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ACTION PRIORITY

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"If you have time this week to make only one phone call, choose one of these..."

ENCOURAGE access to affordable clean energy



OPPOSE re-enactment of Initiative 747



PREVENT new industrial and mining uses in Maury Island Aquatic Reserve

Access to Affordable Clean Energy — **SUPPORT E2SHB 1303**

Use of cleaner energy would be encouraged not only through replacement of polluting diesel engines (especially in school buses), reduction of the amounts of fossil fuel consumed by state fleets, and introduction of accounting procedures for the state's response to global warming impacts, but also specifically through incentives for development of new

- Clean-energy **feedstock** and fuels
- Technologies for displacing petroleum with electricity

League Position: (LWVUS) Energy, elements 3 and 5

Status: There will be a public hearing on this bill in **Senate Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications** on March 21 at 3:30 PM

Action: If you are a constituent of any of the following committee members, call and ask your senator to support E2SHB 1303: **Poulsen; Rockefeller; Honeyford; Delvin; Fraser; Holmquist; Marr; Morton; Oemig; Pridemore; Regala**

Contact: Marian Wineman, 206-285-1066, mwineman@comcast.net

Re-enactment of Initiative 747— OPPOSE HB 2117

This bill would codify I-747's damaging 1% annual cap on the growth of state and local property tax levies.

League Position: LWVWA opposed I-747 in 2001. Property taxes fund essential public services, and the 1% cap has made it more difficult to adequately fund those services.

Status: **House Finance Committee** did not report the bill before the Monday cutoff, but the leadership can still bring it to the floor any time up until the end of this legislative session (because the bill addresses matters affecting implementation of budgets).

Action: If **House Speaker Chopp** is in your district, call him. Also, contact other **House leadership** and **representatives from your district**. **Urge them not to bring HB 2117 up for consideration. Urge them to take time instead to consider all the property tax reform measures that have been introduced this session.**

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Maury Island Aquatic Reserve — SUPPORT SSB 6011

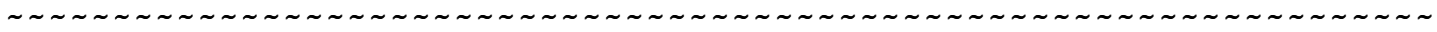
With an extremely close vote of 26 to 22, the Senate passed a bill that would permanently protect an aquatic reserve near Maury Island, preserving pristine Puget Sound habitat. SSB 6011, sponsored by Sen. Poulsen, would prevent new industrial and mining uses in the reserve, and would halt the construction of a huge 400-foot dock related to the expansion of a gravel mine. The dock would be constructed in a salmon migratory corridor, orca feeding and resting ground, and within herring staging and spawning areas, eelgrass, and a unique drift cell which feeds the southeast near-shore area of the islands. Vashon and Maury Islands represent 50% of the undeveloped shoreline in King County.

League Position: Land Use: First consideration is given to effect on natural elements. Uniqueness or scarcity, importance to the community as a whole... as well as irreversibility of the decisions should be considered.

Status: Passed the Senate, and has now moved to the **House Select Committee on Puget Sound** for a hearing on Wednesday, March 21st at 1:30 P.M. in Hearing room E.

Action: It is known that two key representatives are opposed to the reserve, Al O'Brien in District 1 and Larry Springer in District 45. Contact the committee chair (Rep. Upthegrove) or your legislator (especially if your legislator is one of the reserve opponents) and urge him/her to SUPPORT this aquatic reserve. Members: **Upthegrove, Chair; Eickmeyer, Vice Chair; Rolfes, Vice Chair; Sump; Walsh; O'Brien; Pearson; Springer.** *Message: Emphasize the sensitivity of the Maury Island area and that Glacier Northwest (the gravel company) does not have its permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers or its State DNR lease. Additionally, Glacier Northwest's permit from King County is under appeal and their hydraulic project approval (HPA) must be reviewed in May 2007.*

Contact: Ann Aagaard, 425-488-8418, aagaarda@nwlinc.com



Other ACTION ITEMS

"If you can make another call or two..."

