Inventoried Roadless Area Management

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Assembly

This bill would have prohibited the expenditure of funds by the state to implement any federal changes to the 2001 roadless area rule adopted by the U.S. Forest Service, unless authorized by subsequent legislation. It would not affect to prohibit state agencies from participating in a federal planning process that could result in advocating compliance with the 2005 amendments to the 2005 federal roadless rule, but it expresses California's preference for the 2001 rule. Roadlessness is a prime characteristic of lands that are often classified as wilderness or are eligible to be classified as wilderness.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_0701-0750/ab_715_bill_20050701_amended_sen.pdf

AB 1423 (Bogh) – Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Chapter 265 of 2006 Statutes

This bill authorizes, but does not require, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to be referred to, where appropriate, as CAL-FIRE. The bill requires existing logos, forms, and other insignia to be used until exhausted or unserviceable.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_1401-1450/ab_1423_bill_20060914_chaptered.pdf

AB 2943 (Salinas) – Water Charges: Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems

PIFC Position: Support

Status: Died in Assembly Local Government Committee

This bill would have prohibited a local water supplier that supplies water to retail customers from imposing or increasing water charges solely due to the installation of a residential fire sprinkler system.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2901-2950/ab_2943_bill_20060224_introduced.pdf

SB 841 (Hollingsworth) – Fire Protection: Firebreaks

PIFC Position: Support

Status: Chapter 21 of the 2006 Statutes

This bill authorizes a state or local fire official to approve a defensible space of up to 300 feet to protect specified critical facilities from fire.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_0801-0850/sb_841_bill_20060424_chaptered.pdf

Flood**AB 802 (Wolk) – Land Use: Water Supply**

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Senate Rules Committee

This bill would have required the city and county general plan land use element to identify and review areas covered by the plan subject to flooding as identified in mapping prepared by the federal Emergency Management Agency or the Department of Water Resources. It would have required the conservation element of the general plan to identify rivers, creeks and streams, flood corridors, riparian habitat, and land that may accommodate floodwaters. The bill would have also required the next revision of the housing and safety elements to identify flood hazard zones.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_0801-0850/ab_802_bill_20060828_amended_sen.pdf

AB 1528 (Jones) – Flood Control Liability

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Senate Judiciary Committee

This bill would have added a section of the Civil Code to make statutory language more consistent. Specifically, this bill stated that no inference should be drawn regarding the inapplicability of agency law from the presence or absence of specific reference to an agent in the provisions.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_1501-1550/ab_1528_bill_20060621_amended_sen.pdf

AB 1665 (Laird) – Water Resources

PIFC Position: Oppose

Status: Died in the Assembly

This bill would have established a system for banking mitigation credits. It would have provided a program for financing environmental enhancements of levees; requires the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to prepare and maintain maps of the state's levee flood protection zones; required DWR to notify landowners when their property is in one of the zones; required local agencies to report flood management issues to DWR; and, made other statutory changes to address flood issues.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_1651-1700/ab_1665_bill_20060830_amended_sen.pdf

AB 1839 (Laird) – Water: Flood Protection and Clean, Safe Water Supply

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Assembly

The bill would have enacted the Flood Protection and Clean, Safe, Reliable Water Supply Bond and Financing Acts of 2006 and 2010. This bill would have authorized the issuance of bonds for the purposes of financing specified flood protection and water management programs, as scheduled.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_1801-1850/ab_1839_bill_20060110_introduced.pdf

AB 1898 (Jones) – Flood Insurance

PIFC Position: Oppose

Status: Died in the Assembly Banking and Financing Committee

This bill would have required owners of property located in flood hazard zones within the Sacramento River or San Joaquin River watersheds to maintain flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), unless the state or other agency responsible for operation of the levee system determines that the levee system protecting the property provides at least 200-year flood protection. This bill would have become effective July 1, 2007.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_1851-1900/ab_1898_bill_20060418_amended_asm.pdf

AB 1899 (Wolk) – Land Use: Flood Protection

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Senate Rules Committee

This bill would have required a city or county that determines a project will require a certain environmental document under the Environmental Quality Act and meets certain conditions, to identify all relevant flood management agencies and to require those agencies to submit a flood protection analysis. It would have required the filing of a flood hazard zone map for the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_1851-1900/ab_1899_bill_20060627_amended_sen.pdf

AB 3022 (Umberg) – Flood Control: Sellers Disclosures

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Senate Rules Committee

This bill, which was sponsored by the California Building Industry Association (CBIA), would have required builders to provide four years of flood insurance for all new homes built in areas subject to levee failures.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_3001-3050/ab_3022_bill_20060810_amended_sen.pdf

