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CCRKBA PRAISES GUN PROTECTION VOTE

CCRKBA last month praised the U.S. House of Representatives for its whopping 283-144 vote passage of S. 397, the proposed Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act. The Senate passed S. 397 earlier.

President George W. Bush signed the bill into law on October 26, 2005.

"This important legislation will stop the anti-gunners cold in their attempts to bankrupt firearm manufacturers, distributors and retailers," said CCRKBA Chairman Alan M. Gottlieb. "It closes an important loophole through which extremist gun grabbers have been trying to use the courts to crush gun ownership in this country, when they could not get Congress or state legislatures to do their bidding."

Enactment of the measure is an important tort reform accomplishment that will put an end to junk lawsuits against the firearms industry.

"This common sense legislation is long overdue," said CCRKBA Executive Director Joe Waldron. "It sends a clear signal to the anti-gun lobby that mainstream America has had enough of their attempts to have the political agenda forced on us all by the courts."

Gottlieb, noting that none of the dozens of municipal lawsuits so far filed ultimately has prevailed, stated that, "it was obvious from the outset that these lawsuits were designed more for generating headlines than helping crime victims. Yet agenda driven politicians, supported by the anti-gun lobby, kept going to court, and the reason is clear. They wanted to break American firearm manufacturers, not for the public benefit, but because they simply hate guns. They hate the people who make them, and especially the people who own them.

"For too many years, the small, but very shrill gun control lobby has pushed legislation to take our gun rights, and used an all-too-cooperative media to distort the truth about gun owners and the Second Amendment. When that did not work, they resorted to the courts and a handful of mercenary, politically motivated attorneys in an attempt to destroy a fundamental civil right by devastating financially a perfectly legal industry. Their extremism has been dealt a serious blow and an important step toward legal reform has been taken, and American gun owners should thank every member of Congress who voted for this measure."

Stung by their defeat, though, gun grabbers remained defiant. Dennis Henigan, Director of the Legal Action Project of the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence, said that, "the President can sign it, but this shameful law will not stand. We will challenge the constitutionality of this special interest extravaganza ... We believe state and federal courts across this Nation are prepared to strike it down."

N.O. COP DEPARTURE RIGHT, NOT ENOUGH

The abrupt late September retirement announcement by New Orleans Police Superintendent Eddie Compass was "the right thing to do, but not enough," said CCRKBA Chairman Alan M. Gottlieb.

"While the departure of Chief Compass may begin a healing process that needs to occur between the police and law-abiding gun owners whose firearms were seized arbitrarily in the days after Hurricane Katrina," Gottlieb said, "there are many unanswered questions about who actually issued the order to confiscate guns, and the public has a right to know. New Orleans police officers, visiting officers from other jurisdictions and peace officers in surrounding parishes didn't just dream up the confiscation effort."

Gottlieb, who also is Founder of the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF), noted "it was almost laughable that right after SAF and the National Rifle Association joined forces in federal court to successfully stop the gun seizures, Mayor Ray Nagin's office scrambled to distance itself from the statements made by Compass and Deputy Chief Warren Riley that only police would be allowed to have guns, and that everyone else would be disarmed. It is disturbing that Nagin so quickly named Riley as interim chief."

Gottlieb acknowledged that the gun confiscations were merely the "last straw" in terms of Compass' final weeks as police chief. Under his watch, New Orleans saw its murder rate climb, and there reportedly were continuing problems of corruption within the department. Topping it off, he observed, were the reports that some officers even participated

in the looting that followed Katrina. "Yet, the problem remains," Gottlieb said, "that nobody has admitted to being the source of the disarmament order. If it was Ray Nagin, he needs to come clean, although he's been so busy trying to blame every other Katrina failure on everybody else, it is doubtful he ever would admit issuing an order to take everyone's guns. If it was Chief Compass, then he ought to say so. If that order came from somewhere else, such as the governor's office or the state office of emergency services, Louisiana residents are entitled to that information."

Gottlieb said that, "SAF and the NRA went to court to make sure this kind of thing never happens again. Finding out who is responsible for originally issuing the order is paramount. Leadership takes backbone. I don't see much of either right now in New Orleans."

It was U.S. District Court Judge Jay Zainey who issued the temporary restraining order sought jointly by SAF and NRA. Zainey ordered the New Orleans police and St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office to stop taking weapons and return any they already took in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Bill Walsh of the Newhouse News Service reported that, "in documents filed in federal court in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin, Police Chief Eddie Compass and St. Tammany Sheriff Jack Strain deny ordering the confiscation of firearms.

