

VIRGINIA RALLY

FIRST GUN CONTROL BILL THIS SESSION PASSES HOUSE

NEW BILLS FILED

BILLS MOVE OUT OF COMMITTEE

PUBLIC HEARINGS NEXT WEEK

I was very pleased to see the turn-out at the rally in Olympia last Friday. But Monday's turn-out in Richmond, Virginia set a record for public, overt, armed support of the Second Amendment. Virginia State Police say more than 22,000 participants showed up, many of them from other heavily-populated eastern seaboard state. While no one inside the fenced "secure" area was armed, thousand of citizens on the public areas outside were, with everything from concealed carry handguns to every kind of "assault weapon" available – including one guy with a .50 caliber "sniper rifle." In reaction, the Virginia legislature the next day passed a "red flag" protective order bill out of committee and they are planning to repeal The Old Dominion state's CPL reciprocity law. The main point is that despite the hysteria generated by Governor "wet panties" Northam and the media, not a shot was fired. One arrest – of a woman violating the "no masks" order, probably Miss Antifa.

I mentioned previously that bills that did not pass out of the legislature during last year's session were still available for action. Well, on Tuesday the House Rules Committee pulled HB 1010 (Senn D-41, WSP destruction of seized/forfeited firearms) and sent it to the House floor for a vote. Yesterday, the House passed it on a pretty much straight party-line vote. That side-steps half of the process in getting a bill passed. It now goes to Senate Law & Justice for their action. Keep in mind there are more than a dozen other "last year's" bills they could do this with, avoiding public hearings until they get to the other side. It's basically a fast-track for bills, good or bad. Don't count on good (pro-gun) bills being fast-tracked!.

A few new gun bills were filed this week. Again in interests of keeping list congestion down, I'm only tracking those bills that are being acted on this session.

Now that several gun bills have had public hearings, committees are beginning to take votes on them in executive sessions. Four gun-related bills passed out of Senate Law & Justice: 6077 (hi-cap magazine ban), 6288 (violence prevention office), 6294 (CPL training mandate) and 6406 (firearm theft). SB 6288 (Office of gun violence prevention) was sent to Ways & Means to

identify funding sources. 6077, 6294 and 6406 were sent to Senate Rules awaiting a floor vote of the full Senate.

Gun bills have been the focus of legislative activity last week, but despair not – a few more will be heard this week! House Civil Rights & Judiciary will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, 29 January on House Bills 2305 (Doglio D-22, expands prohibition on possessing firearms for subjects of restraining orders), 2622 (Kilduff D-28, failure to surrender weapons after receipt of a restraining/protection order), and 2623 (Walen D-48, added firearm prohibitions for persons convicted of certain offenses, apparently dealing with animal cruelty).

BILL STATUS/GOAL POSITION:

HB 1010	WSP destruction of firearms	Senn (D-41)	S. L&J	OPPOSE
HB 1365	CPL training requirement	Tharinger (D-24)	H. CR&J	OPPOSE
HB 1374	Repeals state preemption of gun laws	Macri (D-43)	H. CR&J	OPPOSE
HB 1068	Magazine restrictions	Valdez (D-43)	H. CR&J	OPPOSE
HB 1671	Confiscation of firearms	Dolan (D-22)	H. CR&J	NEUTRAL
HB 2196	Raise standard for issue of a “red flag” order	Walsh (R-19)	HG. CR&J	SUPPORT
HB 2202	Exempts law enforcement from a/w training	Klippert (R-8)	H.PubSaf	OPPOSE
HB 2240	Bans high capacity magazines	Valdez (D-43)	H. CR&J	OPPOSE
HB 2241	Bans assault weapons and magazines	Peterson (D-21)	H. CR&J	OPPOSE
HB 2305	Expands firearm prohibition re: protection orders	Doglio (D-22)	H. CR&J	OPPOSE
HB 2467	Centralized firearm background checks	Hansen (D-23)	H. CR&J	NEUTRAL
HB 2519	Ammunition background checks	Walen (D-48)	H. CR&J	OPPOSE
HB 2555	Background checks for “other” firearms	Goodman (D-45)	H. CR&J	OPPOSE
HB 2622	Court order non-compliance, firearm surrender	Kilduff (D-28)	H. CR&J	OPPOSE
HB 2623	Firearm prohibition, certain offenses	Walen (D-48)	H. CR&J	OPPOSE
HB 2820	Firearms forfeiture/DV court order (correction)	KLippert (R-8)	H. CR&J	NEUTRAL
SB 5434	Expands gun free zones to parks and day cares	Wilson, C (D-30)	S. L&J	OPPOSE
SB 6076	Bans assault weapons and hi cap magazines	Kuderer (D-48)	S. L&J	OPPOSE
SB 6077	Bans high capacity magazines	Kuderer (D-48)	S. Rules	OPPOSE
SB 6161	Excise tax on ammunition	Dhingra (D-45)	S. L&J	OPPOSE
SB 6163	Unlawful possession BEFORE conviction	Dhingra (D-45)	S. L&J	OPPOSE
SB 6288	Office of firearm violence prevention	Dhingra (D-45)	S. W&M	OPPOSE
SB 6294	CPL training requirement	Saloman (D-32)	S. Rules	OPPOSE
SB 6347	CPL validity seven years with training	Wagoner (R-39)	S. L&J	SUPPORT
SB 6402	Use of a stolen firearm	Rivers (R-18)	S. L&J	SUPPORT
SB 6406	Concerning firearms	Wilson, L (R-17)	S. Rules	SUPPORT
SB 6584	Unlawful purchase of a firearm	Zeiger (R-25)	S. L&J	SUPPORT

HB = House bill, SB = Senate bill. L&J = Law & Justice, CR&J = Civil Rights & Judiciary, PubSaf = Public Safety, HC = Health Care, H. K-12 = House Early education, Apropr = Appropriations, Fin = Finance, W&M = Ways & Means “S” before a bill number indicates Substitute (amended).

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED:

29 Jan House Civil Rights & Judiciary, House Hearing Rm "A," JLO Bldg
8:00 am HBs 2305, 2622, and 2623

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28-29 March

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Article 1, Section 24
Constitution of the State of Washington

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