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Special Note for Sportsmen/Women:

- **End of this monthly report contains key contact information** you can use to contact your U.S. Congressman and Senators, state Senators and Assemblyman, Dutchess County legislators and New York groups who support our Second Amendment Right.
- **Mr. Bill Conners** of the Dutchess County Federation of Fish and Game Clubs, author of the **“Outdoor Journal”**, offers to club members who own their own business the opportunity to purchase a “Business Advertisement” for \$50 in the “Journal” by contacting him at 845-635-1606 or conners@billconners.net. The Journal publication reaches many areas through its distribution of 3500 papers.
- **For Dutchess County Federation of Fish & Game Clubs’ Monthly Report** go to: www.dutchessfishandgame.org.
- **New York Outdoor News:** Keep up to date with information for New York State sportsmen/women. Yearly subscription.
www.outdoornews.com/newyork 1-800-535-5191
- **Important site regarding the New York SAFE Act:**www.governor.ny.gov/nysafeact/gun-reform.
- **Important site regarding the New York State Police Field Guide to the NYS SAFE Act:** www.nypdcea.org/pdfs/nysp_safe_act_field_guide

Legislative information:

- **Bills are tracked when Legislature is in session from January through June of each year.** “What to expect in the second year of the two-year session. New York state legislators are elected to a two-year term. On the first day of the 2014 session, most of the 2013 bills which remain active at the end of the year will automatically be carried into the 2014 session, with some exceptions: bills not carried over will include (but are not limited to) those that were chaptered, vetoed, had the enacting clause stricken, or the sponsor is no longer in the Legislature. A bill will retain its bill number

assigned to it in the first year of the two-year session. If a bill only passed its own house last year, it must repass that house again in 2014, before it can advance to the other house. In general, all active bills will be referred to the original committee, with the exception of Assembly bills which passed only the Assembly last year; these bills will be reported to the Assembly's third reading calendar*. *Exception: if an Assembly bill had a "Home Rule Request", that bill will be recommitted, even if it passed the assembly."(Legislative Rules)

- New York State Rifle & Pistol Organization's Legislative Report site contains bills you should be acquainted with; www.NYSRPA.org....then scroll down to their "Legislative Report".
- Very important site: New York State Conservation Council. Look up bills and how members of your Council voted! (WWW.NYSCC.com)

Key Impact Bills:

- **A6534/S4498**-Would allow clubs and preserves to sell ammunition without the restrictions of the SAFE Act. Bill is still in Codes; in other words it has gone to committee for discussion.
- **A06466A/S00090A**-Eliminates the requirement for hunters to wear back tags during hunting season in the state. Currently only the southern zone is required to wear back tags, except the Catskills; the northern zone no longer wears back tags. Currently up for debate in Environmental Conservation.
 - **A08790/S06589**-Relates to any department of environmental conservation management plan regarding mute swans. Passed Assembly & delivered to Senate and referred to Environmental Conservation.
 - **A08857/S06667**-Imposes a moratorium on any plan or proposed plan of the Department of Environmental Conservation to designate the mute swan as a prohibited invasive species or eliminate the mute swan from New York State. Referred to Environmental Conservation.
 - **A07994**-Relates to the Common Core State standards initiative. Note: This bill needs to be repealed; the "Common Core" has re-written the Second Amendment of our Constitution with a negative twist. Currently referred to education.
 - **A03244A/S68A**- Requires semiautomatic pistols manufactured or delivered to any licensed dealer in this state to be capable of micro-stamping ammunition; establishes fines for violations of this requirement and provides for an affirmative defense if the dealer had a certification from the manufacturer. Ordered to third reading rules CAL . 58
 - **A04971A/S1946A**- Amends the definition of all-terrain vehicles to include

certain vehicles of up to 70 inches long and 1500 pounds which consists of a side-by-side passenger configuration for up to three passengers and which include certain safety features. Passed the Senate and delivered to Assembly –approved by the Assembly transportation and codes committee-referred to ways and means committee.

