

Hi, this is Chris Micheli, a principal with the Sacramento Governmental Relations firm of Aprea & Micheli, and Adjunct Professor at McGeorge School of Law in its Capital Lawyering program. Thanks for joining today's podcast on a brief look at legislative publications.

Now while they have the same names and are intended to serve the same purposes, when we look a little bit more closely, there are several keen differences between the Senate and Assembly legislative publications.

The Assembly Daily Journal and the Senate Daily Journal are essentially quite similar because they simply document the major actions of the committees and the floors of each house. However, the Daily Files of the Senate and Assembly, as well as the Weekly Histories of the Senate and Assembly, do have differences. Let's first take a look at the Daily Files.

Essentially, the Daily Files set forth the agendas of the Senate and the Assembly, and they contain information such as committee hearing notices, measures that are eligible for floor action. When an individual picks up a hard copy at the bill room or looks at it online, the Assembly Daily File and the Senate Daily File, they'll notice that they are substantially similar. Nonetheless, to the discerning eye while some items may be the same, other aspects are in fact different. And certainly the order that the information is presented is slightly different. Let's look at the two.

For the Senate Daily File, the following are the contents in order: a listing of the officers of the Senate; the Senate order of business; the members of the Senate - including their names, addresses, and phone numbers; the Senate floor seating chart; standing committee membership; the Committee on Legislative Ethics membership; select committee memberships; subcommittee memberships; joint committee memberships; sub-committees of joint committees membership; then the weekly committee schedule; the legislative calendar; the holiday schedule; next, the committee hearings, and then the floor.

Please note on the Senate floor, the following is the order that bills are considered: Senate second reading; Assembly second reading; reconsideration; unfinished business, often called Concurrences; Senate third reading; Assembly third reading; and consent.

In turning to the Assembly Daily File, the following are its contents in order: Assembly order of business; legislative calendar; Assembly Member, room number, and phone list; standing committee membership; subcommittee membership; select committee membership; special committee membership; joint committee membership; and sub-committees of joint committee membership. Then committee hearings are listed and then floor items.

The following is the order of bills considered on the Assembly floor. Assembly second reading, Senate second reading, unfinished business or concurrences, reconsideration, Assembly third reading, Senate third reading, and consent. Now let's turn to the Weekly Histories.

The Weekly Histories are a publication of both the Senate and the Assembly that provide a comprehensive list of all the actions taken on every single bill is published

weekly by each house. And like the Daily Files, when you pick up a hard copy or you review them on the internet, you'll notice again that the Assembly Weekly History and the Senate Weekly History are substantially similar. Again, there are other aspects that are different, and the order that the information is presented is slightly different.

Let's look in detail of these two publications. The Senate's Weekly History. The following are the contents in order: actions taken, followed by recapitulation, and Senate membership and organization. In terms of actions taken those that are listed in order are: disposition of Senate measures, a table of daily introductions, Senate Bills, Senate Constitutional Amendments, Senate Concurrent Resolutions, Senate Joint Resolutions, and Senate Resolutions, followed by Governor's Appointments, State Bar appointments, Attorney General appointments, the Senate measures listed by author, the Senate measures listed by committee, and finally tribal-state gaming compacts.

Under recapitulation, we list Senate Bills enrolled into the Governor, Senate Bills chaptered and filed, chaptered numbers of Senate and Assembly Bills, Senate Constitutional Amendments that have been chaptered and filed, Senate Concurrent Resolutions chaptered and filed, Senate Joint Resolutions chaptered and filed, Senate Resolutions adopted, chaptered numbers of Senate and Assembly Resolutions, vetoed measures, and finally resolutions adopted relative to the standing rules.

The last item in the Senate Weekly History is the Senate membership and organization in the following order: standing committees of the Senate; Committees on Legislative Ethics, select committees of the Senate; sub-committees of Senate; standing committees; joint committees; sub-committees of joint committees; boards, commissions, and councils; Senators committee board commission and council memberships; and finally a list of Senate members.

Let's now turn to the Assembly weekly history. The following are the contents in order of the Assembly weekly history: Assembly membership and organization, Assembly measures, and the Appendix. Under Assembly membership and organization, its contents are the following order: disposition of Assembly measures, members and officers of the Assembly, diagram of the Assembly chamber, standing committees of the Assembly, general research committees, special Assembly committees, sub-committees of the Assembly standing committees, and finally joint committees.

The next section dealing with Assembly measures are in the following order: Assembly Bills, Assembly Constitutional Amendments, Assembly Concurrent Resolutions, Assembly Joint Resolutions, House Resolutions, tribal and state gaming compacts, Governor's appointments, disposition of Assembly bills, disposition of Assembly Constitutional Amendments, Disposition of Assembly Concurrent Resolutions, disposition of Assembly Joint Resolutions, and finally disposition of House resolutions.

The last section of the Assembly Weekly History is the appendix that lists all Assembly measures listed by authors and the measures listed by original committee reference.

Thanks very much for joining. Hope you enjoyed.