

MEMBER NEWSLETTER



California Legislature Adjourns; Governor Reviews Industry-Relevant Bills

What's happening: The California legislature adjourned their 2026 session on August 31. Two bills relevant to our industry passed the legislature. One bill restricts the use of terms in advertising and labeling indicating sunscreen is reef safe and was signed into law. The other prohibits the use of certain "mass balance" accounting methods for making environmental marketing claims on recycled content of containers and was vetoed by the governor.

Why it matters: Unlike in previous years, we did not see the advancement of any cosmetic specific legislation. Because of this we were able to focus our legislative advocacy efforts in California on educational and informational meetings with committee staff, key legislators and the governor's office. While the legislature was relatively quiet on PCPC issues, there was a significant amount of movement with the regulators.

Bottom line: With a big election coming up in November, there will be a large amount of turnover in the legislature and a new Governor taking the reins. PCPC will remain vigilant in educating new assembly members and staff on the importance of our industry.

Packaging and Claims Knowledge Act Advances to U.S. House of Representatives

What's happening: On September 16, the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce voted to report the Packaging and Claims Knowledge (PACK) Act (H.R. 6832) favorably to the U.S. House of Representatives. The PACK Act, which PCPC continues to advocate for the passage of, would establish a federal framework governing recyclable, compostable, and reusable claims on consumer packaging.

Why it matters: PCPC has advocated for the PACK Act and supported efforts to advance the Recycled Materials Attribution Act (RMAA) because both measures would establish consistent federal standards for key environmental packaging claims, including "recyclable," "reusable," and "compostable." A unified framework would help avoid a patchwork of state requirements while providing greater clarity and confidence for consumers.

Bottom line: Both bills will now proceed to the House floor. With no further votes scheduled this week, neither bill could potentially be considered until the House returns for its "lame duck" post-election session.

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Member Benefit Spotlight

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Why it matters: Starting your CFS applications early can help your team avoid last-minute requests and keep holiday shipments on track.

Bottom line: Use PCPC's CFS program to streamline and simplify the CFS process and get ahead of your holiday export needs.

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