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GOOD RIDDANCE!

LET'S BID A LONG OVERDUE FAREWELL TO 2020!

2020 ... Is there anyone out there reading this who is not thankful this year is finally just about over?

Between losing two loved sisters and our world changed by COVID, I for one am looking forward to 2021; although after the outcome of our elections, the next 4 years should prove very interesting to say the least.

I wrote my first draft of this article on November 3. I spent the day monitoring FOX news and praying that true Americans left in this nation got out and voted. Praying the polls were as wrong as they were in 2016 and praying even more to get to see a snowflake and CSNBC melt down



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again! I was even praying Bruce Springsteen would move to Australia and take half of Hollywood with him! However, my prayers were not answered, at least not exactly as I asked. "God works in mysterious ways." I know that the next 4 years

are going to be an entertaining mystery! Even with a half dozen IPAs in me, I am more coherent than "Sleepy Joe Hiden!" Now we may all have to learn to speak Bidenese! The scary part is I am not worried about our president-elect; it's all the folks who

pull his strings that concern me as well as our vice president-elect who changes her position on things with the time of day. We must never give up and keep fighting for what we believe. If even one tenth of what they say went on with election fraud is true, who knows what the months to come will unveil! Either way, thank God for what President Trump accomplished with our Supreme Court and federal court appointments! Sorry for my rant—I hope I did not offend many of you. I will do my job now and provide an update on what is going on in Sacramento.

By now I would imagine you have seen our alerts and visited the website and have seen what was signed and not signed by our governor. As a quick review, the two bills that represent the biggest assault on Californians' Second Amendment rights are AB 2362 and AB 2847. These bills cripple California businesses and further restrict the constitutional rights of California's citizens. As a recap, Assembly Bill 2362 will give the Department of Justice (DOJ) the authority to fine our law-abiding firearms dealers between \$1,000 and \$3,000 for simple paperwork violations! They claimed in testimony AB 2362 would keep firearms out of the hands of criminals! Yet, they did not produce one example where an FFL directly transferred a firearm to a criminal! All this while they continue rolling back penalties on criminals who knowingly use firearms in the commission of a crime!

Even more threatening to Californians is Assembly Bill 2847, which goes after our ever-dwindling "safe gun" roster in California. As you are aware, no "new," safe handguns can be on our list and be sold in California unless they are microstamped. AB 2847 made it "easier" for man-

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ufacturers to bring firearms to the California market by requiring the microstamping in only one location on the firearm. However, for every microstamped firearm brought to market, the DOJ removes the three "oldest," time-tested and proven firearms from the list! Do the math! How quickly our list of less than 800 handguns will dwindle to a few firearms that may or may not even fit your choice or needs! Time will tell what manufacturers will try and take advantage of in this new market and what new handguns we will see. I assure you CRPA will be monitoring the situation closely, and likely lawsuits will follow.

Some good news: Besides the previously discussed long list of bad legislation that we beat on the floor or

in committee, the governor did veto the twisted mess that was Senate Bill 914. As always for a complete list of the bills we faced in the 2020 session you can refer to our website: crpa.org/programs/legislative-advocacy.

What can we expect to see again in 2021? God only knows! But based on the lack of new ideas in the building, I would expect we will see a vehicle long-gun storage bill; legislation aimed at individual firearms "they" feel fall in "loop holes;" further restrictions of FFLs and the process of lawful firearm purchases in California; a lead ammunition range bill; another legislative preservation land grab similar to last session's AB 3030; some form of an "African Iconic" bill; and I would not be surprised to see them go after bear hunting.

Talking about threats to our hunting heritage, of some concern, Mr. Russ Burns has retired from serving on the California Fish and Game Commission. Thank You, Mr. Burns for your outstanding service, your years of wisdom and supporting wildlife management decisions based on science and **not** emotions! You sir, will be missed. We are now working on finding a replacement who understands the sportsman's role in wildlife management and who will also base his or her decisions on the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation.

Thank you all for your continued support and taking the time to read this article. Next time you hear from me we should have a better idea of what 2021 looks like, and I promise to at least be in a better mood! Keep the faith, stay involved and find a friend today who is not a CRPA member and bring her or him into the family. We need your support now more than ever! Together we **can** make a difference! **CRPA**