AB 3050 (Assembly Judiciary Committee) – Flood Control Liability

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Assembly

This bill would have stipulated that, when an action is brought against the state following the failure of a flood control project that has caused property damage or personal injury, the state has rights of indemnity and contribution against any local public entity whose actions, or failure to act, contributed to the failure of the flood control project. It would have also stipulated that any local public entity is subject to joint liability and the state's rights of indemnity and contribution to the extent that the local public entity increases the extent of damages from flooding by approving new developments in previously "undeveloped areas," defined as open space land or land devoted to agricultural use.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_3001-3050/ab_3050_bill_20060531_amended_asm.pdf

SB 1166 (Aanestad) – Flood Protection & Clean, Safe, Reliable Water Supply**PIFC Position:** Watch**Status:** Died in the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

This bill would have enacted the Flood Protection and Clean, Safe, Reliable Water Supply Bond and Financing Acts of 2006 and 2010. This bill would have authorized the issuance and sale of bonds for the purposes of financing specified flood protection and water management programs. It would have imposed an annual water resources capacity charge on each retail water supplier in the state based on the number and types of water connections in its service area according to a prescribed schedule.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1151-1200/sb_1166_bill_20060110_introduced.pdf

Fraud**AB 521 (Runner, S) – Fraud: Grants****PIFC Position:** Watch**Status:** Chapter 542 of 2006 Statutes

This bill relates to existing law that requires the Director of Industrial Relations to levy and collect assessments from employers that are deposited in the Workers' Compensation Fraud Account in the Insurance Fund for the investigation and prosecution of such fraud and the failure to secure payment of workers' compensation and establishes the Fraud Assessment Commission. This bill allows a grant to a district attorney under these provisions to be awarded on a specified basis after certain actions are taken.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_0501-0550/ab_521_bill_20060928_chaptered.pdf

SB 1847 (Senate Banking, Finance and Insurance Committee) – Insurance: Privacy**PIFC Position:** Watch**Status:** Chapter 405 of 2006 Statutes

This bill adds an exception to the general rule of nondisclosure of personal or privileged information collected or received in connection with an insurance transaction, when the disclosure is to an insured and when the information disclosed is from an accident report, supplemental report, investigative report or the actual report from a government agency or is an exact copy of an accident report or other report which the insured is entitled to obtain under other specified provisions of law.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1801-1850/sb_1847_bill_20060922_chaptered.pdf

SBX1 4 (Soto) – Insurance Fraud

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Senate Appropriations Committee

This bill would have allowed PERS investigators increased access to information maintained by the Employment Development Department (EDD) or by workers' compensation insurers with respect to an investigation of benefit eligibility or unlawful application for or receipt of PERS disability retirement benefits.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_0001-0050/sbx1_4_bill_20050516_introduced.pdf

Helmets

AB 2427 (Canciamilla) – Motorcycles: Safety Helmets: Exceptions

PIFC Position: Oppose

Status: Died in the Assembly Transportation Committee

This bill would have exempted from the motorcycle helmet law any rider or driver who is 18 years of age or older and has either completed a motorcycle rider training program that meets the standards of the California Highway Patrol (CHP) or been issued a class M1 license or endorsement, or a comparable license from another jurisdiction, for two years or more.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2401-2450/ab_2427_bill_20060223_introduced.pdf

Identity Theft

AB 2333 (Parra) – Identity Theft

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died on the Senate Floor

This bill would have provided that every person who, with the intent to defraud, acquires, transfers or retains possession of the personal identifying information of 10 or more other persons is guilty of a crime punishable by specified imprisonment, fine or by both.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2301-2350/ab_2333_bill_20060807_amended_sen.pdf

AB 2919 (Benoit) – Identity Theft

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would have made changes to the penalty for "phishing" (using fraudulent e-mails or Web sites to trick consumers into providing personal information, such as bank account numbers and social security numbers, to what is believed to be a legitimate company) from a civil penalty to an alternate felony/misdemeanor, punishable by up to 1 year in the county jail and/or a fine of up to \$1,000, or by 16 months, 2, or 3 years in state prison and/or a fine of up to \$10,000. This bill would have also specified that the existing alternate felony/misdemeanor penalty for impersonating another or committing an act that if done by the person being impersonated could result in a civil suit or criminal prosecution also includes arrest and criminal charges. It also would have required the DOJ, when studying and recording crime rates, to include a study and record of the rates of identity theft.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2901-2950/ab_2919_bill_20060515_amended_asm.pdf

SB 852 (Bowen) – Identity Theft

PIFC Position: Oppose

Status: Died in the Assembly Business and Professions Committee

This bill would have required an agency or a person or business conducting business in the state that owns licenses or collects computerized data including the personal information of a resident to notify the resident of any breach of the security, regardless of whether the data was computerized when it was acquired. It also would have required a copy to the Office of Privacy Protection, revised the definition of personal information and prescribed a request by a law enforcement agency to delay notification be in writing or electronic.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900/sb_852_bill_20050622_amended_asm.pdf

Initiatives

AB 2946 (Leno) – Initiative, Referendum and Recall Petitions

PIFC Position: Oppose

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

This bill would have prohibited the payment of an individual to collect signatures on an initiative, referendum, or recall petition or to register voters if that payment is on a per-signature or per-registration basis.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2901-2950/ab_2946_bill_20060918_enrolled.pdf

Insurance Commissioner

SB 1459 (Simitian) – Political Reform Act of 1974: Insurance Commissioner

PIFC Position: Oppose

Status: Died in the Senate Banking, Finance and Insurance Committee

This bill would have forced insurers to fund the campaigns of candidates for the office of Insurance Commissioner.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1451-1500/sb_1459_bill_20060328_amended_sen.pdf

Insurance Policy

AB 2125 (Vargas) – Insurance

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Chapter 740 of the 2006 Statutes

This bill makes numerous technical changes to the Insurance Code. In particular, the bill sets up guidelines for the use of the words “savings bank”, modifies the definition of “insolvent insurer”, alters the California Insurance Guarantee Association (CIGA) refund policy, and makes other changes to the operations of the State Compensation Insurance Fund.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2101-2150/ab_2125_bill_20060929_chaptered.pdf

Liability

SB 1311 (Soto) – Liability Waivers

PIFC Position: Neutral

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

This bill would have declared the intent of the Legislature to require the President of the State Bar to appoint a task force to study and report the statutory protections that can be enacted to prevent a settlement, waiver or liability release that is not knowingly and intelligently made by an unrepresented tort victim because of miscommunication or misinterpretation of the terms of the settlement, waiver or liability release where the negotiations were conducted in a language in which the victim wasn't proficient.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1301-1350/sb_1311_bill_20060830_enrolled.pdf

SB 1480 (Dunn) – Deceit

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Senate Rules Committee

This bill would have made technical, nonsubstantive changes to a provision that any person who willfully deceives another with the intent to induce the other person to alter his or her position to his or her injury or risk is liable for any damage that the other person suffers as a result.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1451-1500/sb_1480_bill_20060223_introduced.pdf

Lien

AB 1902 (Villines) – Mechanics’ Liens: Release of Property

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Assembly Judiciary Committee

This bill would have made changes to existing law that provides that where no action has been brought to enforce a claim of lien, the owner of the property or owner of an interest therein may petition the court for a decree to release the property from the lien and allows the prevailing party to recover attorney’s fees, not to exceed a specified amount. This bill would have deleted the attorney’s fee limitation and requires a decree to release property from a lien include the name of the owner of the property or interest in the property.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_1901-1950/ab_1902_bill_20060228_amended_asm.pdf

Litigation

AB 2767 (Canciamilla) – Waiver of Jury Trial

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Assembly Judiciary Committee

This bill would have provided that a party may waive trial by jury in a civil case by, at any time, entering into a written contract, agreement, undertaking, or commitment in which the party waives the right to a trial by jury, unless the party is a consumer.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2751-2800/ab_2767_bill_20060224_introduced.pdf

Lobbyists

AB 2974 (Wolk) – Political Reform Act of 1974: Lobbying Communications

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Senate Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments Committee

This bill would have added to the disclosures required in quarterly reports of a lobbyist employer or a person who makes payments of a specified amount in a quarter to influence legislative or administrative action a separate account of each specified action that equals or exceeds a specified amount.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2951-3000/ab_2974_bill_20060330_amended_asm.pdf

Medi-Cal

AB 774 (Chan) – Hospitals: Self-Pay Policies

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Chapter 755 of the 2006 Statutes

This bill requires each hospital, as a condition to licensure, to maintain written policies about discount payment and charity care for financially qualified patients and it provides which elements such policy shall include. It also requires each hospital to submit a copy of its discount payment and charity care policies to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development. It requires the levying of administrative penalties for non-submission and provides for related uses for those penalties.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_0751-0800/ab_774_bill_20060929_chaptered.pdf

