



MTA LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The following actions occurred yesterday on legislation relating to the MTA in the Senate Committee on Transportation:

- SB 790 (Hayden), relating to the MTA bus consent decree, became a two-year bill. The measure could be considered next year during the second half of this legislative session.
- SB 794 (Hayden), relating to the MTA Code of Conduct also became a two-year bill.
- **SB 89 (Hayden), a measure relating to the gifts, campaign contributions and "revolving door" matters for board members and staff, was passed by the Senate Committee on Transportation.** SB 89 passed the committee on a unanimous vote. The bill has been amended to include a provision requiring the MTA's safety bonus program to base awards to contractors on the overall number of recordable injuries considered, rather than by loss time injuries. This last amendment will most likely be taken out of SB 89 and put into either Senator Polanco's SB 567 or another bill being carried by Senator Hayden.
- **SB 567 (Polanco), a bill relating to board structure, passed the Senate Committee on Transportation on a 8 to 1 vote.** (Kopp was the lone "no" vote on the bill. Committee members voting aye included: Polanco, Karnette, Hayden, Costa, Monteith, Rainey, Kelley and Ayala.) Discussion on this bill revolved around the supervisors' representation, the League of Cities recommended amendments and a proposed amendment, not adopted, by Senator Kopp and the ATU which would have required the establishment of a subsidiary board to handle planning and programming, with the MTA Board involved in transit and rail operations issues only. Although SB 567 was amended as noted below, the basic provisions of the bill remain the same, with provisions which would reduce from five to two the representation of the county supervisors on the MTA Board, add an additional at-large City Selection Committee member, divide the appointing authority of the four City of Los Angeles representatives between the mayor and the city council and include elements of the Code of Conduct.

As understood during the committee meeting, SB 567 was amended in committee to: