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Rural Democrat votes against constituents

DENVER, CO: The Colorado General Assembly continues to fly in the face of the Second Amendment by enacting gun control legislation. This morning the Colorado Senate passed HB07-1174, a bill that extends state tracking of concealed weapons permit holders. HB07-1174 was written by House Republican Al White (Winter Park) and sponsored in the Senate by Fort Collins Democrat Senator Bob Bacon.

Senate observers believed HB07-1174 to be dead when it failed on a 2nd reading vote in the Senate. However Democrat leadership strong-armed the deciding vote, Democrat Senator Gail Schwartz (Snowmass Village) into flip-flopping and voting against the interests of her rural constituents.

"Party politics has taken center stage in the Senate, over the interests of the people of Colorado," stated Senator Scott Renfroe (R - Eaton), a member of the Republican Study Committee of Colorado (RSCC). "It's sad that Senator Schwartz would put the priorities of the gun-grabbing Democrat leadership ahead of representing the rural values of her district."

Earlier this session Senator Renfroe's SB07-69, which would have abolished the centralized database of concealed weapons permit holder's altogether, was killed in committee.

HB07-1011, a bill sponsored by RSCC members Senator Ted Harvey (R-Highlands Ranch) and Representative Cory Gardner (R-Yuma) that would have codify self-defense in your place of business, was also killed in committee.

HB07-1174 was amended in the Senate by Senator Bacon in a vain attempt to make the bill more palatable. The unnecessary database measure now goes back to the House for a vote on concurrence with Senate amendments.

"This bill is big-brother, nanny-government at its worst. The potential for abuse of the database is astronomical," declared Representative Kent Lambert (R- Colorado Springs), RSCC Chairman. "This legislation continues the practice of stigmatizing law-abiding citizens for exercising their constitutional right to protect themselves and their families."

HB07-1174 is part of a long line of anti-Second Amendment bills before the General Assembly this session.

The Senate Appropriations Committee is expected to hear testimony later this week on SB07-109, which would create a new tax on all gun purchases.

"The true irony of this session is that the Democrats accuse conservatives of only caring about God, Gays and Guns. Yet one hallmark of this

session has been a stream of bills introduced by prominent Democrats with an anti-God, anti-gun, and pro-gay slant," concluded Lambert.

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