Department of Early Learning — SUPPORT SB 5828

SB 5828, which is the Senate version of HB 1663, would add responsibilities to the Department of Early Learning such as implementation of the child care Quality Rating & Improvement System.

League Position: [Children's Services]

Status: This bill was passed by the Senate and is scheduled for a hearing on March 20 at 1:30 pm in the **House Committee on Early Learning & Children's Services.**

Action: Call your representative if on this committee and ask them to pass the bill out of committee.

Members: **Kagi, Chair; Haler; Walsh; Appleton; Hinkle; Pettigrew; Roberts**

Contact: Marjorie Reeves, 360-866-7507, mpreeves@comcast.net or Pat Dickason, 360-753-7647, p.dickason@comcast.net

Climate Change Mitigation — SUPPORT SB 6001

To mitigate global warming and achieve climate stability, two immediate actions are needed: 1) We must avoid long-term decisions and investments that would actually increase our greenhouse gas emissions, and 2) We must get on the path to make serious reductions over time. This bill does both. This bill would establish a greenhouse gas emissions standard for electricity consumed in Washington state, and also establish greenhouse gas reduction targets that align with scientific consensus.

League Position: (LWVUS) Energy, elements 3 and 5

Status: In [House Technology, Energy, and Communications Committee](#).

Action: If you are a constituent of any of the following committee members, call and ask your representative to support SB 6001: [Morris](#), [McCoy](#); [Crouse](#); [McCune](#); [Eddy](#); [Ericksen](#); [Hankins](#); [Hudgins](#); [Hurst](#); [Takko](#); [Van De Wege](#)

Contact: Marian Wineman, 206-285-1066, mwineman@comcast.net

Electronic Voter Registration — SUPPORT HB 1528

If this bill passes, any person with a Washington State driver's license or a Washington State ID card could submit a voter registration application electronically on the Secretary of State's website.

League Position: Registration should be simple and convenient for voters while ensuring accuracy.

Status: The bill passed to the Senate in early March and was referred to the [Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections](#).

Action: Request that your senator support this bill. Members: [Fairley](#), [Chair](#); [Oemig](#), [Vice Chair](#); [Roach](#); [Benton](#); [Kline](#); [Pridemore](#); [Swecker](#)

Contact: Betty Sullivan, 206-682-5240, jaybetty2@msn.com

Family Medical Leave and Insurance — SUPPORT SB 5659

SB 5659 was amended in the Senate and now provides for up to five weeks of leave for the birth or placement of a new child, or care of a seriously ill family member (child, spouse, domestic partner, or parent), but would no longer cover worker's own serious illness. Benefits would be \$250 per week, financed by a premium of 2 cents per hour worked (would be paid by worker), which is about \$40 per year for a full-time worker or \$3.50 per month (would be pro-rated for part-time workers).

League Position: Children's Services

Status: SB 5659 passed the Senate on March 14 with a bipartisan vote of 32 to 17. The [House Committee on Commerce & Labor](#) will hear the bill on Tuesday, March 20.

Action: Contact your representative if he or she is on the committee, and ask for their support in passing SB 5659 out of committee. Members: [Conway](#), [Chair](#); [Wood](#), [Vice Chair](#); [Condotta](#); [Chandler](#); [Crouse](#); [Green](#); [Moeller](#); [Williams](#)

Contact: Marjorie Reeves, 360-866-7507, mpreeves@comcast.net or Pat Dickason, 360-753-7647, p.dickason@comcast.net

Greenhouse Gas Emissions — SUPPORT HB 1929

This bill would grant utilities authority to engage in mitigation activities to offset their utility's impact on the environment. It is intended to correct the unfortunate ruling from the State Supreme Court in the Okeson vs Seattle case.

League Position: (LWVUS) Energy, elements 3 and 5

Status: In [Senate Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications](#).

