

LEGISLATIVE WATCH LIST

ACR 245, Kehoe. The Shell Oil Company refinery at Bakersfield.

This measure would urge the Shell Oil Company to publicly announce the company's assurance to keep its refinery at Bakersfield operational until at least December 31, 2004, to allow the necessary time needed for Turner, Mason and Company Consulting Engineers to conduct a good faith effort to locate a potential buyer for the refinery who would continue to operate the refinery in the future. *(This measure, as well as pressure from industry insiders—you know who!—and the CA Attorney General has caused Shell to "reconsider their sale!)*

AB 2955, McCarthy. Underground storage tanks: report.

This bill would require the (Air Resources) board, by January 1, 2006, to prepare and submit a report to the Legislature that includes specified analyses regarding underground storage tanks, including an analysis of the federal and state statutory and regulatory requirements imposed since December 31, 1998, on underground storage tanks, and an analysis of the incremental increase in environmental and public health protection provided by those vapor tight requirements, as specified. The bill would require the board to convene an advisory group of interested parties to assist the board in developing the report. *(AuTO-CA-upported bill signed into law!)*

AB1283, Kehoe. California Motor Fuels Unbundled Supply Act.

The bill would require, with regard to a contract in effect on or after January 1, 2005, between a franchisor and a retail franchisee, as defined, that the sale and pricing of motor fuel and its additives be made under separate and self-contained contracts. The bill would prohibit a franchisor from taking specified actions to coerce a retail franchisee to purchase motor fuel from any particular source and would also prohibit a refiner, distributor, manufacturer, or transporter of petroleum products from preventing a retail franchisee from purchasing unbranded, fungible motor fuel, as defined, from any vendor. This bill would specify that if the application of its provisions to a contract in existence on January 1, 2005, were found invalid by a court, it would apply, instead, to a contract between a franchisor and retail franchisee entered into or amended on or after January 1, 2005.

AB 1340, Kehoe. Petroleum: information reports

This bill would require an oil refiner, oil producer, petroleum product transporter, petroleum product marketer, petroleum product pipeline operator, and terminal operator, as designated by the commission, to submit a report each week providing information, as required by the energy commission relating to receipts, inventory levels, imports, exports, transportation, sources, and prices. The bill would also permit any person required to submit this information to request that specific information be held in confidence. *(Signed into law)*

REPEAL SB 2-FAMILY HEALTH CARE TAX

This law, recently enacted by former Governor Davis, forces businesses to pay an estimated \$5.7 billion in taxes to fund a massive new state bureaucracy that would provide health benefits. Workers, whether or not they want or need this coverage, would pay an additional \$1.5 billion out of their paychecks. **VOTE NO on Proposition 72** *(Auto-CA supports a "NO" vote on this anti-business proposition)*

PROPOSITION 64 - STOP LAWSUIT ABUSE BALLOT INITIATIVE

Limits individual's right to sue by allowing private enforcement of unfair business competition laws only if that individual was actually injured by, and suffered financial/property loss because of, an unfair business practice. *(AuTO-CA supported initiative)*

WE NEED YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THESE IMPORTANT PIECES OF LEGISLATION!