

MEETING MINUTES
REPUBLICAN LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 11
MAY 8, 2007

Chairman Rob Haney called the May 8th meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Arizona American-Italian Club, 7509 N. 12th St., Phoenix, AZ.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Wes Darby. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by John Keegan.

Chairman Haney introduced elected officials and guests. He announced Don Hesselbrock resigned as a Member-At-Large of the Maricopa County Executive Guidance Committee. Meeting minutes for April 10, 2007, were not approved as a quorum wasn't present. The Treasurer's report is posted on the website.

Chairman Haney introduced, Secretary of State Ian Brewer. Mrs. Brewer's legislative bill to allow 26 days instead of 22 days between, a Primary and General election in order to have sufficient time to process the election was signed into law. The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in April rejected a challenge to the Voter Reform Measure concerning Prop. 200. As Chief Elections Officer several law suits were filed against Mrs. Brewer. At the time of the election an injunction was submitted to stop Prop. 200. More than one million voters approved Prop. 200, where people must show proof of citizenship when registering and voters must show identification at the polls. Problem was both issues were heard separately. The issues were sent back to the Federal Court where both issues will be decided together. The written decision concluded that the plaintiffs failed to demonstrate that Arizona's voter approved election reforms didn't put a severe burden on the right to vote and added that the plaintiffs were not likely to succeed on the merits as this case moves forward. Mrs. Brewer discussed the law where petition circulators must witness the voter signing a petition, to the best of their ability make sure the signer lives in the appropriate area, and the circulator must sign the back of the petition.

Sen. Barbara Leff spoke on SN 1320 which Governor Napolitano vetoed. The bill would allow Commercial photographers without a license to remain as a service and not be taxed. She believes that services without a license will eventually be taxed.

Rep. Adam Driggs said Governor Napolitano vetoed a bill which stated Arizona wouldn't honor a Matricula card from Mexico. He is working with House members and Senator Leff on the state budget.

Chairman Haney recognized the following individuals for their hard work: Carol and Jim Nord and Phyllis Gross.

Chairman Haney introduced Sandy Doty, who will be the Communications person for the EGC. He then introduced Rep. Russell Pearce. Representative Pearce spoke on the state budget and Prop. 200. He said the state budget has a growth rate of 9 percent in continuous spend. There must be an accountability of spending and illegal immigration.

Adjourn: 8:50 p.m.

Charlotte Reed, Recording Secretary