Action: Contact your legislators on the committee and ask that they schedule a public hearing for HB 1929. Members: [Poulsen](#); [Rockefeller](#); [Honeyford](#); [Delvin](#); [Fraser](#); [Holmquist](#); [Marr](#); [Morton](#); [Oemig](#); [Pridemore](#); [Regala](#)

Contact: Marian Wineman, 206-285-1066, mwineman@comcast.net

Public Funding of Judicial Campaigns — SUPPORT Budget Proviso

The goal of public financing of campaigns is to reduce the impact of special interests in campaigns. A system of publicly financed campaigns for seats on the bench will help ensure that the judges and justices we elect to serve us will be neither financially nor psychologically obligated to the agenda of special interest groups, but instead be free to make rulings based on .

League Positions:

- Administration of Justice: Action to ensure that our courts are fair, efficient, accessible and staffed with qualified personnel.
- Campaign Financing: Campaign contributions should be limited. These limits should apply both to state and out-of-state contributions. The PDC should implement laws pertaining to these limitations.
- Representative Government: Action to facilitate changes in the state constitution to achieve a representative and effective state legislature. Action to limit methods of financing political campaigns in order to ensure the public's right to know, combat undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office, and promote citizen participation in the election process.

Status: The governor will keep the issue of public campaign financing alive via a study conducted by **Washington State Institute for Public Policy**, if a budget proviso of \$150,000 is approved. SHB 1186, which would have established a six-year pilot program on public funding of judicial campaigns for appeals and supreme court judges, did not receive a floor vote in the House by the March 14 cutoff.

Action: Contact **House Appropriations** members from your district and urge them to include \$150,000 for Washington State Institute for Public Policy study. Members: **Sommers** - Chair, **Dunshee** - Vice Chair, **Alexander, Bailey, Haler, Anderson, Buri, Chandler, Cody, Conway, Darneille, Dunn, Ericks, Fromhold, Grant, Haigh, Hinkle, Hunt, Hunter, Kagi, Kenney, Kessler, Kretz, Linville, McDermott, McDonald, McIntire, Morrell, Pettigrew, Priest, Schual-Berke, Seaquist, P. Sullivan, Walsh.**

Contact: Susan Sanders, 253-833-9376, DavidAndSusan@Sanders.name

Puget Sound Governance (Save Our Sound) — SUPPORT **ESSB 5372** and **ESSHB 1374**

The 2007 session will lay the foundation for a whole new approach to the clean up and restoration of Puget Sound. Two bills are moving forward—ESSB 5372 sponsored by Sen. Rockefeller, and ESSHB 1374, sponsored by Rep. Upthegrove—that would create a new state agency to get the job done. Both bills passed their respective chambers with wide bi-partisan support. The goal will be to bring these two bills into a single piece of legislation that includes the best from both.

League Positions: Land Use positions support regional authorities who have authority to resolve conflicts and implement plans of regional scope.

Status: ESSB 5372 will have a public hearing in **House Select Committee on Puget Sound** on Friday, March 23 at 8:00 a.m.

Action: Contact the committee chair (Rep. Upthegrove) or your legislator on that committee. Ask them to SUPPORT Rockefeller's bill and move it out of committee. Members: **Upthegrove, Chair; Eickmeyer, Vice Chair; Rolfes, Vice Chair; Sump; Walsh; O'Brien; Pearson; Springer**

Contact: Ann Aagaard, 425-488-8418, aagaarda@nwlink.com

Reclaimed Water — SUPPORT WITH CONCERNS **E2SSB 6117**

E2SSB 6117 is a thorough and proactive bill which addresses major concerns raised with reclaimed water regarding degradation, mandate versus enabling language for local jurisdictions and funding. However, I am uneasy about it. Section 3 states, "The owner of the waste water treatment facility that is reclaiming water with a permit issued under this chapter has the exclusive right to any reclaimed water generated." This is a great quantity of water which may have significant quantity impacts to other water right's holders and unforeseen quality impacts not addressed in the degradation fixes made in

the revisions. It is a great bill addressing an important aspect of future water resources but it may have very bad unforeseen consequences. This bill needs careful thorough examination.

League Positions: [Water Resources]

Status: SB 6117 was introduced February 23 in Senate Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications and was passed in the Senate after multiple revisions with amendments on March 10. It was read in the **House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee** March 13 and scheduled for hearing at 10 a.m. on March 22. This is remarkably fast for long range legislation.

