

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE REPORT
- November 14, 2023 -
LEGISLATIVE ACTION 2023 ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY**

LACDP Legislative Action Committee:

- Took Up: 63 Bills (0 City / 43 State Legislature / 20 Federal)
- Tracked / Currently Tracking: 76 Bills (0 City / 50 State Legislature / 26 Federal)

CDP: We sent in 14 submissions for 17 bills (9 State Legislature / 8 Federal (including 3 companion sets):

- CDP Adopted: 10 of our 14 submissions (5 State Positions / 5 Federal Positions)
- CDP Did Not Adopt: 4 of our 14 submissions (4 State Positions)
 - 1 ACA-5 was “Sent to the CDP-Rules Committee”
 - 3 bills AB-525, AB-793 & SB-98 were “Tabled indefinitely”
- CDP Submission Limits:
 - LACDP is regulated to 14 submissions.
 - Though they only adopted 10 of our direct submissions (13 positions from 17 bills submitted), the CDP ultimately did end up on record in support of 30 of our 63 positions.
 - Of the 46 bills we had positions on that we were unable to submit, due to their limit:
 - (23) were submitted by other organizations or legislator’s offices directly:
 - (17) “CDP Support” (AB-270, AB-280, AB-316, AB-373, AB-418, AB-1248, AB-1335, AB-1470, AB-1620, SB-2, SB-24, SB-253, SB-261, SB-403, SB-567, HR-12/S-701)
 - (2) “Sent to the CDP-Rules Committee” (ACA-4 & AJR-4)
 - (4) “Tabled Indefinitely” (AB-311, AB-1176, SB-245, SB 252)
 - (23) were not submitted by any other means:
 - (AB-28, AB-362, AB-538, AB-610, AB-1431, SB-12, SB-52, SB-58, SB-81, SB-497, SB-553, SB-588, SB-779, SCA-2, HR-20/S-567, HR-625/S-298, HR-1134, HR-4340/S-2176, HJ RES-54, S-1993)
 - CDP Report Errors: CDP Leg Committee said they supported SB-252 on their report, but this was an Error, SB-252 bill was tabled. It should have read SB-253, which they supported & left off of their report. LACDP supports both SB-252 & SB-253.

STATE LEGISLATURE: Of the 43 State Bills we took up:

- (42) SUPPORT POSITION / (1) OPPOSE POSITION
- (18) Sent to the Governor’s Office:
 - Governor Signed (12):
 - 12 that we Supported into law (AB-28, AB-39, AB-373, AB-418, AB-1620, SB-2, SB-253, SB-261, SB-497, SB-553, SB-567, SB-779)
 - Governor Vetoed (6):
 - 6 bills we Supported (AB-316, AB-1248, SB-52, SB-58, SB-81, SB-403), legislature did not override the vetoes on these bills.
- (2) Assembly Resolutions were Chaptered as well: (ACA-5 & AJR-4)

- (15) Made it to the Second House:
 - 9 Assembly:
(AB-270, AB-280, AB-311, AB-525, AB-610, AB-793, AB-1176, AB-1335, AB-1470)
 - 6 Senate: (SB-24, SB-98, SB-227, SB-245, SB-252, SB-588)
- (7) Never left their House of Origin:
 - 6 Assembly:
SUPPORT: (AB-83, AB-259, AB-362, AB-1431, ACA-4)
OPPOSE: (AB-538)
 - 1 Senate: (SB-12, SCA-2)

FEDERAL: Of the 20 Federal Bills we took up:

- (20) SUPPORT POSITION / (0) OPPOSE POSITION
- House: 10 Bills:
 - 0 we Supported were passed on to the Senate
 - 10 we Supported stayed in the House (HR-12, HR-20, HR-40, HR-625, HR-698, HR-1111, HR-1134, HR-4340, HJ RES 25, HJ RES 54)
- Senate: 10 Bills:
 - 10 we Supported stayed in the Senate (S-14, S-25, S-40, S-298, S-567, S-701, S-1993, S-2176, S-2840, SJ RES 4)
- President Signed (0):

WHAT'S NEXT FOR 2024:

- State Legislature: will be coming back into session on January 3, for the second year of the legislative session, and they will start introducing legislation that will be taken up in 2024.
- Congress: Right now, each chamber has an incredibly slim majority, requiring near-complete party unity or bipartisan compromise for legislative momentum. [House: 213 Democrats / 221 Republicans / 1 Vacancy & U.S. Senate: 48 Democrats / 49 Republicans / 3 Independents]

In the current polarized atmosphere, intra-party disagreements and disputes are carrying the headlines. We saw what happened to Speaker McCarthy when he passed the Continuing Resolution, and now just a few days before that funding deadline runs out, House and Senate leaders have not made any meaningful progress on a full-year budget deal or any kind of short-term compromise plan. New House Speaker Mike Johnson (R) [LA-04] has said that budget cuts or other policy riders will be included in upcoming proposals from his chamber. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D) [NY] has called those ideas a “dead end.”

According to The Hill, “House Republican leaders are moving to pass a two-step stopgap government funding bill under a fast-track process that will require support from Democrats, an attempt to work around GOP opposition that threatened to tank the bill on a procedural vote.

It is one of the first major decisions of Speaker Mike Johnson’s tenure, and it is the same move that helped trigger a motion to oust former Speaker Kevin McCarthy. It is also sure to enrage the Republican conference’s right flank.

A scheduling notice from House Majority Leader Steve Scalise sent late Monday night announced that the continuing resolution (CR) would be brought up under suspension of the rules on Tuesday, a procedure that requires support from two-thirds of the House in order to pass and avoid a government shutdown after Friday...

In the House GOP's slim majority, GOP leaders can afford to lose just three Republican votes on any party-line measure, assuming full attendance. Far more than that have signaled opposition to the CR.

Under the continuing resolution, part of government funding would run out on Jan. 19, with the rest running out on Feb. 2. Johnson has argued that the two-step plan is the best way to avert a massive omnibus funding package pushed by the Senate, and allows Congress more time to negotiate on fiscal year 2024 funding.

On the other side of the aisle, Democratic leaders have not yet said whether they will support the bill, but have given signals that they could.

House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D) [NY-08] on Monday, however, said Democrats had 'zero intention to vote for the rule,' leaving Republican leadership the options of either trying to convince the GOP holdouts to support the rule or aim for wide cooperation from Democrats...

While Democrats are skeptical of the two-step approach, there is little in the bill for them to oppose, even if it omits some provisions they wanted like aid to Ukraine and Israel.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer also said on Monday that he was "pleased" Johnson was advancing a stopgap without spending cuts."

WHAT'S NEXT FOR LACDP LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

- We will be holding our Annual Training on Jan. 10, 2024 at 6:30pm, no legislation will be taken up at that meeting.
- Legislative Action Meeting Dates for 2024:
 - Jan 10, 2024 - Annual Training
 - Feb 6, 2024
 - Mar 7, 2024 - Moved to Thursday, due to Election Day (3/5)
 - Apr 2, 2024
 - May 7, 2024
 - Jun 4, 2024
 - Jul 2, 2024
 - Aug 6, 2024
 - Sep 3, 2024
 - Oct 1, 2024
 - Nov 7, 2024 - Moved to Thursday, due to Election Day (11/5)
 - Dec 2024 - NO MEETING