AB 959 (Frommer) – Medi-Cal: Health Facilities: Reimbursement

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Chapter 162 of the 2006 Statutes

This bill expands eligibility for supplemental Medi-Cal outpatient reimbursements to state facilities (hospitals, veterans' homes and clinics) and to clinics owned or operated by the state, cities, counties, the University of California and health care districts by enabling these entities to draw down additional federal funds using their own funds as a certified public expenditure.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_0951-1000/ab_959_bill_20060828_chaptered.pdf

AB 2639 (Levine) – Medi-Cal: Adult Day Health Care

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

This bill would have permitted a Medi-Cal beneficiary who has been approved by Medi-Cal to attend an adult day health care (ADHC) center for fewer than five days a week, where the ADHC provider also operates adult day care services under the ADHC license, to receive adult day care services for which payment is provided by the beneficiary or a relative or through charitable grant funds provided by the nonprofit ADHC center.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2601-2650/ab_2639_bill_20060905_enrolled.pdf

AB 2742 (Nava) – Family Planning: Medi-Cal: Family Planning Program**PIFC Position:** Watch**Status:** Vetoed by the Governor

This bill would have required family planning services and practice standards provided under Medi-Cal to be the same as those required pursuant to the Family Planning, Access, Care, and Treatment (Family PACT) Program. This bill would have required all family planning benefits, including services, drugs, and supplies available to beneficiaries under Medi-Cal and Family PACT to be uniform and conform to the provisions of current statute that establishes Family PACT. This bill would have provided for the use of "out-of-plan providers" and creates state-only coverage for services excluded in the federal reauthorization of the Family PACT program.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2701-2750/ab_2742_bill_20060915_enrolled.pdf

SB 1398 (Chesbro) – Medi-Cal: Managed Care: Reimbursement**PIFC Position:** Watch**Status:** Vetoed by the Governor

This bill would have required the Department of Health Services to annually provide specified information relating to the reimbursement rates for managed care plans under the Medi-Cal program authorized by the department, as part of the May Revision of the annual Budget Act. It would have prohibited the department from making adjustments in those rates for a plan, without consulting with the Department of Managed Health Care regarding the fiscal impact of the adjustments on the managed care plan.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1351-1400/sb_1398_bill_20060901_enrolled.pdf

SB 1520 (Ducheny) – Medi-Cal: Hospital Funding Demonstration Project**PIFC Position:** Watch**Status:** Chapter 665 of the 2006 Statutes

This bill amends the Medi-Cal Hospital and Uninsured Hospital Care Demonstration Project Act, by requiring the Department of Health Services to adjust, at the request of the governmental entity, Medicaid payment distributions to designated public hospitals that are part of a hospital system licensed to the same governmental entity, prior to distributing those payments.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1501-1550/sb_1520_bill_20060929_chaptered.pdf

Miscellaneous

AB 977 (Nava) – Health Care Coverage Review Process

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Senate Banking, Financing and Insurance Committee

This bill would have required health plans and health insurers to seek regulatory approval before selling a plan or policy that includes any deductible, co-payment, other out-of-pocket cost, or limitation on benefits or coverage. This bill would have required the Department of Managed Health Care and the Department of Insurance to develop regulations for the creation of standard benefit designs in each of the individual, small group and large group markets, and would also have required both DMHC and CDI to seek public comment before approving or denying health insurance products that do not conform to the standard benefit designs. http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_0951-1000/ab_977_bill_20060612_amended_sen.pdf

AB 2946 (Leno) – Initiative, Referendum and Recall Petitions

PIFC Position: Oppose

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

This bill would have placed several new requirements on the signature-gathering process for initiatives, referenda and recalls.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2901-2950/ab_2946_bill_20060918_enrolled.pdf

AB 3011 (Benoit) -- Vehicles

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Chapter 288 of 2006 Statutes

This bill conforms the state regulation of intrastate and interstate commercial trucks and buses (motor carriers) to the requirements of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and designates the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to enforce these provisions in California.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_3001-3050/ab_3011_bill_20060914_chaptered.pdf

SB 840 (Kuehl) – Single-Payer Health Care Coverage

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

This bill would have established the Health Insurance System to be administered by the newly created Health Insurance Agency under the control of an elected Health Insurance Commissioner. It would have made all residents eligible for specified health care benefits under the Health Insurance System, which would, on a single-payer basis, negotiate for or set fees for health care services provided through the system and pay claims for those services. It would have required the health care system to be operational within 2 years of enactment.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_0801-0850/sb_840_bill_20060912_enrolled.pdf