Action: Call legislators and remind them of the League's water positions and the importance of adequate funding for planning, management and enforcement of water quality and water quantity rules already in place. Praise the positive aspects of this bill but ask that they slow down and carefully evaluate the long term implications of this legislation. Remind them reuse is one of many solutions to water resource shortfalls, not the golden bullet that can stand alone. Committee members: **Sullivan, B., Chair; Blake, Vice Chair; Kretz; Warnick; Dickerson; Eickmeyer; Grant; Hailey; Kagi; Lantz; McCoy; Newhouse; Orcutt; Strow; Van De Wege**

Contact: Denise D Smith, 425-392-9339, groundwatersmith@msn.com

Simple Majority for School Levies — SUPPORT **EHJR 4204**

Engrossed House Joint Resolution 4204, the constitutional amendment to authorize the simple majority approval of school district levies, passed the House on March 12. It received 79 yes votes, far exceeding the required 66 votes to forward a constitutional amendment to the ballot.

League Position: A simple majority is sufficient for passage of a levy.

Status: EHJR 4204 goes to the Senate and is scheduled to be heard at 10:00 a.m. in the **Senate Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education** on Thursday, March 15. After passing out of that committee it needs to go to Senate Rules and from there to the floor – sometime between now and SINE DIE (April 22).

Action: Let your senator know that you want a yes vote on EHJR 4204 with no amendments when it comes to the floor. Message: Just let the people vote. Committee members: **McAuliffe, Chair; Tom, Vice Chair; Holmquist; Brandland; Clements; Eide; Hewitt; Hobbs; Kauffman; Oemig; Rasmussen; Weinstein; Zarelli**

Contact: Catherine Ahl, 360-697-7924, cathahl@hotmail.com or Nancy Jander, 253-851-9260, nancyjander@comcast.net

Vote Canvassing Provisions — SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS **SHB 1654**

One section of this bill defines auditing procedures. It says that, during balloting for any office or issue, political party observers could (upon mutual agreement) request that up to three precincts or three batches be selected at random and counted by hand. This count would then be compared with the machine total.

League Positions: LWVWA supports automatic, mandatory audits of election results of randomly selected precincts. LWVWA supports random audits of all ballots, with the percentage of ballots audited to be determined by a statistician.

Status: This bill passed the House and is in the **Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections**.

Action: The bill needs to be amended to strengthen it. Message: Audits should be mandatory, with a qualified statistician selecting the number of precincts to be audited, depending on the particular circumstances of the election. Members: **Fairley, Chair; Oemig, Vice Chair; Roach; Benton; Kline; Pridemore; Swecker**

Contact: Betty Sullivan, 206-682-5240, jaybetty2@msn.com

Voter Registration Up To and On Election Day — SUPPORT **HB 5561**

League Position: The League supports same-day registration.

Status: The bill has passed to the Senate and been referred to **Senate Committee on State Government & Tribal Affairs**.

Action: Ask your representatives on this committee to support the bill. Members: **Hunt, Chair; Appleton, Vice Chair; Chandler; Armstrong; Green; Kretz; McDermott; Miloscia; Ormsby**

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ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND

Public Funding of Campaigns for Local Office

SSB 5278 and SHB 1551 would have lifted the ban (imposed in 1992 by Initiative 134) on the use of public funds to finance political campaigns for local elective office. The ban on use of public funds to finance statewide campaigns would have remained. Neither bill received a floor vote in their respective houses by the March 14 cutoff, so both are dead for this session. Please express your appreciation to those legislators who were supporters of these bills. A list of sponsors is on the legislature's website.

Contact: Susan Sanders, 253-833-9376, DavidAndSusan@Sanders.name

Regional Transportation Commission

There is a Senate bill that has now gone over to the House, PSSB 5803, that would fundamentally change transportation governance should it become law. The bill implements the recommendations of a Regional Transportation Commission Task Force. PSSB 5803 passed the Senate by a 33 to 14 vote. Efforts will be made to amend this bill in committee. It still allows funding of roads through a sales tax. Here are some of the changes from the original bill:

- A Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) must be created in King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties and a governing body must be constituted and empowered by January 2009. Kitsap County may be added in the future.
- The eleven member RTC governing body shall be made up of eight non-partisan elected members and three appointed ones. (There will be no public funding of the campaigns for these well-paid positions.)
- The RTC would own, operate, construct, and maintain projects, and it would prioritize all state projects in the region.

HB 2101, sponsored by Fred Jarrett (and not a companion to PSSB 5803), was an attempt to delay action on the recommendations of the governor's appointed Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) charged with coordinating and prioritizing transportation issues in the Central Puget Sound area. HB 2101 would have allowed for further study on this issue. This bill died March 14 when it was not brought up on the calendar for consideration in the House.

Contact: Pat Matteson, 206-232-8028, patricialpm@cs.com

Presidential Preference Primary

The presidential primary is scheduled to take place on the fourth Tuesday in May of each year in which a president is to be nominated and elected, although there is also a process for the WA Secretary of State, or the state committee of any major political party, to propose an alternative date for the primary. The estimated cost of the 2008 presidential primary in Washington state will be \$9.7 million. In 1988, League was actively involved in the signature drive for Initiative 99, which called for a presidential primary, and the first presidential preference primary was held in Washington in 1992.

However, in 1995, the legislature amended the law to allow party convention delegates to be allocated in whole or in part based on the results of party precinct caucuses rather than the preference primary. The 1995 legislation also required the Office of the Secretary of State to amend its administrative rules to comply with the major political parties' national and state rules.

LWVWA has a position supporting the work of the political parties. It also has a position supporting a presidential primary only if the primary results will play a decisive part in selecting party nominees. League of course also has strong positions supporting citizen participation in the electoral process. HB 2379, which would cancel the 2008 presidential primary, was filed on March 8. It has been scheduled for a public hearing in the House Committee on Appropriations on March 15.

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Alternative Fueling Stations

Three bills (SHB 1029, ESHB 1055, and HB 1057) which are beneficial to supporting alternative fuel options and availability are all scheduled for public hearings in the Senate Water Energy & Telecommunications Committee on March 20 at 10:00 AM.

Contact: Marian Wineman, 206-285-1066, mwineman@comcast.net

Electric Vehicles

HB 1820 would support the licensing and use of medium speed (35 mph) electric vehicles which would help reduce air pollution and global warming emissions. The bill is scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Transportation Committee on March 20 at 3:30 PM.

Contact: Marian Wineman, 206-285-1066, mwineman@comcast.net

Solar Hot Water Heating

ESHB 1211 would exempt solar hot water heating components from sales and use tax, thus supporting use of more of these systems which help decrease global warming emissions. The bill is scheduled for public hearings in the Senate Water Energy & Telecommunications Committee on March 20 at 10:00 AM.

Contact: Marian Wineman, 206-285-1066, mwineman@comcast.net

PRIORITIES FOR A HEALTHY WASHINGTON

All four priorities are alive and well after meeting the requisite cut-off dates (so far) that need to be met in order for that legislation to continue to move through the legislative process. League **supports** all four Priorities for a Healthy Washington:

Eliminate Toxic Flame Retardants (PBDEs) – **ESHB 1024** scheduled for hearing March 20 in Senate Committee on Water and Energy & Telecommunications. **Contact:** Elizabeth Davis, 360-331-4184, elizabethd@whidbey.com

Increase Funding for Wildlife & Recreation – Budget proviso. **Contact:** Elizabeth Davis, 360-331-4184, elizabethd@whidbey.com

Promote Clean Cars/Clean Fuels – **E2SHB 1303** scheduled for hearing March 21 in Senate Committee on Water and Energy & Telecommunications. **Contact:** Toni Potter, 206-365-8949, antoniapotter@comcast.net

Restore & Clean Up Puget Sound – **ESSB 5372** scheduled for hearing March 23 in House Select Committee on Puget Sound. **Contact:** Ann Aagaard, 425-488-8418, aagaarda@nwlink.com