- A3941A- Enacts the children’s weapon accident prevention act; creates crimes of failure to store a weapon safely in the first and second degrees, aggravated failure to store a weapon safely, incredibly negligent storage of a weapon in the first and second degrees; provides affirmative defenses; directs the Commissioner of Education to develop a weapon safety program. Ordered to third reading rules CAL .60

State Concerns:

According to the Outdoor News:

“ A new tool to guide restoration and protection actions to sustain primary habitats in the Hudson River estuary is now available for community groups, government agencies, scientists and conservation organizations, DEC officials announced. The Hudson River Estuary Habitat Restoration Plan identifies four priority habitat types for restoration: intertidal (the area between high and low tide), shallow water, shorelines and tributaries, from the federal dam at Troy to the Tappan Zee Bridge. Officials said those habitats have been degraded or destroyed on a large scale by human action.” “The Habitat Restoration Plan provides a foundation for achieving the Estuary Program’s goal, “DEC Commissioner Joe Martens said. “ “ The work includes restoring tidal wetlands, natural shorelines and shallows, and facilitating fish passage up the Hudson’s tributaries. Restoring healthy habitats provide significant benefits for fish, birds, turtles, crabs, mammals, invertebrate animals and the residents of the Hudson River Valley and New York State.” “ Dating back to the early 1800s a variety of activities damaged habitats in the Hudson River estuary, including dredging of the navigation channel and filling of adjacent wetlands; construction of the railroad along sensitive shoreline habitats; and construction of dams in the tributaries, affecting fish, bird and wildlife populations. In addition, loss of coastal shallows and wetlands has reduced the diversity and productivity of these important natural areas, limiting the Hudson’s ability to adapt to climate change and rapid sea level rise, officials said. Loss of coastal shallows and wetlands also have made coastal communities more vulnerable to flooding and intense storms by removing the natural barriers that protect against weather extremes. The Hudson River Estuary Habitat Restoration Plan is intended for use by community groups, government agencies, scientists, conservation organizations and other organizations throughout the region to plan, carry out and evaluate habitat restoration and protection projects that will improve ecosystem health and resilience and support adaption to sea level rise by river shoreline communities. The plan was developed with input from state and federal regulatory agencies, scientists, natural resource managers and nongovernmental organizations. The plan is available on DEC’s website at:

www.dec.ny.gov/lands/4920.html.”

According to the Poughkeepsie Journal: “It looks as if the taxes on firearms that sportsmen and sportswomen pay may soon yield a new benefit – public shooting ranges. The state Department of Environmental Conservation confirmed it has received a \$10 million federal grant for acquisition of wildlife management areas, and that it is considering as many as three public shooting ranges on the state owned lands. The money comes from federal excise taxes placed on the sale of guns, ammunition and some archery items.... The law requires the tax money be used for wildlife restoration and hunter safety projects.... A state has a set period of time to use the money before it has to give it back and it must match 25% of each grant.... DC expects to begin work on two areas in 2015, with anticipated completion by March 2016. The agency said it is considering sites in the western, central and northern areas of the state. A decision is expected before April 1.”

Federal Concerns:

According to Gun Owners of America:” You probably heard the news already regarding the corrupt anti-gun government funding bill which passed. In the end, even liberal representative Nancy Pelosi balked about supporting the bill, known as Cromnibus. But Boehner was aided by Barack Obama and Joe Biden, who work the phone tirelessly, giddy at the prospect that Boehner would agree to fund Obama’s illegal executive actions on gun control, immigration and anti-gun Obama care. In the end, the Boehner-Obama-Biden team was able to pass the giant \$1.1 trillion anti-gun bill by a vote of 219-206. And 162 House Republicans who campaign by opposing gun control, Obama care, and immigration amnesty dutifully voted to fund all three. Notably, there were 67 Republicans who voted against the anti-gun Cromnibus and they voted no for the right reasons. Now, the bill goes to the Senate, (where it will) be voted on Depending on the resolve of opponents on the right like Ted Cruz and Rand Paul and, ironically, opponents on the left like Elizabeth Warren who have their own problems with the bill. Those of you who have been following our website and/or Facebook will have already seen our analysis of the Cromnibus. As a matter of process, this gigantic bill was hatched in secret and sprung on the American people less than 72 hours before consideration, which was promised by Republicans when they asked us to elect them. This is precisely what the GOP said it would not do if we gave their party control of Congress. As a matter of substance, the bill spends hundreds of millions of dollars to fund Barack Obama’s illegal executive actions on guns. Consider what it does:

1. It fights gun violence with \$1.1 billion and increase of \$53 million. We all know this is a euphemism for gun control, and there is nothing which prevents the administration from using this money to support its anti-gun executive action agenda.
2. The bill increases funds, by \$13 million, for the widely abused NICS system which Obama has spent the last two years trying to expand both through unsuccessful legislation and then through unlawful executive

action. Among the people stripped of their Second Amendment rights by the bill's largesse will be over 175,000 law-abiding veterans. The bill is, thus, a kick in the pants to those who served our country honorably and are counting on you to protect them.