SB 1277 (Alquist) – Emergency Care and Services: Reimbursement**PIFC Position:** Watch**Status:** Chapter 398 of 2006 Statutes

This bill requires the California Department of Health Services (DHS) to adopt a fee schedule to establish a uniform, reasonable, level of reimbursement for use in physician services reimbursement programs operated by DHS pursuant to the Emergency Medical Services Appropriation (EMSA) Contract Back Program.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1251-1300/sb_1277_bill_20060922_chaptered.pdf

SB 1586 (Lowenthal) – Government: Eminent Domain and Inverse**Condemnation: Public Service Easements: Vehicles****PIFC Position:** Watch**Status:** Chapter 311 of 2006 Statutes

This bill makes several minor, technical, corrective, and non-controversial changes to provisions of various codes, including the Vehicle Code. Specifically, this bill makes changes to DMV recordkeeping on vehicle accidents and convictions related to driving under the influence, employer notification of the public record of a driver of certain emergency vehicles, driving schools and instructors, CHP use of the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System, organ donation through driver's license indications, and headlamp use conditions.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1551-1600/sb_1586_bill_20060918_chaptered.pdf

Office of Administrative Law**AB 1302 (Horton, J.) – Office of Administrative Law: Regulations****PIFC Position:** Watch**Status:** Chapter 713 of the 2006 Statutes

This bill requires an agency that is adopting an emergency regulation to send at least 5 working days prior to submission of an emergency regulation to the office a notice of proposed emergency action to every person who has filed a request for notice of regulatory action with the agency unless the emergency situation clearly poses such an immediate, serious harm that delaying action to allow public comment would be inconsistent with the public interest. It also extends the time period such regulation would be in effect.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_1301-1350/ab_1302_bill_20060929_chaptered.pdf

Open Meetings

AB 2428 (Canciamilla) – Public Meetings

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Assembly

This bill would have authorized a state body subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act and a local body subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act to require that a speaker addressing the body who claims to represent a group disclose the number of members in the group, the top 3 sources of funding for the group and the location of the group's headquarters or where the group is based. It would have required any person who appears before a house of the Legislature or any committee thereof who claims to represent a group to make the same disclosures.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2401-2450/ab_2428_bill_20060223_introduced.pdf

Pool/Spa

AB 389 (Arambula) – Swimming Pool Safety

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Senate Rules Committee

This bill would have authorized and encouraged the Department of Health Services (DHS) to produce and place on its website a document explaining the child drowning hazards of home swimming pools and spas, safety measures and drowning hazard prevention measures if such a document has not been donated to DHS or if DHS has not approved a donated document.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_0351-0400/ab_389_bill_20060109_amended_asm.pdf

AB 2977 (Mullin) – Swimming Pool and Spa Safety Act

PIFC Position: Support

Status: Chapter 478 of 2006 Statutes

This bill requires new and remodeled pools and spas to provide two safety features from a list of eligible features and requires remodeled pools and spas to cover drains with an anti-entrapment grate.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2951-3000/ab_2977_bill_20060926_chaptered.pdf

Privacy

AB 2886 (Frommer) – Crime

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Chapter 522 of 2006 Statutes

This bill provides that a second or subsequent violation of willfully obtaining personal identifying information or another person, and uses of that information for any unlawful purpose is punishable by a fine, imprisonment in the state prison or both. It provides mail theft and receipt of stolen mail are crimes punishable by a fine, a prison term or both. It also provides that criminal action shall include the county in which the mail theft or receipt thereof occurred and the county of residence or place of business.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2851-2900/ab_2886_bill_20060928_chaptered.pdf

SB 433 (Simitian) – Department of Motor Vehicles: Personal Information

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Assembly

This bill would have prohibited the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) from issuing, renewing, duplicating or replacing a driver's license or identification card, if the license or card uses radio waves to either transmit personal information remotely or to enable personal information to be read from the license or card remotely. The provisions of this bill would have remained in effect only until January 1, 2010.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_0401-0450/sb_433_bill_20060615_amended_asm.pdf

SB 550 (Speier) – Privacy

PIFC Position: Neutral as of 6/26/06

Status: Died in the Assembly Rules Committee

This bill would have established the California Data Brokers Access and Accuracy Act of 2005 (the Act) which requires data brokers to authenticate their customers before providing them with consumer data files. The Act would have allowed a consumer who is the subject of a consumer data file to receive, upon request, information contained about him or her in the file.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_0501-0550/sb_550_bill_20060626_amended_asm.pdf

SB 1387 (Poochigian) – Personal Identifying Information

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would have created an alternate felony/misdemeanor punishable by 16 months, 2 or 3 years in the state prison or by up to one year in the county jail for any person who acquires, transfers or retains possession of the personal identifying information of 10 or more persons with the intent to defraud and recasts the definition of "personal identifying information".

