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TO: Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure Committee

FROM: Mark Watts

SUBJECT: Sacramento Report – December TWIC Meeting

This report provides a status update on key legislative or state budget activities.

LEGISLATURE

OVERVIEW

On December 7, both houses of the Legislature convened for the beginning of the new 2021-22 Session. As is customary, this was also the first day for bill introductions.

Assembly - 96 Assembly Bills introduced

Senate - 68 Senate Bills introduced

ASSEMBLY

The California state Assembly met Monday at the Golden 1 Center in downtown Sacramento to swear in its members for the two-year term.

The arena was transformed into a makeshift Assembly floor, with each member sitting at his or her own white table, spread six feet apart.

Absent Assembly Members included Richard Bloom, Autumn Burke, Jim Frazier, Shirley Weber and Buffy Wicks.

SPEAKER

Assembly Member Rendon was confirmed for another term as speaker.

HOUSE RULES ADOPTED

HR 1 (Cooley) was adopted and it makes the following three modifications to the house's committees:

- Adds a new standing committee: Emergency Management
- Changes the name of Elections and Redistricting to Elections
- Changes the name of Veterans Affairs to Military and Veterans Affairs

SENATE

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In order to follow public health directives, the Senate Organizational Session was an abbreviated event that included the swearing-in of new Senators, the election of Senate officers, and the opening of the Senate Desk for senators to introduce new legislation. The Senate limited ceremony and did not allow guests on the Senate Floor to comply with county health directives.

SENATORS PARTICIPATING REMOTELY

Bates
Newman
Glazer
Limon
Stern
Nielsen
Roth
Melendez