

NEVADA *Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association State Report*

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Did you know that WPMA's first trade show was held at the Tropicana Hotel in 1963? The show then moved to the Sahara, Caesars, MGM/Balleys, and finally our current home, The Mirage. Quite a record for our trade association over the last 53 years.

In November, a blue tsunami washed away the 2014 red tide that took Republican control of both houses of the legislature, constitutional officer and a sitting governor. Unlike the majority of states, Nevada went big time blue in the state Senate and Assembly. The new Democratic majority has pledged to undo much of what the Republicans passed in 2015, except, of course, the commerce tax that has caused our members nothing but time, money and frustration.

With Clark County voters going big time for continued indexing, I expect no attempt to index statewide, because voters in the other 15 counties said "no" in November. This session will be about the educational savings accounts and how the Democrats plan to eliminate or means test them.

We are currently tracking 4 bills and 36 bill draft requests (BDRs) which could impact our membership. Of the 36 BDRs, many concern small business legislation we are tracking, and a few have DMV transportation themes; so far no proposed legislation concerning fuels. An anti-fracking bill was just introduced. At our board meeting in Las Vegas in February, directors were asked to determine what the association's position would be on specific bills. A legislative report is prepared and sent to the members of the Board of Directors at the end of each week that the Legislature is in session. If you would like to receive a copy of this report please let Peter know at peter@fuelingnevada.com.

The May 2017 Big Dogs Shootout will be celebrating the association's 40th year of service to our members of the wholesale and retail petroleum industry in Nevada. Our celebration dinner and speaker will be held at the **MOB MUSEUM** in downtown Las Vegas, with the Big Dogs tournament at TPC Las Vegas golf course to challenge our participants. The *Mob Museum* is one of the newest and coolest attractions in Las Vegas, and NPM&CSA will receive the full VIP treatment. We look forward to seeing you there on **MAY 4-5!** Register online now at www.wpma.com/nevada.