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1351-1400/sb_1387_bill_20060807_amended_asm.pdf

SB 1462 (Cox) – Insurance Information and Privacy Protection**PIFC Position:** Watch**Status:** Chapter 145 of the 2006 Statutes

This bill amends Insurance Information and Privacy Protection Act provisions which require the Insurance Commissioner, when he or she has reason to believe that an insurance institution, agent or insurance-support organization is violating the act, to issue and serve a statement of charges and notice of hearing. It authorizes the commissioner to complete service of process or to provide the copy of service by using a third party mailing service with tracking capability.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1451-1500/sb_1462_bill_20060822_chaptered.pdf

SB 1512 (Machado) – Privacy: Personal Information: Security**PIFC Position:** Watch**Status:** Died in the Senate Judiciary Committee

This bill would have made changes to existing law requiring any person or business in the state that owns or licenses computerized data that includes personal information to disclose in specified ways, any breach of the security of the data to any resident whose unencrypted personal information was acquired by an unauthorized person. It would have permitted substitute notice of breach to be provided if the person or business demonstrates that the cost would exceed a specified amount.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1501-1550/sb_1512_bill_20060223_introduced.pdf

SB 1666 (Bowen) – Personal Information: Prohibited Practices**PIFC Position:** Neutral**Status:** Died in the Assembly

This bill would have prohibited any person from, among other things, obtaining or attempting to obtain or causing or attempting to cause the disclosure of personal information about a customer or employee of a business through specified methods, such as by making false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1651-1700/sb_1666_bill_20060807_amended_asm.pdf

SB 1699 (Bowen) – Financial Transactions:**PIFC Position:** Neutral**Status:** Chapter 682 of the 2006 Statutes

This bill provides that no entity that accepts credit or debit cards for the transaction of business shall print more than the last five digits of the credit or debit card account number on any receipt retained by the entity which is printed at the time of purchase, exchange, refund, or return. Also specifies that these provisions will not become operative until January 1, 2009.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1651-1700/sb_1699_bill_20060929_chaptered.pdf

SB 1744 (Bowen) – Information Privacy: Consumer Credit Reports

PIFC Position: Oppose

Status: Died in the Assembly Banking and Finance and Assembly Judiciary Committees

This bill would have made changes to the procedures for temporarily lifting and for removing a security freeze on a consumer credit report. It would have required a consumer credit reporting agency to establish an electronic contact method and a toll-free telephone number for taking request from consumers to temporarily lift security freezes. It also would have required that requests that are made pursuant to these methods during business hours be effective within 15 minutes.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1701-1750/sb_1744_bill_20060504_amended_sen.pdf

SB 1847 (Senate Banking, Finance and Insurance Committee – Insurance: Privacy

PIFC Position: Watch -- Double joined with AB 521

Status: Chapter 405 of 2006 Statutes

This bill adds an exception to the general rule of nondisclosure of personal or privileged information collected or received in connection with an insurance transaction, when the disclosure is to an insured and when the information disclosed is from an accident report, supplemental report, investigative report or the actual report from a government agency or is an exact copy of an accident report or other report which the insured is entitled to obtain under other specified provisions of law. http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1801-1850/sb_1847_bill_20060922_chaptered.pdf

Punitive Damages

SB 832 (Perata) – Punitive Damages

PIFC Position: Oppose

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

This bill would have allocated 75% of punitive damage awards to the State.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_0801-0850/sb_832_bill_20060908_enrolled.pdf

Redistricting

ACA 29 (McCarthy) – Redistricting

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Assembly

This bill would have proposed a Constitutional Amendment. It would have adjusted the boundary lines of Senatorial, Assembly, Congressional and State Board of Equalization districts in the year following the year in which the decennial national census is taken. It also would have made legislative declarations regarding the reapportionment process.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_0001-0050/aca_29_bill_20060224_introduced.pdf

Regulatory

AB 1302 (Horton, J.) – Office of Administrative Law: Regulations

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Chapter 713 of the 2006 Statutes