"But news reports quoted Compass as saying that only law enforcement officials would be allowed to have firearms and Deputy Chief Warren

Riley as saying, 'We are going to take all the weapons.'"

To gain control of the reported lawless situation, Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco issued emergency power orders, which allow authorities to regulate firearms. However, the SAF-NRA suit alleged that law enforcement officials overstepped the bounds by taking guns away in violation of the 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.



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CCRKBA BLASTS BRADY ANTI-GUN AD CAMPAIGN

A deplorable advertising effort mounted by the Brady Campaign to Control Gun Violence, known formerly as Handgun Control, Inc., that warns tourists they might be killed by legally-armed Florida residents is tantamount to terrorism, CCRKBA said last month.

The Brady Campaign is running ads in several American cities and in the United Kingdom that say "Warning: Florida residents can use deadly force."

Another advertisement warns Florida-bound residents to "Use special caution in arguing with motorists on Florida roads." The Florida tourism industry is properly furious, and Sunshine State gun owners have every reason to feel insulted.

"The Brady Campaign has descended to a new low," said CCRKBA Executive Director Joe Waldron. "This factually-challenged organization always has been extremist in its philosophy. Spreading hysteria is their political stock in trade, but now they deliberately are trying to terrify tourists, including those from other countries. To do that, they're openly suggesting that legally armed, law-abiding Florida residents are emotionally unbalanced to the point that they would gun down tourists."

Waldron noted also that, "because their insidious gun control schemes increasingly have been rejected by American voters, Congress and state legislatures, these rabid anti-freedom zealots are now trying to vilify our country in the eyes of foreign visitors. The Brady bunch essentially is telling British subjects not to come here because legally-armed American citizens cannot be trusted, and might murder them."

Waldron charged further that, "the Brady camp simply cannot bring itself to admit that America is safer because its citizens retain and exercise their firearm rights. Anti-gun fanatics despise the fact that millions of Americans are legally armed, and that their campaign of vitriol couldn't change that. But now they are taking their message of hate and social bigotry toward American gun owners to the international level. In the process, they are slandering the reputation of the great state of Florida, and demonizing its residents.

"Even for the Brady Campaign, sinking to this level of contemptibility just didn't seem possible. These people long ago proved they have no credibility. Now they are demonstrating to the world that they have no shame."

Echoing Waldron's reaction to the Brady Campaign's ad campaign was Jim Kouri, Vice President of the Florida-based National Association of Chiefs of Police.

The Brady Campaign, wrote Kouri, "is warning foreign tourists that they may be in danger if they visit Florida. The politically active gun control group is warning Europeans that a new Florida gun law will increase the likelihood that tourists will be shot in the streets if Americans believe their safety is being threatened. The Brady group is spending big bucks in their attempt to hurt Florida's economy. And they are lying to do it."

Sarah Brady, who heads the campaign, said: "We think people visiting Florida should be aware of this law, and act accordingly. Visitors should be very careful about getting into an aggressive argument with anyone during their stay."

Kouri wrote that Brady "claims her group is only trying to protect tourists visiting Florida and they are not trying to hurt the economy, which is another lie."

According to the London-based International Television News, 1.5 million British tourists travel to Florida every year and they may expect to be handed leaflets from the gun control fanatics as they arrive in Miami and Orlando airports.

"The Brady organization is out-and-out lying about the new Florida law," Kouri wrote. "First of all, the law addresses use of deadly force in the home, not in the streets. The statute allows citizens to use physical deadly force against a person who enters their premises and is a threat to their safety. If a person within a residence feels an intruder will kill or cause serious injury to him or her, or that the intruder will kill or cause serious injury to someone else in that dwelling, that person may use deadly physical force against the intruder to stop the attack.

"The law does not apply to incidents outside of the gun owner's home and Sarah Brady and her bunch know it. The previous statute regarding the use of deadly physical force by a private citizen stated that if a person could escape from his or her premises and others in that person's home could escape, then they could not claim justifiable homicide. The new law changes that, and rightly so. Why should a person have to retreat from someone invading their home?"

CRAIG ACCEPTS CCRKBA AWARD AS HUNDREDS OF GUN RIGHTS ACT

Sen. Larry Craig of Idaho, a CCRKBA Congressional Advisor, accepted the CCRKBA Legislator of the Year Award during the 20th annual Gun Rights Policy Conference (GRPC) held this year in late September in Los Angeles, California.

CCRKBA and the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) cosponsor the national event, which attracts hundreds of gun rights activists from throughout the United States.

