

Welcome to the Legislative Update for May 31, 2013

This e-mail is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. The purpose of this service is to keep Arizona's seniors and advocates for aging services informed about bills and actions taking place at the Arizona State Legislature and to highlight Congressional bills or happenings affecting older Americans. The information is intended to help you shape your own opinion about an issue and to give you the necessary resources and contacts so that you can ensure your perspective and voice are heard. The **Legislative Update** is non-partisan in nature. Thank you for your interest!

Brief issue this week; very little to report.

First Regular Session of the 51st Legislature

The legislative session continues but with little action taken. Only six (6) floor actions recorded since last week. No action in the House on budget bills S1483 through S1492 that were passed in the Senate.

Note: the budget bills are a part of the **SHORT LIST** of legislation tracked by the Council and linked in this newsletter. Bill summaries and actions taken are posted on the list.

From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee**

JLBC financial report, **Senate Budget Proposal as Engrossed** 5/17/2013 is provided at:

<http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/senateproposalasengrossed051713.pdf>.

As of day 138

1,158 bills **posted**, **238** bills **passed**; **201** bills **signed**; **17** vetoed; **76** **memorials or resolutions posted** and **20** **passed**. Some of these bills may be of interest to Arizona seniors and are being tracked by the Council and appear on the **Legislative Update** web report pages.

Both the Senate and the House are adjourned at this time until Tuesday, June 4, 2013.

Our **FULL LIST** link below includes all bills originally placed on the tracking list; the **SHORT LIST** link of bills is provided for quick reference on legislation moving forward.

Please be advised that the presence of a bill on the Council's tracking lists *does not represent support or opposition* by the Council to that bill. It **does** mean that the bill is likely to be of interest to or have an impact on older Arizonans.

SHORT LIST:

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=25113&listid=48764&print=true>

FULL LIST:

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=24960&listid=47124&print=true>

Important to note: The *web reports above* provide you with the current status about bills being tracked by the Council and *are available and updated on an ongoing basis, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This list will continue to be posted and edited until the end of the session.* Information about bill status, hearing, etc. is a purchased service provided by the *Arizona Capitol Times*.

If you want to learn more about the legislative process, see [Arizona Bill](#) or *From Idea To Bill To Law, The Legislative Process in Arizona* linked [here](#).

Share your thoughts! If you have a particular perspective to share with the Governor or your legislators, **you may voice your thoughts at any time** by contacting the:

- **Governor's Office of Constituent Services** at 602-542-4331 or toll-free at 1-800-253-0883 (outside Maricopa County only)
- Or **contacting your legislator from your area**...locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State Legislature website** and looking for: *How do I find My Legislators* or by following the instructions provided at both the **Senate** and **House Member** links at the website.
- **Not sure about your district? District maps** can be found on the website linked [here](#).

FEDERAL OVERVIEW:

H.R.807

Full Faith and Credit Act

Introduced on 2/25/2013 by Representative Tom McClintock (CA-4)

Requires the Secretary of the Treasury, in addition to any other authority provided by law, to issue obligations to pay with legal tender, and solely for the purpose of paying, the principal and interest on U.S. obligations held by the public, or held by the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and Disability Insurance Trust Fund, in the event that the federal debt reaches the statutory limit after enactment of this Act.

Prohibits:

- (1) the use of the issued obligations to pay compensation for Members of Congress, and

(2) these obligations from being taken into account in applying the current \$16.394 trillion public debt limit to the extent that they would otherwise cause such limit to be exceeded.

Requires the Secretary, if such authority is exercised after enactment of this Act, to report to specified congressional committees each week the authority is in use and provide an accounting of:

(1) the principal on mature obligations and interest due or accrued by the United States, and

(2) any obligations issued pursuant to this Act.

On 5/13/2013, received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

House Reports: [113-48](#)

H.R.1953

Seniors Fraud Prevention Act of 2013

Introduced on May 13, 2013 by Representative Theodore E. Deutch (FL-21)

To establish an advisory office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Federal Trade Commission to prevent fraud targeting seniors, and for other purposes.

The advisory office shall monitor the market for mail, television, Internet, and telemarketing fraud including recorded message telephone calls (hereinafter referred to as 'robocalls') targeting seniors and shall coordinate with other relevant agencies regarding the requirements of this section.

The Commission through the advisory office shall, after consultation with the Attorney General, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Postmaster General, the Chief Postal Inspector for the United States Postal Inspection Service, and other relevant agencies--

(A) disseminate to seniors and families and caregivers of seniors general information on mail, television, Internet, telemarketing, and robocall fraud targeting seniors, including descriptions of the most common fraud schemes;

(B) disseminate to seniors and families and caregivers of seniors information on reporting complaints of fraud targeting seniors either to the national toll-free telephone number established by the Commission for reporting such complaints, or to the Consumer Sentinel Network, operated by the Commission, where such complaints will become immediately available to appropriate law enforcement agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the attorneys general of the States;

(C) in response to a specific request about a particular entity or individual, provide publically available information of enforcement action taken by the Commission for mail, television, Internet, telemarketing, and robocall fraud against such entity; and

(D) maintain a website to serve as a resource for information for seniors and families and caregivers of seniors regarding mail, television, Internet, telemarketing, robocall, and other identified fraud targeting seniors.

