

## LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

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#### **Environmentalists Sue To List Termites As Threatened Species**

**Berkley** – The Environmental Health League filed suit in the 9<sup>th</sup> district court demanding that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service list the California Coastal Termite as a threatened species. The move could require homeowners and builders to mitigate every time a home is treated for termites. “Since the natural habitat of the California Coastal Termite is being cut down because of unyielding growth, it’s vital that the species not be condemned to feed humans insatiable appetite for houses,” said EHL spokesman Halsey Taylor. Lawyers for NAHB are reviewing the court documents and preparing a response.

#### **State Legislator Calls For Mandatory Nail Gun Registration**

**Sacramento** – Assemblywoman Lori Saldania introduced legislation that would require owners of nail guns to register them with the state. Saldania’s bill is in response to a Chico, California 7-11 robbery that involved a nail gun. Saldania says such crimes may increase under the worsening state economy and that nail gun registration could nip the problem in the bud before it gets worse. The Chico 7-11 robbery occurred last month and police were quick to apprehend the suspect after his feet got tangled in the air hose that was connected to his pickup truck in the parking lot.

#### **Green Building Plan Requires 25% Use Of Hemp Products**

**Washington, DC** – The US Council on Green Building Standards supports increased use of hemp products in new construction as part of any new green building policy. Hemp, derived from marijuana plants is thought to be a more durable and easily renewed product. Using more of this for construction would leave less to smoke thereby saving lives and the environment,’ said Council spokesman Cheech Martin.