During his GRPC valedictory address, Sen. Craig, the chief Senate sponsor of the proposed Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, thanked GRPC participants for their work toward successful passage of the bill last summer. He reiterated the measure is necessary for the elimination of harassing third-party lawsuits against the legitimate firearms industry. He voiced hope for passage of the bill by the House of Representatives at the earliest possible date.

Other award recipients during GRPC included nationally syndicated columnist Larry Elder, SAF James Madison Award; national radio talk show host Michael Reagan, CCRKBA Bill of Rights Award; NRA President Sandra Froman, CCRKBA Lifetime Achievement Award; Chuck Michel, Legislative Chair of the California Rifle & Pistol Association, CCRKBA Defender of the Year Award; the Golden State 2nd Amendment Council, CCRKBA Grassroots Organization of the Year Award; Alan Korwin of the Bloomfield Press and GunLaws.com, CCRKBA Grassroots Activist of the Year Award; Dave Workman of The New Gun Week, Journalist of the Year Award; and mystery novelist C.J. Songer, author

of Bait, Hook, a CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month Award. Not present was Eugene Volokh of the UCLA Law School, the Scholar of the Year.

The weekend activities included welcoming remarks by California Assemblyman Ray Haynes, who spoke at a reception co-hosted by CCRKBA, SAF and the National Rifle Association. The National Shooting Sports Foundation and the Hunting & Shooting Sports Heritage Foundation also hosted a reception.

Julianne Versnel Gottlieb, publisher of Women & Guns and the Journal on Firearms and Public Policy, called the official program to order. The Single Action Shooters Society presented the colors and led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance. John M. Snyder, Chairman of the St. Gabriel Possenti Society, Inc., delivered the Invocation.

SAF President Joseph P. Tartaro and CCRKBA Chairman Alan M. Gottlieb offered analyses of the State of the Gun Rights Battle in their welcoming remarks, with Tartaro concentrating The Road Traveled and Gottlieb focusing on The Road Ahead.

Froman, Korwin, Wayne LaPierre, NRA Executive Vice President, and John R. Lott, Ph.D., Senior Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute and author of The Bias Against Guns, each delivered special individual addresses.

Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director and SAF Treasurer, Charles H. Cunningham, Director of Federal Affairs for the NRA Institute for Legislative Action, Larry Pratt, Executive Director of Gun Owners of America, John Burt, Chairman of the Fifty Caliber Shooters Policy Institute, and Pat Walker, Executive Vice President

of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association, comprised an initial panel on current federal legislation and United Nations activity.

Michel, Hawaii State Sen. Sam Slom, a SAF Trustee, Joe Waldron, CCRKBA Executive Director, Richard Pearson, Executive Director of the Illinois State Rifle Association, and Jim Irvine, Chairman of the Buckeye Firearms Association, followed with a state legislative affairs briefing panel.

Songer, Debbie Ferns, author of Babes With Bullets, Paxton Quigley, author of Armed & Female and Stayin' Alive, and Randall Herrst, President of the Center for the Study of Crime, discussed the necessity for reaching out to constituencies other than those specifically concerned formally with Second Amendment issues.

David I. Caplan, Ph.D., J.D., an NRA Director, Colorado attorney Michael Sabbeth, and Massad Ayoob, founder of the Lethal Force Institute and a SAF Trustee, discussed the history of gun rights through the ages.

Joe Tartaro and Timothy Wheeler, M.D., Director of Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership, a project of the Claremont Institute, conducted a joint discussion on the influence of monetary factors, including contributions, in the battle over the right to keep and bear arms.

Waldron, Michel, Texas attorney Linda Thomas, and Cindy Hill, author of Brady Denial, discussed legitimate ways for getting guns back after they have been taken away from lawful and law-abiding owners.

Dan Gifford, journalist and Academy Award nominated producer,

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and Mala Zimmerman, President of HawaiiReporter.com, discussed gun rights and the Internet.

Workman and Alan Gottlieb conducted a discussion of illegal immigration, crime and terrorism in relation to the right to keep and bear arms.

Gifford, J. Neil Schulman, novelist and script writer, and S.S. Wilson, producer, director and screen writer, detailed the entertainment industry bias in television and movies against firearms ownership.

Peter Buxtun, Chairman of the Coalition Against Prohibition, and Jeff Knox, Director of Operations for the Firearms Coalition, examined the phenomenon of gun bans and con-

fiscation disguised as public safety using the examples of New Orleans and San Francisco.