(3) COMPLAINTS- The Commission through the advisory office shall, after consultation with the Attorney General, establish procedures to--

(A) log and acknowledge the receipt of complaints by individuals who believe they have been a victim of mail, television, Internet, telemarketing, and robocall fraud in the Consumer Sentinel Network, and must make those complaints immediately available to Federal, State, and local law enforcement authorities; and

(B) provide to individuals described in subparagraph (A), and to any other persons, specific and general information on mail, television, telemarketing and robocall fraud, including descriptions of the most common schemes using such methods of communication

On 5/13/2013, referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

In case you missed this

S.1028

A bill to reauthorize and improve the Older Americans Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

Introduced on 5/23/2013 by Senator Bernard Sanders (VT)

On 5/23/2013, S.1028 was referred to Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Fact sheet provided by Senator Sanders:

<http://www.sanders.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/OAA.Summary.pdf>

Senate Resolution designating May 2013 as Older Americans Month is provided at:

<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/Newsletter/2013/SRes137.pdf>

Check on active legislation at:

http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/legislative/b_three_sections_wit_h_teaasers/active_leg_page.htm.

NOTE: If you want information specific to a bill, go to the **Thomas** website (<http://thomas.loc.gov/>) and enter the bill number or title under *Search Bill Summary & Status* or check **Congress.gov** United States Legislative Information at: <http://beta.congress.gov/>.

Share your opinions with members of Congress!

If you are interested in sharing your thoughts or concerns, find out how to contact your congressional representatives by visiting:
<http://www.house.gov/> for the **House** or <http://www.senate.gov/> for the Senate.

Links to the membership lists are provided below.

[House](#) members

[Senate](#) members

You can contact the White House at this [link](#).

ALSO: A compilation of contact information is provided at:
<http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>.

OTHER NEWS

From the **National Council on Aging**

Planning for Fall Prevention Day 2013 is provided [here](#).

From the **ACL News & Information, Tuesday, May 28, 2013**

2012 Report of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities is provided at:

http://www.acl.gov/NewsRoom/Publications/docs/PCPID_FullReport2012.pdf

Disability Is an Important Risk Factor for Food Insecurity

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service (ERS), disability has emerged as one of the strongest known factors that affect a household's food security. Recent ERS research found that in 2009-10, one-third of households with a working-age adult who was unable to work due to disability were food insecure and one-quarter of households that included a working-age adult with a disability that did not necessarily prevent employment were food insecure. In comparison, 12 percent of households that had no working-age adults with disabilities were food insecure in 2009-10.

[Read more.](#)

National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease

The latest information is posted at this [link](#). (Be sure to scroll up the page for current information.)

From the **Sloan Center on Aging & Work at Boston College**

AGenda Aging & Work Blog

Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny and Traditional Retirement can be found [here](#).

In case you missed these last week

From the **Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation**

A State-By-State Snapshot of Poverty Among Seniors: Findings From Analysis of the Supplemental Poverty Measure is provided at:

<http://kff.org/medicare/issue-brief/a-state-by-state-snapshot-of-poverty-among-seniors/>.

ALSO:

From the **National Center for Senior Transportation e News May 2013**

Grand Rapids Senior Mentor Program linked at:

http://seniortransportation.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=NCST2_success_story_TheRapid

Timebanking and Senior Transportation

http://seniortransportation.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=NCST2_Partners_In_Care

INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

WHAT: U of A College of Medicine Phoenix Campus, Community Lecture: *Medical Ethics 101; Asking the Hard Questions*

WHEN: Friday, June 7, 2013, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Arizona Science Museum, 600 E. Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85004, located on the North West corner of Washington and 7th Streets

Registration: No registration required. Questions? Call 602-716-2000.

[Click here](#) for more information.

WHAT: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Pima County 2013

WHEN: Thursday, June 13, 2013, 10 am to 11:30 am, Abrams Public Health Center, 3950 S. Country Club Road, Tucson 85714

For more information, open this [link](#).

WHAT: 2013 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Event in Maricopa County "The Time to STOP Elder Abuse is NOW"

WHEN: Friday, June 14, 2013, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm, Chandler Fashion Center, 311 W. Chandler Blvd., Chandler, AZ

Information is provided at this link:

<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/Newsletter/2013/WEAADFlyerFinalMickeyRooney.pdf>.

WHAT: 2013 Southern Arizona Suicide Prevention Seminar Prevention Intervention Postvention

WHEN: Friday, June 21, 2013, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, CPSA Training Center, 2502 N. Dodge Blvd., Tucson AZ 85716

More information is provided [here](#).

WHAT: 40th Annual Arizona Rural Health Conference; *The Evolution of Rural Health*

WHEN: August 20th and 21st, 2013, Prescott AZ

For more information, open this [link](#).

Creating Caring Communities; NACOG AAA 22nd Annual Conference

2013 Call for Presentations is linked [here](#).

Just in case you're interested

Back issues of the **Legislative Updates** are linked on the Council website at:
<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/LegUpdates.asp>.

If you would like to submit an **educational** or **public service event** for consideration, be sure to send an email with the description to: gaca@az.gov. Please note: we try to include events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates.

Look for the next issue during the week of June 14th.
Enjoy your weekend!
~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging