CALIFORNIA - IT IS WHAT IT IS



ONLY IN CALIFORNIA

Following are a couple of examples of California "Think" and planning.

Example #1:

Under a new California law the only judge of a persons sexual identity is the individual themselves and they can change that identity as often as they choose.

Under this new law, on any given day, a hormonal 15 year old young man can decide that he is now a woman trapped in a mans body. He may now go to his high school, tell them that following this revelation he/she now wants to play on the girls basketball (softball, soccer, etc.) team <u>and</u> demand campus wide access to the girls locker room, showers and restroom facilities.

Under this same law, signed by Governor Brown, the schools <u>must</u> allow and accommodate this request. What other impacted students and their parents may feel about this is of no consideration.

I have no intent to offend those with true Gender identity issues but this law as written will cause considerably more unintended consequences than the writers of the law had the intelligence or common sense to foresee. Our shortsighted Legislature and Governor at work.

Example #2:

Against voter objections, California is now on a path to install the first phase of a High Speed Rail System using some 9 Billion borrowed State and Federal Dollars. The first phase has begun and should be completed in 3-5 years depending on lawsuits, strikes, environmental reports, delays, cost overruns etc.

Upon completion of this first phase, rail passengers will be able to drive some 15 miles west of their small central valley town to a rail station built on government seized, former farmland in the middle of nowhere. Here they can park their car and board the High Speed Train traveling at speeds up to 160 miles per hour for some 28 miles to another rail station located on government seized, former farmland in the middle of nowhere. On arrival at destination station, they can disembark the train and get into another vehicle (friend, family member, bus or cab) and drive some 15 miles east to another small central valley town which, by the the way, is some 28 highway miles from their original point of departure in the small central valley town. Disneyland, eat your heart out.

For those who think this is just another waste of money, Government boondoggle and/or labor union payoff, California residents are promised that at some vague distant future date their grand children, or great-grand children will be able to travel from Los Angeles to San Francisco in about 2 hours on a completed High Speed Rail system that will only cost about 40 Gazillion Dollars to complete and take some 15 -40 years to build. Ticket prices on the High Speed Rail System are hoped to be only a few hundred dollars each way.

Did I mention that you can fly between San Francisco and Los Angeles in about an hour for around \$100 on flights that leave every 30 minutes or so?

Completion of the whole High Speed Rail project is <u>forecast</u> by our governor for 2028 or so (fingers firmly crossed).

Of course, there may be a few delays.

Government negotiators are currently in meetings with Oprah Winfrey about running the future High Speed Train through the front yard of her Malibu mansion which just happens to lie on the only logical coastal route around the mountains between Bakersfield and the Los Angeles basin.

If those talks fail they will begin talks with the Sierra Club about a sort of Ski-Lift operation (still in engineering design stages) to move the train over the mountains or, possibly, a forty mile tunnel through the mountains along the San Andreas Earthquake fault line.

You can't make this stuff up.

I would give more examples but enough food for thought for now.

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