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Beginning the Thirty-fifth Regular Session of the Legislature of Florida convened under the Florida Constitution as revised in 1968, and subsequently amended, and the 105th Regular Session since Statehood in 1845, at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, Florida, on Tuesday, the 4th of March, A.D., 2003, being the day fixed by the Constitution of the State of Florida for convening the Legislature.

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CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by President King at 10:30 a.m. A quorum present—37:

Mr. President	Dockery	Posey
Alexander	Fasano	Pruitt
Argenziano	Garcia	Saunders
Aronberg	Geller	Sebesta
Atwater	Hill	Siplin
Bennett	Jones	Smith
Bullard	Klein	Villalobos
Clary	Lawson	Wasserman Schultz
Constantine	Lee	Webster
Cowin	Lynn	Wilson
Crist	Margolis	Wise
Dawson	Miller	
Diaz de la Portilla	Peaden	

Excused: Senators Campbell and Carlton

Vacancy in Office: Senator Howard E. Futch, who represented Senate District 26, died in office January 23, 2003. A special election will be held March 25, 2003 to fill the vacancy.

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by the Rev. Doug Mills, First Church of the Nazarene, Tallahassee:

Almighty God, if ever we needed your wisdom and guidance, it is now—as this legislature begins a new session, our world is filled with threats of terrorism and stands on the brink of war. We need your divine intervention and peace. Please deliver the United States of America from harm and evil, and extend your hand of protection upon our military men and women.

As we gather here today, I pray that you will bless these men and women chosen by the people of the great State of Florida to serve as our Senators. You know their needs, their motives, their hopes, their ambitions and their fears. I ask that you will deliver them from personal worries, and give them good health, that they may be able to give themselves completely to the challenges and opportunities before them.

We admit that all of us as citizens of Florida want something for us from this session. Yes, the pressures and promises flow freely. I ask that you will give these Senators the strength to serve, the clarity of understanding, the discernment to sort out and the courage to enact what is in the best interest of all the people of our state. May they recognize that you are concerned about what is said and done here. May they have a clear conscience before God, so they need not fear man.

O God, once again we thank you for the years of service to the State of Florida by the late Senator Howard Futch. If there remain any issues you had placed him in this Senate to do, would you raise up someone to complete the task.

Now, I ask for your special blessing and guidance, wisdom and protection to be upon Senate President Jim King. Enhance his skills and abilities to lead this body in a right and just path. And of course, we also pray for our esteemed Governor, Jeb Bush, and House Speaker, Johnny Byrd, and our Honorable Supreme Court Justices.

I pray this in the name of the God I serve. Amen.

PLEDGE

The Honorable Ron Ray, St. Petersburg Beach, led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mr. Ray is a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor and is past President of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. He served as Special Assistant to the Secretary of Commerce, and as Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Mr. Ray served in various elite military units and assignments, including two combat tours in Vietnam. He served as U.S. European Command Advisor to the Armed Forces of Norway, Italy and Turkey. His decorations include the Medal of Honor, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

The President recognized Dr. Ed Haskell, Jr. who is currently retired and living in Virginia Beach, Virginia, as doctor of the day. His specialty was Family Practice.

The Legislative Clinic is named after Dr. Haskell, who was instrumental in establishing the clinic. Dr. Haskell served the medical needs of legislators in the 1960-70's.

SPECIAL GUESTS

The President introduced the new Lieutenant Governor and former Senate President (1996-2000) Toni Jennings.

The President recognized former Senator, Attorney General Charlie Crist; Chief Financial Officer Tom Gallagher; and former Senator, Commissioner of Agriculture Charles H. Bronson.

The President recognized the following Supreme Court Justices: Chief Justice Harry Lee Anstead, Justice Charles T. Wells, Justice Barbara J. Pariente, Justice R. Fred Lewis, Justice Peggy A. Quince, Justice Raoul G. Cantero III and Justice Kenneth B. Bell.

The President recognized the following former Senate Presidents: Lew Brantley, 1976-78, and his wife, Catherine; Phil Lewis, 1978-80; John Vogt, 1986-88; Gwen Margolis, 1990-92; James Scott, 1994-96, his wife, Janice and daughter, Stacy; and John McKay, 2000-02, and his wife, Michelle.

The President also recognized former Senators John Grant, Curt Kiser, Van Poole, and former Republican Party Chairman Tom Slade.

The President also recognized former Lieutenant Governor Frank Brogan, President of Florida Atlantic University.

The President introduced his father-in-law Spencer Braddock and friend Ann Hodge; his sister-in-law and her husband, Nancy and Carlo Vittorini; and his wife, Linda.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

On motion by Senator Bennett that a committee be appointed to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate was convened and ready to proceed to the business of the session, the President appointed Senators Bennett, Alexander, Argenziano, Margolis and Wilson. The committee was excused.

On motion by Senator Fasano that a committee be appointed to notify the Governor that the Senate was convened and ready to proceed to the business of the session, the President appointed Senators Fasano, Peaden, Villalobos, Smith and Aronberg. The committee was excused.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Honorable James E. "Jim" King, Jr., President

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted HCR 1-**Org.** and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

John B. Phelps, Clerk

By Representatives Ross and Murman—

HCR 1-Org.****—A concurrent resolution providing that the House of Representatives and Senate convene in joint session for the purpose of receiving a message from the Governor.

—was read the first time in full. On motion by Senator Lee, by two-thirds vote **HCR 1-**Org.**** was read the second time by title, unanimously adopted and certified to the House.

COMMITTEES DISCHARGED

The committee appointed to notify the House of Representatives appeared at the bar of the Senate and reported to the President that its duty had been performed. The committee was thanked for its service and discharged.

The committee appointed to notify the Governor appeared at the bar of the Senate and reported to the President that its duty had been performed. The committee was thanked for its service and discharged.

ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT JAMES E. "JIM" KING, JR.

Senators and honored guests, it is my privilege to welcome you to the 105th Regular Legislative Session.

Most speeches delivered by presiding officers on opening day are filled with lists of the presidents' priorities or the challenges facing the Senate throughout the upcoming days of a session. I have some priorities of my own, such as enhancing Florida's role as the lead biomedical research state in the Union, setting the stage for increasing teacher pay, reforming the process of amending our State Constitution, and attracting cleaner industries to Florida that will grow our state's economy.

We will address these issues in the coming 60 days, but the mammoth agenda of legislative challenges we face collectively almost overshadows the individual goals any one Senator, or any Senate President, may have.

We all know what those issues will be this session—we've been dealing with them since Election Day. The high cost of medical malpractice insurance; fixing our broken workers' compensation system; reforming our automobile/PIP insurance program, which is rampant with fraud and abuse; finding funding sources for the judicial changes mandated by Revision 7 to Article V; implementing a host of constitutional amendments, some of which are the largest unfunded mandates in our state's history; and, of course, producing a fair and balanced state budget.

Any one of these issues would constitute a demanding session. To face them all at once, as we are about to do, could be considered a "mission impossible." That feeling is typical at the onset of each Regular Session, and it's typical to once again be hearing speculation that "we'll be running late this year... session won't end in 60 days." More often than not, after weeks of discourse and debate, we collectively find a common ground. We achieve a compromise and we go home. This should be our goal and with the proper mix of "give and take," we can see that it happens. The people of Florida deserve nothing less.

All of us have constituents and relationships on either side of many of the issues we will tackle, and there is no doubt that each of you have been flooded with information and insight detailing that theirs is the only side that can be "right." As those reams of dueling documents flood your offices, I see my role as President of this body as much more of an implementer rather than a dictator; not that anyone could ever dictate to the Senate—although, in the past, some have tried. Particularly in some of the issues that will be contentious, I want to help you find unbiased and factual data, from all sides, so that you can make up your own minds as to the correct cause of action.

Our founding fathers gave us four-year terms for a reason. This body is an important part of the "checks and balances" of government that have made this state so great. We march to our own cadence, perhaps to the chagrin of those who would direct and guide us with their own agendas. We are thoughtful, deliberative, and we are, beyond a doubt, fair and independent-minded. The Senate has never been afraid of taking a position that it feels is the right one; and it has never feared, steadfastly, holding the line on that position once taken.

So I ask each of you to make your decisions based on facts. Sometimes, we get hung up on the politics of an issue. Remember, when you do what is right, everything else works itself out. We have all been sent to Tallahassee because of our ability to make decisions and solve problems and I know, in the end, we will do what is best for all Floridians.

Our state has a long history of success. We have welcomed countless millions of people from across the Earth to our cities, beaches and parks. Our universities have been the sources of discovery of numerous ways to make all of humanity better. And every day, nearly a thousand people—more than in any other state in the Union—come to Florida, wanting to learn, live, work and grow old.

There are some definite advantages to being long in tooth and experienced. There is a certain wisdom that comes with age. After 17 years in the Legislature, I know that there are many ways to avoid legislative gridlock. I have never bought into the premise that it must be "this way or the highway!" That said, I know we can address the problems before us with many varied actions and recommendations. We must not, in fact, will not, be bullied into considering only one option.

There is the possibility—rather, a probability—that no matter what we decide, no matter what our actions, there will be many who will claim we went in the wrong direction. We will just have to take that chance, knowing that we did what we—the Senate—thought was right. We'll hope that history proves our actions to be the right ones.

In order for our state to continue its quest for excellence in education, continue the downward trend in the crime rate, and continue in our quest of protecting our children, our elderly, and our most vulnerable citizens, each of us should rightfully be expected to shoulder some personal burden and to make some professional sacrifices. We are not a bankrupt state, neither fiscally nor intellectually, and most of our citizens enjoy more than just mere subsistence. I truly believe that most Floridians would gladly offer a helping hand if they knew that by doing so they would be helping those who are truly deserving and by making sure the fiscal decisions we make don't find us being penny wise and dollar foolish.

This Senate is also committed to living within its means, but by no means will this Senate forget about the needs of our most vulnerable citizens and by no means will this Senate leave any Floridian behind.

One thing is certain, while many people may be concerned as to how this session will end and how two seemingly different chambers will come to consensus—I am not. I will not allow partisanship and political gamesmanship to impede progress. I know that the other chamber and our Governor understand that the fine art of politics is the fine art of give and take. We understand that the best public policy occurs when we all come together.

Some have written that my management style is one of accommodation and negotiation and that is true, but I also know how to fight. I do not expect the Senate to always prevail in the upcoming legislative battles, but neither do I intend to come away from the negotiations without the beliefs and issues of each Senator and the people they represent being made an integral part of the solution.

When history looks back on our time in this Legislative Session, may it record that we faced the challenges handed us with a determination to uphold our duty as Senators. Let it state that we debated the issues of the day passionately and yielded to our colleagues' differing views with respect and compromise. But most of all, may history reflect that we faced these demands on our state by relying on our greatest attribute, the one that has made us great for nearly two centuries, let it record that we acted first and foremost as Floridians, a people who find strength in their diversity and who always see the possibilities beyond the horizon.

Although we are gathered today to discuss the state of the Senate, let us keep in mind that, ultimately, our state is but a part of a great nation—which is part of a large world—a world that finds itself at the brink of war. Let it be known from this chamber that our heartfelt prayers are being sent to our soldiers throughout the world—brave men and women who are ready at a moments notice to defend everything we stand for.

So as I close, and as we begin the 2003 Session, I ask that all Senators join me in a toast. On your desks you will find one of our most famous resources, "Fresh from Florida" orange juice. Please stand and raise your glasses and join me in this toast:

"To the Florida Senate, may our hearts be filled with compassion, our minds sharpened with knowledge, our characters strengthened by dogged determination, and may our Session calendars not extend into June or July!"

God bless us all, and the people we serve as well. Thank you.

COMMITTEE RECEIVED

A committee from the House of Representatives composed of Representatives Berfield, Troutman, Robaina, Poppell and McInvale was received and informed the Senate that the House of Representatives was convened and ready to proceed to the business of the session. The committee then withdrew from the chamber.

MOTIONS RELATING TO COMMITTEE REFERENCE

On motion by Senator Pruitt, by two-thirds vote **SB 744, SB 746, SB 748, SB 750, SB 752, SB 754, SB 756, SB 758, SB 760, SB 762, SB 764, SB 766, SB 768, SB 770, SB 772, SB 774, SB 776, SB 778, SB 780, SB 782, SB 784, SB 786, SB 788, SB 790, SB 792, SB 794, SB 796, SB 798, SB 800, SB 802, SB 804, SB 806, SB 808, SB 810, SB 812, SB 814, SB 816, SB 818, SB 820, SB 822, SB 824, SB 826, SB 828, SB 830, SB 832,**

SB 834, SB 836, SB 838, SB 842, SB 844, SB 850, SB 852, SB 854, SB 856, SB 858, SB 860, SB 864, SB 866, SB 868, SB 870, SB 872, SB 874, SB 876, SB 878, SB 880, SB 882, SB 886, SB 888, SB 890, SB 892, SB 894, SB 896, SB 898, SB 900, SB 902, SB 904, SB 906, SB 908, SB 910, SB 912, SB 914, SB 916, SB 918, SB 920, SB 922, SB 926, SB 928, CS for SB 930, SB 932, SB 936, SB 938, SB 940, SB 942, SB 944, SB 948, SB 950, SB 952 and SB 954 were withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations.

On motion by Senator Lee, by two-thirds vote **SB 2** was withdrawn from the Special Master; and the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; and Finance and Taxation; and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar; **SB 4** was withdrawn from the Special Master; and the Committees on Agriculture; and Finance and Taxation; and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar; **SB 6** was withdrawn from the Special Master; and the Committee on Finance and Taxation; and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar; **SB 8** was withdrawn from the Special Master; and the Committees on Education; and Finance and Taxation; and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar; **SB 10** was withdrawn from the Special Master; and the Committee on Finance and Taxation; and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar; **SB 12** was withdrawn from the Special Master; and the Committees on Transportation; and Finance and Taxation; and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar; **SB 14** was withdrawn from the Special Master; and the Committees on Agriculture; and Finance and Taxation; and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar; **SB 16** was withdrawn from the Special Master; and the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; and Finance and Taxation; and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar; **SB 22** was withdrawn from the Special Master; and the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; and Finance and Taxation; and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar; **SB 24** was withdrawn from the Special Master; and the Committees on Transportation; and Finance and Taxation; and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar; **SB 32** was withdrawn from the Special Master; and the Committee on Finance and Taxation; and referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar; **SB 180** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules and Calendar; and referred to the Special Master; and the Committees on Education; and Finance and Taxation; **SB 182** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules and Calendar; and referred to the Special Master; and the Committees on Education; and Finance and Taxation; **SB 214** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules and Calendar; and referred to the Special Master; and the Committees on Transportation; and Finance and Taxation; **SB 352** was withdrawn from the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar; and referred to the Committees on Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations; **SB 360** was withdrawn from the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar; and referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations; **SB 534** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules and Calendar; **SB 538** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules and Calendar; **SB 604** was withdrawn from the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations; and referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Children and Families; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations; **SB 742** was withdrawn from the Committees on Regulated Industries; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar; and referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations; **SB 146** was withdrawn from the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations; and referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations; **SB 164** was withdrawn from the Committees on Transportation; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations; and referred to the Committees on Transportation; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations; **SB 1018** was withdrawn from the Committee on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; and referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation

and Economic Development; and Appropriations; **SB 694** was withdrawn from the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations; and referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations; **SB 1114** was withdrawn from the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Children and Families; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations; and referred to the Committees on Children and Families; Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations; and **SB 726** was withdrawn from the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations; and referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

MOTIONS

On motion by Senator Lee, the rules were waived and by two-thirds vote Trust Fund Bills **SB 744, SB 746, SB 748, SB 750, SB 752, SB 754, SB 756, SB 758, SB 760, SB 762, SB 764, SB 766, SB 768, SB 770, SB 772, SB 774, SB 776, SB 778, SB 780, SB 782, SB 784, SB 786, SB 788, SB 790, SB 792, SB 794, SB 796, SB 798, SB 800, SB 802, SB 804, SB 806, SB 808, SB 810, SB 812, SB 814, SB 816, SB 818, SB 820, SB 822, SB 824, SB 826, SB 828, SB 830, SB 832, SB 834, SB 836, SB 838, SB 842, SB 844, SB 850, SB 852, SB 854, SB 856, SB 858, SB 860, SB 864, SB 866, SB 868, SB 870, SB 872, SB 874, SB 876, SB 878, SB 880, SB 882, SB 886, SB 888, SB 890, SB 892, SB 894, SB 896, SB 898, SB 900, SB 902, SB 904, SB 906, SB 908, SB 910, SB 912, SB 914, SB 916, SB 918, SB 920, SB 922, SB 926, SB 928, CS for SB 930, SB 932, SB 936, SB 938, SB 940, SB 942, SB 944, SB 948, SB 950, SB 952, SB 954;** and Reviser's Bills **SB 580, SB 582, SB 584, SB 586** and **SB 588** were established as the Special Order Calendar for Wednesday, March 5.

MOTIONS RELATING TO COMMITTEE MEETINGS

On motion by Senator Lee, the rules were waived and the Committee on Judiciary was granted permission to meet this day; and the Committees on Communication and Public Utilities; Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Transportation; Agriculture; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Regulated Industries were granted permission to meet March 5 as published in the calendar.

ADOPTION OF SENATE RULES

On motion by Senator Lee, the revision to Rule 2.1(1) were adopted.

On motions by Senator Lee, the revisions to Rule 2.15(3) and Rule 2.39 were adopted by two-thirds vote.

[Rules Summary and full text of Senate Rules, as adopted, beginning on page 115.]

MOTIONS

Senator Lee moved that following the joint session, the Senate stand in recess for the purpose of holding committee meetings and conducting other Senate business until Wednesday, March 5 at 10:00 a.m. The motion was adopted.

(See remainder of Senate business following the joint session.)

JOINT SESSION

Pursuant to **HCR 1-Orig.**, the Senate formed in processional order and marched in a body to the chamber of the House of Representatives where it was received in due form. The joint session was called to order by The Honorable Johnnie Byrd, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The Lieutenant Governor, members of the Cabinet and Justices of the Supreme Court were received and seated.

The Speaker invited Senator King, President of the Senate, and Senator Diaz de la Portilla, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, to the rostrum and requested the President to preside over the joint session.

THE PRESIDENT PRESIDING

The President declared a quorum of the joint session present.

Father Eric Dudley, Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Tallahassee, delivered the prayer.

The Honorable Ron Ray, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

On motion by Representative Cantens that a committee be appointed to notify the Governor that the joint session was assembled to receive his message, the President appointed Senators Lee, Pruitt, Diaz de la Portilla, Smith and Lawson; and on behalf of the Speaker, appointed Representatives Planas, Murzin, Llorente, Audrey Gibson, and Brown. The committee withdrew from the chamber.

The committee appointed to wait upon the Governor subsequently returned to the chamber escorting His Excellency, The Honorable Jeb Bush, Governor, who was escorted to the rostrum.

SPECIAL GUESTS

The President recognized the following guests: First Lady Columba Bush; Linda King, wife of President King; and Melane Byrd, wife of Speaker Byrd.

The President presented the Governor to the joint assembly.

ADDRESS BY GOVERNOR JEB BUSH

President King, Speaker Byrd, Members of the Legislature, honored guests and my fellow Floridians, good morning.

Let me begin by saluting the 14 new Senators and 30 new Representatives who join us today. This morning represents a new beginning for all of us, but it is also a moment of particular joy and fulfillment for you and your families. Congratulations.

This is the first State of the State address of an exciting new term for me, but it's also the last with my good friend and partner Frank Brogan. Frank, you have worked so hard on behalf of our people, much of it in cooperation with these legislators. I am so happy for you and Courtney, but you will be greatly missed.

I could never replace Frank Brogan's energy and sense of humor, but I was proud to find someone who shares his passion and love for our people. Toni Jennings, thank you so much for agreeing to serve as the 16th Lieutenant Governor of Florida.

I love new faces and new ideas. But I know wisdom is needed as well. Believe me, you begin to appreciate wisdom a lot more once you turn 50!

But the people changed our constitution to put new faces in this chamber because they recognized that wisdom is not attained through years of tenure in elected office. It comes from raising a family. It comes from running a business. It comes from investing time and talent in the communities we call home.

That kind of wisdom teaches us to look forward with joyful expectation to all the promise and opportunity of the future. But it also teaches us to be practical, to judge soberly what we must do today.

My friends, we cannot appreciate the State of our State without recognizing first that our nation is in a state of war. American military forces are even now preparing to confront and overthrow a dictator who has oppressed his own people and threatened the world by supporting terrorism and building weapons of mass destruction. His defiance of the world cannot stand.

We pray for the success of our military forces, especially because so many of those serving are Floridians. More than forty two hundred members of the Florida National Guard are now on active duty here at home and around the world.

We honor all our military personnel, and I feel particularly proud of the men and women who serve in our National Guard.

As their Commander-in-Chief, I know how much we count on the Guard to respond to wildfires and floods; to protect our airports, seaports and other sensitive areas since September 11th; and to serve our communities, especially our youth.

I also am proud of the Guard because they live in every corner of our state and lead civilian lives of great purpose and distinction. In fact, 20 percent of them work in government at the state or local level.

And one of them serves as a Florida legislator. Representative Carey Baker is a small business owner from Mt. Dora. He has also been a National Guardsman since 1981 and currently serves as the First Sergeant in A-company, 2nd battalion, 124th infantry regiment, and was called up to active duty on December 28th.

Although his desk in this chamber remains empty this morning, First Sergeant Baker sent a message via video to you, his colleagues. He spoke from Fort Stewart, Georgia before his unit was deployed overseas. Here is a portion of his message:

REPRESENTATIVE BAKER:

Hello, everybody. This certainly is a different business suit than what you are used to seeing me in, but it's definitely appropriate for the task at hand. I've been here for four weeks now, and it's been cold, real cold. The training has been intense. We've had men suffer injuries, sickness, cold and fatigue. But for sure I don't know one of them that would change it if they could. It is so inspiring to see these hundreds and hundreds of men and women that have given up their families and their professional lives to fight for our safety, defend our freedoms and preserve our futures. I've got a job to do, and you've got a job to do. Let's do them the best they can possibly be done. Let's do it for our families, and let's do it for freedom. Thank you for your thoughts, your prayers and your help. May God bless each and every one of you, and the people of the great state of Florida, and the people of this nation, the United States of America.

Thank you, Carey.

Speaker Byrd and President King, I encourage you to ensure that every legislator has an opportunity to see his full message.

I also would like to salute Carey Baker's family—his wife Lori and his five-month-old son Leighton—who are joining us today.

Like thousands of Florida families, you have sent a loved one overseas to serve the cause of freedom. Thank you for your incredible sacrifice to serve our nation.

Members of the Legislature, we were elected to serve and to lead the 16 million people who are proud to call Florida home. But Carey Baker reminds us that some of our people are not home in their beloved state at this hour.

They are risking their very lives because they believe, as all Americans do, in the power of new beginnings. They believe in a renewal of American resolve and sacrifice.

We must put our faith and trust in the power of new beginnings. Some of our tasks we must undertake urgently, as we do when storm clouds gather on the horizon. Others we must embrace for the sake of future generations, planting seeds that grow slowly, but which will bear fruit for years to come.

I have every confidence that Florida remains the land of big dreams. Ponce de Leon was convinced that a fountain of youth lay somewhere among our oaks and pines and palms.

But Floridians have never needed a magic fountain to accomplish their dreams.

Our creativity, vision and perseverance will allow us to meet the challenges of the present day, as well as realize all the potential of the days to come.

That is who we are. That is what we're about. That, my friends, is the State of our State!

We must first tackle those issues that need the most urgent attention.

Chief among these is anticipating the impact that war will have on our economy, and on the livelihoods and safety of our people.

Remember that after the terrorist attacks of September 11th, we did more than merely mourn the loss of our countrymen in New York, Washington DC, and Pennsylvania. Working together, we took action.

We shored up our important tourism industry through a \$20 million commitment for Visit Florida. We created Operation Paycheck to retrain laid-off workers for new jobs in high demand sectors of our economy. We made domestic security a priority by funding a broad array of measures that have increased the safety of every Floridian and every visitor to our state.

We did all this in a very short timeframe, and with remarkable success.

With the same vision and resolve, we must now work together again. We must create a contingency plan that will allow us to take action quickly if we need to do so.

To strengthen our economy, for example, we should support our vital tourism industry, in part by marketing in-state travel opportunities for our own residents. We must also shift our economic development efforts—including through Enterprise Florida—to focus more aggressively on business retention and expansion.

While we cannot expect the federal government to make our challenges go away, we must take full advantage of all the assistance Washington has already offered. We must aggressively pursue federal dollars, not only for defense and homeland security, but also for job training, transportation and Small Business Administration loans.

Together, these bold steps will provide greater economic security for our working families.

Of course, we must expand our domestic security efforts in all areas as well. Being a model for the nation is gratifying, but that is not our goal. Our goal is to ensure that the Sunshine State remains a safe place for all our people and all our visitors.

Additional economic and domestic security efforts will require additional funding from this Legislature in the current year.

Because this is a one-time urgent need for our people, I propose creating a contingency fund of \$40 million, drawn from the nearly \$3 billion in reserves we have built up over the last four years. Our state reserves should not be utilized recklessly, and I hope we do not have to use them at all. But creating this fund will help our state respond quickly to the urgent economic and domestic security priorities that may arise.

This does not mean I believe we should abandon the principles of fiscal discipline. Far from it.

Despite these accelerated expenditures, our state government must live within its means and not put additional burdens on Florida's working families during this difficult time.

In fact, I want to commend you for conforming Florida's corporate tax depreciation schedule to the President's economic stimulus package for the current year. Instead of decreasing revenues, this encouraged investment. Corporate tax revenues are expected to rise by over 20 percent during the next fiscal year and over the long term will be a significant boost to our state budget. Thank you for your leadership and your vision.

We must learn from the example of other states that have tried to tax and spend their way to prosperity. It's not working.

Despite the big hit to our tourism industry following September 11th, our state budget still grew that fiscal year as did, for example, our commitment to public education. In the current year, we are one of only three states to significantly increase K-12 spending. We've done this because fiscal discipline—and tax relief—helped our economy rebound quickly from September 11th.

We must also acknowledge that our efforts to strengthen our economy and protect our people are hampered by expensive constitutional amendments, especially the high-speed rail and class size amendments.

Make no mistake. The people voted for these two amendments, and we have a constitutional obligation to implement them. My budget recommendations implement Year One of the class size amendment, and we are moving forward with bids for Phase One of the high-speed rail amendment as well.

We must also keep in mind that the voters had two noble and enduring objectives in speaking through these amendments: to improve education and transportation infrastructure in our state.

But even without our urgent new priorities, high-speed rail and the class-size amendment are making funding decisions extremely painful. The budget I proposed in January demonstrated the severity of cuts that are necessary to implement only Year One of the Class Size amendment.

That's only the beginning. We cannot fully implement these amendments solely by cutting spending. State costs for the first phase of high-speed rail could be up to \$2.7 billion and up to \$12 billion for full implementation. The class-size amendment costs will be even higher.

So I believe we must go back to the voters and have them make a decision with all the information in hand, information about the new challenges our state faces, and information about the massive tax increases that will be necessary to pay for them.

On a broader note, I believe it is high time that we reformed the ballot initiative process.

Don't get me wrong, I believe in direct democracy, and I would support a process through which our people could propose state laws, in addition to constitutional amendments. However, I also believe that checks and balances must be incorporated as well, just as they are among our three branches of government.

The bottom line is that pregnant pigs don't belong in our state constitution, and I believe sensible reforms of the initiative process are long overdue.