This bill requires an agency that is adopting an emergency regulation to send at least 5 working days prior to submission of an emergency regulation to the office a notice of proposed emergency action to every person who has filed a request for notice of regulatory action with the agency unless the emergency situation clearly poses such an immediate, serious harm that delaying action to allow public comment would be inconsistent with the public interest. It also would have extended the time period such regulation would be in effect.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_1301-1350/ab_1302_bill_20060929_chaptered.pdf

AB 2840 (Benoit) – Automobile Insurance

PIFC Position: Support

Status: Died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee

This bill would have prohibited the Insurance Commissioner from adopting any regulation that would change the weight given to any factor in determining automobile rates and premiums unless the department finds that the proposed change would result in rates and premiums that are substantially related to the risk of loss, and would not result in rates and premiums that are arbitrary and unfairly discriminatory. This bill would have provided that the study be based on a specified analysis of available studies.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2801-2850/ab_2840_bill_20060531_amended_asm.pdf

SB 740 (Romero) – Public Agencies

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

This measure would have made it unlawful for a state or local officer, including a state or local appointee, employee, or consultant, to use public resources for the creation of a "video news release" that advocates a position in a rulemaking proceeding in which that officer is exercising quasi-legislative authority to implement policies he or she will implement through regulations adopted in that rulemaking proceeding.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_0701-0750/sb_740_bill_20060825_enrolled.pdf

Reinsurance

AB 2400 (Benoit) – Reinsurance

PIFC Position: Neutral or Watch

Status: Chapter 321 of 2006 Statutes

This bill permits reinsurers to offset unpaid premium from an insolvent ceding carrier against the obligations of the reinsurers, and makes confidential the documents reviewed by the Department of Insurance (DOI) when conducting an examination of reinsurance intermediaries.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2351-2400/ab_2400_bill_20060918_chaptered.pdf

AB 2816 (Benoit) – Reinsurance

PIFC Position: Co-Sponsor/Support

Status: Died in the Assembly

This bill would have expressed the Legislature's intent to revise provisions regulating the financial representation of reinsurance by a domestic ceding insurer.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2801-2850/ab_2816_bill_20060224_introduced.pdf

Safety

AB 2108 (Evans) – Vehicles: Child Passengers

PIFC Position: Support

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

This bill would have required children up to eight years of age to ride in a child safety seat and would have required children up to age 13 to ride in the back seat of the car. http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2101-2150/ab_2108_bill_20060828_enrolled.pdf

AB 2140 (Hancock) – General Plans: Safety Element

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Chapter 739 of the 2006 Statutes

This bill authorizes a city, county, or a city and county to adopt a local hazard mitigation plan (HMP) with the safety element of its general plan, and creates incentives for local governments to adopt HMPs. This bill prohibits the state share for any eligible project under the Disaster Assistance Act from exceeding 75% of the total state eligible costs unless a local agency is located within a city, county or city and county that has adopted a hazard mitigation plan under the federal Disaster Mitigation Act as part of its general plan.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2101-2150/ab_2140_bill_20060929_chaptered.pdf

AB 2190 (Benoit) – Vehicles: Reckless Driving and Vehicle Speed Contests

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Chapter 432 of 2006 Statutes

This bill makes reckless driving and engaging in a motor vehicle speed contest that proximately causes great bodily injury (GBI) to another person an alternate felony/misdemeanor.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2151-2200/ab_2190_bill_20060923_chaptered.pdf

SB 1300 (Kuehl) – Vehicles: Mobile Photo Radar Speed Enforcement

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee

This bill would have authorized the City of Beverly Hills to use a mobile photo radar enforcement system for local speed enforcement under specified conditions until January 1, 2011.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1251-1300/sb_1300_bill_20060417_amended_sen.pdf

Seismic Safety/Earthquake

AB 1801 (Laird) – Budget Act of 2006

PIFC Position: Oppose.

Status: Chapter 47 of the 2006 Statutes

This bill makes appropriations for support of state government for the 2006-07 fiscal year including providing ongoing funding for the Seismic Safety

Commission. http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_1801-1850/ab_1801_bill_20060630_chaptered.pdf

AB 1809 (Assembly Budget Committee) – Budget Act of 2006:

Implementation: Taxes

PIFC Position: Oppose.

