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Representative Smith received our "RED" alert issued in August from a constituent. He is very concerned and will be staying on top of this situation. The DFOW alert system is in place to notify our clubs, members and the public that information pertaining to their interests was received from a credible source. When it is necessary to issue an alert, it is to remind everyone that they should be familiar with your rights as a dog owner/breeder. It is also to remind people to check their local community agendas and minutes to make sure that there have been no changes to the existing dog or zoning codes in their area.

Observing restrictive legislation being introduced in other States regarding animals and breeding, as well as perfectly timed "breeder busts" in conjunction with that legislation, we are very concerned that the same thing could happen here. Times have changed and while banks are notifying you of scammers seeking bank and credit card information, DFOW must advise its members about issues relating to their dogs. DFOW appreciates Representative Smith's efforts to stay abreast of the issues at hand.

In the September 2009 AKC's "Taking Command" newsletter, <http://links.mkt2242.com/servlet/MailView?ms=MjY4OTQwMwS2&r=MTYwMDg0MjM5NwS2&j=NzY2OTQ3OTIS1&mt=1&rt=0> there are many notices regarding legislation throughout the United States. There is one error which was brought to our attention regarding our State bill, AB-250. AB-250 does not provide for illegal search and seizure. This is not legal in our State.

Links to news articles:

Please note that we do not have first hand knowledge of these events. We do not know if animal cruelty or neglect actually occurred. We are using these links for informational purposes only—to show the tie in with recently introduced breeder legislation in those states.

Virginia <http://www.newsleader.com/article/200908250445/NEWS01/908250327>

Indiana: <http://ar-hr.com/2009/08/14/hsus-indiana-a-raid-update/>

South Dakota <http://www.keloland.com/NewsDetail6162.cfm?Id=0,89521>