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California Policy and Politics This Morning

**Panel Cuts Pay Of California Governor, Lawmakers** -- A state panel on Thursday sent a message about the severity of California's \$15.7 billion budget deficit by approving a 5 percent pay cut for lawmakers and statewide elected officials, including Gov. Jerry Brown. **JUDY LIN** [Associated Press](#) **STEVEN HARMON** in the [San Jose Mercury](#) **JIM SANDERS** in the [Sacramento Bee](#) **PATRICK MCGREEVY** in the [Los Angeles Times](#) **BRIAN JOSEPH** in the [Orange County Register](#) -- 6/1/12

**Green Light For Red-light Camera Bill** -- The California State Senate unanimously passed a bill Thursday that its backers say would protect the rights of drivers by regulating red-light cameras. The bill by state Sen. Joe Simitian, D-Palo Alto, would establish statewide standards for the installation and operation of traffic enforcement cameras and make it easier to challenge tickets. **JASON GREEN** in the [San Jose Mercury](#) -- 6/1/12

**Ad Blitz Ahead Of California Vote On Cigarette Tax** -- A proposal to raise California's cigarette tax by \$1 a pack is emerging as the highest-profile ballot item in Tuesday's primary election amid a barrage of ads on both sides. **VAUHINI VARA** in the [Wall Street Journal](#) -- 6/1/12

**California Awards Contract For Accenture To Run Web System** -- The state has chosen a global information technology giant with a mixed performance history to build the online system needed to run the state's health insurance exchange. **MARK GLOVER** in the [Sacramento Bee](#) **DANIEL WEINTRAUB** [HealthyCal.org](#) -- 6/1/12

**California Bill To Give Attorney General More Power To Probe Financial Crimes Passes** -- Wednesday, lawmakers in both the Assembly and state Senate unanimously passed A.B. 1763 and S.B. 1474, which would give the attorney general's office power to convene a grand jury to investigate and hand down indictments for financial crimes committed in multiple jurisdictions. **ANDREW EDWARDS** in the [San Bernardino Sun](#) -- 6/1/12

**Senators Vote To Give Up Free Tickets To Games, Concerts** -- Under a measure approved Thursday by the state Senate, California lawmakers would no longer be able to accept concert and sports tickets, golf games and other gifts from companies lobbying the Legislature. **PATRICK MCGREEVY** in the [Los Angeles Times](#) -- 6/1/12

**New Top-two Primary's Moderating Effect** -- Initial indications are that California's new