3. The bill rewards the ATF for its illegal Fast and Furious program with an extra \$22 million. Eric Holder has thumbed his nose at Congress with respect to any accountability for this outrageous abuse, and yet the drafters have no problem rewarding him for his contempt of and for Congress.
4. The bill also provides \$73 million for states like New York to impose gun bands when psychiatrists, as a result of its anti-gun SAFE Act, are forced by state law to report their patients, based on subjective determinations with no real due process. Tens of thousands of people may experience unconstitutional gun bands in New York alone, thanks to this bill
5. Moreover, the bill provides \$3 million to encourage Americans to lock up their safety with trigger locks, so that their guns will not be available in connection with a burglary or armed home invasion.
6. Finally, as noted above, the bill fully funds the anti-gun ObamaCare law (which threatens the privacy of millions of gun owners) and the President's illegal executive amnesty (which begins the process of legalizing millions of new anti-gun voters)."

Contact your Senators. Ask them to vote against the anti-gun government funding bill, both on cloture and on final passage (which will probably consist of a vote on concurring with the house amendment). This can be easily accomplished by going onto the Gun Owners of America (GOA) site and look under the action alert section at the top of your screen and then just follow the instructions from their; GOA will put together the letter for you and all you have to do is click it to send it. Just prior to this GOA will ask you some questions so that they have knowledge of who you are.

Legislative Resources:

County Legislature:

www.co.dutchess.ny.us/CountyGov/Departments/Legislature/CLlegislators.htm

New York Senator— 41th District-Sue Serino-serino@nysenate.gov-LOB Room 617, Albany, N.Y. 12247

Lalor, Kieran Michael-Assembly-105th. District-Lalork@assembly.state.ny.us

US Congressman Chris Gibson – 19th District –Gibson.house.gov

Barrett, Didi-Assembly – 106 District-Barrett D@assembly.state.ny.us

New York Senator-40 District- Terrance Murphy- murphy@nysenate.gov-LOB Room 817, Albany, N.Y. 12247

US Congressman Sean Patrick Mahoney-18th. District-Seanmaloney.house.gov

US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand-www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/

US Senator Charles Schumer-www.schumer.senate.gov/contactchuck.cfm

Governor A. Cuomo-www.governor.ny.gov

Tracking State Bill: www.assembly.state.ny.us

www.opencongress.org

Note: public.leginfo.state.ny.us contains Bill text and sponser memorandums; NYS laws also.

www.dos.ny.gov/info/register.htm-NYS Register lists notices of proposed regulations.

Important Phone Numbers:

Governor (518) 474-8390

NYS Senate (518) 455-2800

NYS Assembly (518) 455-4100

White House Opinion Line (202) 456-1111

Congress (202) 225-3121

Senate (202) 224-3121

New York State Support Groups:

Shooters Committee on Political Action (SCOPE): www.scopeny.org

Dutchess County Chapter: Chairman-Dave Warshaw-dwars92711@aol.com

SCOPE Legislative Reports are available at this website.

SCOPE INC, Attention Legal Defense Fund Project (For donations)

P.O. Box 12711

Rochester, NY 14612

Gun Owner's Political Action Committee of Dutchess (GO-PAC): This is a NY Board of Elections registered Pac raising funds to support LOCAL politicians who are friendly to our cause of firearms civil rights. www.go-pacdutchess.org

New York State Rifle & Pistol Association (NRA affiliate): www.nysrpa.org

Note: NYSR&PA Legislative Reports are available at this website.

New York Firearms: www.nyfirearms.com

Very important site: New York State Conservation Council!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Respectfully Submitted,

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