John Hosford, a Wyoming gun rights activist and former CCRKBA Executive Director, delivered a report from the resolutions committee, members of which included Pearson, Songer, Wheeler, John Krull, a Director of the Shooters Committee on Political Education and Production Manager of Gun Week, and Tennessee gun rights activist Robert Wiest, a SAF Trustee.

Peggy Tartaro, a CCRKBA Director and Editor of Women & Guns, and served as moderator of the conference on Sunday.

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the California Rifle & Pistol Association, GunBookStore.com, Marathon USA, Microsoft Gun Club, National Shooting Sports Foundation, DPMS Panther Arms, Sturm Ruger, The Robert W. Dannelly Living Trust, KeepAndBearArms.com, H & R Firearms, MBNA America, Merrill Press, National Rifle Association, Washington Arms Collectors, Marlin Firearms, and the Hunting & Shooting Sports Heritage Fund.

GEORGE ALLEN THE CCRKBA DEFENDER

Sen. George Allen of Virginia is the designated recipient of the CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month Award for November.

In nominating Allen for the Award, John Michael Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director, said that, "this recommendation is one which I am personally as well as professionally delighted to make. I first met George years ago when he was a young Virginia politician. George had an appointment with nationally-syndicated columnist M. Stanton Evans, a former Chairman of the American Conservative Union who at the time was Chairman of the Education and Research Institute (ERI). The ERI office was right next door to the CCRKBA office on Capitol Hill. After George met with Stan, he noticed the CCRKBA sign on our office door and just stopped in to introduce himself to me and to tell me of his interest in firearms and in his belief in the right of American citizens to keep and bear arms. His public career shows he genuinely deserves this Award."

Allen, who had served in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1983 to 1991, had been elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in a special election, serving from 1991 to 1993. The opposition party, then in control of the Virginia legislature, gerrymandered him out of his congressional district. They thought that, by doing so, they could eliminate this young, conservative pro-gun firebrand from the political scene.

The Virginia Democrats really got a surprise! Allen decided to run for Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1993. Snyder was a delegate for Allen from Arlington County

to the Republican State convention that year which nominated him. It was at that time the largest political convention that ever had met in the free world.

Allen ran on a solid pro-gun platform. A major statewide issue that year was whether or not Virginia should switch from "may issue" to "shall issue" on the ccw question. Allen was for "shall issue." His opponent, the Attorney General, Mary Sue Terry, was for continuing the "may issue" system. Allen won the election and signed a "shall issue" proposal into law shortly after taking office.

When Allen ran for the U.S. Senate in 2000, the gun issue played an important part in his successful campaign against incumbent Sen. Chuck Robb. During the campaign, Jim and Sarah Brady of the Handgun Control Voter Education Fund endorsed Robb, noting that he had voted "for the Brady Bill, voted for the assault weapons ban, and voted to make America a safer place."

"Four years from tomorrow," Jim Brady added, "the federal assault weapons ban will sunset. We need Senators who will make sure that law stays in effect. We can count on Chuck Robb to do that. We can't count on George Allen."

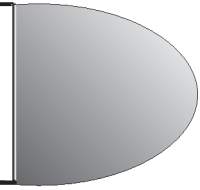
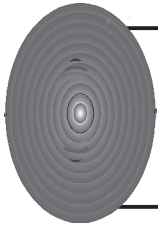
Allen in fact, as Senator, did vote last year against extending the so-called ban on so-called assault weapons. Even though he had indicated during the 2000 campaign that he would not oppose a move to extend it, he changed his position after specific contact on the issue with Snyder, knowledgeable law enforcement personnel and many members and supporters of the Virginia Citizens Defense League. He said the ban was

"a meaningless, toothless law that has virtually no impact on crime... Notwithstanding this 10-year ban of 19 firearms, criminals continue to commit criminal acts; they just do so with other weapons, with other guns, knives or objects."

Currently, Allen is one of the leaders of the move in Congress for repeal of the outrageous anti-gun laws in the District of Columbia, the Nation's Capital City. As a cosponsor of the measure, Allen says it's time to "give the law-abiding citizens of the Capital their constitutional right to protect themselves again."

Recently, Allen was a cosponsor of the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, a proposal to eliminate harassing third-party lawsuits against the firearms industry that passed overwhelmingly in the Senate earlier this year. He said "the U.S. firearms industry has been under assault by legal activists attempting to hold this industry somehow legally responsible for the criminal conduct of others... This legislation will help curb frivolous litigation against a lawful American industry and the thousands of the men and women it employs."