Status: Chapter 49 of the 2006 Statutes

This bill extends Insurance Fund support of the Seismic Safety Commission until July 1, 2009.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_1801-1850/ab_1809_bill_20060630_chaptered.pdf

SB 1278 (Alquist) – Alfred E. Alquist Seismic Safety Commission

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Chapter 532 of 2006 Statutes

This bill renames the Seismic Safety Commission (Commission) as the Alfred E. Alquist Seismic Safety Commission, places the Commission within the State and Consumer Services Agency as an independent unit, increases the membership of the commission, and, makes other substantive and technical changes to the Commission's responsibilities. PIFC opposed an earlier version of this bill that would have extended Insurance Fund support of the Seismic Safety Commission.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1251-1300/sb_1278_bill_20060928_chaptered.pdf

Service of Process

SB 815 (Ortiz) – Civil Procedure: Service by Publication

PIFC Position: Oppose

Status: Vetoed by the Governor

The original measure related to civil procedure – a service of process bill requiring insurers to serve process on the policyholders. On August 24, 2006, this bill was substantially amended to become a Workers' Compensation Permanent Disability bill, authored by President Pro tempore Perata.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_0801-0850/sb_815_bill_20060907_enrolled.pdf

SB 1462 (Cox) – Insurance Information and Privacy Protection

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Chapter 145 of the 2006 Statutes

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http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1451-1500/sb_1462_bill_20060822_chaptered.pdf

Small Claims Court

AB 2455 (Nakanishi) – Small Claims Court: Jurisdiction

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Chapter 150 of 2006 Statutes

This bill, consistent with a recent increase in the small claims court jurisdictional limits from \$5,000 to \$7,500 for an action brought by a natural person, would provide that the small claims court would have jurisdiction in an action brought by a natural person against the Registrar of the Contractors State License Board as the defendant guarantor holding a contractor's cash deposit, if the amount of the demand does not exceed \$7,500.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2451-2500/ab_2455_bill_20060823_chaptered.pdf

AB 2618 (Berg) – Small Claims Court: Actions

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Chapter 167 of 2006 Statutes

This bill would update various code sections that provide for small claims court jurisdiction in specified circumstances to conform to the new small claims court jurisdiction section, which provides that, in addition to the jurisdiction conferred by Code of Civil Procedure (CCP) Section 116.220 (\$5,000), the small claims court has jurisdiction in an action brought by a natural person, if the amount of the demand, except as specified, does not exceed \$7,500.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2601-2650/ab_2618_bill_20060828_chaptered.pdf

Theft

AB 1947 (Maze) – Pawnbrokers and Dealers

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Assembly Business and Professions Committee

This bill would have regulated pawnbrokers, secondhand dealers and coin dealers. It would have prohibited such dealers from charging an original claimant for returning a stolen item if the claimant filed a report with a law enforcement agency and presents proof of lawful ownership. It requires the agency to return property to the original claimant or a dealer if the property is no longer required for a criminal investigation. It requires a person prosecuted for pledging stolen property to pay a dealer for the property.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_1901-1950/ab_1947_bill_20060418_amended_asm.pdf

AB 2599 (Benoit) – Motor Vehicle Theft

PIFC Position: Support

Status: Died in the Assembly Public Safety Committee

This bill would have increased the penalty for grand theft auto, receiving stolen property, and auto theft by making these offenses punishable as felonies if the person has a prior specified misdemeanor offense conviction.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_2551-2600/ab_2599_bill_20060330_amended_asm.pdf

SB 1262 (Denham) – Sentencing: Theft: Prior Conviction

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Senate Public Safety Committee

This bill would have eliminated the ability of a court to grant probation to any person convicted of vehicle theft, taking a vehicle without the owner's permission, or obtaining, concealing or selling a stolen vehicle, who has a prior felony conviction for any of these offenses.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1251-1300/sb_1262_bill_20060209_introduced.pdf

Total Loss Salvage

AB 1854 (Oropeza) – Nonrepairable Vehicles

PIFC Position: Oppose Unless Amended as of 6/20/06

Status: Died in the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee

This bill would have expanded the definition of "nonrepairable vehicle" to include vehicles that have had their passenger compartment immersed in saltwater to the extent that specified parts have been compromised, and makes it a misdemeanor, subject to specified civil penalties, the titling, registration, sale or transfer of these vehicles.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_1851-1900/ab_1854_bill_20060823_amended_sen.pdf

Unfair Competition

SB 1501 (Ackerman) – Unfair Competition: Definition

PIFC Position: Watch

Status: Died in the Senate Rules Committee

This bill would have made non-substantive changes to the definition of “unfair competition”.

http://info.sen.ca.gov/pub/bill/sen/sb_1501-1550/sb_1501_bill_20060223_introduced.pdf

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