Legislative Committee Spring 2021 Lisa Combs

We had five motions from Transaction and Regulatory to consider, all on wildfire issues. Four were watch positions and one was opposed. We were told that these positions were recommended by the Wildfire Working Group and all passed with little comment.

Two motions came to us from Taxation and both were passed. One was on a Los Angeles County specific taxation board of appeals change, and had to do with the appeals process on water utility increases.

Land Use and Environmental brought a motion to oppose mandates for electrification. The motion was amended to include the words "with a coalition" and "for new construction" and passed. CAR already opposes retrofitting or point of sale all electric requirements.

The only motion to originate out of Legislative was to take a "not real estate related" position on the sale of flavored tobacco products. I'll point out here that the way CAR works is that staff operates from board policy. If there is not existing policy that applies to a new bill, they must ask us for direction. So even if it seems obvious that things like this are not real estate related, we must establish policy so CAR staff can have clear direction in their work.