Sen. Allen also cosponsored a proposal by Sen. Jim Bunning of Kentucky to arm cargo pilots. "In the post 9/11 world," he says, "we need to make sure we take every precaution, and one of these commonsense steps is to arm cargo pilots and airline pilots as well."



A scandal involving members of anti-gun Sen. Charles Schumer's staff, working for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, who fraudulently obtained credit information on Maryland's Republican lieutenant governor, demonstrates why Schumer's anti-gun invasive gun control schemes cannot be trusted, says CCRKBA. "Schumer has denied any knowledge about the activities of his research director Katie Barge and staffer Laura Weiner, who reportedly used the social security number of Lt. Gov. Michael Steele in an attempt to find something politically damaging to him," noted CCRKBA Chairman Alan M. Gottlieb. "Schumer should be held to the same standard of accountability for the acts of his underlings as was President Richard Nixon more than 30 years ago. The story reveals how irresponsible Schumer's people would be with the kind of information the New York senator has wanted to amass of gun owners over the years through his invasive gun control schemes."

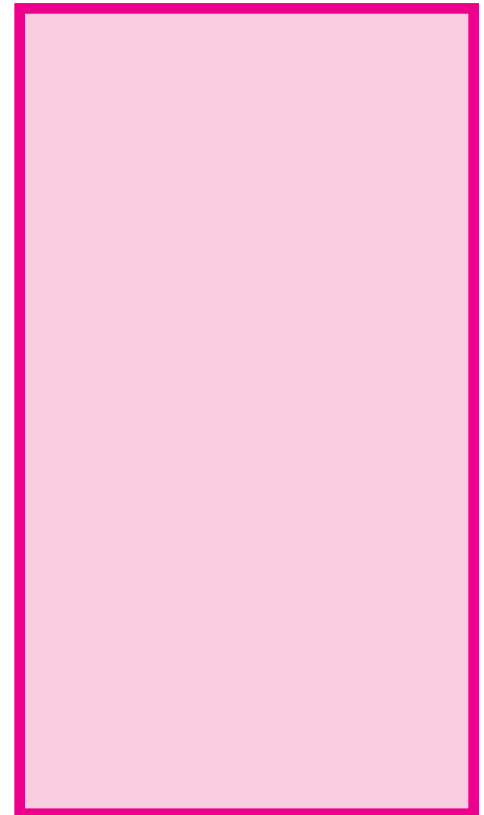
In Washington, D.C., the United States Supreme Court is refusing to block a lawsuit against gun manufacturers over firearm violence in the Nation's Capital. The justices are not interfering with an appeals court ruling that the D.C. government and individual shooting victims can sue gun companies. The suit was filed under a D.C. law providing that gun makers can be held accountable for certain acts perpetrated by third parties with the use of so-called "assault weapons." This is one of a number of cases underscoring the importance of the proposed Protec-

tion of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act since that proposal would eliminate harassing third party lawsuits against the firearms industry. The measure passed overwhelmingly in the Senate last summer but as of this writing still awaited action by the House of Representatives.

A Native-American professor from the University of Oklahoma defended the Second Amendment during a recent speech at Ohio University. "Owning a weapon is a precious freedom," declared David Yeagley, a member of the Comanche Nation. The Ohio University Second Amendment Club and Young America's Foundation sponsored Yeagley's speech, entitled "He Who Takes My Weapon Is My Enemy: An American Indian's View of the Second Amendment." The multi-degreed professor said that, "giving up your gun to someone else on demand is called surrender. It means that you have given up your ability to protect yourself to a power that is greater than you."

Violent and property crime rates in 2004 remained at their lowest levels since the Bureau of Justice Statistics started keeping track in 1973, the U.S. Department of Justice recently announced. Although no significant declines were measured between 2003 and 2004, the rate of every major violent and property crime measured by the survey (rape/sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, simple assault, burglary,

theft, and motor vehicle theft) fell significantly between 1993 and 2004, the Bureau of Justice Statistics said. The report also said the use of firearms in crimes has declined substantially over the last 10 years. Only six percent of violent incidents in 2004 involved the use of a firearm in the commission of a crime, down from 11 percent in 1993. The number of violent crimes involving a firearm was 34 percent lower in 2004 than it was in 2000 and 73 percent lower in 2004 than in 1993. Preliminary 2004 murder estimates from the FBI indicate that the number of murders decreased 3.6 percent from 2003.



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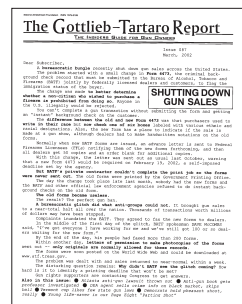
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