WASL

2SHB 2327 and ESSB 6023 have both passed out of their respective houses. Both bills maintain the 2008 reading and writing WASL graduation requirement and delay the math and science WASL requirements. Students who haven't met the math standards would be required to continue to take math classes. Both bills would cause the math (algebra and geometry) and science (biology) elements of the WASL to be replaced with end-of-course assessments. The bills will be heard in the education committees of the opposite houses during the week of March 19. Interesting discussions – stay tuned.
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**FOR REFERENCE**

## **K**ey Session Dates

The 60th Washington State Legislature opened its long session on Monday, January 8. The 2007 legislative session in Olympia runs from January 8 to April 22. Every day (including Saturday, Sunday, and holidays) is counted in the 105-day session. The Lobby Team will meet regularly during the session to talk with the League lobbyist, Lonnie Johns-Brown, and to decide on priority action for the upcoming week.

**Jan. 8** – First day of regular session

**Jan. 19** – LWVWA Lobby Day

**Feb. 28** – Last day for any bill to be considered in **policy** committee of its “house of origin” (House for HB, or Senate for SB)

**Mar. 5** – Last day for any bill to be considered in **fiscal** committee of its “house of origin”

**Mar. 14** – Last day for bills to be considered on the floor of their “house of origin” (5 p.m.)

**Mar. 30** – Last day for bills to be considered in a **policy** committee of the opposite house (Senate for HB, or House for SB)

**Apr. 2** – Last day for bills to be considered in a **fiscal** committee of the opposite house

**Apr. 13** – Last day for bills to be considered on the floor of the opposite house (5 p.m.) except initiatives and alternatives to initiatives, budgets and matters necessary to implementing budgets, differences between the houses, and matters incident to the interim and closing of the session.

**Apr. 22** – Last day of regular session

## **C**ONTACT LISTS

Portfolios / Lobby Team – [www.lvwva.org/about/officers.html](http://www.lvwva.org/about/officers.html)

Legislators – [www.lvwva.org/advocacy/newsletters/Legislators.pdf](http://www.lvwva.org/advocacy/newsletters/Legislators.pdf)

Legislative Committees – [www.leg.wa.gov/legislature/committeelisting.aspx](http://www.leg.wa.gov/legislature/committeelisting.aspx)

Representation by legislative district – [www.lvwva.org/advocacy/newsletters/DistrictReps.pdf](http://www.lvwva.org/advocacy/newsletters/DistrictReps.pdf)

## **L**EAGUE POSITIONS

LWVWA positions – [www.lvwva.org/advocacy/prog\\_in\\_action05-07.html](http://www.lvwva.org/advocacy/prog_in_action05-07.html)

## **R**ESOURCES

League action website – [lvwva.org/advocacy](http://lvwva.org/advocacy)

House Floor Activity as it happens – [flooractivityext.leg.wa.gov/default.aspx?chamber=3](http://flooractivityext.leg.wa.gov/default.aspx?chamber=3)

Senate Floor Activity as it happens – [flooractivityext.leg.wa.gov](http://flooractivityext.leg.wa.gov)

Public hearings as they happen – [tvw.org](http://tvw.org)

Bill information – text, analysis, status, committee action – [apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo](http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo)

Bill room (legislative information center) – **360-786-7573**

State budget information – [www.ofm.wa.gov](http://www.ofm.wa.gov)

Governor's website – [governor.wa.gov](http://governor.wa.gov)

Washington state's official website – [access.wa.gov](http://access.wa.gov)

### Speaking to a Legislator

Visit, write to, call, or email the legislator directly (see contact list for legislators). Or, use the toll-free Legislative Hotline available weekdays from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm, and Saturdays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm:

**800-562-6000** / TTY: 800-635-9993

Legislative hotline operators will send your message to one of your legislators, all three of your legislators, the governor and lieutenant governor, or all of these, as you request. Language translation services are also available. Person placing the call needs to know enough English to understand "Please Wait" and to report the language needed.

**Addressing a Letter to a Legislator**

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**Visiting Your Legislators**

Citizens are welcome to visit their legislators in Olympia on any day during the session. Making an appointment first is prudent but not always required. Later in the session, town hall meetings back in the legislators' home districts are good opportunities for talking to your legislators. Lobby day events provide organized support for visits.