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Assembly Committee Stops Chamber-Backed Labor Bills

Legislature May Reconsider Proposals Next Year



An Assembly policy committee has stopped two bills **sponsored** by the California Chamber of Commerce to improve state labor laws. One Chamber-

sponsored bill aimed to make labor law

posters easier for employees and employers to understand. The other gave employers and employees the option to mutually agree to a four-day workweek.

Both bills failed to pass the Assembly Labor and Employment Committee on April 20, but were granted reconsideration.

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Chamber-Backed Workers' Comp Director Wins OK



Andrea Hoch

The Senate Rules Committee voted 3-2 on April 27 in support of keeping employers' workers' compensation rates down by confirming California Chamber of Commerce-supported Andrea Hoch as the director of workers' compensation.

The next morning, the full Senate confirmed Hoch with 21 votes.

Chamber Praise

"The California Chamber of Commerce applauds members of the Senate for confirming the nomination of Andrea Hoch," said Chamber President Allan Zaremberg. "She has done an exceptional job this far in implementing the cost-saving reforms enacted last year, and her continued leadership is key to bring ing costs down further for California's employers."

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French Ambassador Highlights History of Shared Concerns with U.S.



California Chamber President Allan Zaremberg (left) and His Excellency Jean-David Levitte, Ambassador of France to the United States, greet guests at the Chamber International Luncheon Forum this week featuring remarks by Levitte. The ambassador noted that California is the state with the most exports to France and called attention to the role of trade and economic ties in the evolution of the European Union and the longest peaceful era in the history of Europe. He also highlighted the long history of shared interests between France and the United States and applauded the role of U.S. veterans in the liberation of France at the close of World War II.