I understand that what I am asking this Legislature to do is very difficult. Creating an effective economic stimulus package on short notice is difficult. Maintaining fiscal discipline by not raising taxes is difficult. Asking voters to reconsider amendments, and reforming the ballot initiative process itself, is difficult. Sacrificing individual projects that are dear to each of us, is difficult.

But these difficulties should not deter us from thinking long-term, and beginning the work that will transform our state for decades to come.

I have identified three broad areas that I believe offer the most potential for statewide renewal. I ask you to join me in realizing this enormous long-term potential, in reading, economic diversification and supporting Florida's families.

Reading must and shall be an enduring core value of our state.

Reading is a child's first subject. Reading is the foundation for future learning in all other disciplines. Reading opens a world of opportunity for the disadvantaged. And reading is simply a joy, a gift of thoughts and ideas and stories that spark the imagination and warm the human heart.

I want to thank every Floridian who has supported our Just Read, Florida! initiative. Through public-private partnerships, we have seen parents, mentors and whole communities embrace our goal of having every Florida child reading on grade level or better by 2012.

These efforts reinforce what we are now teaching in the classroom. So my greatest thanks are offered to Florida's teachers, teachers who are using the latest, research-based methods to teach reading and help every child reach his or her potential.

One of those teachers joins us today. Her name is Carrie Walker from Wahneta Elementary School in Winter Haven. Carrie was a second grade teacher for 33 years before she originally retired, but this dedicated teacher is now back in the classroom part-time, teaching reading to 21 at-risk children in grades two through five.

Carrie believes that every child can learn, regardless of ethnicity or socio-economic status. She believes in holding children to high standards

and encouraging them to meet those standards. She develops an individual reading plan for each of her students, always trying different intervention strategies to ensure that every child becomes a reader.

Carrie uses research-based teaching strategies, she uses assessments, she uses technology, and most of all she uses her heart. She feels she was born to serve children. She says, "Teaching is in me, I can't get it out." She even tutors her own family members and children from her church in her free time.

Carrie achieved remarkable results among her second graders, but her work this year among her at-risk students is especially impressive. 20 of her 21 students speak English as a second language, and 15 are recent immigrants to our great country.

Yet despite these challenges, Carrie is helping them make tremendous progress. She started them off with basic vocabulary and phrases, and now all of them are reading. These children are catching up, they are making progress, and it's because they have an excellent teacher who cares about each one of them.

Carrie is just one of the many dedicated teachers in our state who are committed to producing the next generation of readers. Carrie, please stand and let us honor you for your efforts.

Members of the Legislature, I ask you to continue to support Just Read, Florida! through 30 million state dollars next year. These funds will help train even more teachers to be as effective as Carrie Walker, and will also help expand reading programs in the upper grades.

I also urge your support for the \$27 million increase in funding I have requested for the Excellent Teacher Program. Working together, we are on our way to making Florida lead the nation in the number of national board certified teachers.

I also ask you to prioritize economic diversification.

We should be proud of the work we have done together to create a business-friendly economic climate in Florida. Low taxes and less cumbersome regulation have led to remarkable job growth despite September 11th and the national economic downturn.

In fact, we created over 64,000 jobs last year, more than any other state, and over half a million jobs since January 1999. We should be immensely proud that so many of our people today are breadwinners.

Nevertheless, we must continue to break down barriers to job growth if we want our state to lead the coming national economic recovery. In anticipation of this greater opportunity overall, I urge you to address two issues that continue to place Florida at a competitive disadvantage with other states: Workers Compensation and Medical Malpractice.

7.2 million Floridians are gainfully employed in our state, many of them in jobs that involve taking risks that can result in injury and disability. This may be hard for us in public life to relate to, as the biggest injury we politicians suffer is usually a bruised ego!

But workers do get injured on the job in Florida. Nearly 75,000 workers suffered some kind of injury last year, from minor injuries to full paralysis. That's why Florida's Workers Compensation laws exist—to provide benefits to injured workers funded by premiums paid by employers. It's a good idea, and in principle it's the same idea that's been enacted in every state in the nation.

However, Florida's Workers Compensation is not working well, especially in comparison with other states. Florida's employers pay premiums that are among the highest in the nation, yet Florida's workers receive statutory benefits that are among the lowest. Our costs for permanent total disability claims are almost three times the national average. Our medical costs for permanent partial disability are nearly twice the national average.

I urge you to pass a Workers Compensation reform package that reflects the good work completed by our task force. We should increase benefits for injured workers as they are recovering. We should establish a process that expedites—rather than delays—medical treatment. We should also ensure that medical experts—not lawyers—diagnose injuries and direct care.

We must create incentives for employers to improve safety at Florida's workplaces, as well as allow injured workers to receive medical care more quickly, and therefore recover and return to work faster.

Members of the Legislature, let's get this done. Reform is needed, there's broad agreement on how to do it, let's get it done for our workers and for our employers.

I urge you also to pass Medical Malpractice Reform.

The high cost of medical malpractice insurance—or the lack of it altogether—has created a crisis in our state. This crisis is not about costs, although ours are among the highest in the nation. This crisis is about the quality and availability of health care for our people.

Orlando Regional Hospital will no longer accept head and multiple-trauma victims because it can no longer guarantee emergency neurosurgery coverage. Three hospitals in the Tampa Bay area have closed their Obstetrics units, leaving women with fewer choices and less access. Wait times for mammography services have more than tripled. Many physicians have left our state, and many others, especially in South Florida, are practicing with no liability insurance at all.

To illustrate how this crisis impacts patients, I'd like to share with you a story about a young woman from Central Florida whom I'll call Anna. Anna had been trying for five years to have a baby, and late last year finally became pregnant.

She made an appointment with a doctor, but the group's entire practice closed up shop and moved to another state before she could get care. They said high premiums forced them to leave Florida.

So Anna made an appointment with a different doctor, but was turned away again, this time because the practice became so busy that they were no longer accepting new patients.

Weeks after first seeking care, Anna did eventually see a doctor named Armando Fuentes. Anna didn't show up alone. Her husband, her parents, even her in-laws were there. They were all so excited about the new addition to their family.

After the exam, however, Dr. Fuentes had to inform Anna and her family that her baby had already died in her womb. Anna had gestational diabetes, an easily treatable condition that went untreated in her case because she did not have ready access to a physician.

After Anna and her family left, Dr. Fuentes broke down and cried, frustrated that a young woman received medical treatment too late to save her baby.

Dr. Fuentes joins us today. Sir, let us thank you for your commitment to your patients and for continuing to stay in Florida to treat them.

Anna's story demonstrates that Floridians are already losing access to the medical care they need, because of the high cost of malpractice insurance.

Make no mistake: medical malpractice is very serious. Physicians, nurses, hospital workers and other providers should be held to the highest of standards, and those who commit negligence should be held accountable. But under our current system, less than half of the premium dollar even goes to the victim, after the lawyers, witnesses, taxes and administrative costs are paid.

That's why I favor comprehensive Medical Malpractice reform modeled on the work of the Academic Task Force composed of University leaders. We should improve quality, monitor outcomes, and discipline providers who commit negligence. We should also enact a \$250,000 cap on non-economic damages. This cap will limit runaway verdicts and prevent more talented and dedicated caretakers from leaving our state.

Members of the Legislature, the problem with our current Workers Compensation and Medical Malpractice systems is not that they are too expensive—though they are. Our current systems limit opportunity and access that make Florida such a wonderful place to work and live.

I urge you to address both of these issues so that we can move forward on all the paths open to us to diversify our economy. These include creating more high-tech jobs based on our Centers of Excellence and our

worldwide leadership in simulation, laser optics, and many other high-tech fields. They also include making Florida the home of the Permanent Secretariat of the Free Trade Area of the Americas. And they could mean using the Defense Department's Base Realignment and Closure process to cement Florida's position as a haven not only for military forces and defense-based contracting, but also for defense-related R&D and homeland defense innovation.

Reading and Economic Diversification remain two of my top priorities for my second term, but each of them is closely related to the third, which is supporting families and communities.

Over the past four years, I have seen how strong families make state programs less necessary, and how partnerships within strong communities make state programs work better.

But this vision really isn't about state programs at all. It's about the bonds of love and faith and friendship that our people make with each other.

This truth was brought home to me once again last month. To help honor Valentine's Day, Columba and I had a few friends over for dinner. They were a few of the many thousands of couples in our state who have been married for over 50 years.

These folks reinforced in me the conviction that the power of government is nothing compared with the power of the human heart. Their stories of commitment to each other and to their communities were so inspiring that I just had to share one of them with you.

Here are Bob and Billie Milner, they've been married 55 years, and they live right here in Tallahassee:

BOB AND BILLIE MILNER:

BILLIE MILNER: Marriage means being together, raising our family, loving each other, and it's our life.

BOB MILNER: I could look the world over and not find what I found when I found this girl.

BILLIE: And other people can see the way that you live, and the way that you treat each other.

BOB: Heaven knows what I would be otherwise, if I had not met her, married her, followed her leadership.

BILLIE: We put God first. He's supreme. And then you love each other devotedly, and others unselfishly.

BILLIE: When things are going kind of bad, you know, and sometimes at night you can't sleep, worried about things, so first of all I pray, then I get up and make cookies.

BILLIE: And people think of us as, you know, Billie and Bob, it's never just one or the other. Love first, and then commitment. We have faced adversities, because we work together, and we have each other to depend on, rely on, and to know that they're there for us. That's the way it should be in a marriage.

Bob and Billie also join us this morning. Would you two lovebirds stand, please?

I know what you're all thinking—the Milners look so young, maybe Ponce de Leon was on to something after all!

Stories like the Milners make me appreciate my own marriage even more. Columba, our entire state honors you for your commitment to arts education, and to fighting substance abuse and domestic violence. But I thank you simply for being my friend, for being with me during good times and bad. I couldn't do this without you. Thank you.

The Milners remind us that the strongest need in our society—and the greatest power of the human heart—is love. And government cannot love. It can protect and it can punish and it can tax and it can lend a hand. But government cannot love.

I ask you to join me in using your own "bully pulpits" to help nurture families and communities through love. Long-term, this will have a more positive impact on the future prosperity and happiness of our people than any government program ever conceived.

These, then, are the opportunities that are open to us. We must meet our present challenges head-on during this time of war. And we must also continue to look to the horizon, to help foster a society built on human compassion rather than government largess.

Many people look to government during times of crisis and uncertainty, and rightly so. But as government leaders, who should we turn to for hope and inspiration?

To me, there are three sources of inspiration that can help comfort and strengthen us in the days ahead, and give us hope for the years to come.

The first is our great history. America is a nation of pioneers and adventurers. Our own state history begins with intrepid explorers in a new world, and continues today with enormous courage—and sometimes enormous sacrifice—from our astronauts in the limitless expanse of the stars. When in doubt, our history can guide us.

Secondly, I am inspired by our very own people. No one should think that great Americans lived only long ago. I have always trusted in the wisdom and common sense of our people, but since September 11th I have also been inspired by their courage, and by their compassion.

I invited a handful of Floridians to attend this address, and graciously they have allowed me to share their stories. But there are 16 million stories out there, each one a testament to the enduring truth that as long our people are free, we can accomplish anything.

Lastly and most importantly, we turn for inspiration to the face of God. We live in difficult times, but no times are too difficult for Him.

With pride in our history, with confidence in each other, and with faith in Almighty God, we eagerly renew our commitment to the future of our beloved state of Florida.

Thank you.

DISSOLUTION OF JOINT SESSION

Following the Governor's address, the committee previously appointed escorted the Governor from the rostrum and from the House chamber, followed by the Lieutenant Governor, members of the Cabinet and Justices of the Supreme Court.

On motion by Senator Lee, the joint session was dissolved at 12:43 p.m. and the Senators were escorted from the House chamber by the Senate Sergeant at Arms.

(Remainder of Senate Business taken up prior to joint session.)

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF BILLS

FIRST READING

By Senator Sebesta—

SB 2—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Joseph G. Donahey, Jr., and Tena Donahey, his spouse; providing an appropriation to compensate them for injuries received by Joseph Donahey, Jr., and for damages sustained by Mr. and Mrs. Donahey as a result of the negligence of the Board of Regents of the State of Florida; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master; and the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 4—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Laura D. Strazza; providing an appropriation to compensate her for injuries she sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master; and the Committees on Agriculture; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Lawson—

SB 6—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Escambia County; providing for the relief of Clyde Kilpatrick; authorizing and directing Escambia County to compensate Clyde Kilpatrick for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of Escambia County; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master; and the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Lawson—

SB 8—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Escambia County; providing for the relief of Bronwen Dodd; authorizing and directing the District School Board of Escambia County to compensate Ms. Dodd for personal injuries that she suffered due to the negligence of an employee of the school board; providing for attorney's fees and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master; and the Committees on Education; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Wasserman Schultz—

SB 10—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the City of Hialeah; providing for the relief of Jose Pena, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Carmen Pena, deceased, and individually, as surviving father of Katherine Pena and Richard Pena, deceased minor children of Carmen Pena and Jose Pena; providing for the relief of Johammes Pena, surviving son of Carmen Pena; providing for an appropriation to compensate them for the death of Carmen Pena, Katherine Pena, and Richard Pena as a result of the negligence of the City of Hialeah; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master; and the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Pruitt—

SB 12—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Rocky Bowling; providing an appropriation to compensate Mr. Bowling for damages sustained as a result of the negligence of the Department of Transportation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master; and the Committees on Transportation; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Pruitt—

SB 14—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing for the relief of Laura Laporte for injuries she sustained as a result of negligence by an employee of the department; providing for attorney's fees and costs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master; and the Committees on Agriculture; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Clary—

SB 16—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the South Florida Water Management District; providing for the relief of Brian Daiagi; authorizing and directing the South Florida Water Management District to compensate Mr. Daiagi for personal injuries that he suffered due to the

negligence of the South Florida Water Management District; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master; and the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Pruitt—

SB 18—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Indian River County; providing for the relief of Debra Smith, Pamela Hughes, Michael Truitt, and Charles Hughes; authorizing and directing the Indian River County School Board to compensate them for the death of their father, Sammie Lee Hughes, due to the negligence of the school board; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master; and the Committees on Education; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 20—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Lee County; providing for the relief of Jacob P. Darna, a minor, for injuries sustained as a result of the negligence of the Lee County School Board; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master; and the Committees on Education; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 22—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Health; providing for the relief of Minouche Noel, a minor, and her parents and natural guardians, Jean and Flora Noel, for injuries sustained due to the negligence of Children’s Medical Services of the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services; providing an appropriation; providing for the use of such funds; providing for a reversion to the state; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master; and the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Lawson—

SB 24—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; providing for the relief of Doretta Spurway for injuries she sustained as a result of negligence by an employee of the department; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Special Master; and the Committees on Transportation; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Posey—

SB 26—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Brevard County; providing for the relief of Alan S. Hammer; authorizing and directing the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners to compensate Mr. Hammer for personal injuries suffered in an automobile accident caused by an employee of Brevard County; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master; and the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Villalobos—

SB 28—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the City of Miami Beach; providing for the relief of Jeffrey Akers; authorizing and directing the City of Miami Beach to compensate Mr. Akers for personal injuries that he suffered due to the negligence of the City of Miami Beach; providing for attorney’s fees and court costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master; and the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Crist—

SB 30—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Hillsborough County; providing for the relief of James T. Edwards for injuries suffered as a result of negligence by the county; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master; and the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Diaz de la Portilla—

SB 32—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Hillsborough County School Board; providing for the relief of Alana Kelly and Richard F. Taylor, Sr.; providing for an appropriation to compensate them for the death of their son, Richard F. Taylor, Jr., caused by the negligence of a Hillsborough County School Board employee; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master; and the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Posey—

SB 34—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Brevard County; providing for the relief of Howard S. Evarts and his wife, Donna Evarts; authorizing and directing the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners to compensate Mr. and Mrs. Evarts for personal injuries suffered by Mr. Evarts in an automobile accident caused by an employee of Brevard County; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master; and the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Diaz de la Portilla—

SB 36—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Miami-Dade County; providing for the relief of Jonathan Snell and Erika Dorsey; requiring the county to compensate them for injuries and damages caused by the negligence of a Miami-Dade County bus driver; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master; and the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Pruitt—

SB 38—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Indian River County School Board; providing for the relief of Amanda Johnson, a minor, and her parents and natural guardians, for injuries sustained due to the

negligence of the Indian River County School Board; providing for the use of such funds; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master; and the Committees on Education; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Pruitt—

SB 40—A bill to be entitled An act relating to St. Lucie County; providing for the relief of Richard and Denise Ebner for injuries sustained due to the negligence of St. Lucie County; providing for the use of such funds; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master; and the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Posey—

SB 42—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Indian River County School Board; providing for the relief of Taylor Rosemond, a minor, and her parents and natural guardians, Alvin and Shirley Rosemond, for injuries sustained due to the negligence of the Indian River County School Board; providing for the use of such funds; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master; and the Committees on Education; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Posey—

SB 44—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Indian River County; providing for the relief of Michelle O'Halloran; requiring the county to compensate her for injuries and damages to her children caused by the negligence of an Indian River County school bus driver; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master; and the Committees on Education; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 46—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Sarasota County School Board; providing for the relief of Denise Yahraus individually and as the personal representative of the estate of Michael Yahraus, deceased; authorizing and directing the school board of Sarasota County, Florida, to compensate the estate for the death of Michael Yahraus, due to the negligence of the Sarasota County School Board; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master; and the Committees on Criminal Justice; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Diaz de la Portilla—

SB 48—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the City of Hialeah; providing for the relief of Asbel Llerena and Wendy Guzman; authorizing and directing the City of Hialeah to compensate them for the death of Maria de Jesus Llerena, due to the negligence of a City of Hialeah employee; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Special Master; and the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Miller—

SB 50—A bill to be entitled An act relating to neighborhood crime watch programs; authorizing a county sheriff or municipal police department to establish neighborhood crime watch programs; providing for residents and business owners located within the county or municipality to participate in the program; prohibiting the harassment of a participant of a neighborhood crime watch program; providing a penalty; defining the term “harass”; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; and Criminal Justice.

By Senator Wise—

SB 52—A bill to be entitled An act relating to driver's licenses; amending s. 322.18, F.S.; requiring vision tests for certain applicants for license renewal; prohibiting those applicants from renewing by telephone or electronic means; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senators Constantine, Fasano, Cowin, Wise and Lynn—

SB 54—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local government; prohibiting local governments from requiring employers to pay a minimum wage other than a federal minimum wage; providing exceptions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Comprehensive Planning.

By Senator Wise—

SB 56—A bill to be entitled An act relating to hospital licensing and regulation; defining terms; prohibiting certain transfers of open-heart surgery services; providing for a shared open-heart certificate of need in specified circumstances; providing an evidentiary presumption; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Wise—

SB 58—A bill to be entitled An act relating to direct-support organizations; creating s. 20.193, F.S.; providing for direct-support organizations for the benefit of the Department of Children and Family Services; providing for administration of funds; providing purposes and objectives; requiring funds to be used for the enhancement of department programs and projects; authorizing certain use of state property and facilities; requiring an annual audit; amending s. 20.19, F.S.; authorizing designation of employees to solicit funds; creating s. 430.065, F.S.; providing for direct-support organizations for the benefit of the Department of Elderly Affairs; providing purposes and objectives; requiring funds to be used for the enhancement of department programs and projects; authorizing certain use of state property and facilities; requiring an annual audit; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Children and Families; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senators Wise and Fasano—

SB 60—A bill to be entitled An act relating to student conduct; amending s. 984.151, F.S.; authorizing a school superintendent to file a truancy petition for any student placed on suspension for more than a specified period during the school year; amending s. 1003.26, F.S.; providing legislative findings with respect to enforcing codes of student conduct; requiring that a superintendent recommend procedures to the school board for certain suspended students; requiring that a student's parent or guardian cooperate in controlling the student's behavior; requiring a teacher to report certain suspended students to the school principal; providing for a student to be referred to the child-study team if there is a pattern of truancy due to misconduct; authorizing a school superintendent to seek criminal prosecution against a parent for noncompliance with directives relating to the student's misconduct; requiring written notice to the parent; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Education.

By Senator Wise—

SB 62—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the disposition of proceeds from the sale of forfeited property; amending s. 932.7055, F.S.; authorizing a board of county commissioners or governing body of a municipality to use the proceeds from the sale of forfeited property for drug court programs; providing requirements for expending such funds; increasing the funding requirements for certain crime-prevention programs if a local law enforcement agency receives more than a specified amount under the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act; requiring that drug court programs be included in those programs that receive funds acquired under the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on Article V Implementation and Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Geller—

SB 64—A bill to be entitled An act relating to video lotteries; amending s. 24.103, F.S.; providing definitions; amending s. 24.105, F.S.; providing powers and duties of the Department of the Lottery pertaining to video lottery games; creating s. 24.125, F.S.; providing for the adoption of rules; creating s. 24.126, F.S.; prohibiting certain persons from playing video lottery games; providing penalties; creating s. 24.127, F.S.; providing requirements for the operation of video lottery games; providing penalties; providing for the adoption of rules; providing for the distribution of proceeds from such games; creating s. 24.128, F.S.; providing for the licensure of video lottery terminal vendors; creating s. 24.129, F.S.; prohibiting certain local zoning ordinances; creating s. 24.130, F.S.; providing requirements for video lottery terminals; creating s. 24.131, F.S.; requiring video lottery terminal vendors to establish training programs for employees who service such terminals; requiring departmental approval of such programs; providing certification requirements of such employees; providing for the adoption of rules; creating s. 24.132, F.S.; providing guidelines for administering the Video Lottery Purse Trust Fund; providing for the adoption of rules; creating s. 24.133, F.S., relating to the distribution of funds from the Video Lottery Thoroughbred Trust Fund; requiring certain uses of distributed funds; creating s. 24.134, F.S.; requiring operators of facilities where video lottery games are conducted to post certain warning signs and print warnings on daily racing programs regarding compulsive gambling; amending s. 212.02, F.S.; excluding video lottery terminals from the definition of "coin-operated amusement machine" for purposes of the sales and use tax; requiring the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Program Office within the Department of Children and Family Services to establish a compulsive gambling program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Geller—

SB 66—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 24.1127, F.S.; creating the Video Lottery Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of the Lottery; providing for source of moneys and purposes; providing for annual carryforward of funds; providing for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Geller—

SB 68—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 550.2631, F.S.; creating the Video Lottery Purse Trust Fund within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; providing for source of moneys and purposes; providing for annual carryforward of funds; providing for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Geller—

SB 70—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 550.2632, F.S.; creating the Video Lottery Thoroughbred Trust Fund within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; providing for source of moneys and purposes; providing for annual carryforward of funds; providing for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 72—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the sentencing of minors; amending ss. 985.225, 985.233, F.S.; limiting the age at which a minor convicted of an offense punishable by death or life imprisonment may be sentenced as an adult; amending ss. 985.226, 985.227, F.S.; revising requirements for the state attorney with respect to prosecuting a minor as an adult for certain violent felonies and for an offense punishable by death or life imprisonment; creating s. 985.2335, F.S.; requiring that the court commit a child of a specified age or younger to the Department of Juvenile Justice or to a maximum-risk juvenile facility following the child's conviction of an offense that, if committed by an adult, would be punishable by death or life imprisonment; requiring the court to conduct a hearing after the child has reached a specified age to determine whether the child is rehabilitated; providing for the child to be placed on conditional release or sentenced to life imprisonment with eligibility for parole as an adult offender; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 74—A bill to be entitled An act relating to pharmacy; providing a short title; defining the term "pharmaceutical adverse incident" and requiring that such incidents be reported to the Department of Health; providing exceptions; requiring the department to review reported incidents to determine whether the incidents potentially involve conduct by a health care practitioner that is subject to disciplinary action; specify-

ing that any disciplinary action shall be taken by the appropriate board; providing for the adoption of rules and forms; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 76—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; exempting from public-records requirements certain adverse-incident reports of the Department of Health which pertain to patients, pharmacies, or related matters; providing guidelines for the use of such information; providing a finding of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Geller—

SJR 78—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 2 of Article I of the State Constitution, relating to declaration of rights.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Home Defense, Public Security, and Ports; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Geller—

SB 80—A bill to be entitled An act relating to school personnel; requiring the Department of Education to limit the number of noninstructional personnel that may be employed by school districts; defining the term “noninstructional personnel”; requiring that the department classify school districts based on the number of full-time-equivalent students enrolled in the district; requiring that the department establish ratios within each district classification for the maximum percentage of noninstructional personnel to full-time-equivalent students; limiting the maximum ratios that the department may establish; requiring a reduction in state funds for any school district that exceeds the maximum percentage of noninstructional personnel; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Geller—

SB 82—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the offense of stalking; amending s. 784.048, F.S.; defining the term “cyberstalk” to mean communication by means of electronic mail or electronic communication which causes substantial emotional distress and does not serve a legitimate purpose; including within the offenses of stalking and aggravated stalking the willful, malicious, and repeated cyberstalking of another person; providing penalties; revising the elements of the offense of aggravated stalking to include placing a person in fear of death or bodily injury of the person or the person’s child, sibling, spouse, parent, or dependent; reenacting ss. 775.084(1)(d), 790.065(2)(c), 921.0022(3)(f) and (g), and 960.001(1)(b), F.S., to incorporate the amendment to s. 784.048, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Geller—

SB 84—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorder; requiring a health insurer or health maintenance organization that offers major medical coverage to include coverage for treating autism spectrum disorder; defining the term “autism spectrum disorder”; authorizing an insurer or health maintenance

organization to confirm a diagnosis or review the appropriateness of a treatment plan; providing that the act does not affect the licensure of a health care professional or impair the right to reimbursement of a health care provider; making a legislative finding that the act fulfills an important state interest; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Geller—

SB 86—A bill to be entitled An act relating to youthful offenders; creating s. 958.041, F.S.; authorizing the court to sentence offenders of a specified age or younger to a youthful offender facility of the Department of Corrections if the offender is found guilty of, or pleads nolo contendere or guilty to, a first-degree felony, a life felony, or a capital felony; providing certain additional requirements and limitations with respect to sentencing such an offender; requiring that the offender be incarcerated in the department facility until the offender attains a specified age or serves a specified sentence; requiring that the sentencing court hold a hearing to determine whether the offender is rehabilitated to an extent sufficient to be released to a specified term of intense community supervision; providing factors for the court to consider in making such determination; requiring that the department supervise an offender released on community supervision under the act; providing for revocation of community supervision; providing for the offender to be discharged from the control and supervision of the department following successful completion of the term of intense community supervision; amending s. 958.04, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Geller—

SB 88—A bill to be entitled An act relating to high occupancy vehicle lanes; amending s. 316.0741, F.S.; allowing certain energy-saving vehicles to travel in such lanes, regardless of occupancy; providing for a decal and registration certificate; providing for a fee; providing rulemaking authority; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Geller—

SB 90—A bill to be entitled An act relating to parent-child privilege; creating s. 90.5045, F.S.; creating a parent-child privilege to prevent disclosure of communications that were intended to be made in confidence; providing proceedings in which the privilege does not exist; providing for waiver of the privilege; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; and Children and Families.

By Senator Geller—

SB 92—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the sentencing of juveniles; amending s. 985.233, F.S.; providing for the court to sentence a juvenile who has committed a criminal offense to a combination of juvenile and adult sanctions; requiring that the juvenile complete a juvenile commitment program as part of such a sentence; authorizing the court to impose adult sanctions if the juvenile violates any provision of the juvenile commitment program; deleting provisions prohibiting the

court from imposing a combination of adult and juvenile punishments; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Geller—

SB 94—A bill to be entitled An act relating to elections; providing for county commissions to provide additional polling locations that permit early voting; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections.

By Senators Campbell and Fasano—

SB 96—A bill to be entitled An act relating to student loans; creating s. 43.201, F.S.; providing for a financial assistance program administered by the Justice Administrative Commission to provide assistance to qualified assistant state attorneys and assistant public defenders for the repayment of government student loans; providing for the elements of the program; providing for funding; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Article V Implementation and Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Geller—

SB 98—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the operation of cardrooms; amending s. 849.086, F.S.; prescribing licensing requirements when more than one permitholder uses the same facility; providing cardroom license fees; revising the amount of bets allowable for each round, hand, or game; authorizing facilities to award prizes; revising the rate of the gross receipts tax on admissions; revising the amount of cardroom receipts that must be used to supplement greyhound and jai alai purses; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 100—A bill to be entitled An act relating to schools; repealing s. 1013.43, F.S., which provides for restrictions on the size of new schools; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

Senate Resolutions 102-106—Not referenced.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 108—A bill to be entitled An act relating to protective injunctions; amending s. 784.046, F.S.; deleting the definition of the term “repeat violence” for purposes of protective injunctions; providing for an injunction for protection in cases of violence rather than in cases of repeat violence; providing requirements for a petition for protection against violence; redesignating the Domestic, Dating, and Repeat Violence Injunction Statewide Verification System in the Department of Law Enforcement as the “Domestic, Dating, and Violence Injunction Statewide Verification System”; providing for service of process and enforcement of an injunction for protection against violence; amending s. 784.047, F.S.; providing that it is a first-degree misdemeanor to violate an injunction for protection against violence; amending ss. 61.1825, 741.2901, 741.30, F.S., relating to the State Case Registry and domestic violence;

conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 784.048, F.S.; revising the elements of the offense of aggravated stalking to prohibit certain acts following an injunction for protection against violence rather than following an injunction for protection against repeat violence; amending ss. 790.06, 790.065, F.S., relating to a license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm and the sale and delivery of firearms; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 901.15, F.S.; authorizing arrest without a warrant when an officer has probable cause to believe that a person has knowingly committed an act of violence in violation of an injunction for protection from violence; amending s. 943.05, F.S., relating to the Criminal Justice Information Program; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; reenacting ss. 775.084(1)(d), 921.0022(3)(g), F.S., relating to violent career criminals and the offense severity ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code, to incorporate the amendment to s. 784.048, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; Children and Families; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 110—A bill to be entitled An act relating to protective injunctions; amending s. 784.046, F.S.; deleting the definition of the term “repeat violence” for purposes of protective injunctions; providing for an injunction for protection in cases of violence when the victim reasonably believes that he or she is in danger of another act of violence rather than in cases of repeat violence; providing requirements for a petition for protection against violence; redesignating the Domestic, Dating, and Repeat Violence Injunction Statewide Verification System in the Department of Law Enforcement as the “Domestic, Dating, and Violence Injunction Statewide Verification System”; providing for service of process and enforcement of an injunction for protection against violence; amending s. 784.047, F.S.; providing that it is a first-degree misdemeanor to violate an injunction for protection against violence; amending ss. 61.1825, 741.2901, 741.30, F.S., relating to the State Case Registry and domestic violence; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 784.048, F.S.; revising the elements of the offense of aggravated stalking to prohibit certain acts following an injunction for protection against violence rather than following an injunction for protection against repeat violence; amending ss. 790.06, 790.065, F.S., relating to a license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm and the sale and delivery of firearms; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 901.15, F.S.; authorizing arrest without a warrant when an officer has probable cause to believe that a person has knowingly committed an act of violence in violation of an injunction for protection from violence; amending s. 943.05, F.S., relating to the Criminal Justice Information Program; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; reenacting ss. 775.084(1)(d), 921.0022(3)(g), F.S., relating to violent career criminals and the offense severity ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code, to incorporate the amendment to s. 784.048, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; Children and Families; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 112—A bill to be entitled An act relating to dependent children; amending s. 39.01, F.S.; defining the term “medical passport”; amending ss. 39.0015, 39.302, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending s. 39.407, F.S.; specifying conditions under which a court order is not required for dispensing psychotropic medication to a child in the legal custody of the Department of Children and Family Services; providing requirements for a petition to the court for authority to dispense psychotropic medication to such a child; providing for prior review of the child’s medical history and evidence demonstrating that the treatment is appropriate for the child’s condition; providing for the burden of proof; providing for further medical consultation, including second opinions, under certain circumstances; providing conditions for discontinuation of prescribed psychotropic medication or for the provision of other services;

providing for periodic court review of the child's progress; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children and Families; Judiciary; and Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care.

By Senators Constantine and Smith—

SB 114—A bill to be entitled An act relating to elections; amending s. 106.011, F.S.; redefining the term “communications media”; amending s. 106.1437, F.S.; modifying reporting requirements for miscellaneous advertisements intended to influence public policy; prescribing penalties; providing for severability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections.

By Senator Wise—

SB 116—A bill to be entitled An act relating to community contribution tax credits; amending ss. 220.183, 624.5105, F.S.; increasing the annual limitation on the amount of such credits which may be granted against the corporate income tax and insurance premium taxes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Finance and Taxation; and Appropriations.

By Senators Wise and Fasano—

SB 118—A bill to be entitled An act relating to persons with disabilities; amending ss. 413.402, 413.4021, F.S., and s. 3 of chapter 2002-286, Laws of Florida; making the pilot program for personal care attendants for spinal cord injury victims permanent; providing criteria for participation in the program; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Smith—

SB 120—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sentencing in capital cases; amending s. 921.141, F.S.; providing for the sentence rendered by a jury in a capital case to be a mandatory sentence rather than an advisory sentence; authorizing the court to review a sentence of death by the jury; providing for the court to sentence the defendant to life imprisonment notwithstanding a sentence of death by the jury if there are insufficient aggravating circumstances and sufficient mitigating circumstances; amending s. 921.137, F.S., relating to the prohibition on sentencing a mentally retarded defendant to death; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; and Judiciary.

By Senator Smith—

SB 122—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 39.202, F.S.; amending confidentiality provisions that pertain to reports and records in cases of child abuse or neglect, by providing that staff members of a child advocacy center who are providing services to the child may have access to the records; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children and Families; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 124—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the issuance of drivers' licenses; amending s. 322.01, F.S.; defining the term “county tax collector” to mean an authorized agent of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; defining the term “exclusive agent county tax collector”; amending ss. 322.03, 322.05, F.S., relating to the issuance of drivers' licenses; authorizing the county tax collector to issue drivers' licenses; prohibiting the county tax collector from issuing licenses to certain persons; amending s. 322.051, F.S.; authorizing the county tax collector to issue identification cards; providing for the tax collector to retain the fee; amending s. 322.059, F.S.; providing for a driver's license to be surrendered to the county tax collector; amending ss. 322.07, 322.09, F.S.; authorizing the county tax collector to issue instruction permits and temporary licenses; amending s. 322.091, F.S., relating to requirements for school attendance; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 322.12, F.S.; authorizing the county tax collector to perform driver's license examinations; providing for the tax collector to retain a portion of the fee; amending ss. 322.121, 322.13, 322.14, F.S., relating to reexaminations and examiners; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 322.141, 322.142, 322.161, 322.1615, F.S., relating to the color and types of licenses; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 322.17, F.S.; authorizing the county tax collector to issue duplicate and replacement licenses and change-of-address stickers; providing for the tax collector to retain a portion of the fee; amending s. 322.18, F.S., relating to license applications and expiration of licenses; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 322.20, F.S.; requiring the county tax collector to maintain certain records; amending s. 322.21, F.S.; requiring that the county tax collector provide personnel to perform the duties specified under the act; providing for the county tax collector to retain a portion of certain fees; amending s. 322.221, F.S.; authorizing the county tax collector to require reexamination of a licensed driver; amending s. 322.251, F.S.; providing for a cancelled, suspended, or revoked driver's license to be surrendered to the county tax collector; amending s. 322.282, F.S.; providing for the county tax collector to issue a temporary driver's permit under certain circumstances; amending s. 322.32, F.S., relating to penalties imposed for failure to surrender a driver's license; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Comprehensive Planning; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 126—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.07, F.S.; providing an exemption from the public-records law for a photograph, videotape, digital image, electronic image, recorded image, or other visual image of any part of the body of a victim of a sexual offense; providing for future legislative review and repeal; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senators Campbell and Cowin—

SB 128—A bill to be entitled An act relating to children and families; creating s. 752.011, F.S.; providing for court-ordered visitation for grandparents and great-grandparents under certain circumstances; providing for appointment of a guardian ad litem and family mediation if the court makes a preliminary finding that the minor is threatened with demonstrable significant mental or emotional harm without such visitation; requiring court-ordered evaluation of the child if mediation fails; providing for a hearing to determine whether the minor is threatened with demonstrable significant mental or emotional harm; providing criteria for such a determination; providing for attorney's fees and costs; applying the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act; repealing s. 752.01, F.S., relating to grandparental visitation; encouraging consolidation of actions under ss. 61.13, 752.011, F.S.; amending ss. 752.015, 752.07, F.S., to conform cross-references; amending s. 39.01, F.S.; including references to great-grandparents in definitions relating

to dependent children; amending s. 39.509, F.S.; providing for great-grandparents' visitation rights; amending ss. 39.801, 63.0425, F.S.; providing for a great-grandparent's right to adopt; amending s. 61.13, F.S.; providing for great-grandparents' visitation rights and standing with regard to evaluating custody arrangements; conforming this section to provisions of this act; amending s. 63.172, F.S.; conforming references relating to great-grandparental visitation rights under ch. 752, F.S.; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Article V Implementation and Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 130—A bill to be entitled An act relating to cross-reporting of violence; amending ss. 39.201 and 828.073, F.S.; requiring animal control officers or other agents appointed under s. 828.03, F.S., to report known or suspected child abuse, abandonment, or neglect; requiring a training component; reenacting ss. 39.202(4) and 39.205(1), F.S., relating to reporting child abuse, to incorporate the amendment to s. 39.201, F.S., in references thereto; providing a penalty; creating s. 39.208, F.S.; requiring persons who are required to report or investigate child abuse, abandonment, or neglect under ch. 39, F.S., to report known or suspected animal abuse, neglect, cruelty, or abandonment; specifying information to be reported; providing a penalty; requiring a training component; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Children and Families; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Appropriations.

By Senator Cowin—

SJR 132—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 1 of Article IX of the State Constitution, as amended, relating to public education, to repeal requirements relating to the maximum number of students who may be assigned to each public school classroom for students in prekindergarten through grade 12.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Ethics and Elections; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Cowin—

SB 134—A bill to be entitled An act calling a special election for the approval or rejection by the electors of a joint resolution relating to the repeal of provisions that mandate maximum class sizes for students in prekindergarten through grade 12.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Ethics and Elections; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Wasserman Schultz—

SB 136—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health insurance; creating ss. 627.64191, 627.65741, F.S.; prohibiting individual and group health insurance policies from excluding coverage for a benefit if a determination has been made by the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that the exclusion of that benefit under any employer health benefit plan violates Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended; requiring the Department of Insurance to make a determination when approving policy forms; amending ss. 627.6699, 641.31, F.S.; applying this requirement to standard and basic health benefit plans issued by small employer carriers and health maintenance contracts; providing for application; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Wasserman Schultz—

SB 138—A bill to be entitled An act relating to employment practices; amending ss. 110.105, 110.233, 112.042, and 760.10, F.S.; revising provisions relating to state employment policy, career service appointments, county and municipal employment, and unlawful employment practices, to provide that discrimination on the basis of sex includes discrimination on the basis of pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions; providing a limitation with respect to employer health insurance benefits; reenacting ss. 104.31(3) and 760.11(15), F.S., to incorporate amendments to ss. 110.233 and 760.10, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Judiciary; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; and Banking and Insurance.

By Senators Argenziano and Fasano—

SB 140—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1969; amending s. 163.01, F.S.; requiring notification of the host government if a separate legal entity seeks to acquire public facilities serving populations outside the jurisdiction of members of the separate legal entity; providing for the host government to respond within a specified period; providing that the host government may not prohibit such acquisition if it fails to respond within the specified period; defining the governing body constituting the host government for purposes of the act; authorizing the host government to reserve the right to review and approve rates, charges, and customer classifications; providing certain limitations; providing for retroactive application; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Communication and Public Utilities; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services.

By Senator Smith—

SB 142—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the expunction of criminal history records; amending s. 943.0585, F.S.; prohibiting the expunction of a criminal history record concerning a defendant who was found guilty of, or who pled guilty or nolo contendere to, the offense of voyeurism, regardless of whether adjudication was withheld; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; and Judiciary.

By Senators Cowin, Fasano and Sebesta—

SB 144—A bill to be entitled An act relating to services for victims of sexual assault; providing legislative intent with respect to enhancing the availability of services to victims of sexual assault; creating the "Sexual Assault Victims' Access to Services Act"; providing definitions; authorizing the Department of Health to contract with a statewide nonprofit agency for the purpose of allocating funds to rape crisis centers; requiring that funds to be used to provide services to victims of sexual assault and victims' families; providing requirements for distributing funds; requiring an annual report to the Legislature on the use of funds; providing for an assessment of an additional court cost against any person who pleads guilty or nolo contendere to, or who is found guilty of an act of sexual battery; providing for deposit of the court cost into the Rape Crisis Program Trust Fund; providing for the trust fund to be used to support rape crisis centers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Cowin—

SB 146—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; creating the Rape Crisis Program Trust Fund within the Department of Health;

providing for the use of funds and the source of funds; requiring the Department of Health to adopt rules for distributing moneys in the trust fund; providing for review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children and Families; Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senators Wise and Lynn—

SB 148—A bill to be entitled An act relating to specialty license plates; creating s. 320.08068, F.S.; creating a specialty license plate for motorcycles; providing for the distribution of annual use fees received from the sale of such plates; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Wasserman Schultz—

SB 150—A bill to be entitled An act relating to developmental disabilities; amending s. 393.063, F.S.; adding the genetic disease familial dysautonomia to the list of disabilities defined and covered under ch. 393, F.S.; amending ss. 92.53, 400.464, 419.001, 914.16, 914.17, and 918.16, F.S., relating to testimony of victims and witnesses, home health agencies, community residential homes, and victims and witnesses who are minors or persons with mental retardation; conforming cross-references to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children and Families; Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Wasserman Schultz—

SB 152—A bill to be entitled An act relating to treated wood; prohibiting use of wood products treated with chromated copper arsenate in publicly funded playground equipment; providing definitions; providing applicability; providing for enforcement on state lands by the Department of Environmental Protection; requiring the Department of Education to provide notice to and develop guidelines for school districts regarding the sealing of wood treated with chromated copper arsenate; prohibiting state agencies from purchasing wood treated with chromated copper arsenate; providing exceptions; providing for grants for conversion of wood treating companies to operations using preservatives that do not contain arsenic; specifying persons who must provide notice to consumers of wood or wood products containing chromated copper arsenate; providing contents of such notice; providing a penalty for failure to provide notice; providing appropriations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Natural Resources; Education; Regulated Industries; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 154—A bill to be entitled An act relating to managed health care; providing a short title; prohibiting the contract between a managed care plan and a health care provider from containing provisions allowing the managed care plan to change a material term of the contract; providing certain exceptions; requiring that a managed care plan notify a provider within a specified period of its intent to change a material term; providing certain exceptions; prohibiting additional provisions in the contract which require a provider to accept additional patients or comply with certain programs or procedures without prior disclosure; providing certain exceptions; prohibiting certain other contract provisions that conflict with state law or confidentiality requirements; providing defini-

tions; specifying acts and omissions constituting grounds for which the Secretary of Health Care Administration may take disciplinary action against a managed care plan; requiring that a proceeding under the act comply with the requirements for notice and a hearing provided in ch. 120, F.S.; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 156—A bill to be entitled An act relating to water resources; amending s. 373.1501, F.S.; providing for restrictions on the sale or transfer of water rights; creating s. 373.255, F.S.; providing for restrictions on permits for the consumptive use of water; providing for severability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources; Agriculture; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Villalobos—

SB 158—A bill to be entitled An act relating to facilitating or furthering a burglary; creating s. 810.061, F.S.; defining the term “burglary”; providing that it is a third-degree felony for a person to damage a wire or line that transmits or conveys telephone or power to a dwelling or to otherwise impair or impede such telephone or power transmission or conveyance for the purpose of facilitating or furthering the commission or attempted commission of a burglary of a dwelling; reenacting s. 810.02(1)(b), F.S., relating to the definition of the term “burglary”; amending s. 921.0022, F.S., relating to the offense severity ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senators Wise and Fasano—

SB 160—A bill to be entitled An act relating to controlled substances; creating s. 893.031, F.S.; providing definitions; specifying that for purposes of certain industrial uses, 1,4-Butanediol and gamma-butyrolactone (GBL) are excepted from the schedule of controlled substances when in the possession of an authorized manufacturer or distributor or person possessing a finished product; providing circumstances under which the exceptions do not apply; reenacting s. 893.03(1)(d), F.S., relating to certain substances controlled under Schedule I; amending s. 893.13, F.S.; clarifying the hours during which it is unlawful to sell, manufacture, deliver, or possess a controlled substance within a specified distance of a child care facility or public or private elementary, middle, or secondary school; amending s. 893.135, F.S., relating to trafficking offenses; correcting a case citation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice.

By Senators Wise and Fasano—

SB 162—A bill to be entitled An act relating to American Sign Language; providing legislative findings and purpose; allowing foreign-language credits for instruction in American Sign Language; providing duties of the Secretary of Education and the State Board of Education; providing for a task force and prescribing its duties; requiring teachers of American Sign Language to be licensed by a specified date; providing a plan for postsecondary institutions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Education.

By Senator Geller—

SB 164—A bill to be entitled An act relating to dump trucks; creating s. 319.121, F.S.; requiring that certain modified tractor trailers be titled and registered as dump trucks; requiring proof of a safety inspection by the Office of Motor Carrier Compliance within the Department of Transportation; requiring that the title and registration indicate that the tractor trailer is a dump truck; providing penalties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

Senate Resolutions 166-168—Not referenced.

By Senator Geller—

SB 170—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Indian gaming activities; providing for ratification by the Legislature of Tribal-State compacts; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

By Senator Geller—

SB 172—A bill to be entitled An act relating to restrictions on the practice of law; amending s. 454.18, F.S.; deleting provisions prohibiting a sheriff from practicing law in this state; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Judiciary; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Geller—

SB 174—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the protection of marine turtles; amending s. 370.021, F.S.; providing a penalty for taking, harvesting, or possessing an egg of certain marine turtle species; providing an additional penalty for each egg involved in such a violation; amending s. 370.12, F.S.; providing penalties for violating the Marine Turtle Protection Act; providing that it is a third-degree felony to take, kill, possess, disturb, mutilate, destroy, cause to be destroyed, sell, offer for sale, transfer, molest, or harass a marine turtle or its nest, hatchlings, eggs, or parts thereof; providing that it is a third-degree felony to commit any such act that involves a specified number or more of marine turtle eggs; providing that it is a third-degree felony to solicit or conspire to violate the Marine Turtle Protection Act; amending s. 777.04, F.S., relating to the offense of criminal attempt, criminal solicitation, or criminal conspiracy; providing that a violation of the Marine Turtle Protection Act is exempt from certain sentencing requirements for an offense of solicitation or conspiracy; amending s. 921.0022, F.S., relating to the offense severity ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code; conforming provisions to changes made by the act.

—was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Senator Cowin—

SB 176—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the tax on sales, use, and other transactions; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; providing an exemption for the purchase or rental of a guide dog for the deaf or a service animal for a person who has a disability as specified; providing an exemption for the sale of food and other items for such guide dogs and service animals; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Finance and Taxation; and Appropriations.

By Senator Cowin—

SB 178—A bill to be entitled An act relating to site selection of community residential homes; amending s. 419.001, F.S.; prohibiting certain community residential homes from being located within a prescribed distance from existing single-family homes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Children and Families; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Hill—

SB 180—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Indian River County School Board; providing for the relief of Tylor Griffeth, a minor, by and through Mark Griffeth and Teresa Griffeth, his parents and natural guardians; directing the school board to compensate Tylor Griffeth for personal injuries caused by the negligence of the school board; specifying uses of the funds; providing for attorney’s fees and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Bennett—

SB 182—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Indian River County School Board; providing for the relief of Debra Smith, Pamela Hughes, Michael Truitt, and Charles Hughes; authorizing and directing the Indian River County School Board to compensate them for the death of their father, Sammie Lee Hughes, due to the negligence of the school board; providing for the relief of Amanda Johnson, a minor, and her parents and natural guardians, for injuries sustained due to the negligence of the Indian River County School Board; providing for the use of such funds; providing for the relief of Taylor Rosemond, a minor, and her parents and natural guardians, Alvin and Shirley Rosemond, for injuries sustained due to the negligence of the Indian River County School Board; providing for the use of such funds; providing for the relief of Michelle O’Halloran; requiring the county to compensate her for injuries and damages to her children, Clay Haywood and Tatiana Haywood, caused by the negligence of the Indian River County School Board; providing for the relief of Tylor Griffeth, a minor, by and through Mark Griffeth and Teresa Griffeth, his parents and natural guardians; directing the school board to compensate Tylor Griffeth for personal injuries caused by the negligence of the school board; specifying uses of the funds; providing for attorney’s fees and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Hill—

SB 184—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Judge Joseph G. Donahey, Jr., and Tena Donahey, his spouse; providing an appropriation to compensate them for injuries received by Joseph Donahey, Jr., and for damages sustained by Mr. and Mrs. Donahey as a result of the medical treatment of Judge Joseph G. Donahey, Jr., by employees of the State of Florida; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Geller—

SB 186—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Community Affairs; expressing the Legislature’s intent to enact legisla-

tion to transfer the powers and duties of the department to the Secretary of State; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Hill—

SB 188—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the City of Neptune Beach; providing for the relief of Tommy Cusick, a minor, for injuries sustained due to negligence of the City of Neptune Beach; providing for attorney's fees and costs; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Clary—

SB 190—A bill to be entitled An act relating to easements; amending s. 704.08, F.S.; granting an easement for ingress and egress for purposes of visiting or maintaining a cemetery to members of not-for-profit organizations whose purposes include the preservation of the state's history; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; and Banking and Insurance.

By Senator Lynn—

SB 192—A bill to be entitled An act relating to library records; amending s. 257.261, F.S.; revising provisions relating to confidentiality of public library registration and circulation records to authorize disclosure of information to the parent or guardian of a library patron under age 16, for the purpose of collecting fines or recovering overdue books or other materials; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Productivity.

By Senator Lynn—

SB 194—A bill to be entitled An act relating to child care facilities; amending s. 402.3055, F.S.; requiring validation of certain information provided by an applicant for a child care facility license; amending s. 402.301, F.S.; specifying which membership organizations are not considered child care facilities; amending s. 402.310, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Family Services to establish and impose uniform penalties relating to child care facility violations; requiring implementation not contingent upon an appropriation; creating s. 402.3105, F.S.; requiring the department to establish a database of information relating to violations, citations, and penalties imposed against child care facilities regulated by the state; providing duties of the State Technology Office; specifying database capabilities and uses of information contained therein; requiring implementation not contingent upon an appropriation; amending s. 409.146, F.S., relating to Department of Children and Family Services client and management information; deleting obsolete language; amending ss. 402.26, 402.281, 402.302, and 402.3051, F.S.; deleting references to certain exempt facilities; repealing s. 402.316, F.S., relating to the exemption from state regulation for child care facilities operated by a church or parochial school; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children and Families; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Lynn—

SB 196—A bill to be entitled An act relating to bridge designations; dedicating the new Rose Bay bridges between the Cities of New Smyrna Beach and Port Orange to honor U.S. military POW's and MIA's; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Transportation.

By Senator Miller—

SB 198—A bill to be entitled An act relating to adult entertainment establishments; amending s. 847.0134, F.S.; revising the prohibition against locating an adult entertainment establishment within a specified distance from a school to eliminate the exceptions that are provided for an establishment operating before a specified date and an establishment approved by a county or municipality; revising the distance from a school within which an adult entertainment establishment is prohibited from being located; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; and Education.

SR 200—Not referenced.

By Senator Miller—

SB 202—A bill to be entitled An act relating to vehicle weight; amending s. 316.545, F.S.; providing a penalty schedule for weight violations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Miller—

SB 204—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the use of credit reports by insurers; creating s. 626.9741, F.S.; specifying that the act's purpose is to regulate and limit the use of credit reports by insurers for underwriting and rating purposes; specifying the types of insurance to which the section applies; defining terms; requiring insurers to notify applicants and insureds of the use of credit reports and to provide a copy of the credit report; prohibiting insurers from making adverse underwriting decisions based on certain credit information or under certain circumstances; authorizing the Financial Services Commission to adopt rules; requiring the Office of Insurance Regulation to approve an insurer's methodology for using credit reports and to conduct a study of the use of credit reports for underwriting and rating purposes; providing for application; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Miller—

SB 206—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the tax on sales, use, and other transactions; creating the Sales Tax Exemption Commission; providing for membership and duties of the commission; requiring the commission to report to the Governor and to legislative leaders; prohibiting the creation of new sales tax exemptions for a specified period; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Wasserman Schultz—

SB 208—A bill to be entitled An act relating to schools; amending s. 1001.42, F.S.; requiring district school boards to adopt policies to subdivide into schools-within-a-school; amending s. 1003.02, F.S.; requiring district school boards to adopt policies to subdivide into schools-within-a-school; repealing s. 1013.43, F.S., relating to restrictions on the size of new schools; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Cowin—

SB 210—A bill to be entitled An act relating to foreign students; requiring each school in this state to report to the Department of Law Enforcement verified visa information concerning certain foreign students who attend the school; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senators Cowin, Fasano and Webster—

SB 212—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health care; creating the “Women’s Health and Safety Act”; amending s. 390.012, F.S.; revising requirements for rules of the Agency for Health Care Administration relating to abortions performed in abortion clinics; providing for rules regarding abortions performed after the first trimester of pregnancy; requiring abortion clinics to develop policies to protect the health, care, and treatment of patients; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bennett—

SB 214—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Hernando County; providing for the relief of John W. Martz; providing for an appropriation to compensate him for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of Hernando County; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 216—A bill to be entitled An act relating to driver’s licenses; amending s. 322.17, F.S.; deleting a fee for changing addresses on driver’s licenses; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 218—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Uniform Commercial Code; amending s. 679.509, F.S.; providing additional requirements for filing certain amendments to financing statements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; and Judiciary.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 220—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; requiring each school district to employ a psychologist and a social worker for each elementary and secondary school in the district; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Wasserman Schultz—

SB 222—A bill to be entitled An act relating to infant cribs; creating s. 501.144, F.S., the Florida Infant Crib Safety Act; providing definitions; prohibiting commercial users from manufacturing, remanufacturing, retrofitting, selling, contracting to sell or resell, leasing, or subletting specified cribs determined to be unsafe for use by infants; prohibiting transient public lodging establishments from offering or providing for use specified cribs determined to be unsafe for use by infants; providing criteria for determining safety of infant cribs; providing exemptions; providing specified immunity from civil liability; providing penalties; providing that violation of the act constitutes an unfair and deceptive trade practice; authorizing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, and the Department of Children and Family Services to collaborate with public agencies and private-sector entities to prepare specified public education materials and programs; authorizing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to adopt rules and prescribe forms; amending s. 509.221, F.S.; prohibiting the use of certain cribs in public lodging establishments; reenacting s. 509.032, F.S.; providing for regulation and rulemaking by the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; creating s. 402.3031, F.S.; prohibiting unsafe cribs in certain facilities; providing for enforcement and rulemaking powers of the Department of Children and Family Services; creating an infant crib safety enforcement demonstration program; providing that crib inspections are not required in certain counties for a specified time; requiring crib inspections in certain counties for a specified time; providing requirements for crib inspections by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; requiring transient public lodging establishments to provide for inspection of cribs; requiring a report; providing for rulemaking by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; providing for expiration of the demonstration program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Wasserman Schultz—

SB 224—A bill to be entitled An act relating to school district capital outlay revenue; amending s. 125.01, F.S.; providing that a county in which the school board is receiving certain intangible tax revenues or levying the local option sales surtax is prohibited from levying school impact fees; amending s. 199.292, F.S.; providing for transfer of a portion of nonrecurring intangible personal property tax revenues to the School District Capital Outlay Trust Fund; providing for distribution of a portion of such revenues to school districts that collected impact fee revenues in fiscal year 2002-2003 to supplant such impact fees; providing requirements for distribution of the remainder of such revenues to all school districts; amending s. 212.054, F.S.; providing for application of certain notice requirements for levy of the surtax; amending ss. 212.055, 1011.71, F.S.; providing that school boards may levy a local option sales surtax in lieu of levying all or a part of the nonvoted district school capital improvement millage; authorizing levy of such surtax by resolution and providing requirements with respect thereto; providing for uses of the surtax proceeds; amending s. 1013.15, F.S., relating to lease or rental of educational facilities and sites and s. 1013.64, F.S., relating to requests for funding from the Special Facility Construction Account, to conform; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Education; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Wasserman Schultz—

SB 226—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the School District Capital Outlay Trust Fund; amending s. 1013.03, F.S.; providing for administration of the trust fund by the Department of Education; creating the trust fund within the department and specifying the moneys that comprise the fund; exempting the trust fund from service charges imposed by s. 215.20, F.S.; providing that balances remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall remain in the trust fund; providing for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senators Wasserman Schultz and Fasano—

SB 228—A bill to be entitled An act relating to pari-mutuel wagering; requiring dogracing permitholders to provide a greyhound-adoption booth at each dogracing facility in the state; requiring that the booth be operated by certain qualified persons on weekends; requiring that information concerning the adoption of a greyhound be made available to the public at the facility; requiring the permitholder to provide adoption information in racing programs and to identify greyhounds that will become available for adoption; authorizing the permitholder to hold an additional charity day that is designated as “Greyhound Adopt-A-Pet Day”; requiring that profits derived from the charity day be used to fund activities promoting the adoption of greyhounds; authorizing the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to adopt rules; providing penalties; amending s. 550.1647, F.S., relating to unclaimed tickets and breaks with respect to greyhound racing; defining the term “bona fide organization that promotes or encourages the adoption of greyhounds”; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senators Jones, Peaden and Fasano—

SB 230—A bill to be entitled An act relating to acute care hospitals; amending s. 408.043, F.S.; providing for certain acute care hospitals in high growth counties to add additional beds, with the approval of the Agency for Health Care Administration; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care.

By Senators Cowin and Fasano—

SB 232—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sentencing; amending s. 921.0026, F.S.; prohibiting the court from departing downward from the lowest sentence permitted under the Criminal Punishment Code based on the victim’s consent to a sexual offense if the victim was younger than 16 years of age and the defendant was 18 years of age or older; provides for the prohibition to apply regardless of whether the victim’s consent was raised as a defense in the case; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Children and Families; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senators Saunders and Dockery—

SB 234—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the second primary election; repealing s. 100.091, F.S., eliminating the second primary election; repealing s. 100.096, F.S., relating to the holding of special elections in conjunction with the second primary election, to conform; amending s. 97.021, F.S., relating to the definition of “primary election,” to conform; amending ss. 97.055, 97.071, 97.1031, 98.081, F.S., relating to

restrictions on changing party affiliation between primary elections, to conform; amending ss. 99.061, 99.095, F.S., relating to qualifying for nomination or election to office, to conform; amending s. 99.063, F.S.; adjusting the date to designate a Lieutenant Governor running mate, to conform; amending ss. 99.103, 100.061, 100.081, 100.111, 100.141, 101.252, 101.62, 103.021, 103.022, 103.091, 105.031, 105.041, 105.051, 106.07, 106.08, 106.29, F.S., and repealing s. 102.014(4)(c), F.S.; revising references, to conform to the elimination of the second primary election; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 236—A bill to be entitled An act relating to ethics; amending s. 112.3148, F.S.; providing that gifts are valued at fair market value for reporting purposes; amending s. 112.317, F.S.; authorizing the Attorney General to collect fees and costs associated with collecting civil and restitution penalties imposed for ethics violations; amending s. 112.321, F.S.; clarifying when a vacancy exists on the Florida Commission on Ethics and providing procedures for filling vacancies; amending s. 112.3231, F.S.; clarifying time limitations for complaints alleging an ethics violation; amending s. 112.324, F.S.; authorizing the Commission on Ethics to initiate investigations under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 238—A bill to be entitled An act relating to open government; amending s. 112.324, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records and public meetings requirements for proceedings relating to information or referrals received by the Commission on Ethics relating to Ethics Code violations; providing for release of such information to criminal investigative agencies; providing for future legislative review and repeal; providing a finding of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Saunders—

SJR 240—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 2 of Article I of the State Constitution, relating to basic rights.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 242—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; amending s. 322.27, F.S.; requiring law enforcement agencies to notify the department of the issuance of citations or arrests for offenses that require mandatory revocation of license upon conviction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; and Criminal Justice.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 244—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fire safety standards; amending s. 633.025, F.S.; authorizing local government entities to exempt certain residential high-rise buildings from specified fire safety standards; amending s. 689.26, F.S.; requiring sellers of condominiums

to disclose the status of the buildings' compliance with specific provisions of the Florida Fire Protection Code; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; and Comprehensive Planning.

By Senators Saunders and Fasano—

SB 246—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the offense of leaving the scene of an accident involving a fatality; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; providing an enhanced penalty for that offense under the offense severity ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 248—A bill to be entitled An act relating to culpable negligence; amending s. 784.05, F.S.; providing that it is a first-degree misdemeanor for a person to commit culpable negligence by driving a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs while accompanied in the vehicle by a person younger than a specified age; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; and Judiciary.

By Senators Peaden, Jones, Klein, Saunders and Fasano—

SB 250—A bill to be entitled An act relating to rural hospitals; amending ss. 395.602 and 408.07, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “rural hospital”; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By the Committee on Comprehensive Planning—

SB 252—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 252.943, F.S., which provides an exemption from public-records requirements for information that is held by the Department of Community Affairs as part of a risk management plan or obtained as part of an investigation, inspection, or audit and that constitutes a trade secret; clarifying provisions specifying the information that is entitled to protection as a trade secret; reenacting the exemption and removing the repeal thereof scheduled under the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Natural Resources; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By the Committee on Comprehensive Planning—

SB 254—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 166.0444, F.S.; providing for the confidentiality of personal identifying information contained in records relating to a municipal employee's participation in an employee assistance program; clarifying the definition of the term “employee assistance program”; reenacting the exemption and removing the repeal thereof scheduled under the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By the Committee on Comprehensive Planning—

SB 256—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 125.585, F.S.; providing for the confidentiality of personal identifying information contained in records relating to a county employee's participation in an employee assistance program; clarifying the definition of the term “employee assistance program”; reenacting the exemption and removing the repeal thereof scheduled under the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Geller—

SB 258—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public funds; amending s. 215.85, F.S.; authorizing local governments to pay certain expenses by means of electronic funds transfer; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; and Banking and Insurance.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 260—A bill to be entitled An act relating to condominiums; amending s. 718.113, F.S.; allowing unit owners to fly armed services flags on designated days and patriotic holidays; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; and Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports.

By Senator Geller—

SB 262—A bill to be entitled An act relating to recordkeeping concerning property owned by local governments; amending s. 274.02, F.S.; revising a definition to increase the monetary value of fixtures and tangible personal property that must be included in an inventory of property; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Finance and Taxation; and Appropriations.

SR 264—Not referenced.

By Senator Pruitt—

SB 266—A bill to be entitled An act relating to water control districts; amending s. 298.54, F.S.; providing for apportionment of maintenance taxes on the basis of subsequent improvements; providing for apportioning such taxes equally to equally benefitted acres; creating s. 298.675, F.S.; limiting liability of water control districts for injuries resulting from third-party use of district lands, rights-of-way, works, or easements for specified activities, facilities, and purposes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources; Comprehensive Planning; Judiciary; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Dawson—

SB 268—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Litter Law; amending s. 403.413, F.S.; requiring that the community service imposed for certain violations be performed in specified areas; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; and Judiciary.

By Senator Dawson—

SB 270—A bill to be entitled An act relating to bridge designation; designating the Skypass Bridge in the City of Riviera Beach as the “L. E. Buie Bridge”; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Transportation.

By Senator Dawson—

SB 272—A bill to be entitled An act relating to student discipline and school safety; amending s. 1006.07, F.S.; revising guidelines governing district school board duties relating to emergency management and emergency preparedness; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Home Defense, Public Security, and Ports; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By the Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care—

SB 274—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 395.0198, F.S.; which provides an exemption from public-records requirements for the information contained in the notification of an adverse incident provided to the Agency for Health Care Administration by a facility licensed under ch. 395, F.S.; specifying information covered under the exemption; authorizing the use of the information as part of certain disciplinary proceedings; reenacting the exemption and removing the repeal thereof scheduled under the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By the Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care—

SB 276—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Kidcare Program; repealing s. 57 of chapter 98-288, Laws of Florida; abrogating the repeal of the Florida Kidcare Act; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Villalobos—

SB 278—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation of inmates; amending s. 945.091, F.S.; limiting the mode of transport an inmate may use in traveling to and from a place of employment, education, or training; authorizing the Department of Corrections to transport inmates in state-owned vehicles under certain circumstances; creating s. 945.0913, F.S.; prohibiting an inmate from driving a state-owned vehicle to transport inmates in a work-release program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance—

SB 280—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records and meetings; reenacting and amending s. 627.311, F.S., relating to exemptions from public-records requirements and public-meetings requirements for the Florida Automobile Joint Underwriting Association; designating the Florida Automobile Joint Underwriting Association as the joint underwriting plan for apportioning automobile liability among insurers; providing for a board of governors; conforming provisions to the

reorganization of agencies that regulate insurers; removing the public-records exemption for matters encompassed in privileged attorney-client communications; clarifying provisions requiring the confidentiality of certain claims files and records of closed meetings; removing the repeal of s. 627.311(3)(1), F.S., scheduled under the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995; amending ss. 440.51 and 631.912, F.S., relating to the administration of ch. 440, F.S., and the board of directors of the Florida Workers’ Compensation Insurance Guaranty Association, Incorporated; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance—

SB 282—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; repealing s. 440.185(11), F.S.; repealing an exemption from public-records requirements which is provided for information identifying an ill or injured employee and which is contained in a report of injury or illness held by the Department of Insurance; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance—

SB 284—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 440.108, F.S., which provides an exemption from public-records requirements for investigatory records of the Department of Insurance concerning an employer’s compliance with the Workers’ Compensation Law; clarifying that a record containing personal identifying information of a confidential source remains confidential after an investigation is complete; providing for disclosure of certain confidential information to a law enforcement agency or administrative agency; requiring that the receiving agency maintain the confidentiality of the information; reenacting the exemption and removing the repeal thereof scheduled under the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Geller—

SB 286—A bill to be entitled An act relating to planning for school growth; amending ss. 163.3174, 1013.33, F.S.; amending the procedures for coordinating the efforts of local planning agencies and school districts toward planning for school growth; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Productivity—

SB 288—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 110.1091, F.S., which provides an exemption from public-records requirements for personal identifying information contained in records relating to a state employee’s participation in an employee assistance program; deleting provisions authorizing the routine monitoring of telephone calls; removing the repeal of the exemption scheduled under the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Productivity—

SB 290—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.07, F.S., which provides an exemption from public-records requirements for information furnished by an applicant for or participant in a housing assistance program; deleting the exemption provided for bank account numbers, credit card numbers, and telephone numbers; clarifying provisions providing an exemption from public-records requirements for an applicant's or participant's medical history records or information related to health or property insurance; reenacting the exemption and removing the repeal thereof scheduled under the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Banking and Insurance; Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Bullard—

SB 292—A bill to be entitled An act relating to restoration of civil rights; amending ss. 940.061, 944.293, 944.605, F.S.; requiring that the Department of Corrections notify an offender, before discharge from supervision, of procedures by which the offender may apply for restoration of civil rights; requiring that the department assist the offender in completing forms required for restoration of civil rights; requiring that the offender acknowledge by signature receipt of such assistance; amending s. 944.705, F.S.; requiring the department to include in its release-orientation program instruction in the procedures for applying for restoration of civil rights; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Ethics and Elections; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Crist—

SB 294—A bill to be entitled An act relating to protective injunctions; providing a short title; amending s. 784.046, F.S.; defining the term “sexual violence”; providing for a cause of action for an injunction for protection in cases of sexual violence; providing for a petition to be filed on the victim's own behalf or on behalf of a minor child under certain circumstances; requiring that the sexual violence be reported to a law enforcement agency and that the person filing the petition cooperate in any investigation; providing for a petition to be filed against a respondent who was sentenced to imprisonment for the sexual violence and who has been or will be released; prohibiting the assessment of filing fees for a petition for protection against repeat violence, sexual violence, or dating violence; providing for the Office of the State Courts Administrator to reimburse the clerks of the court for filing fees, subject to legislative appropriation; providing requirements for a petition for protection against sexual violence; specifying the period of effect for an ex parte temporary injunction against a respondent released from incarceration; providing requirements for serving an injunction; redesignating the Domestic, Dating, and Repeat Violence Injunction Statewide Verification System as the Domestic, Dating, Sexual, and Repeat Violence Injunction Statewide Verification System; requiring notice to the sheriff and law enforcement agencies; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; Children and Families; Appropriations Subcommittee on Article V Implementation and Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 296—A bill to be entitled An act relating to retirement communities; amending s. 400.235, F.S., relating to the Gold Seal Program; amending standards for evidence of financial soundness and stability of certain nursing home facilities; amending s. 400.141, F.S.; amending prerequisites that certain nursing homes must fulfill to qualify for sharing programming and staff with other entities that are part of a retirement community; amending ss. 651.081, 651.085, F.S.; providing for the establishment of a residents' organization; providing for the purposes of such an organization; requiring notice of a meeting or ballot election to

select a designated representative to represent a residents' organization before the governing body of a continuing care provider; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By the Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care—

SB 298—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 409.821, F.S., which provides an exemption from public-records requirements for information identifying applicants of the Florida Kid-care program; expanding the exemption to include records that identify an applicant or enrollee in the program; providing for the disclosure of confidential information to another governmental entity; requiring that the receiving agency maintain the confidentiality of the information; providing a penalty for disclosure of information made confidential under the act; reenacting the exemption and providing for future repeal and legislative review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995; providing a finding of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Children and Families; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Smith—

SB 300—A bill to be entitled An act relating to driver's license requirements; amending s. 322.54, F.S.; providing an exception to driver's license requirements or operators of certain trucks and tractor trailers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Wasserman Schultz—

SB 302—A bill to be entitled An act relating to unemployment compensation for birth and adoption; creating s. 443.225, F.S.; prohibiting denial of unemployment compensation benefits for certain leaves of absence relating to giving birth to a baby or adopting a minor child; providing for reductions in the amount of compensation; requiring employers to post certain notices; specifying certain payments as not chargeable against employers; requiring the director of the Agency for Workforce Innovation to report to the Governor and Legislature; providing application; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Argenziano—

SB 304—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records exemptions; amending s. 119.07, F.S.; providing an exemption from public-records requirements for specified personal identifying information relating to a utility customer held by a utility owned or operated by an agency; providing for retroactive application of the exemption; providing for future legislative review and repeal; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Communication and Public Utilities; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By the Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care—

SB 306—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records and meetings; amending s. 408.7056, F.S., which provides that certain information identifying a subscriber under the Statewide Provider and Subscriber Assistance Program is exempt from public-records requirements and requirements for public meetings; deleting the exemption provided for information identifying the spouse, relative, or guardian of a subscriber; requiring the statewide provider and subscriber assistance panel, the Agency for Health Care Administration, and the Department of Insurance to release certain information to the subscriber or managed care entity involved in a grievance procedure; deleting the exemption that authorizes meetings to be closed if information constituting a trade secret is revealed; reenacting the exemptions and removing the repeal thereof scheduled under the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Smith—

SB 308—A bill to be entitled An act relating to specialty license plates; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; revising the use of annual use fees from the sale of Sea Turtle license plates; repealing s. 370.12(1)(h), F.S., which provides for the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to provide grants to conduct marine turtle research, conservation, and education activities; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Natural Resources; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senators Smith and Lynn—

SB 310—A bill to be entitled An act relating to license plates; amending ss. 320.08056, 320.08058, F.S.; creating a Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention license plate; providing for the distribution of annual use fees received from the sale of such plates; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Children and Families; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Smith—

SB 312—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Juvenile Justice; amending s. 985.407, F.S.; requiring the department to adopt by rule procedures for changing policies that affect certain contracted services and programs; requiring procedures for notice, public comment, assessment of fiscal impact, and response by the department; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Smith—

SB 314—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Retirement System; amending s. 121.0515, F.S.; providing eligibility of certain medical and emergency personnel providing services at county detention facilities for membership in the Special Risk Class; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Smith—

SB 316—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Indian reservations; amending s. 285.16, F.S.; providing for the state to retrocede jurisdiction over capital felonies, life felonies, and other criminal offenses committed by an enrolled member of the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, or person eligible for enrollment, which occur within a reservation of that tribe; providing that the retrocession of jurisdiction requires consent of the United States Secretary of the Interior; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; and Comprehensive Planning.

By Senator Smith—

SJR 318—A joint resolution proposing the creation of Section 20 of Article III and the amendment of Section 10 of Article IV and Sections 3 and 5 of Article XI of the State Constitution to authorize the proposal of legislation by initiative, to revise or provide requirements for amending the State Constitution by initiative which relate to signatures, voter approval, and economic impact, and to provide for Supreme Court review of initiative petitions proposing legislation.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Aronberg—

SB 320—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Medicaid program; amending s. 409.9066, F.S.; requiring certain drug manufacturers to disclose average wholesale prices of drugs provided through the program; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to publish such information on a website; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Lynn—

SB 322—A bill to be entitled An act relating to district school board employees; requiring an employee of a district school board who is a member of the Legislature to take unpaid leave for time away from employment while on legislative business; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senators Peaden and Fasano—

SB 324—A bill to be entitled An act relating to prostate cancer; establishing a Prostate Cancer Awareness Program within the Department of Health; specifying purpose, activities, administration, and funding sources for the program; creating a prostate cancer advisory committee; providing for appointment of members; providing for reimbursement of expenses; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Smith—

SB 326—A bill to be entitled An act relating to alcoholic beverages; amending s. 562.11, F.S.; prohibiting a person licensed under the Beverage Law from providing alcoholic beverages to an underage employee; prohibiting the licensee from permitting an underage employee from consuming alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises; providing a penalty; reenacting s. 561.706(3), F.S., relating to records of arrests of

vendors or employees for certain violations of the Beverage Law, to incorporate the amendment to s. 562.11, F. S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Criminal Justice; and Judiciary.

By Senators Pruitt, Fasano and Dockery—

SB 328—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Retirement System; amending s. 121.091, F.S.; increasing the period of time within which members of the system who are employed as instructional personnel in grades K-12 may participate in the DROP; providing a statement of proper and legitimate state purpose; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Education; and Appropriations.

By Senators Pruitt and Fasano—

SB 330—A bill to be entitled An act relating to firefighter and municipal police pensions; creating s. 175.1015, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Revenue to create and maintain a database for use by insurers that report and remit an excise tax on property insurance premiums; providing insurers with incentives for using the database; providing penalties for failure to use the database; requiring local governments to provide information to the department; appropriating funds to the department for the administration of the database; authorizing the department to adopt rules; creating s. 185.085, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Revenue to create and maintain a database for use by insurers that report and remit an excise tax on casualty insurers premiums; providing incentives to insurers for using the database and penalties for failure to use the database; requiring local governments to provide information to the department; appropriating funds to the department for the administration of the database; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing for distribution of tax revenues through 2007; amending s. 175.351, F.S.; defining the term “extra benefits” with respect to pension plans for firefighters; amending s. 185.35, F.S.; providing for the meaning of the term “extra benefits” with respect to pension plans for municipal police officers; providing an appropriation to the Department of Revenue; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Banking and Insurance; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 332—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local option fuel taxes on motor fuel and diesel fuel; amending s. 336.025, F.S.; expanding the uses of proceeds from local option fuel taxes on motor fuel and diesel fuel; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Comprehensive Planning; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 334—A bill to be entitled An act relating to telecommunications companies; creating s. 364.108, F.S.; prescribing the rate for telecommunications service provided to certain elevators; providing penalties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communication and Public Utilities; and Comprehensive Planning.

By Senators Wise and Fasano—

SB 336—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle liability insurance; requiring that persons convicted of certain offenses of driving under the influence maintain a noncancelable motor vehicle liability policy for a specified period following license reinstatement; requiring periodic proof of financial responsibility and renewal of vehicle registration; requiring that the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles issue a vehicle registration certificate and validation sticker displaying the date of expiration; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Transportation; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 338—A bill to be entitled An act relating to emergency medical dispatch; creating s. 768.1335, F.S.; providing immunity from liability for emergency medical dispatchers and public safety telecommunicators and their employers in the performance of their duties relating to emergency medical assistance or emergency medical services in specified circumstances; providing a short title; defining terms; amending s. 401.111, F.S.; authorizing Department of Health grants to emergency medical dispatch agencies; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Lynn—

SB 340—A bill to be entitled An act relating to involuntary commitment under the Baker Act; amending s. 394.463, F.S.; providing that a patient admitted for involuntary examination to a hospital emergency department may not be released without the approval of the emergency department physician; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; and Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care.

By Senator Smith—

SB 342—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the judicial branch of government; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the judicial branch of state government; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Article V Implementation and Judiciary; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Smith—

SB 344—A bill to be entitled An act relating to justice administration; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to justice administration; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Article V Implementation and Judiciary; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Crist—

SB 346—A bill to be entitled An act relating to corrections; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to corrections; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Crist—

SB 348—A bill to be entitled An act relating to juvenile justice; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to juvenile justice; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Crist—

SB 350—A bill to be entitled An act relating to legal affairs; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to legal affairs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 352—A bill to be entitled An act relating to class size reduction; expressing the legislative intent to enact legislation relating to class size reduction; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 354—A bill to be entitled An act relating to scholarship programs; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to scholarship programs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 356—A bill to be entitled An act relating to K-12 education programs; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to K-12 education programs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 358—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to education; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 360—A bill to be entitled An act relating to prekindergarten programs; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to prekindergarten programs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 362—A bill to be entitled An act relating to prepaid tuition scholarships; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to prepaid tuition scholarships; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 364—A bill to be entitled An act relating to school transportation; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to school transportation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 366—A bill to be entitled An act relating to funding for K-12 programs; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to funding for K-12 programs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 368—A bill to be entitled An act relating to higher education; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to higher education; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 370—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state universities; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to state universities; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Clary—

SB 372—A bill to be entitled An act relating to governmental operations; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to governmental operations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Clary—

SB 374—A bill to be entitled An act relating to regulatory programs; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to regulatory programs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Clary—

SB 376—A bill to be entitled An act relating to financial services; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to financial services; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Clary—

SB 378—A bill to be entitled An act relating to consumer services; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to consumer services; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Clary—

SB 380—A bill to be entitled An act relating to agriculture; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to agriculture; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Clary—

SB 382—A bill to be entitled An act relating to natural resources; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to natural resources; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Clary—

SB 384—A bill to be entitled An act relating to environmental regulation; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to environmental regulation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Clary—

SB 386—A bill to be entitled An act relating to child support enforcement; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to child support enforcement; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Children and Families; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Clary—

SB 388—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state revenue programs; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to state revenue programs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Peadar—

SB 390—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health care; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to health care; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Peadar—

SB 392—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Medicaid; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the Medicaid program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Peadar—

SB 394—A bill to be entitled An act relating to services for veterans; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to services for veterans; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Peadar—

SB 396—A bill to be entitled An act relating to services for elders; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to services for elders; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Children and Families; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Peadar—

SB 398—A bill to be entitled An act relating to services for children and families; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to services for children and families; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children and Families; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Peadar—

SB 400—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health programs; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to health programs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Webster—

SB 402—A bill to be entitled An act relating to community affairs; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to community affairs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Webster—

SB 404—A bill to be entitled An act relating to military affairs; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to military affairs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Webster—

SB 406—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to transportation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Webster—

SB 408—A bill to be entitled An act relating to economic development; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to economic development; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Webster—

SB 410—A bill to be entitled An act relating to workforce development; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to workforce development; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Webster—

SB 412—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicles; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to motor vehicles; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Webster—

SB 414—A bill to be entitled An act relating to highway safety; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to highway safety; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Webster—

SB 416—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of State; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the Department of State; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Pruitt—

SB 418—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state planning and budgeting; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to state planning and budgeting; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Pruitt—

SB 420—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the state retirement system; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the state retirement system; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Pruitt—

SB 422—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state employee health insurance; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to state employee health insurance; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Smith—

SB 424—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Indian reservations; amending s. 285.16, F.S.; specifying that the state's jurisdiction over criminal offenses committed within Indian reservations does not apply to Indian reservations of the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida; providing an exception for such reservations with respect to the applicability of civil and criminal laws of the state; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; and Comprehensive Planning.

By Senator Clary—

SB 426—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state group insurance programs; amending s. 110.1228, F.S.; expanding eligibility for participation in the state group health insurance program and the prescription drug coverage program; providing for participation by employees of all elected district school boards rather than only district school boards located in small counties; providing requirements for application and

enrollment; providing certain limitations; providing for applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senators Smith, Crist and Villalobos—

SB 428—A bill to be entitled An act relating to community control; amending s. 948.10, F.S.; requiring that the Department of Corrections notify the supervising probation officer if the court places an offender on community control who is ineligible for such placement; requiring that the department seek modification of the offender’s sentence if possible; requiring that the department notify the sentencing judge; requiring that the department report to the chief judge of each circuit, the state attorneys, and the Supreme Court on the placement of ineligible offenders on community control; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senators Argenziano and Fasano—

SB 430—A bill to be entitled An act relating to water management; creating the Citrus/Hernando Waterways Restoration Council; providing for membership, powers, and duties; providing for separate county task forces; providing for a report to the Legislature; providing for an advisory group to the council; requiring the Southwest Florida Water Management District to act as lead entity for the purpose of providing staff and administrative support for the council; providing for a Citrus/Hernando Waterways restoration program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Geller—

SB 432—A bill to be entitled An act relating to redevelopment; expressing the Legislature’s intent to enact legislation relating to the redevelopment of counties and municipalities; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Geller—

SB 434—A bill to be entitled An act relating to growth management; expressing the Legislature’s intent to enact legislation relating to growth management and the provision of urban services; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senators Campbell and Bennett—

SB 436—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the provision of health care services; specifying conditions under which a health care provider must be permitted to participate as a service provider under a health plan offered by a managed care organization; defining the term “managed care organization”; providing for civil penalties; amending

s. 627.419, F.S.; providing for construction of policies; providing for application; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 438—A bill to be entitled An act relating to electronic messages; providing definitions; prohibiting a person from transmitting, conspiring to transmit, or assisting in transmitting a commercial electronic mail message from a computer within the state to a resident of the state if that message uses an Internet domain name without permission, misrepresents the point of origin of the message, or contains false or misleading information; specifying circumstances under which a person has knowledge that the intended recipient of a message is a resident of this state; providing for injunctive or other equitable relief for a violation of the act; authorizing the court to award damages; authorizing a computer service to block the receipt or transmission of a message upon reasonable belief that the message is or will be sent in violation of the act; providing immunity from liability for such action; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communication and Public Utilities; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; and Judiciary.

By Senator Wise—

SB 440—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; providing that it is the intent of the Legislature to create an exemption to public-records requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Wise—

SB 442—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; providing that it is the intent of the Legislature to create an exemption to public-records requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Wise—

SB 444—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; providing that it is the intent of the Legislature to create an exemption to public-records requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Wise—

SB 446—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; providing that it is the intent of the Legislature to create an exemption to public-records requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Wise—

SB 448—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; providing that it is the intent of the Legislature to create an exemption to public-records requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Wise—

SB 450—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; providing that it is the intent of the Legislature to create an exemption to public-records requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Wise—

SB 452—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; providing that it is the intent of the Legislature to create an exemption to public-records requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Wise—

SB 454—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; providing that it is the intent of the Legislature to create an exemption to public-records requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Wise—

SB 456—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; providing that it is the intent of the Legislature to create an exemption to public-records requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Wise—

SB 458—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; providing that it is the intent of the Legislature to create an exemption to public-records requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senators Pruitt and Klein—

SB 460—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health care; amending s. 408.036, F.S.; providing an exemption from certificate-of-need requirements for certain open-heart-surgery programs; providing criteria for qualifying for the exemption; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to report to the Legislature; providing for expiration of the exemption; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By the Committee on Agriculture—

SB 462—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; reviving, reenacting, and amending s. 828.30(5), F.S.; reenacting the exemption from public-records requirements which pertains to certain confidential information contained in a rabies vaccination certificate provided to the animal control authority; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Smith—

SJR 464—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 5 of Article XI of the State Constitution to require the Legislature to provide for a statement to the public concerning the probable financial impact of an amendment proposed by initiative.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Wasserman Schultz—

SB 466—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Kidcare program; creating s. 409.8141, F.S.; providing that an uninsured parent, guardian, or relative caretaker of a child enrolled in the Florida Kidcare program is eligible for coverage under the program, subject to certain limitation; requiring separate premiums or cost-sharing requirements for the parent, guardian, or relative caretaker; providing that nonpayment of premiums or cost-sharing requirements for an adult is not grounds for disenrolling a child in that family from the program; providing for coverage of a parent, guardian, or relative caretaker whose income is above a specified level if the adult pays the full cost of the premium, including administrative costs; providing that the eligibility for coverage provided by the act is not an entitlement; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration and the board of directors of the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation to limit enrollment under the act; exempting the adults enrolled under the act from the enrollment limitations of the Florida Kidcare program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Garcia—

SB 468—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Indian reservations; amending s. 285.16, F.S.; specifying that the state's jurisdiction over criminal offenses committed within Indian reservations does not apply to Indian reservations of the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida; providing an exception for such reservations with respect to the applicability of civil and criminal laws of the state; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; and Comprehensive Planning.

By Senator Wasserman Schultz—

SB 470—A bill to be entitled An act relating to economic recovery; providing legislative intent; providing criteria, requirements, and limitations on certain training; providing for power and authority of the Agency for Workforce Innovation; providing requirements for expenditure of certain funds; amending s. 443.036, F.S.; providing a definition and an application of an alternative base period; providing requirements and limitations; specifying, for a limited time period, alternative time periods and amounts of certain payments, an increase in weekly benefit

amounts, and waiver of a waiting period for certain individuals for unemployment compensation purposes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senators Smith, Pruitt, Geller and Diaz de la Portilla—

SB 472—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mining activities; amending s. 552.30, F.S.; redefining the term “construction materials mining activities”; creating ss. 552.32-552.44, F.S.; providing a short title; providing legislative findings and public purpose; providing that the Division of Administrative Hearings has exclusive jurisdiction over certain claims for damages relating to the use of explosives in connection with construction materials mining activities; requiring a person who uses explosives in connection with such activities to post security in a specified amount for a specified period; providing for rulemaking by the State Fire Marshal; providing for an administrative remedy; providing procedures for mediation and for formal hearings; allowing recovery of certain costs and attorney’s fees, with exceptions; providing for appeals; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; and Banking and Insurance.

By Senators Cowin, Fasano, Constantine and Lynn—

SB 474—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the tax on sales, use, and other transactions; specifying a period during which the sale of clothing, wallets, bags, certain books, and school supplies shall be exempt from such tax; defining the terms “clothing” and “school supplies” for purposes of the exemption; providing that the exemption does not apply to sales within certain theme parks, entertainment complexes, public lodging establishments, or airports; providing requirements with respect to proof of Florida residency; providing for rules; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 476—A bill to be entitled An act relating to environmental health; creating part IV of chapter 489, F.S., relating to the regulation of portable restroom contracting; providing definitions; requiring a portable restroom contractor to apply for registration with the Department of Health; providing requirements for registration, including an examination; providing for administration; providing rulemaking authority; providing for renewal of registration, including continuing education; providing for certification of partnerships and corporations; providing grounds for suspension or revocation of registration; providing fees; providing penalties and prohibitions; amending s. 381.0066, F.S.; authorizing the continuation of permit fees for system construction permits for onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Regulated Industries; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Posey—

SB 478—A bill to be entitled An act relating to actions against law enforcement officers; providing a short title; amending s. 111.065, F.S.; redefining the term “law enforcement officer” for purposes of the payment of costs and attorney’s fees in certain actions commenced against a law enforcement officer; revising circumstances under which the employing agency of a law enforcement officer has the option of paying legal

costs and attorney’s fees in an action arising out of the officer’s official duties; requiring that an officer’s employing agency pay legal costs and attorney’s fees under certain circumstances involving an emergency, imminent death or bodily harm, or the pursuit or apprehension of an offender; providing for jurisdiction relating to legal costs and attorney’s fees; providing certain limitations of the amount awarded; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Lynn—

SB 480—A bill to be entitled An act relating to children and families; providing legislative findings and intent; creating the Commission on Marriage and Family Support Initiatives within the Department of Children and Family Services; providing for membership; providing scope of activity; providing for coordination with other organizations and entities; providing for funding of the commission; repealing ss. 383.0112, 383.0113, and 383.0114, F.S., relating to the Commission on Responsible Fatherhood and community-based programs to encourage responsible fatherhood; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children and Families; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Lynn—

SB 482—A bill to be entitled An act relating to termination of rental agreements by members of the United States Armed Forces; amending s. 83.682, F.S.; removing provisions requiring the payment of liquidated damages to the landlord under certain circumstances upon termination of a rental agreement; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans’ Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; and Judiciary.

By Senator Fasano—

SM 484—A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to enact legislation repealing laws that prohibit importation of large quantities of prescription drugs to the United States in order to open the market for prescription drugs to competition from foreign manufacturers and create opportunity for the public to purchase prescription drugs at lower prices.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

SR 486—Not referenced.

By Senator Villalobos—

SB 488—A bill to be entitled An act relating to probation or community control; amending s. 948.03, F.S.; providing requirements for measuring the distance from an offender’s place of residence to a school, day care center, park, playground, or other place where children congregate for purposes of complying with a court-imposed condition prohibiting the offender from living within a specified distance from those facilities; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; and Judiciary.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 490—A bill to be entitled An act relating to growth management; expressing the Legislature's intent to revise laws relating to growth management and annexation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

Senate Resolutions 492-498—Not referenced.

By Senator Sebesta—

SB 500—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to transportation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Sebesta—

SB 502—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to transportation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Sebesta—

SB 504—A bill to be entitled An act relating to highway safety; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to highway safety; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Sebesta—

SB 506—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to transportation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Sebesta—

SB 508—A bill to be entitled An act relating to highway safety; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to highway safety; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Sebesta—

SB 510—A bill to be entitled An act relating to highway safety; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to highway safety; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Margolis—

SB 512—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the sale of residential property; amending s. 475.422, F.S.; requiring that a licensed real estate broker or salesperson make certain disclosures to the purchaser of residential property regarding the assessment of ad valorem taxes; providing that noncompliance may subject the licensee to disciplinary action; requiring a person who receives an offer for the purchase of residential property to make certain disclosures to the purchaser regarding the assessment of ad valorem taxes; requiring that the purchaser be required to sign the disclosure; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senators Wilson, Miller, Siplin, Bullard and Lawson—

SB 514—A bill to be entitled An act relating to human immunodeficiency virus; amending s. 381.0046, F.S.; increasing the number of HIV and AIDS minority coordinators within the Department of Health; requiring the department to expand its HIV/AIDS prevention efforts in Florida's minority communities and establish linkage programs for HIV-positive inmates prior to their release from jail; deleting obsolete provisions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Wilson—

SB 516—A bill to be entitled An act relating to voter registration; creating s. 97.0584, F.S.; requiring certain school districts to establish a voter registration program that offers eligible high school students in the district the opportunity to register to vote or to update a voter registration record at least once a year; providing that participation is mandatory for public high schools in the district and voluntary for non-public high schools in the district; providing requirements of the participating high schools, school districts, and supervisors of elections with respect to the program; specifying eligibility requirements; providing for use of county voting equipment in certain school elections; reenacting ss. 97.041, 97.053, F.S.; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 518—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Building Code; amending s. 553.73, F.S.; providing for the updating of the Florida Building Code; amending s. 553.842, F.S.; revising provisions relating to product evaluation reports; providing requirements relating to regional emergency elevator access; requiring elevators in certain newly constructed or substantially renovated buildings to be keyed alike within each of the state emergency response regions; providing for these requirements to be phased in for certain existing buildings; restricting the duplication and issuance of master elevator keys; requiring the labeling of master elevator keys; allowing local fire marshals to allow substitute emergency measures for elevator access in certain circumstances; providing for appeal of the local fire marshal's decision; providing for the State Fire Marshal to enforce these provisions; encouraging builders to

use applicable new technology to provide regional emergency elevator access; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Comprehensive Planning; Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

Senate Resolutions 520-522—Not referenced.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 524—A bill to be entitled An act relating to rules of evidence; amending s. 90.104, F.S.; specifying circumstances in which claims of error relating to evidence admitted or excluded at trial are preserved for appeal; amending s. 90.803, F.S., relating to hearsay exceptions; amending conditions under which certain records of regularly conducted business activity are admissible; amending s. 90.902, F.S.; providing for circumstances in which evidence accompanied by a certification or declaration made by a records custodian or another qualified person does not require extrinsic evidence of authenticity as a condition precedent to admissibility; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; and Governmental Oversight and Productivity.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 526—A bill to be entitled An act relating to pawnbrokers and secondhand dealers; creating s. 943.0546, F.S.; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to administer a statewide database of pawnshop transactions and acquisitions of secondhand goods; requiring local law enforcement agencies to submit records of such transactions to the department; authorizing a law enforcement agency to access the database only for investigative purposes and subject to specified conditions; requiring the department to submit an annual report to the Legislature; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to adopt rules; amending s. 539.001, F.S., relating to the Florida Pawnbroking Act; specifying the form of a petition under which a claimant may bring an action to recover possession of misappropriated property; providing for a court to determine the disposition of misappropriated property as part of a criminal case; requiring the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to prescribe a pamphlet to describe a claimant's rights to recover misappropriated property from a pawnbroker; requiring that the department prescribe by rule a disclosure form; requiring that such form be provided to any person demanding the return of property from a pawnbroker; providing rulemaking authority; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Crist—

SB 528—A bill to be entitled An act relating to appropriations; providing an appropriation to the Department of Corrections and authorizing additional positions for the incarceration of a prison population in excess of estimated projections; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Smith—

SB 530—A bill to be entitled An act relating to anatomical gifts; creating the "Nick Oelrich Gift of Life Act"; amending s. 765.512, F.S., relating to anatomical gifts; prohibiting modification of a donor's intent; providing that a donor document is legally binding; authorizing specified persons to furnish a donor's medical records upon request; amending s. 765.516, F.S.; revising procedures by which the terms of an anatomical

gift may be amended or the gift may be revoked; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; and Judiciary.

By Senator Aronberg—

SB 532—A bill to be entitled An act relating to campaign financing; requiring certain organizations to file campaign finance disclosure reports; providing requirements for the contents of, and for the place and time of filing, such reports; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 534—A bill to be entitled An act relating to prekindergarten education; expressing the legislative intent to implement the amendment to the State Constitution requiring voluntary, universal prekindergarten education; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 536—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the state universities; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws to implement the constitutional amendment concerning state universities; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 538—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the class-size amendment to the State Constitution; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws to implement the amendment to the State Constitution concerning the maximum number of students assigned to a classroom; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 540—A bill to be entitled An act relating to affordable housing; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to affordable housing; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 542—A bill to be entitled An act relating to growth management; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to growth management; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 544—A bill to be entitled An act relating to payday loan transactions; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to payday loan transactions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 546—A bill to be entitled An act relating to developments of regional impact; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to developments of regional impact; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 548—A bill to be entitled An act relating to community redevelopment agencies; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to community redevelopment agencies; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 550—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the homeless; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the homeless; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Children and Families; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 552—A bill to be entitled An act relating to economic development; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to economic development; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 554—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the permitting responsibilities of water management districts; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the permitting responsibilities of the water management districts; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources; Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 556—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the distribution of locally collected tourist development tax revenue; expressing the legisla-

tive intent to revise laws relating to the distribution of locally collected tourist development tax revenue; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 558—A bill to be entitled An act relating to medical malpractice; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to medical malpractice; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Judiciary; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 560—A bill to be entitled An act relating to medical malpractice; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to medical malpractice; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Judiciary; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 562—A bill to be entitled An act relating to medical malpractice; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to medical malpractice; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Judiciary; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 564—A bill to be entitled An act relating to medical malpractice; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to medical malpractice; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Judiciary; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 566—A bill to be entitled An act relating to medical malpractice; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to medical malpractice; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Judiciary; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 568—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Wekiva Springs Preserve and Parkway; expressing the legislative intent to enact legislation relating to the Wekiva Springs Preserve and Parkway; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources; Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 570—A bill to be entitled An act relating to termination of rental agreements by members of the United States Armed Forces; amending s. 83.682, F.S.; removing provisions requiring the payment of liquidated damages to the landlord under certain circumstances upon termination of a rental agreement; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; and Judiciary.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 572—A bill to be entitled An act relating to dental licensure examinations; amending s. 466.006, F.S., and creating s. 466.0065, F.S.; allowing certain dental students to take regional licensure examinations under specified conditions; restricting the applicability of examination results; requiring approval by the Board of Dentistry and providing prerequisites to such approval; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 574—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Building Code; providing requirements relating to regional emergency elevator access; requiring elevators in newly constructed or certain substantially renovated buildings to be keyed alike within each of the state emergency response regions; providing for these requirements to be phased in for certain existing buildings; restricting the duplication and issuance of master elevator keys; requiring the labeling of master elevator keys; allowing local fire marshals to allow substitute emergency measures for elevator access in certain circumstances; providing for appeal of the local fire marshal's decision; providing for the State Fire Marshal to enforce these provisions; encouraging builders to use applicable new technology to provide regional emergency elevator access; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Comprehensive Planning; Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

SR 576—Not referenced.

By Senator Lee—

SB 578—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the official Florida Statutes; amending ss. 11.2421, 11.2422, 11.2424, and 11.2425, F.S.; adopting the Florida Statutes 2003 and designating the portions thereof that are to constitute the official law of the state; providing that the Florida Statutes 2003 shall be effective immediately upon publication; providing that general laws enacted during the April 29-May 13, 2002, special session and prior thereto and not included in the Florida Statutes 2003 are repealed; providing that general laws enacted during the 2003 regular session are not repealed by this adoption act.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Lee—

SB 580—A reviser's bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; amending ss. 8.0001, 24.121, 27.710, 57.085, 61.517, 106.07, 112.19, 112.191, 119.07, 154.01, 163.31776, 163.31777, 196.1983, 199.282, 210.20, 220.1501, 243.20, 267.173, 288.1067, 288.7091, 295.0185, 318.14, 322.051, 335.14, 341.8201, 381.0068, 381.60225, 395.2050, 400.0089, 400.23, 402.305, 402.3131, 403.706, 406.51, 409.1451, 409.815, 409.91196, 409.912, 411.01, 435.03, 440.102, 440.15, 445.0121, 467.0125, 470.002, 470.019, 470.036, 489.510, 496.404,

499.033, 499.051, 501.608, 507.05, 517.12, 553.73, 562.11, 562.111, 624.04, 624.303, 624.313, 624.317, 624.501, 624.504, 624.521, 624.523, 626.022, 626.112, 626.266, 626.321, 626.461, 626.733, 626.7354, 626.741, 626.753, 626.829, 626.852, 626.9541, 627.3111, 627.351, 628.255, 631.111, 633.01, 634.171, 634.420, 641.35, 642.034, 642.036, 642.045, 648.355, 679.703, 679.704, 765.5216, 765.522, 768.16, 768.17, 768.18, 790.06, 921.0022, 943.22, 943.66, 945.355, 1000.01, 1004.07, 1004.22, 1004.32, 1004.45, 1004.92, 1008.35, 1009.40, 1009.66, 1009.74, 1010.07, 1011.62, 1011.94, 1012.33, 1012.74, 1013.31, 1013.33, 1013.35, 1013.356, 1013.36, and 1013.68, F.S.; amending and transferring and renumbering s. 381.6025, F.S.; transferring and renumbering ss. 381.0602, 381.6021, 381.6022, 381.6023, 381.6024, and 381.6026, F.S.; reenacting ss. 121.055(4)(d), 316.640(1)(b), and 440.20(6), F.S.; and repealing ss. 20.12, 20.13, 288.109(10), 334.0445, 400.191(2)(b)10., and 420.504(9), F.S., pursuant to s. 11.242, F.S.; deleting provisions that have expired, have become obsolete, have had their effect, have served their purpose, or have been impliedly repealed or superseded; replacing incorrect cross-references and citations; correcting grammatical, typographical, and like errors; removing inconsistencies, redundancies, and unnecessary repetition in the statutes; improving the clarity of the statutes and facilitating their correct interpretation; and confirming the restoration of provisions unintentionally omitted from republication in the acts of the Legislature during the amendatory process.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Lee—

SB 582—A reviser's bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; repealing ss. 101.011, 101.27, 101.28, 101.29, 101.32, 101.33, 101.35, 101.36, 101.37, 101.38, 101.39, 101.40, 101.445, 101.45, 101.46, 101.47, 101.54, 101.55, 101.56, 110.207, 110.209, 206.9825(2), 253.01(2)(b), 257.17(4), 265.2861(1)(e)2., 318.21(2)(i), 324.202, 339.135(7)(g), 372.107(3), 373.59(1)(b), 408.036(3)(s), 443.231, 468.803(4), 504.21, 504.22, 504.23, 504.24, 504.25, 504.26, 504.27, 504.28, 504.29, 504.31, 504.32, 504.33, 504.34, 504.35, 504.36, 624.4075, 624.463, 624.469, 713.18(3), and 985.422, F.S., all of which provisions have become inoperative by noncurrent repeal or expiration and, pursuant to s. 11.242(5)(b) and (i), may be omitted from the Florida Statutes 2003 only through a reviser's bill duly enacted by the Legislature; amending ss. 324.201(4) and (5), 627.732(7), and 627.733(7), F.S., to conform to the repeal of s. 324.202, F.S.; and reenacting s. 206.9825(1), F.S., to conform to the reenactment and amendment of paragraph (b) of that subsection by s. 10, ch. 2002-218, Laws of Florida.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Lee—

SB 584—A reviser's bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; amending ss. 411.226, 1011.31, 1011.42, and 1013.12, F.S., to conform to the directive in s. 1, ch. 93-199, Laws of Florida, to remove gender-specific references applicable to human beings from the Florida Statutes without substantive change in legal effect.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Lee—

SB 586—A reviser's bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; repealing ss. 10.1001, 10.1002, 10.1003, 10.1004, 10.1005, 10.1006, 10.1007, and 10.1008, F.S., pursuant to s. 11.242, F.S.; deleting provisions providing for apportionment of the districts for the State Senate and House of Representatives that have been superseded.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Lee—

SB 588—A reviser's bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; amending ss. 11.90, 61.13, 83.03, 211.31, 288.1222, and

350.115, F.S.; and repealing s. 408.0015, F.S.; pursuant to s. 11.242, F.S.; deleting provisions that have expired, have become obsolete, have had their effect, have served their purpose, or have been impliedly repealed or superseded; replacing incorrect cross-references and citations; correcting grammatical, typographical, and like errors; removing inconsistencies, redundancies, and unnecessary repetition in the statutes; and improving the clarity of the statutes and facilitating their correct interpretation.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Geller—

SB 590—A bill to be entitled An act relating to bingo; providing a short title; amending s. 849.0931, F.S.; defining the terms “instant bingo” and “deal”; providing rules for the operation of instant bingo games; providing penalties; providing requirements for the manufacture and sale of instant bingo tickets; providing duties of the Department of the Lottery; reenacting ss. 718.114, 723.079(8), F.S., relating to condominiums and homeowners’ associations, to incorporate the amendment to s. 849.0931, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Criminal Justice; Education; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Geller—

SB 592—A bill to be entitled An act relating to corporate affairs; amending s. 617.01401, F.S.; defining the term “electronic transmission” for purposes of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act; amending s. 617.0141, F.S.; authorizing forms of electronic transmission of notice for domestic or foreign corporations; providing for a corporation member to revoke consent to receiving notice by electronic transmission; providing that an affidavit of notice by electronic transmission is, in the absence of fraud, prima facie evidence of the facts stated in the notice; amending ss. 718.111 and 718.112, F.S.; providing for a condominium association to transmit electronic notices to unit owners; providing that the association is not liable for erroneously disclosing certain address information; revising requirements for use of proxies for voting; authorizing the association to broadcast notice via a closed-circuit television system; prohibiting notice by electronic transmission for a recall of board members; providing for association bylaws to authorize the electronic transmission of notices; amending ss. 719.104 and 719.106, F.S.; providing for a cooperative association to transmit electronic notices to unit owners; providing that the association is not liable for erroneously disclosing certain address information; revising requirements for use of proxies for voting; authorizing the association to broadcast notice via a closed-circuit television system; prohibiting notice by electronic transmission for a recall of board members; providing for association bylaws to authorize the electronic transmission of notices; amending s. 720.302, F.S.; clarifying that corporations not for profit that operate residential homeowners’ associations are subject to the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act; amending s. 720.303, F.S.; authorizing a homeowners’ association to broadcast notice via a closed-circuit television system; providing that the association is not liable for erroneously disclosing certain address information; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Regulated Industries; and Judiciary.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 594—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle insurance; amending s. 627.7283, F.S.; requiring an insurer to refund the entire unearned premium to any member of the armed services who cancels a policy under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans’ Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; and Banking and Insurance.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 596—A bill to be entitled An act relating to alcoholic beverage licenses; amending s. 561.15, F.S.; prohibiting the issuance of a license under the Beverage Law to anyone who has ever been convicted or whose employee has ever been convicted, or to a corporation of which an officer or employee has ever been convicted, of certain enumerated offenses; adding to the list of such offenses; providing for suspension of a license during legal proceedings; providing for license revocation or reinstatement, in accordance with the outcome of the proceedings; repealing provisions allowing a corporation to obtain or retain a beverage license despite having been convicted of a specified offense; reenacting ss. 549.10(2), 561.01(14), 561.181(2), 561.331(3), 561.68(2), 564.045(2), 565.095(2), F.S., relating to motorsports entertainment complex contracts, definitions of terms used in the Beverage Law, temporary initial licenses, temporary license upon application for transfer, change of location or change of type or series, licensure of distributors’ salespersons, and licensure as a primary American source of supply, to incorporate the amendment to s. 561.15, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Judiciary; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 598—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public medical assistance; amending s. 395.701, F.S.; removing the annual assessment on hospital outpatient services to fund public medical assistance; repealing s. 395.7015, F.S., which provides for an annual assessment on certain other health care entities to fund public medical assistance; amending s. 395.7016, F.S., which provides for annual appropriations to replace funds lost due to reductions made by ch. 2000-256, Laws of Florida, to remove reductions in the assessment under s. 395.7015, F.S.; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Miller—

SB 600—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the practice of hair braiding; amending s. 477.013, F.S.; redefining the term “hair braiding” for purposes of chapter 477, F.S., relating to the practice of cosmetology; providing that the term includes the weaving or interweaving of hair extensions or wefts; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; and Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services.

By Senator Miller—

SB 602—A bill to be entitled An act relating to driving under the influence; amending s. 316.1933, F.S.; requiring a law enforcement officer to administer a field sobriety test to the driver or person in control of any motor vehicle involved in a traffic accident resulting in death or serious bodily injury; providing for administration of blood tests in certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Miller—

SB 604—A bill to be entitled An act relating to substance abuse; creating s. 948.201, F.S., the “Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act”; providing findings and purpose; providing definitions; providing for assignment of certain nonviolent drug offenders to rehabilitative treat-

ment programs; providing conditions of such assignment; providing conditions for subsequent prosecution; providing for an annual accountability and evaluation study; providing applicability to other provisions of law; providing severability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Miller—

SB 606—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mandatory reports of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect; amending s. 39.201, F.S.; providing that persons who are employed or supervised by religious institutions or by entities affiliated with such institutions must report to the Department of Children and Family Services their knowledge or reasonable suspicion of child abuse, abandonment, or neglect; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children and Families; Education; and Criminal Justice.

By Senator Miller—

SB 608—A bill to be entitled An act relating to limitation of actions; amending s. 775.15, F.S.; providing that certain time limitations for prosecuting a crime do not apply if the alleged perpetrator of an offense of sexual battery is identified, after the expiration of such applicable time period, by analysis of DNA collected during the investigation of a crime or otherwise made available to a law enforcement agency; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; and Judiciary.

By Senator Miller—

SB 610—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fire hydrants; requiring owners of private fire hydrants to contract with licensed professionals or local fire-control authorities to inspect and service such hydrants; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Banking and Insurance; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Miller—

SJR 612—A joint resolution proposing the amendment of Section 4 of Article IX of the State Constitution, relating to education, to limit the term of office for a member of a district school board.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Ethics and Elections; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Miller—

SB 614—A bill to be entitled An act relating to bus transportation; amending s. 316.70, F.S.; requiring the driving records of nonpublic sector bus drivers to be checked for suspended or revoked licenses; providing that private school students may ride on public school buses and public school students may ride on private school buses, subject to specified conditions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Miller—

SB 616—A bill to be entitled An act relating to migrant farm workers; amending s. 381.0086, F.S.; providing requirements for certain rules necessary to protect the health and safety of migrant farm workers and other occupants of migrant labor camps or residential migrant housing; providing that migrant farm workers may provide their own living accommodations, food, and transportation to and from work; providing that it is unlawful to prohibit or restrict the exercise of such rights; placing restrictions upon the rates for rental and for room and board which a migrant farm worker and the worker's family may be charged; providing penalties; prohibiting forcing an individual to work as a migrant farm worker against his or her will; providing penalties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Judiciary; and Criminal Justice.

By Senator Miller—

SB 618—A bill to be entitled An act relating to gain-time awards for good conduct; amending s. 944.275, F.S.; increasing the amount of gain-time that the Department of Corrections may grant to certain prisoners; providing that such increase may not be granted to a prisoner convicted of committing a forcible felony; amending s. 921.002, F.S., relating to the Criminal Punishment Code; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Miller—

SB 620—A bill to be entitled An act relating to unemployment compensation hearings; amending s. 443.151, F.S.; requiring that notice of the hearing be sent to all parties by certified or registered mail; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Miller—

SB 622—A bill to be entitled An act relating to per diem and travel expenses; amending s. 112.061, F.S.; increasing per diem and subsistence amounts for persons traveling for public purposes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Appropriations.

By Senator Miller—

SB 624—A bill to be entitled An act relating to license plates; amending ss. 320.08056, 320.08058, F.S.; creating a Live the Dream license plate; providing for the distribution of annual use fees received from the sale of such plates; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Lawson—

SB 626—A bill to be entitled An act relating to water management districts; amending s. 373.199, F.S.; eliminating an obsolete requirement for a report; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Senator Lawson—

SB 628—A bill to be entitled An act relating to pollution control; amending s. 376.121, F.S., relating to liability for damage to natural resources; conforming provisions to the transfer of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; amending s. 376.30713, F.S.; eliminating obsolete provisions that require the Department of Environmental Protection to report on preapproved advanced cleanup projects; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Senator Lawson—

SB 630—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Environmental Protection; amending s. 403.8163, F.S.; removing an obsolete reference to the Division of Beaches and Shores of the Department of Environmental Protection; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Senator Lawson—

SB 632—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state lands; amending s. 253.71, F.S.; eliminating obsolete provisions relating to lease fees and surcharges for the use of submerged lands; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Senators Argenziano and Dockery—

SB 634—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Big Bend Historic Saltwater Paddling Trail; amending s. 260.016, F.S.; extending the trail from the Suwannee River to Yankeetown; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Senator Clary—

SB 636—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance; repealing s. 627.062(6), F.S., relating to arbitration procedures in the case of a rate filing with the Department of Insurance; amending s. 627.351, F.S., relating to windstorm insurance risk apportionment; removing a provision authorizing arbitration of a rate filing; amending s. 627.0628, F.S., relating to the Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology; clarifying the membership of the commission; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Judiciary; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senators Clary, Hill, Campbell, Bennett and Webster—

SB 638—A bill to be entitled An act relating to student tuition assistance; creating the Access to Better Learning and Education Grant Program; providing legislative findings with respect to education provided by for-profit colleges and universities; providing for the Department of Education to administer the grant program; providing requirements for eligibility; providing for the grant program to be funded under a formula based on planned enrollment and the state cost of funding such enrollment at public institutions; providing for an annual appropriation; requiring institutions to remit undisbursed funds to the department; limiting the period a student may receive a grant; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 640—A bill to be entitled An act relating to license plates; amending ss. 320.08056, 320.08058, F.S.; creating a series of Military Services license plates; providing for the distribution of annual use fees received from the sale of such plates; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 642—A bill to be entitled An act relating to community care for the elderly; amending s. 430.205, F.S.; providing guidelines for prioritizing services; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Children and Families; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 644—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Medicaid copayments; amending s. 409.9081, F.S.; deleting a copayment requirement for transportation services used by recipients; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 646—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Purple Heart license plates; amending s. 320.089, F.S.; providing for the issuance of such plates without charge to Purple Heart medal recipients or their unmarried surviving spouses, regardless of the recipient's degree of disability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bennett—

SB 648—A bill to be entitled An act relating to electric utilities; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to electric utilities; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communication and Public Utilities; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Bennett—

SB 650—A bill to be entitled An act relating to electric utilities; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to electric utilities; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communication and Public Utilities; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Bennett—

SB 652—A bill to be entitled An act relating to telecommunications; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to telecommunications; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communication and Public Utilities; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Bennett—

SB 654—A bill to be entitled An act relating to telecommunications; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to telecommunications; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communication and Public Utilities; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Bennett—

SB 656—A bill to be entitled An act relating to water and wastewater systems; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to water and wastewater systems; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communication and Public Utilities; Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Bennett—

SB 658—A bill to be entitled An act relating to water and wastewater systems; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to water and wastewater systems; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communication and Public Utilities; Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Bennett—

SB 660—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Public Service Commission; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the Florida Public Service Commission; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communication and Public Utilities; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Bennett—

SB 662—A bill to be entitled An act relating to water and wastewater systems; amending s. 367.081, F.S.; authorizing the Florida Public Service Commission to approve rates allowing utilities to recover the full costs of alternative water supply facilities; amending s. 367.0814, F.S.; increasing the limitation on gross annual revenues under which a water or wastewater utility may qualify to obtain staff assistance from the Florida Public Service Commission in changing rates and charges; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Communication and Public Utilities.

By Senator Sebesta—

SB 664—A bill to be entitled An act relating to recreational activities at facilities for elderly or disabled adults; authorizing bingo games for residents or clients of certain facilities for the elderly or disabled and for their guests; providing conditions; providing for use of proceeds; providing exemption from local regulation and fees; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Pruitt—

SB 666—A bill to be entitled An act relating to environmental control; amending s. 403.4131, F.S.; replacing “Keep Florida Beautiful, Incorporated” with the Clean Florida Commission; providing membership and duties of the commission; providing for an executive director and other commission employees; providing for the commission to contract for the development of a statewide anti-litter campaign; providing for local governments and nonprofit organizations to receive grants to be used for community litter prevention programs; providing priorities for the award of grants; requiring an annual report to the Governor and to legislative leaders; requiring the Department of Transportation to erect anti-litter signs; providing requirements for litter reduction programs; placing the Wildflower Advisory Council under the control of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; amending duties of the council; amending s. 403.41315, F.S.; amending cross-references, to conform; amending s. 403.709, F.S.; transferring proceeds to be used in litter prevention from the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund to the Clean Florida Commission; imposing a duty on the commission; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; providing that the proceeds of fees paid for Wildflower license plates must be distributed to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; specifying uses of the proceeds; transferring the balance of such proceeds from “Keep Florida Beautiful, Incorporated” to the department; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources; Comprehensive Planning; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Pruitt—

SB 668—A bill to be entitled An act relating to license plates; amending ss. 320.08056, 320.08058, F.S.; creating a Sailfish license plate; providing for the distribution of annual use fees received from the sale of such plates; providing for the annual use fees received from the sale of Florida Wildflower license plates to be distributed to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Agriculture; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bennett—

SB 670—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the licensure of family foster homes; amending s. 409.175, F.S.; revising requirements for an assessment that must be completed before additional children are placed in a home; requiring that the assessment be conducted by a certified family counselor; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children and Families; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bennett—

SB 672—A bill to be entitled An act relating to district school taxation; amending s. 1011.71, F.S.; revising the expenditures that are authorized from the proceeds of district school taxes; providing for the rental or

lease of certain buildings, certain payments for libraries, and the servicing of payments for certain certificates of participation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 674—A bill to be entitled An act relating to environmental control; creating s. 403.71853, F.S.; creating a program for the responsible disposal of certain electronic products and components; providing definitions; providing duties of the Department of Environmental Protection and other government entities and agencies and of marketers of such products and components; prohibiting certain methods of disposal of such products and components; providing for funding the program; providing for fees for sales of components and for a surcharge on waste disposal; providing penalties; creating a review council; providing for rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources; Comprehensive Planning; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Sebesta—

SB 676—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation; amending s. 316.2952, F.S.; deleting a reference to an obsolete federal safety standard; amending ss. 322.212 and 338.2216, F.S.; correcting references; amending s. 338.165, F.S.; authorizing the refinancing of certain transportation facilities; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 678—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; creating an electronics recycling account in the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund; providing a revenue source; providing for use of moneys in the account; providing for future review and termination or re-creation of the account; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources; Comprehensive Planning; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 680—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Florida Gulf Coast University; amending s. 1002.32, F.S.; authorizing a developmental research school at the university; authorizing a bachelor of science in human performance degree program with a concentration in athletic training at the university; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Sebesta—

SB 682—A bill to be entitled An act relating to highway safety and motor vehicles; amending s. 316.1932, F.S.; revising requirements relating to the notice of consent for sobriety testing which is printed on driver's licenses; amending s. 316.302, F.S.; revising provisions relating to an exemption from federal vision standards for specified commercial driver's licenses; amending s. 316.605, F.S.; providing for the placement of motor vehicle license plates on certain government-owned vehicles;

amending s. 320.01, F.S.; revising the definition of the terms "apportioned vehicle" and "commercial motor vehicle"; amending s. 320.05, F.S.; providing that certain motor vehicle and vessel information is available free of charge via the website of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; amending s. 320.06, F.S.; correcting a cross-reference; amending s. 320.0605, F.S.; exempting specified vehicles from the requirement that the certificate of registration must be carried in the vehicle at all times; amending s. 320.071, F.S.; eliminating the requirement that vehicle registration renewals must occur in the county of residency; amending s. 320.072, F.S.; revising provisions relating to certain motor vehicle registration transactions; amending s. 320.0821, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the placement of motor vehicle license plates on wreckers; amending s. 320.086, F.S.; revising provisions relating to historical license plates; amending s. 320.18, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to withhold vessel registrations under specified conditions; amending s. 320.27, F.S.; requiring that motor vehicle dealers maintain certain records for 5 years; amending s. 320.58, F.S.; authorizing inspectors employed by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to enforce certain provisions relating to off-highway vehicles and vessels; amending s. 320.8249, F.S.; revising provisions relating to licensed mobile home installers; amending s. 322.135, F.S.; providing a time period for county officers to pay certain funds to the State Treasury by electronic funds transfer; amending s. 322.20, F.S.; providing that certain driver's license information is available free of charge via the website of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; amending s. 322.53, F.S.; revising provisions relating to commercial driver's license exemptions; amending s. 328.01, F.S.; revising requirements relating to the repossession of vessels; amending s. 328.03, F.S.; revising requirements relating to the cancellation of vessel titles; amending s. 328.11, F.S.; revising requirements relating to the issuance of a duplicate certificate of title for vessels; amending s. 328.17, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the nonjudicial sale of vessels; amending s. 328.56, F.S.; revising requirements relating to the display of vessel registration numbers; amending s. 328.735, F.S.; eliminating the requirement that vessel registration renewals must occur in the county of residency; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Judiciary; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By the Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports—

SB 684—A bill to be entitled An act relating to military affairs; amending s. 250.01, F.S.; providing definitions; amending s. 250.02, F.S.; specifying persons exempt from military duty; amending ss. 250.03, 250.04, F.S.; providing for the military law of the state; providing duties and authority of the Governor; amending s. 250.05, F.S.; designating the Adjutant General as head of the Department of Military Affairs; amending s. 250.06, F.S.; providing additional duties of the Governor as commander in chief of the militia of the state; authorizing the Governor to delegate to the Adjutant General the authority to convene a general court-martial; amending s. 250.07, F.S.; providing that persons declaring an intention to become citizens may be members of the Florida National Guard; specifying qualifications for certain officers of the Florida National Guard; amending ss. 250.08, 250.09, F.S.; providing duties and authority of the Governor with respect to the Florida National Guard; amending s. 250.10, F.S.; revising the qualifications and duties of the Adjutant General; authorizing the Adjutant General to order troops to state active duty under certain circumstances; specifying qualifications for Assistant Adjutant Generals of the Florida National Guard; specifying requirements for tuition assistance programs and a tuition exemption program for members of the Florida National Guard; providing penalties for failure to comply with program requirements; amending s. 250.115, F.S.; requiring the Adjutant General to appoint a president of the board of directors of the direct-support organization of the Department of Military Affairs; specifying duties of the Department of Military Affairs with respect to the organization; amending ss. 250.12, 250.16, F.S., relating to officers; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 250.175, F.S.; specifying trust funds of the Department of Military Affairs; amending s. 250.18, F.S.; revising requirements for officers for providing of equipment and uniforms; amending ss. 250.19, 250.20, F.S.; providing requirements for the payment of expenses and allowances; conforming provisions to changes made by the

act; providing requirements for accounting practices of military posts; amending ss. 250.23, 250.24, F.S., relating to pay and expenses for personnel in state active duty; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing for the deposit of moneys used to pay activated troops; amending ss. 250.25, 250.26, F.S.; authorizing the borrowing of money and transfer of funds; amending s. 250.28, F.S.; specifying additional circumstances under which the Adjutant General may activate troops; amending ss. 250.29, 250.30, 250.31, F.S., relating to orders of civil authorities and immunity from liability for members of the Florida National Guard; increasing the penalty imposed for violations involving failure to provide assistance to civil authorities; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 250.32, 250.33, F.S., relating to duties of commanding officers; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 250.34, F.S., relating to injury or death in state active duty; clarifying that injuries resulting from a preexisting condition are not compensable; providing for coverage under the Workers' Compensation Law under certain circumstances; amending s. 250.341, F.S.; providing requirements for continuing or reinstating health insurance when an employee is activated for duty; providing certain exceptions to a requirement that an employer be notified of such duty; amending s. 250.35, F.S.; prohibiting the trial of a warrant officer or cadet by a summary court-martial; providing for waiver of trial by panel and for trial by a military judge; authorizing the Adjutant General to convene a general court-martial; revising the amount of certain fines imposed by a court-martial; clarifying penalties involving a reduction in grade; prohibiting a punishment of imprisonment and a fine; limiting certain non-judicial punishments; providing for a finding of guilt to be appealed to the District Court of Appeal; creating s. 250.351, F.S.; providing that ch. 250, F.S., applies within or outside the state; providing for jurisdiction of a court-martial or court of inquiry within or outside the state; amending s. 250.36, F.S.; authorizing the Adjutant General and certain other military officers to issue pretrial confinement warrants and subpoenas and enforce the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; amending s. 250.37, F.S.; providing for payment of expenses in a court-martial; amending s. 250.375, F.S.; authorizing medical officers to practice medicine on military personnel or civilians under certain circumstances; amending s. 250.38, F.S.; prohibiting certain actions or proceedings against a member of a military court or certain other persons; amending s. 250.39, F.S.; revising penalties imposed for contempt; amending s. 250.40, F.S.; revising the authority and responsibilities of the Armory Board; including a representative of the Governor on the board; amending ss. 250.43, 250.44, 250.45, F.S.; increasing the penalties imposed for violations involving wearing a uniform or insignia of rank without authorization, the theft of military equipment, or discrimination against military personnel; amending ss. 250.46, 250.47, 250.48, F.S., relating to pay and leaves of absence; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing certain protections for an employee of a school district while on leave for active state duty; limiting the duration of a leave of absence with pay; amending ss. 250.481, 250.482, F.S., relating to employment discrimination and other penalties; clarifying that a state employer, including a school district or vocational or technical school, may not penalize a member of the Florida National Guard who is ordered into state active duty; amending s. 250.49, F.S.; providing for rations and payment of expenses for officers and enlisted personnel under certain circumstances; amending ss. 250.51, 250.52, F.S.; increasing the penalties imposed for making an insulting remark or gesture toward the Florida National Guard or unlawfully persuading a person not to enlist in the armed forces; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending ss. 250.5201, 250.5202, 250.5204, 250.5205, F.S., relating to proceedings and other actions against a person called into state active duty or active duty; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; requiring the Florida National Guard to provide training, support, and facilities for the state's drug interdiction efforts, subject to an appropriation; repealing ss. 250.13, 250.21, 250.27, 250.41, 250.42, 250.601, F.S., relating to general officers, retired officers and personnel, active service, military properties and lands, and the Emergency Response Trust Fund; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senators Geller and Wilson—

SB 686—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public transit; amending s. 343.51, F.S.; providing a short title; amending s. 343.52, F.S.; revising definitions; amending s. 343.53, F.S.; redesignating the Tri-County Commuter Rail Authority as the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority; providing for a governing board of the authority; amending s. 343.54, F.S.; revising powers and duties of the authority with respect to planning and operating a transit system within a specified area of the state; authorizing the authority to expand its service area into counties contiguous to the service area of the authority upon consent of the board of county commissioners; amending ss. 343.55, 343.56, 343.57, F.S.; providing for the authority to issue and pay revenue bonds; providing that the bonds are not debts or pledges of credit of the state; creating s. 343.58, F.S.; authorizing the levy of an annual license user fee upon registration or renewal of registration of a vehicle registered within the area served by the authority; providing that the license user fee may not be imposed unless it is approved by at least a majority plus one of the members of the governing body of each of the counties served by the authority; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to remit proceeds of the license user fee to the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Comprehensive Planning; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 688—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Clean Indoor Air Act; expressing the Legislature's intent to enact legislation relating to the Florida Clean Indoor Air Act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Peadar—

SB 690—A bill to be entitled An act relating to immunizations against communicable diseases; amending s. 1003.22, F.S.; requiring that children in certain counties be immunized for hepatitis A and encouraging their immunization in other counties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

SR 692—Not referenced.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 694—A bill to be entitled An act relating to social and economic assistance; amending s. 409.904, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Children and Family Services to make medical assistance available to certain persons who are hospitalized in state-designated trauma centers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 696—A bill to be entitled An act relating to indigent health care; amending s. 154.306, F.S.; increasing the cap on the financial responsibility limits of counties for the cost of indigent county residents who receive treatment at participating hospitals in other counties; creating s. 154.317, F.S.; establishing reimbursement procedures and guidelines

for the reimbursement of trauma centers by counties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Comprehensive Planning; Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 698—A bill to be entitled An act relating to certified geriatric nurses; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to certified geriatric nurses; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Lynn—

SB 700—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Children and Family Services; expressing the legislative intent to transfer the Mental Health Program within the department to the Department of Health, to transfer programs for children and families in need of services from the Department of Juvenile Justice to the department, and to direct the evaluation of the transfer of certain other programs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children and Families; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 702—A bill to be entitled An act relating to community colleges; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the performance and operation of community colleges; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 704—A bill to be entitled An act relating to charter schools; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the performance and operation of charter schools; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 706—A bill to be entitled An act relating to reading instruction in the public schools; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to reading instruction in the public schools; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Geller—

SB 708—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance rate standards; amending s. 627.062, F.S.; deleting a provision that allows insurers to require arbitration in rate-filing matters; amending s. 627.351, F.S., relating to windstorm risk apportionment; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Judiciary; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Wise—

SB 710—A bill to be entitled An act relating to commemorative certificates; amending s. 382.025, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to issue commemorative certificates of stillbirth under specified circumstances; amending s. 382.0255, F.S.; providing fees for the issuance of commemorative certificates of stillbirth; providing for the use of such fees; revising the designated uses for fees charged for commemorative certificates of marriage; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 712—A bill to be entitled An act relating to emergency lights on vehicles; amending ss. 316.2397, 316.2398, F.S.; revising penalties for showing or displaying certain lights; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Criminal Justice.

By Senator Wasserman Schultz—

SB 714—A bill to be entitled An act relating to commercial motor vehicles; prohibiting the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles from issuing a motor vehicle registration or title to a commercial motor vehicle if the gross vehicle weight of the vehicle has been changed; requiring the department to reissue the registration and title upon presentation of an affidavit of change from the original manufacturer or final-stage manufacturer; defining the terms “original manufacturer” and “final-stage manufacturer”; requiring the department to revoke the registration and title of a commercial motor vehicle if the vehicle’s indicated gross vehicle weight is incorrect; providing penalties for knowingly operating a commercial motor vehicle without notifying the department and obtaining a reissued registration and title if the vehicle’s gross vehicle weight has been changed; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senators Fasano and Dockery—

SB 716—A bill to be entitled An act relating to instructional materials for K-12 public education; authorizing a pilot program within specified counties to enable selected school districts to realize cost savings in the purchase of instructional materials; requiring the Department of Education to report to the Legislature; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senators Wise, Bennett and Campbell—

SB 718—A bill to be entitled An act relating to participation in insurance plans; amending ss. 255.05 and 287.057, F.S.; prohibiting the requirement that contractors or subcontractors under certain contracts participate in, or be penalized for nonparticipation in, certain insurance plans; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; and Judiciary.

By Senator Alexander—

SJR 720—A joint resolution proposing the creation of Section 22 of Article X of the State Constitution relating to the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

SR 722—Not referenced.

By Senator Margolis—

SB 724—A bill to be entitled An act relating to convention and visitors bureaus; providing prerequisites an organization must fulfill before representing to the public that it is an official Florida convention and visitors bureau, visitors bureau, tourist development council, or welcome center; providing that organizations meeting these criteria may receive tourist-development tax revenues under s. 125.0104, F.S.; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Comprehensive Planning; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 726—A bill to be entitled An act relating to libraries; creating s. 257.193, F.S.; providing a program of grant assistance to libraries in rural communities; requiring the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State to administer the grant program; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senators Dockery, Argenziano, Smith, Atwater, Geller, Sebesta, Constantine, Alexander, Bennett and Lynn—

SB 728—A bill to be entitled An act relating to rural land protection; amending s. 201.15, F.S.; providing for the distribution of certain excise taxes on documents to the Rural Lands Program Trust Fund of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; creating s. 215.6195, F.S.; authorizing the issuance of bonds for rural land protection; providing certain conditions; providing for the deposit of proceeds; amending s. 570.207, F.S.; providing uses for funds in the Conservation and Recreation Lands Program Trust Fund; amending s. 570.70, F.S.; providing conclusions of a study by the department; amending s. 570.71, F.S.; authorizing the use of rural land protection bonds to implement provisions relating to conservation and rural land protection easements and agreements; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Natural Resources; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senators Dockery, Argenziano, Smith, Atwater, Geller, Sebesta, Constantine, Alexander, Bennett and Lynn—

SB 730—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 570.209, F.S.; creating the Rural Lands Program Trust Fund within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing for sources of funds and purposes; providing for an annual carryforward of funds; providing for future legislative review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Natural Resources; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Villalobos—

SB 732—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Miami River Commission; repealing s. 7 of ch. 98-402, Laws of Florida; abrogating the repeal of ss. 163.06 and 163.061, F.S., relating to the Miami River Commission; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Natural Resources; and Transportation.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 734—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance rates; repealing s. 627.062(6), F.S., relating to arbitration procedures in the case of a rate filing with the Department of Insurance; amending s. 627.351, F.S., relating to windstorm insurance risk apportionment; removing a provision authorizing arbitration of a rate filing; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; and Judiciary.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 736—A bill to be entitled An act relating to plea agreements; amending s. 921.143, F.S.; prohibiting the court from accepting a plea agreement that prohibits a law enforcement officer from appearing at a parole hearing or clemency hearing; prohibiting a plea agreement that prohibits a law enforcement officer who was a victim in the offense from appearing or providing a statement at the sentencing hearing; defining the term “law enforcement officer” for purposes of the act; specifying that the act does not impair certain rights afforded by law or the State Constitution; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Governmental Oversight and Productivity.

By Senator Bennett—

SB 738—A bill to be entitled An act relating to worthless checks; amending s. 68.065, F.S.; revising provisions relating to notice requirements in collection actions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; and Judiciary.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 740—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Collier County; providing for liens in favor of a nonprofit corporation operating a charitable hospital within the county; authorizing such liens on judgments and settlements recovered from a tortfeasor causing a patient’s injury for reasonable charges owed to a hospital for services provided to an injured person; providing limitations; providing for determination by the court of amount of recovery when a patient and hospital cannot agree on the actual amount; providing for reduction of the lien by any payments to the hospital by or on behalf of a patient; providing for notification to the hospital of the patient’s intent to claim damages from the tortfeasor; requiring the hospital to state its intent to assert its lien within a prescribed time; providing a waiver of the right for failure to state such intent; requiring that the hospital provide a patient with reasonably necessary information; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Diaz de la Portilla—

SB 742—A bill to be entitled An act relating to smoking in the workplace; expressing the legislative intent to enact legislation to implement the amendment to the State Constitution relating to smoking in the workplace; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 744—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Educational Certification and Service Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 746—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Educational Aids Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 748—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Educational Media and Technology Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 750—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; terminating and re-creating the Dale Hickam Excellent Teaching Program Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 752—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Facility Construction Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 754—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 756—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Federal Rehabilitation Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 758—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Food and Nutrition Services Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 760—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Grants and Donations Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 762—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Institutional Assessment Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 764—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Relocation and Construction Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 766—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Student Loan Operating Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification and placing it on the standard review cycle; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and

uses thereof; repealing s. 1009.86(3), F.S.; abrogating provisions relating to the termination of the trust fund, to conform; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 768—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Student Loan Operating Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 770—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Projects, Contracts, and Grants Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 772—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Sophomore Level Test Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 774—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Student Loan Guaranty Reserve Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 776—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Teacher Certification Examination Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 778—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Textbook Bid Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 780—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Division of Administration Knott Data Center Working Capital Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 782—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; terminating and re-creating the Workers' Compensation Administration Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; repealing s. 1010.87(3), F.S.; abrogating provisions relating to the termination of the trust fund, to conform; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 784—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Alec P. Courtelis Capital Facilities Matching Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 786—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Education and General Student and Other Fees Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification and placing it on the standard review cycle; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 788—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Education and General Student and Other Fees Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 790—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the University of Florida Agricultural Experiment Station Incidental Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 792—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the University of Florida Agricultural Extension Service Incidental Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 794—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the University of Florida Health Center Incidental Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 796—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Relocation and Construction Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 798—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the University of Florida Health Center Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification and placing it on the standard review cycle; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 800—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the University of Florida Health Center Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 802—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the State University System Law Enforcement Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 804—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; terminating and re-creating the Law Enforcement Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 806—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Trust Fund for Major Gifts within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 808—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Board of Regents Operations and Maintenance Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 810—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Phosphate Research Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 812—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the State University System Replacement Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 814—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the University Concurrency Trust Fund within the Department of Education without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 816—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; amending s. 1013.63, F.S.; creating the University Concurrency Trust Fund within the Department of Education; providing for sources of funds and purposes; exempting the trust fund from service charges; providing for an

annual carryforward of funds; providing for future legislative review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing legislative intent with respect to identifying the trust fund and its source of revenue; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 818—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; terminating specified trust funds within the Department of Education; providing for disposition of balances in and revenues of such trust funds; prescribing procedures for the termination of such trust funds; declaring the findings of the Legislature that specified trust funds within the Department of Education are exempt from the termination requirements of s. 19(f), Art. III of the State Constitution; renaming specified trust funds within the Department of Education; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 820—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 822—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 824—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Air Pollution Control Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 826—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 828—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Environmental Laboratory Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 830—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Florida Coastal Protection Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 832—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Conservation and Recreation Lands Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 834—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 836—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Inland Protection Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 838—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Save Our Everglades Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 840—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Forfeited Property Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 842—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Grants and Donations Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 844—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Internal Improvement Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 846—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 848—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Minerals Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 850—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Nonmandatory Land Reclamation Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 852—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Florida Permit Fee Trust Fund within the Department of Environ-

mental Protection without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 854—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Solid Waste Management Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 856—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Wastewater Treatment and Stormwater Management Revolving Loan Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 858—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the State Park Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 860—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Water Management Lands Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 862—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 864—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Working Capital Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection without modification; carrying forward current balances

and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 866—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Lake Okeechobee Protection Trust Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; repealing s. 373.45952(4), F.S., relating to termination and review of the trust fund, to conform; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 868—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Florida Citrus Advertising Trust Fund within the Department of Citrus without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 870—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Motor Vehicle Operating Trust Fund within the Department of Management Services without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 872—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Public Employees Relations Commission Trust Fund within the Department of Management Services without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 874—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of Revenue without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 876—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Child Support Incentive Trust Fund within the Department of Revenue without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 878—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Certification Program Trust Fund within the Department of Revenue without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 880—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Child Support Enforcement Application and Program Revenue Trust Fund within the Department of Revenue without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 882—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Clerk of the Court Child Support Enforcement Collection System Trust Fund within the Department of Revenue without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 884—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Corporation Tax Administration Trust Fund within the Department of Revenue without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 886—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Firefighters' Supplemental Compensation Trust Fund within the Department of Revenue without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 888—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Grants and Donations Trust Fund within the Department of Revenue without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 890—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Intangible Tax Trust Fund within the Department of Revenue with-

out modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 892—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Working Capital Trust Fund within the Department of Revenue without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 894—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; terminating and re-creating the Department of Revenue Clerks of the Court Trust Fund within the Department of Revenue without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; repealing s. 213.131(2), F.S.; abrogating provisions relating to the termination of the trust fund, to conform; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 896—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 898—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco Trust Fund within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 900—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Cigarette Tax Collection Trust Fund within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 902—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Child Labor Law Trust Fund within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation without modification; carrying forward current

balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 904—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Department of Business and Professional Regulation Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund within that department without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; repealing s. 569.205(3), relating to termination and review of the trust fund, to conform; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 906—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; terminating and re-creating the Department of Business and Professional Regulation Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund within that department without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 908—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Crew Chief Registration Trust Fund within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 910—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Division of Florida Land Sales, Condominiums, and Mobile Homes Trust Fund within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 912—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Hotel and Restaurant Trust Fund within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 914—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Pari-mutuel Wagering Trust Fund within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation without modification; carrying for-

ward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 916—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Professional Regulation Trust Fund within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 918—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; terminating and re-creating the Federal Law Enforcement Trust Fund within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 920—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; terminating and re-creating the Florida Mobile Home Relocation Trust Fund within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; repealing s. 723.06115(3), F.S., relating to termination and review of the trust fund, to conform; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 922—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; terminating and re-creating the Workers' Compensation Administration Trust Fund within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; repealing s. 440.501(3), F.S., relating to termination and review of the trust fund, to conform; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 924—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; terminating specified trust funds within the Department of Management Services and the Department of Revenue; providing for disposition of balances in and revenues of such trust funds; declaring the findings of the Legislature that specified trust funds within the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Management Services, and the Department of Revenue are exempt from the termination requirements of s. 19(f), Art. III of the State Constitution; repealing ss. 122.351 and 650.06, F.S., relating to funding by local agencies and the Social Security Contribution Trust Fund; amending ss. 121.011, 121.031, 121.141, 122.26, 122.27, 122.30, 122.35, 650.04, and 650.05, F.S., to conform; providing for payment of certain social security contributions to the Internal Revenue Service rather than the Social Security Contribution

Trust Fund; repealing s. 110.151(7), F.S., relating to the State Employee Child Care Revolving Trust Fund; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Webster—

SB 926—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Brownfield Property Ownership Clearance Assistance Revolving Loan Trust Fund within the Executive Office of the Governor without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Webster—

SB 928—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; terminating and re-creating the Federal Law Enforcement Trust Fund within the Department of Military Affairs without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Webster—

SB 930—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; terminating and re-creating the Emergency Response Trust Fund within the Department of Military Affairs without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; repealing s. 250.601(4), F.S., which terminates the trust fund on July 1, 2006; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Webster—

SB 932—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; terminating and re-creating the Federal Law Enforcement Trust Fund within the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Webster—

SB 934—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; terminating a specified trust fund within the Department of Transportation; providing for disposition of balances in and revenues of that trust fund; declaring the findings of the Legislature that specified trust funds within the Executive Office of the Governor, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles are exempt from the termination requirements of s. 19(f), Art. III of the State Constitution; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Smith—

SB 936—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Capital Collateral Trust Fund within the Justice Administrative Commission without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Article V Implementation and Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Smith—

SB 938—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Consumer Frauds Trust Fund within the Justice Administrative Commission without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Article V Implementation and Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Smith—

SB 940—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Court Education Trust Fund within the state courts system without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Article V Implementation and Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Smith—

SB 942—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Family Courts Trust Fund within the state courts system without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Article V Implementation and Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Crist—

SB 944—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Administrative Trust Fund within the Department of Legal Affairs without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Crist—

SB 946—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Florida Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Trust Fund within the Department of Legal Affairs without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Crist—

SB 948—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Operating Trust Fund within the Department of Corrections without

modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Crist—

SB 950—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Forfeiture and Investigative Support Trust Fund within the Department of Law Enforcement without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Crist—

SB 952—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; re-creating the Operating Trust Fund within the Department of Law Enforcement without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Crist—

SB 954—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; terminating specified trust funds within the Department of Legal Affairs and the Department of Corrections; providing for disposition of balances in and revenues of such trust funds; declaring the findings of the Legislature that a specified trust fund within the Department of Corrections is exempt from the termination requirements of s. 19(f), Art. III of the State Constitution; amending s. 501.2101, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to the Consumer Frauds Trust Fund; providing for the deposit of moneys received pursuant to the regulation of deceptive and unfair trade practices into the Legal Affairs Revolving Trust Fund rather than the Consumer Frauds Trust Fund; amending ss. 501.059, 501.143, and 501.2077, F.S., to conform; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Jones—

SB 956—A bill to be entitled An act relating to liability under the drycleaning solvent cleanup program; amending s. 376.301, F.S.; defining the term “nearby real property owner” with respect to protection and restoration of lands and surface and ground waters; amending s. 376.3078, F.S.; providing additional legislative findings with respect to drycleaning facility restoration; exempting certain real property owners and nearby real property owners from liability for damages arising from contamination by drycleaning solvents in certain circumstances; providing for retroactive application; amending s. 376.30781, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 376.3079, F.S.; redefining the term “third-party liability” with respect to third-party liability insurance; amending s. 376.308, F.S.; revising applicability of provisions that set out liabilities and defenses of facilities; amending s. 376.313, F.S.; revising provisions that provide nonexclusiveness of remedies and individual causes of action; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources; Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Productivity—

SB 958—A bill to be entitled An act relating to retirement; amending s. 121.091, F.S.; revising certain limitations on positions for which a district school board may employ a member after a specified period of retirement; amending s. 121.71, F.S.; revising the payroll contribution rates for the defined benefit plan of the Florida Retirement System for the 2003-2004 fiscal year; providing a declaration of important state interest; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Appropriations.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 960—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxation; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to taxation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Finance and Taxation; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 962—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxation; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to taxation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Finance and Taxation; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 964—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxation; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to taxation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Finance and Taxation; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 966—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxation; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to taxation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Finance and Taxation; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 968—A bill to be entitled An act relating to ad valorem taxation; expressing the legislative intent to implement s. 4(e), Art. VII of the State Constitution; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Finance and Taxation; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 970—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the communications services tax; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the communications services tax; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communication and Public Utilities; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 972—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the tax on intangible personal property; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the tax on intangible personal property; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 974—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the tax on intangible personal property; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the tax on intangible personal property; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 976—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the corporate income tax; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the corporate income tax; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 978—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the corporate income tax; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the corporate income tax; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Garcia—

SB 980—A bill to be entitled An act relating to economic development; expressing the legislative intent to enact policies designed to promote the economic development of the state; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Garcia—

SB 982—A bill to be entitled An act relating to economic development; expressing the legislative intent to revise the laws relating to economic development; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Garcia—

SB 984—A bill to be entitled An act relating to workforce development; expressing the intent of the Legislature to enact policies enhanc-

ing the state's workforce-development activities and labor force; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Garcia—

SB 986—A bill to be entitled An act relating to commerce; expressing the intent of the Legislature to enact policies that foster commerce, produce economic opportunities, and promote consumer protection; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Garcia—

SB 988—A bill to be entitled An act relating to international trade; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws to foster international trade; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Garcia—

SB 990—A bill to be entitled An act relating to economic development; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws to promote the development of a high technology economy in this state; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Garcia—

SB 992—A bill to be entitled An act relating to tourism; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws to promote the growth of the tourism industry; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Garcia—

SB 994—A bill to be entitled An act relating to economic diversification; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws to diversify the economy of the state; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Garcia—

SB 996—A bill to be entitled An act relating to consumer services; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws to protect consumers in the marketplace; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senators Cowin and Fasano—

SB 998—A bill to be entitled An act relating to utilities; amending s. 163.01, F.S.; providing applicability of provisions relating to ownership and operation of utilities by entities composed of municipalities and counties; prescribing powers of counties and specified municipalities with respect to acquisition of water utilities and wastewater utilities by separate legal entities composed of municipalities and counties; providing for a binding arbitration process under the Public Service Commission to resolve certain disputes relating to utility acquisition; authorizing the commission to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Communication and Public Utilities; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Garcia—

SB 1000—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission; amending s. 943.11, F.S.; revising the membership on the commission; revising certain qualifications for membership; amending s. 943.1395, F.S.; authorizing the commission to prescribe a range of disciplinary actions for certain offenses; specifying circumstances under which a probable cause panel may take additional disciplinary action than that prescribed by rule; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 1002—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the corporate income tax; amending s. 220.03, F.S.; providing for the adoption of the 2003 version of the Internal Revenue Code; providing for retroactivity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Finance and Taxation; and Appropriations.

By Senator Dawson—

SB 1004—A bill to be entitled An act relating to wage discrimination; creating the "Equal Pay Commission Act"; providing for the director of Workforce Innovation to appoint the Equal Pay Commission; providing membership criteria; requiring the commission to conduct a study; specifying the subject of the study; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Ethics and Elections; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Productivity—

SB 1006—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state employee health insurance; providing a statement of principles on the organization and

funding of health insurance for state employees; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senators Dawson, Miller, Wilson, Bullard, Siplin, Hill and Diaz de la Portilla—

SM 1008—A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to adopt House Resolution 505, or similar legislation, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the adjustment of the status of alien children who arrive in the United States without their parents and to establish a panel of advisors to assist unaccompanied alien children in immigration proceedings.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senators Dawson, Miller, Bullard, Siplin and Hill—

SB 1010—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Agency for Health Care Administration; amending s. 409.904, F.S.; revising standards for eligibility for certain optional medical assistance; providing for eligibility for Medicaid services under a buy-in program; amending s. 409.906, F.S., relating to optional Medicaid services; removing certain limitations on the provision of home-based and community-based services; amending s. 409.815, F.S., relating to benchmark benefits; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 409.9065, F.S.; eliminating certain limitations on enrollment levels with respect to assistance for pharmaceutical expenses; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senators Cowin and Fasano—

SB 1012—A bill to be entitled An act relating to airboats; amending s. 327.65, F.S.; establishing a specific maximum noise level for airboats operated on state waters; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources; and Judiciary.

By Senator Cowin—

SB 1014—A bill to be entitled An act relating to intangible personal property taxes; repealing chapter 199, F.S., which provides for taxes on intangible personal property; amending ss. 72.011, 192.091, 196.199, 196.1993, 201.23, 212.02, 213.015, 213.05, 213.053, 213.054, 213.27, 213.31, 215.555, 220.1845, 288.039, 288.1045, 288.106, 288.1067, 376.30781, 493.6102, 516.031, 627.311, 627.351, 650.05, 655.071, 766.105, F.S., to conform to such repeal; repealing ss. 192.032(5), 192.042(3), 193.114(4), 196.015(9), 607.1622(1)(g), F.S., relating to assessment of intangible personal property, the intangible personal property tax roll, filing of intangible tax returns as a factor in determining residency, and intangible tax liability information in a corporation's annual report; amending s. 192.0105, F.S.; correcting a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Finance and Taxation; Banking and Insurance; Natural Resources; and Appropriations.

By Senator Garcia—

SB 1016—A bill to be entitled An act relating to commerce; expressing the legislative intent to enact policies promoting commerce, economic opportunities, and consumer services; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Jones—

SB 1018—A bill to be entitled An act relating to registration of trademarks and service marks; amending s. 495.071, F.S.; revising the procedure by which the Department of State must notify registrants of marks that are expiring; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 1020—A bill to be entitled An act relating to pretrial release; amending s. 907.041, F.S.; requiring a pretrial release service to certify to the court in writing that it has conducted certain investigations and verified specified conditions before an accused is released on nonmonetary conditions; revising requirements for the pretrial release of a person charged with a dangerous crime; deleting provisions authorizing the court to release such a person on electronic monitoring or recognizance bond under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Wasserman Schultz—

SB 1022—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a statewide impact fee; creating s. 201.032, F.S.; imposing the fee on deeds and other instruments relating to real property and interests therein; providing for each school district to receive a specified minimum amount in proceeds from the fee; providing for the proceeds to be remitted to the state; providing that a county, municipality, or school board may not levy certain impact fees; providing that certain impact-fee programs are repealed by this act; providing for paying principal and interest on certain bonds; specifying the effect of this act on conflicting ordinances and laws; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Education; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Atwater—

SB 1024—A bill to be entitled An act relating to non-ad valorem assessments; amending s. 197.3632, F.S.; changing the time for holding the public hearing at which a non-ad valorem assessment is adopted; prescribing method of notice for non-ad valorem assessments collected for more than 1 year; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; and Finance and Taxation.

By the Committee on Criminal Justice—

SB 1026—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.07, F.S.; providing an exemption from public-records requirements for information in a videotaped statement held by a law enforcement agency which reveals the identity of certain minors; providing for disclosure to another governmental entity; requiring that the

receiving governmental entity maintain the confidentiality of the identifying information; abrogating the repeal of s. 119.07(3)2., F.S., scheduled under the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By the Committee on Criminal Justice—

SB 1028—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the public-records exemption for information identifying the executioner and certain other persons involved in an execution; amending s. 922.10, F.S.; removing the public-records exemption for information identifying an executioner; repealing s. 922.106, F.S., relating to the exemption provided for information identifying a person prescribing, preparing, compounding, dispensing, or administering the lethal injection; amending s. 945.10, F.S.; providing that information held by the Department of Corrections which identifies an executioner and certain other persons is exempt from disclosure under public-records requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Bennett—

SB 1030—A bill to be entitled An act relating to liens on commercial real estate by brokers and appraisers; creating chapter 714, F.S., the “Broker’s and Appraiser’s Lien on Commercial Real Estate Act”; providing applicability; providing definitions; specifying conditions under which a commission is earned and payable; providing address requirements for required notices to brokers; specifying conditions under which a broker is entitled to a lien on commercial real estate and requiring disclosure of such right in the commission agreement; providing requirements relating to waiver, release, or discharge of a lien and assumption of an obligation for a commission; providing for affidavit identifying brokers due a commission; providing for filing of notice of lien; providing for contents of notice of lien; providing for service of notice of lien; providing for date of inception of lien; providing for priority of liens; providing applicability to mixed-use real estate; providing for change in use of real estate; providing time limits to file a notice of lien; providing for suit to foreclose lien; providing a statute of limitations on suits to foreclose a lien; providing for assessment of costs, fees, and interest in suits to foreclose a lien; providing for release of lien; providing for escrow accounts; providing for named escrow agent; providing for costs of interpleader actions; providing conditions under which a party may not refuse to close a transaction; providing the term of an escrow account; providing for extinguishment of a lien on commercial real estate and transfer of the lien to the proceeds of the escrow account upon establishment thereof; providing for the filing of a bond to indemnify against a lien; providing bond requirements; providing for notice of bond; providing for recording of bond and notice; providing for action on bond; providing owner’s or tenant’s remedies; providing broker’s remedies; amending s. 475.42, F.S.; providing that brokers may place liens on property as provided by law; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Comprehensive Planning; and Judiciary.

By the Committee on Education—

SB 1032—A bill to be entitled An act relating to teacher recruitment and retention; amending s. 1012.05, F.S.; providing requirements for the Department of Education with respect to the retention of qualified teachers; requiring the department to develop a long-range plan for educator recruitment and retention; specifying the contents of the plan; requiring school districts to consider implementing specified elements of the long-range plan; requiring the department to report annually to the Legislature on the implementation of programs contained in the long-range plan; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Pruitt—

SB 1034—A bill to be entitled An act making appropriations; providing moneys for the annual period beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2004, to pay salaries, and other expenses, capital outlay - buildings, and other improvements, and for other specified purposes of the various agencies of State government; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Senators Dockery, Lynn, Posey, Sebesta, Jones, Argenziano, Constantine and Alexander—

SB 1036—A bill to be entitled An act relating to direct-support and citizen support organizations; amending s. 215.981, F.S.; providing that certain direct-support organizations and citizen support organizations that have annual expenditures in excess of a specified amount must comply with requirements for an annual financial audit of the accounts and records of the organization; deleting obsolete provisions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Wise—

SB 1038—A bill to be entitled An act relating to governmental reorganization; abolishing the Department of Juvenile Justice and transferring the duties and responsibilities of the Department of Juvenile Justice to the Department of Corrections; amending s. 20.315, F.S.; revising provisions governing the duties and responsibilities of the Department of Corrections to conform to the reorganization; repealing s. 20.316, F.S., relating to the Department of Juvenile Justice; requiring the Secretary of Corrections to report recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature for implementing the reorganization; directing the Division of Statutory Revision of the Office of Legislative Services to prepare a reviser’s bill conforming the Florida Statutes to the changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Wise—

SB 1040—A bill to be entitled An act relating to child custody placement; amending s. 39.521, F.S.; revising procedures for the placement of a child adjudicated dependent to provide for the child to be placed with a residential child-caring agency or in a family foster home; amending s. 39.623, F.S.; revising options and requirements for the long-term custody placement of a child; amending s. 39.704, F.S.; providing an exemption from judicial review; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children and Families; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Geller—

SB 1042—A bill to be entitled An act relating to annexation; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to annexation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senators Argenziano and Fasano—

SB 1044—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the permitting of consumptive uses of water; amending s. 373.219, F.S.; prohibiting a water management district from issuing a consumptive use permit unless each affected local government is notified and given opportunity to file objections; amending s. 373.223, F.S.; requiring a permit applicant to obtain necessary land use and zoning permits and establish that the proposed use of water is consistent with local comprehensive plans; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Villalobos—

SB 1046—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the operation of motorcycles; amending s. 316.209, F.S.; providing that certain prohibitions concerning the operation of motorcycles do not apply to firefighters in the performance of their official duties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Transportation.

By Senator Smith—

SB 1048—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; creating the Child Advocacy Trust Fund within the Department of Children and Family Services; providing for sources of funds and purposes; providing for an annual carryforward of funds; providing for future legislative review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children and Families; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Smith—

SB 1050—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; amending s. 370.021, F.S.; providing additional penalties for the unlicensed sale or purchase of a saltwater product or the harvest or attempted harvest with intent to sell of a saltwater product; provides for civil penalties, imprisonment, permanent revocation of license privileges, and forfeiture of property involved in the offense; amending s. 327.30, F.S.; increasing the threshold amount at which a boating accident resulting in property damage only must be reported to the Division of Law Enforcement of the commission and certain other law enforcement agencies; amending s. 327.43, F.S.; deleting certain restrictions and penalties for anchoring or mooring a vessel within Silver Glen Run and Silver Glen Springs; repealing ss. 370.15(6) and 370.153(3)(c), F.S., relating to live bait shrimping; amending ss. 370.1535 and 370.154, F.S., relating to the regulation of shrimp fishing; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Smith—

SB 1052—A bill to be entitled An act relating to autopsies; amending s. 406.135, F.S.; providing for survivors of deceased persons to designate agents to view or obtain autopsy records from medical examiners; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Smith—

SB 1054—A bill to be entitled An act relating to youthful offenders; amending s. 958.04, F.S., relating to judicial disposition of youthful offenders; providing that the court may not sentence as youthful offenders certain offenders who have pled nolo contendere or guilty to, or been found guilty of, capital felonies, life felonies, first-degree felonies, or second-degree felonies involving the use or threatened use of force or violence; increasing the maximum period of commitment of a youthful offender to the custody of the Department of Corrections or maximum period of incarceration or placement under supervision on probation or community control; removing legislative declaration with respect to construction of a basic training program facility; reenacting s. 958.03(5), F.S., relating to the definition of the term “youthful offender,” s. 958.046, F.S., relating to placement in county-operated boot camp programs for youthful offenders, s. 958.11(4), F.S., relating to designation of institutions and programs for youthful offenders and assignment from youthful offender institutions and programs, and s. 985.233(4)(c), F.S., relating to the imposition of adult sanctions, to incorporate the amendment to s. 958.04, F.S., in references thereto; amending s. 951.231, F.S.; conforming an obsolete reference to provisions relating to mandatory participation in the youthful offender basic training program under certain circumstances; amending s. 958.045, F.S., relating to youthful offender basic training program; revising notice requirements; revising the sanctions for a youthful offender in the basic training program who becomes unmanageable; allowing the department to revoke the offender’s gain-time, to terminate the offender’s participation in the program, and to return the offender to the general population of inmates in the correctional system; providing for alternative placement on probation or community control of an offender who has completed the basic training program; providing for the offender to remain on community control upon release from a community residential program; providing for revocation of community control and sentencing of the offender if the offender violates the conditions of community control; conforming terminology; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Smith—

SB 1056—A bill to be entitled An act relating to crimes against children; creating s. 938.10, F.S.; imposing an additional court cost against persons who plead guilty or nolo contendere to, or who are found guilty of, certain crimes against minors; requiring the clerk of the court to deposit the proceeds of the court cost into the State Treasury for deposit into a specified trust fund to be used to fund children’s advocacy centers; requiring the clerk of the court to retain a portion of the court cost as a service charge; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children and Families; Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 1058—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Everglades ecosystem; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the Everglades ecosystem; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 1060—A bill to be entitled An act relating to intergovernmental programs; amending s. 163.01, F.S.; prohibiting an entity created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act and consisting of municipalities and counties from owning and operating certain public facilities that serve

populations outside the territorial limits of the entity members; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Communication and Public Utilities; Natural Resources; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Crist—

SB 1062—A bill to be entitled An act relating to assault or battery on specified officials; amending s. 784.081, F.S.; providing enhanced penalties for the offense of assault, battery, aggravated assault, or aggravated battery if the offense is committed upon certain persons officiating at an interscholastic activity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Crist—

SB 1064—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability; providing a short title; requiring the office to report certain economic indicators to the Legislature each year for certain purposes; requiring the office to establish methodologies and assumptions relating to such indicators; requiring the office to develop such economic indicators for certain years; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Crist—

SB 1066—A bill to be entitled An act relating to crimes against minors; amending ss. 787.01, 787.02, F.S.; revising the elements of the crimes of kidnapping a minor child and false imprisonment of a minor child; amending s. 787.025, F.S.; revising the elements of the crime of luring or enticing a minor child for an unlawful purpose; increasing the penalty imposed for the offense of luring or enticing a minor child for an unlawful purpose; reenacting ss. 435.03(2)(j) and (k), 435.04(2)(k) and (l), 775.21(4), 903.133, 910.14, F.S., relating to screening standards, the Florida Sexual Predators Act, bail on appeal, and kidnapping, to incorporate the amendments to ss. 787.01, 787.02, 787.025, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting and amending s. 921.0022(3)(f), (i), and (j), F.S., relating to the offense severity ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code, to incorporate the amendments to s. 787.02, F.S., in references thereto; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; reenacting ss. 943.0435(1)(a), 943.0585, 943.059, 944.606(1)(b), 944.607(1)(a), 948.01(15), 948.06(2)(a), F.S., relating to the registration of sexual offenders, expunction and court-ordered sealing of criminal history records, the definition of the term “sexual offender,” and probation and community control, to incorporate the amendments to ss. 787.01, 787.02, 787.025, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Crist—

SB 1068—A bill to be entitled An act relating to nursing homes and related health care facilities; amending s. 400.235, F.S.; revising membership and terms of office of the Governor’s Panel on Excellence in Long-Term Care; providing for selection of a panel chairperson; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Judiciary.

By Senator Crist—

SB 1070—A bill to be entitled An act relating to imposition of a death sentence; creating s. 921.1415, F.S.; providing that only criminals who were 18 years of age or older at the time the crime was committed may be sentenced to death; amending s. 775.082, F.S., to conform; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Crist—

SB 1072—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the criminal use of personal identification information; amending s. 817.568, F.S.; revising the elements of the offense to reduce the amount required for unlawful benefit, injury, or fraud; providing that such criminal use of personal identification information is a second-degree felony; amending s. 921.0022, F.S., relating to the offense severity ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Crist—

SB 1074—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sexual predators; amending s. 775.21, F.S.; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to classify each offender designated as a sexual predator for purposes of community and public notification; specifying five levels of dangerousness; providing criteria for classifying sexual predators; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice.

By Senator Bennett—

SB 1076—A bill to be entitled An act relating to renewable energy; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to renewable energy; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communication and Public Utilities; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Atwater—

SB 1078—A bill to be entitled An act relating to communications services; amending s. 812.15, F.S.; redefining the terms “cable operator” and “cable system”; defining the terms “communications device,” “communications service,” “communications service provider,” and “manufacture, development, or assembly of a communications device”; prohibiting certain interception, reception, decryption, disruption, transmission, retransmission, or acquisition of access to described communications services and prohibiting assisting others in these acts; prohibiting the advertisement of communications devices for certain unlawful purposes; providing criminal and civil penalties; providing for actual and statutory damages; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communication and Public Utilities; Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senators Smith and Aronberg—

SB 1080—A bill to be entitled An act relating to anhydrous ammonia; amending s. 812.014, F.S.; providing that the theft of anhydrous ammonia is grand theft and a felony of the third degree; amending s. 893.033, F.S.; adding anhydrous ammonia to the list of precursor chemicals that

may be used in manufacturing a controlled substance in violation of ch. 893, F.S.; reenacting s. 893.149, F.S., relating to the unlawful possession or distribution of a listed chemical; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice.

By Senator Smith—

SB 1082—A bill to be entitled An act relating to expunged or sealed criminal history records; amending ss. 943.0585, 943.059, F.S.; expanding the list of offenses that cannot be expunged or sealed to include offenses that meet the statutory criteria of sexual predator, sexual offender, and career offender designation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 1084—A bill to be entitled An act relating to space-related growth and development; expressing the legislative intent to review the operations of the Florida Space Authority in its efforts to create space-related economic growth and educational development; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 1086—A bill to be entitled An act relating to space-related economic growth; expressing the legislative intent to provide for and support programs, facilities, and strategies to accelerate space-related economic growth; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 1088—A bill to be entitled An act relating to space-related economic growth; expressing the legislative intent to provide for and support programs, facilities, and strategies to accelerate space-related economic growth; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 1090—A bill to be entitled An act relating to space-related tourism; expressing the legislative intent to provide for and support programs, facilities, and strategies to accelerate space-related tourism; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 1092—A bill to be entitled An act relating to employment opportunities in the space industry; expressing the legislative intent to provide for the retention and expansion of employment opportunities in the space industry; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 1094—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the state's space industry; expressing the legislative intent to provide for industry-driven research to leverage resources in support of the state's space industry and its expansion, diversification, and transition to commercialization; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 1096—A bill to be entitled An act relating to military bases and defense-related industries; expressing the legislative intent to provide for and support programs, facilities, and strategies to enhance and expand the missions of the military bases and defense-related industries within the state; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 1098—A bill to be entitled An act relating to members of the armed forces stationed in this state; expressing the legislative intent to provide for and support state and local efforts to improve the quality of life for members of the armed forces stationed in this state; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 1100—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the support of military bases; expressing the legislative intent to provide for and support programs, facilities, and strategies to reduce the exposure of military bases located in this state to closure or realignment of mission; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 1102—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the support of military bases; expressing the legislative intent to provide for and support programs, facilities, and strategies to reduce the exposure of military bases located in this state to closure or realignment of mission; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 1104—A bill to be entitled An act relating to comprehensive planning; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to development surrounding military installations to ensure compatible zoning regulations and community growth; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 1106—A bill to be entitled An act relating to ad valorem taxation; expressing the legislative intent to provide an exemption from ad valorem taxation for property owned by certain veterans' organizations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; Comprehensive Planning; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 1108—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Military Affairs; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the Department of Military Affairs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 1110—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Veterans' Affairs; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the Department of Veterans' Affairs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 1112—A bill to be entitled An act relating to care for elderly persons; providing a short title; providing legislative findings; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration and the Department of Elderly Affairs to assist a private, not-for-profit organization within a specified county in providing services under a federal program known as the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to seek federal waivers necessary under the Medicaid program; specifying the number of enrollees; requiring the

Department of Elderly Affairs to contract with the private organization providing the program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 1114—A bill to be entitled An act relating to substance abuse and mental health services; amending s. 394.741, F.S.; amending accreditation requirements for providers of behavioral health care services; requiring the Department of Children and Family Services and the Agency for Health Care Administration to follow only properly adopted and applicable statutes and rules in monitoring contracted providers; requiring the department to file a State Project Compliance Supplement; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Children and Families; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 1116—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health care regulation; creating the Florida Alzheimer's Training Act; amending ss. 400.4785, 400.5571, 400.6045, F.S.; prescribing training standards for employees of home health agencies, adult day care centers, and hospices, respectively, that provide care for persons who have Alzheimer's disease or related disorders; prescribing duties of the Department of Elderly Affairs; providing for compliance with guidelines within a certain time period; providing for approval of Alzheimer's training and trainers; providing for application of training to meet specified requirements; providing authority to adopt rules; providing legislative findings and intent; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Wasserman Schultz—

SB 1118—A bill to be entitled An act relating to license plates; amending ss. 320.08056, 320.08058, F.S.; creating a Hospice license plate; providing for the distribution of annual use fees received from the sale of such plates; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Transportation.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 1120—A bill to be entitled An act relating to long-term care civil enforcement; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to long-term care civil enforcement; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 1122—A bill to be entitled An act relating to long-term care facilities; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to long-term care facilities; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 1124—A bill to be entitled An act relating to long-term care liability insurance; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to long-term care liability insurance; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Atwater—

SB 1126—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the local government half-cent sales tax; amending s. 218.62, F.S.; amending the distribution formula for proceeds from the tax; providing for retroactivity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 1128—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to notarized signatures on automobile title transfers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Clary—

SB 1130—A bill to be entitled An act relating to emergency health care; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to emergency health care; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Clary—

SB 1132—A bill to be entitled An act relating to workers' compensation insurance; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to workers' compensation insurance; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Clary—

SB 1134—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the solicitation of donations; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the solicitation of donations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Ethics and Elections; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Clary—

SB 1136—A bill to be entitled An act relating to speciality license plates; expressing the legislative intent to enact legislation creating a

license plate to benefit the American Cancer Society; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Clary—

SB 1138—A bill to be entitled An act relating to professional service providers; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the duties and responsibilities of professional service providers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Clary—

SB 1140—A bill to be entitled An act relating to environmental protection; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to environmental protection; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Clary—

SB 1142—A bill to be entitled An act relating to business and professional regulation; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to business and professional regulation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Clary—

SB 1144—A bill to be entitled An act relating to agriculture; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to agriculture; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Clary—

SB 1146—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to education; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Clary—

SB 1148—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to education; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Clary—

SB 1150—A bill to be entitled An act relating to military and veterans' affairs; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to military and veterans' affairs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Clary—

SB 1152—A bill to be entitled An act relating to military and veterans' affairs; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to military and veterans' affairs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Peaden—

SB 1154—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Patient's Compensation Fund; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the Florida Patient's Compensation Fund; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Peaden—

SB 1156—A bill to be entitled An act relating to environmental protection; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to environmental protection; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Peaden—

SB 1158—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Children and Family Services; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the Department of Children and Family Services; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children and Families; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 1160—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Veterans' Affairs; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the Department of Veterans' Affairs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Pruitt—

SB 1162—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxation; reviving and reenacting s. 125.0104(7), F.S., as amended, and s. 192.0105, F.S.; abrogating a repeal of laws relating to the tourist development tax and the Florida Taxpayer's Bill of Rights notwithstanding a repeal scheduled under s. 11, ch. 2000-312, Laws of Florida; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senators Pruitt and Geller—

SB 1164—A bill to be entitled An act relating to property rights; amending s. 70.001, F.S., the "Bert J. Harris, Jr., Private Property Rights Protection Act"; amending procedures for determining a governmental entity's final decision identifying the allowable uses for a property; providing that enactment of a law or adoption of a regulation does not constitute applying the law or regulation; providing for a retroactive waiver of sovereign immunity for liability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Comprehensive Planning.

By Senators Margolis, Wilson, Dawson, Wasserman Schultz, Bullard, Hill, Klein, Miller and Campbell—

SCR 1166—A concurrent resolution ratifying the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to equal rights for men and women.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Ethics and Elections; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Sebesta—

SB 1168—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; repealing s. 317.0008(2), F.S., relating to the expedited issuance of duplicate certificates of title for off-highway vehicles; creating s. 317.0014, F.S.; establishing procedures for the issuance of off-highway vehicle titles; creating s. 317.0015, F.S.; providing for the applicability of certain provisions of law to the titling of off-highway vehicles; creating s. 317.0016, F.S.; providing for the expedited issuance of titles for off-highway vehicles; creating s. 317.0017, F.S.; prohibiting specified actions relating to the issuance of titles for off-highway vehicles; providing a penalty; creating s. 317.0018, F.S.; prohibiting the transfer of an off-highway vehicle without delivery of a certificate of title; prescribing other violations; providing a penalty; amending s. 319.23, F.S.; providing that licensed motor vehicle dealers must notify the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles of motor vehicles taken in trade; amending s. 320.0601, F.S.; requiring leased vehicles to be registered in the name of the lessee; amending s. 320.131, F.S.; providing for the creation of an electronic temporary license plate system; amending s. 320.27, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the suspension or revocation of a motor vehicle dealer license; amending s. 322.051, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the application for an identification card; amending s. 322.08, F.S.; providing that a United States passport is an acceptable proof of identity for purposes of obtaining a driver's license; providing that a naturalization certificate issued by the United States Department of Justice is an acceptable proof of identity for such purpose; providing that specified documents issued by the United States Department of Justice are acceptable as proof of nonimmigrant classification; amending s. 322.12, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the reinstatement of a driver's license following certain violations; revising the distribution of specified fees; amending s. 322.142, F.S.; providing that the requirement for a fullface photograph or digital image on a driver's license or identification card may not be waived under ch. 761, F.S.; amending s. 322.17, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the application for a replacement or duplicate driver's license; amending s. 322.18, F.S.; revising the expiration period for driver's licenses issued to specified persons; amending s. 322.19, F.S.; revising requirements relating to name and address changes for driver's licenses; amending s. 713.78, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the placement

of a wrecker operator lien against a motor vehicle; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senators Cowin, Bullard, Wise, Aronberg, Lawson, Fasano, Webster and Campbell—

SM 1170—A memorial to the Congress of the United States, expressing solidarity with Israel in its fight against terrorism.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Cowin—

SJR 1172—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 5 of Article XI of the State Constitution to revise requirements for ratification of proposed amendments to the State Constitution.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 1174—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state agencies; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating the process by which state agencies establish fees; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Finance and Taxation; and Appropriations.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 1176—A bill to be entitled An act relating to tax administration; amending ss. 202.11, 202.125, 202.19, 202.22, and 202.34, F.S., relating to the local communications services tax; changing sourcing requirements for third number and calling card calls; providing an exemption for homes for the aged; providing penalties for failure to report revenue and taxes due; providing limitations on credits for taxes collected; providing legislative intent with respect to provisions clarifying the law; requiring that a taxpayer provide customer records to the Department of Revenue under certain circumstances; amending s. 206.02, F.S.; prohibiting a person from engaging in business as a biodiesel manufacturer unless the person is licensed by the department; revising licensing requirements; requiring biodiesel manufacturers to meet the reporting, bonding, and licensing requirements prescribed for wholesalers of motor fuel; amending s. 206.026, F.S.; requiring the department to obtain fingerprints for criminal background checks for certain license holders; amending s. 206.14, F.S.; providing a penalty for failure to provide records as required by the department; amending s. 206.414, F.S., relating to local option fuel taxes; providing for the tax to be collected when fuel is removed through the loading rack; amending s. 206.416, F.S.; deleting certain provisions authorizing a change in the destination of fuel; requiring that a wholesaler or exporter register as an importer under certain circumstances; providing penalties; amending s. 206.485, F.S., relating to tracking reports for petroleum products; imposing a penalty for failure to provide such reports; amending s. 206.86, F.S.; defining the terms “biodiesel” and “biodiesel manufacturer” for purposes of part II of ch. 206, F.S.; amending s. 206.89, F.S., relating to the regulating of alternative fuels; requiring the licensure of retailers rather than wholesalers; amending s. 212.0606, F.S., relating to the rental car surcharge; requiring dealers to report the surcharge collections by county where collected; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; authorizing certain carriers to prorate the state tax on motor or diesel fuels used in interstate commerce in the initial year of operation; amending s. 212.12, F.S.; deleting a prohibition on certain allowances if the tax is delinquent; revising a limitation on certain penalties; providing an additional penalty for failure to timely disclose a tax or fee; requiring that the department make certain tax amounts and brackets available in an electronic format; deleting a requirement that the amounts and brackets be established pursuant to

rule; amending s. 213.21, F.S.; revising the period during which a taxpayer may voluntarily disclose a tax liability; providing for applicability; amending s. 336.021, F.S.; revising certain dates for purposes of certifying distributions of local option fuel taxes; amending ss. 443.036, 443.131, and 443.1316, F.S., relating to the the unemployment compensation tax; requiring that a limited liability company be treated at the same status as it is classified for federal income tax purposes; clarifying succession requirements for employers; providing for transfer of employees; providing that recovery of certain federal moneys from the Agency for Workforce Innovation is not limited by state law on indirect cost recovery; amending s. 832.062, F.S.; prohibiting certain electronic funds transfers if the taxpayer knows at the time of such transfer that funds are insufficient to cover the transfer; amending s. 206.052, F.S., relating to the export of tax-free fuels; conforming a cross-reference to changes made by the act; repealing s. 199.052(13), F.S., relating to a requirement to permit a voluntary contribution to the Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund when filing an intangible tax return; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Communication and Public Utilities; Finance and Taxation; and Appropriations.

SR 1178—Not referenced.

By Senator Peaden—

SM 1180—A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to enact a Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Dockery—

SB 1182—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.071, F.S., relating to an exemption from public-records requirements which applies to certain security system plans; creating an exception to the exemption; repealing s. 281.301, F.S., relating to an exemption from public-access or disclosure requirements for information relating to certain security systems; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Home Defense, Public Security, and Ports; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Villalobos—

SB 1184—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the judicial branch of government; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the judicial branch of government; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Article V Implementation and Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senators Lynn and Fasano—

SB 1186—A bill to be entitled An act relating to court costs; creating s. 938.20, F.S.; providing funding for drug court programs through the assessment of an additional mandatory court cost; providing for the assessment to be imposed by ordinance against persons convicted of a criminal violation, a violation of a municipal or county ordinance, or traffic violation resulting in payment of a fine or penalty; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Comprehensive Planning; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Article V Implementation and Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Lynn—

SB 1188—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health insurance; amending s. 627.638, F.S.; providing that, in specified circumstances, payment for certain health benefits shall be made directly to the hospital, physician, or other health care provider even if contrary to the insurance contract; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Villalobos—

SB 1190—A bill to be entitled An act relating to county funding of court-related functions; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to county funding of court-related functions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Article V Implementation and Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Villalobos—

SB 1192—A bill to be entitled An act relating to court-appointed counsel; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to court-appointed counsel; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Article V Implementation and Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Villalobos—

SB 1194—A bill to be entitled An act relating to clerks of the circuit and county courts; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to clerks of the circuit and county courts; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Article V Implementation and Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Villalobos—

SB 1196—A bill to be entitled An act relating to judicial administration; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to judicial administration; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Article V Implementation and Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Villalobos—

SB 1198—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the judiciary; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the judiciary; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Article V Implementation and Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Villalobos—

SB 1200—A bill to be entitled An act relating to workers' compensation insurance; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to workers' compensation insurance; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Alexander—

SB 1202—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle insurance; expressing the legislative intent to reform laws relating to motor vehicle insurance; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

SR 1204—Not referenced.

By Senator Alexander—

SB 1206—A bill to be entitled An act relating to workers' compensation insurance; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to workers' compensation insurance; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Lawson—

SB 1208—A bill to be entitled An act relating to land acquisition; amending s. 380.502, F.S.; providing legislative findings with respect to the need to revitalize and redevelop certain urban areas and to the value of urban greenspace; amending s. 380.503, F.S.; defining the term "remediation project" for purposes of the Florida Communities Trust Act; amending s. 380.507, F.S.; authorizing the Florida Communities Trust to fund remediation projects; authorizing the trust to adopt rules concerning the resolution of land-use conflicts; amending s. 380.508, F.S.; specifying purposes of remediation projects; amending s. 380.510, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference to changes made by the act; providing for funds from the Preservation 2000 Trust Fund and the Florida Forever Trust Fund to be used for projects approved under the Florida Communities Trust Act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources; Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 1210—A bill to be entitled An act relating to tourism; amending s. 288.1223, F.S.; increasing the membership of the Florida Commission on Tourism to include a representative from the space industry; amending s. 288.1226, F.S.; increasing the membership of the board of directors of the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation, to conform; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; and Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports.

By Senator Aronberg—

SB 1212—A bill to be entitled An act relating to bankruptcy; prohibiting the sale or disclosure of personal customer information by persons in bankruptcy; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Comprehensive Planning; and Judiciary.

By Senators Villalobos, Miller, Campbell, Argenziano, Fasano, Bullard, Margolis, Aronberg and Atwater—

SB 1214—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992; creating s. 760.021, F.S.; authorizing the Attorney General to commence a civil action against a person or group perpetuating discriminatory practices; providing for damages, injunctive relief, and civil penalties; providing for attorney's fees and costs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bennett—

SB 1216—A bill to be entitled An act relating to domestic violence centers; amending ss. 39.903 and 39.905, F.S.; providing for the statewide association under contract with the Department of Children and Family Services to provide technical assistance to certified domestic violence centers; requiring the association to administer and evaluate services provided by those centers; providing for the distribution of funds to certified domestic violence centers according to a formula approved by the department; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children and Families; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Argenziano—

SB 1218—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Food Safety Advisory Council; creating s. 500.033, F.S.; creating the Food Safety Advisory Council within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing the purpose of the council; providing for appointment of members by the Commissioner of Agriculture; requiring the council to make periodic reports to the department; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 1220—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the sale of real property; requiring disclosures by nondeveloper owners of real property in deed-restricted communities; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Comprehensive Planning; and Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services.

By Senator Argenziano—

SB 1222—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; amending s. 570.15, F.S.; requiring the department to establish rules authorizing nonagricultural vehicles to pass an agricultural inspection station without stopping and submitting to an inspection; amending s. 570.16, F.S.; prohibiting a person from

impersonating an inspector, agent, or other employee of the department; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Dawson—

SB 1224—A bill to be entitled An act relating to leaving children unattended or unsupervised in a motor vehicle; amending s. 316.6135, F.S.; revising the elements of the noncriminal infraction to prohibit leaving a child younger than a specified age unattended or unsupervised in a motor vehicle for any period of time; increasing a penalty and providing additional penalties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children and Families; Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Finance and Taxation; and Appropriations.

By Senator Aronberg—

SB 1226—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the exploitation of elderly persons or disabled adults; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to establish an Internet website that lists identifying information concerning offenders having two or more convictions for exploiting an elderly person or disabled adult; providing for the department to remove the information following the offender's death or after a specified period; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Crist—

SB 1228—A bill to be entitled An act relating to capital collateral representation; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to capital collateral representation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Article V Implementation and Judiciary; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Argenziano—

SB 1230—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 500.148, F.S.; providing an exemption from public-records requirements for certain federal records that are otherwise confidential under federal law and that are provided to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for purposes of food safety investigations, contracts and partnership activities, and regulatory reviews; prohibiting the disclosure of such information unless a federal agency has found that the record is no longer entitled to protection or unless ordered by a court; providing for future legislative review and repeal; providing a finding of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Argenziano—

SB 1232—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the practice of pest control; amending s. 482.091, F.S.; providing certain restrictions on the issuance of employee identification cards; amending s. 482.155, F.S.; providing that a limited certification does not authorize fumigation of a structure; amending s. 482.156, F.S.; providing a fee for the late renewal of certification for commercial landscape maintenance personnel; providing for automatic expiration of such certification following failure to obtain recertification; amending s. 482.161, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to take disciplinary

action against a licensee or other person who impersonates a department employee; amending s. 482.165, F.S.; authorizing the department to impose an additional fine for the unlicensed practice of pest control; providing an exception; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Villalobos—

SB 1234—A bill to be entitled An act relating to career offenders; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to career offenders; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Villalobos—

SB 1236—A bill to be entitled An act relating to law enforcement; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to law enforcement; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Villalobos—

SB 1238—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public safety; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to public safety; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Villalobos—

SB 1240—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the capital collateral regional counsels; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the capital collateral regional counsels; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Article V Implementation and Judiciary; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Villalobos—

SB 1242—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sexual offenders; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to sexual offenders; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Villalobos—

SB 1244—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Corrections; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the Department of Corrections; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Villalobos—

SB 1246—A bill to be entitled An act relating to juvenile justice; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to juvenile justice; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Children and Families; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senators Wise and Fasano—

SB 1248—A bill to be entitled An act relating to real property reform; establishing the Mandated Property Reform Task Force; providing for appointment of members and organization of the task force; specifying duties; providing for reports; providing for termination; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Appropriations.

By Senator Wise—

SB 1250—A bill to be entitled An act relating to obscenity; requiring public libraries to install and maintain computer software or equivalent technology that prohibits access to obscene materials by minors; providing that the installation of software or technology in a library having only one public-access computer is within the library's discretion; providing a finding of important state interest; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Comprehensive Planning; Criminal Justice; Communication and Public Utilities; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Bennett—

SB 1252—A bill to be entitled An act relating to nursing homes; allowing nursing homes to convert beds to alternative uses as specified; providing restrictions on uses of funding under assisted-living Medicaid waivers; providing procedures; providing for the applicability of certain fire and life-safety codes; providing applicability of certain laws; requiring a nursing home to submit a request to the Agency for Health Care Administration; providing conditions for disapproving such a request; providing for periodic review; providing for retention of nursing-home licensure for converted beds; providing for reconversion of the beds; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Aronberg—

SB 1254—A bill to be entitled An act relating to school employees; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to annually check its current criminal database to determine whether information about certain school employees appears thereon; providing procedures; providing responsibilities of the Department of Education; prohibiting fees; providing for notification of school districts; allocating responsibility for investigating information obtained through the background checks; providing for future repeal unless reviewed and reenacted by the Legislature; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Lynn—

SB 1256—A bill to be entitled An act relating to governmental reorganization; transferring the school readiness services system within the Agency for Workforce Innovation to the Executive Office of the Governor; transferring the responsibilities for regulating and licensing child care facilities from the Department of Children and Family Services to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; providing legislative intent with respect to funding school readiness and prekindergarten programs; amending ss. 411.01 and 411.0105, F.S., relating to the Florida Partnership for School Readiness, the Early Learning Opportunities Act, and the Even Start Family Literacy Programs; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 402.302, F.S.; revising definitions; amending s. 402.3025, F.S.; requiring the Department of Education to adopt a uniform curriculum for children in child care programs; requiring standards and curriculum for promoting reading readiness; requiring a program of literacy assistance for parents of preschool children; providing legislative intent with respect to funding programs for preschool children; amending s. 402.30501, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Education to modify certain child care courses; amending s. 402.3115, F.S.; requiring the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to work with local governmental agencies to eliminate duplicate inspections of child care facilities; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Children and Families; Regulated Industries; Education; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bennett—

SB 1258—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Management Services; expressing the legislative intent to transfer the Division of Retirement within the department to the State Board of Administration; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senators Wilson, Dawson, Wasserman Schultz and Bullard—

SB 1260—A bill to be entitled An act relating to requirements for high school graduation; amending s. 1003.43, F.S.; requiring that instruction in parenting skills be included within the one-half credit in life management skills required for graduation from high school; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senators Wilson, Dawson, Bullard and Lawson—

SB 1262—A bill to be entitled An act relating to requiring the Department of Education to award grants to public school districts to implement school-based AIDS educational activities; providing for the grant awards to be made from funds appropriated by the Legislature; specifying requirements for grant proposals by school districts; requiring that the department consider specified factors in awarding grants; requiring school districts that receive a grant to file an annual report with the department; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Wilson—

SJR 1264—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article VI of the State Constitution, relating to suffrage and elections,

to provide for restoration of a felony offender's right to vote and hold office upon completion of incarceration and postconviction supervision.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Posey—

SB 1266—A bill to be entitled An act relating to regulation of real estate professionals; amending s. 475.001, F.S.; redesignating “salespersons” as “broker associates”; amending s. 475.01, F.S.; defining and redefining terms; amending s. 475.011, F.S.; revising exemptions from regulation requirements; amending s. 475.02, F.S.; conforming terminology; amending s. 475.03, F.S.; deleting authority of the Attorney General with respect to retention of legal counsel by the Florida Real Estate Commission; amending s. 475.04, F.S.; conforming terminology; providing powers of independent certification organizations; amending s. 475.15, F.S.; revising requirements related to registration and licensing of partnerships; amending s. 475.17, F.S.; conforming terminology; requiring that distance learning courses be interactive; authorizing additional subjects for postlicensure education; amending s. 475.175, F.S.; revising requirements for license examination applications; amending s. 475.181, F.S.; conforming terminology; amending s. 475.182, F.S.; providing guidelines for approving specialty courses; providing for duration of initial licenses; amending s. 475.215, F.S.; conforming terminology; amending s. 475.22, F.S.; revising requirements with respect to brokers' signs; amending s. 475.23, F.S.; providing for notice of change of address; amending s. 475.25, F.S.; revising duties of licensees with respect to escrowed property; providing guidelines for real estate transactions in cooperation between licensed professionals and professionals licensed out-of-state; allowing a broker to place personal funds in his or her escrow account; providing a time limit on filing complaints against a licensee; providing for referral of criminal violations to prosecuting authorities; amending s. 475.2755, F.S.; conforming terminology; amending s. 475.278, F.S.; revising provisions relating to authorized brokerage relationships; providing a presumption of transaction brokerage; revising disclosure requirements; amending s. 475.31, F.S.; providing effect of revocation on suspension of broker's license; amending s. 475.37, F.S.; conforming terminology; creating s. 475.4005, F.S.; providing penalties for unlicensed practice of real estate; providing for cease and desist orders; authorizing rules; amending s. 475.41, F.S.; conforming terminology; amending s. 475.42, F.S.; providing an additional ground for disciplinary action; providing penalties; amending s. 475.43, F.S.; conforming terminology; amending s. 475.451, F.S.; revising prerequisites for renewal of an instructor permit; revising period for which instructor permits may be issued; repealing the prohibition against real estate schools advertising a guarantee that their pupils will pass licensure examinations; amending s. 475.4511, F.S.; repealing prohibitions against certain advertising; amending ss. 475.453, 475.455, F.S.; conforming terminology; amending s. 475.482, F.S.; increasing the maximum amount that may be in the Real Estate Recovery Fund; amending s. 475.483, F.S.; revising guidelines for payment of attorney's fees with respect to recovery from the fund; amending ss. 475.484, 475.5017, F.S.; increasing maximum amounts payable from the fund; amending s. 475.612, F.S.; conforming terminology; amending s. 689.25, F.S.; prescribing facts and conditions the existence of which need not be disclosed in a real estate transaction; repealing ss. 475.421, F.S., relating to publication of false or misleading information, 475.422, F.S., relating to disclosure, 475.452, F.S., relating to advance fees; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Lynn—

SB 1268—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the state lottery; amending s. 24.115, F.S.; providing that unclaimed prize money shall be

distributed to the public schools, community colleges, and universities on a pro rata basis based on enrollment; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Lynn—

SB 1270—A bill to be entitled An act relating to adoption; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to adoption and a paternity registry; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Children and Families; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Webster—

SB 1272—A bill to be entitled An act relating to chop shops; amending s. 812.16, F.S.; including airbags and airbag assemblies within the definition of the term “major component part” for purposes of provisions prohibiting the operation of a chop shop and authorizing the seizure and forfeiture of parts and vehicles; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; and Transportation.

By Senator Wise—

SB 1274—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a residential mathematics, science, and technology high school; creating the Planning Task Force for the Columbia Residential Mathematics, Science, and Technology High School, which will be located in close proximity to Kennedy Space Center; providing task force membership, subcommittees, and duties; providing that the Technological Research and Development Authority (TRDA) Education Programs Office shall administer the residential high school; providing for a summer pilot program; providing deadlines; providing requirements for admission to the pilot program; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Military and Veterans’ Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 1276—A bill to be entitled An act relating to ad valorem tax laws; amending s. 195.096, F.S.; changing the frequency of an audit and report of such audit by the Auditor General to an annual basis; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Clary—

SB 1278—A bill to be entitled An act relating to workers’ compensation insurance; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to workers’ compensation insurance; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Clary—

SB 1280—A bill to be entitled An act relating to disaster recovery; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to disaster recovery; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Home Defense, Public Security, and Ports; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 1282—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state revenue programs; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to state revenue programs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Finance and Taxation; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 1284—A bill to be entitled An act relating to faith-based counseling; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to faith-based counseling; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Bennett—

SB 1286—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the construction industry; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the right-to-cure notice provided to construction contractors; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Judiciary; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Dawson—

SB 1288—A bill to be entitled An act relating to homeless persons; defining terms; providing for the appointment of shelter capacity coordinators; requiring the coordinator to supply certain information to law enforcement agencies; prohibiting a law enforcement officer from citing, arresting, or incarcerating an individual for committing, under specified circumstances, certain life-sustaining acts that would ordinarily constitute misdemeanors; allowing officers to enforce certain other laws or misdemeanors and to require an individual to submit to an involuntary examination as specified; providing responsibilities of shelter capacity coordinators; requiring law enforcement agencies to prepare annual reports; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

SR 1290—Not referenced.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 1292—A bill to be entitled An act relating to publicly owned properties; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to publicly owned properties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 1294—A bill to be entitled An act relating to background screening for emergency medical technicians and paramedics; amending s. 401.27, F.S.; requiring that an applicant for certification submit certain arrest and court records to the Department of Health; requiring that an applicant for initial certification or for the first certification renewal after a specified date submit fingerprints to the department for a national criminal history check; requiring a statewide criminal history check for subsequent renewals of certification; providing that an applicant who has submitted information to the Department of Health for a criminal history check is not required to submit such information to certain other agencies for employment or licensure; providing that an applicant who has undergone a criminal history check as a firefighter within a specified period is not required to submit fingerprints to the department; providing for the Office of State Fire Marshal to provide criminal history information concerning such an applicant to the department; providing for tolling the period for issuing a certificate if an applicant must appear before the department due to information obtained through the criminal history check; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Saunders—

SM 1296—A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to include in its economic-stimulus legislation tax incentives for building owners who upgrade their firesafety systems consistent with the firesafety provisions of the National Fire Protection Association's Life Safety Code in existing high-rise buildings.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 1298—A bill to be entitled An act relating to specialty license plates; amending ss. 320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; creating the Protect Our Reefs license plate; providing for the distribution of annual use fees received from the sale of such plates; providing for audit by the Auditor General; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Natural Resources; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Alexander—

SB 1300—A bill to be entitled An act relating to citrus processing; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to citrus processing emissions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Cowin—

SB 1302—A bill to be entitled An act relating to medical malpractice; creating s. 766.1024, F.S.; limiting noneconomic damages in actions for medical malpractice; creating s. 766.1027, F.S.; limiting attorney's fees in medical malpractice actions; defining the terms "recovered" and "health care provider"; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Judiciary; Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

SR 1304—Not referenced.

By Senator Alexander—

SB 1306—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the protection of school personnel; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the protection of school personnel; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Alexander—

SB 1308—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance; expressing the legislative intent to revise insurance laws; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Alexander—

SB 1310—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the conservation of land; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the conservation of land; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources; Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Alexander—

SB 1312—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the environment; expressing the legislative intent to revise environmental laws; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources; Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Alexander—

SB 1314—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the environment; expressing the legislative intent to revise environmental laws; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources; Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Alexander—

SB 1316—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to insurance; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senators Wilson, Miller, Dawson, Lynn and Lawson—

SB 1318—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the safety of children; providing a short title; providing legislative intent; requiring certain children to be enrolled in an early education or child care program; providing attendance and reporting responsibilities of the child's parent or guardian and of the Family Safety Program Office of the Department of Children and Family Services; requiring law enforcement agencies to investigate certain reports; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children and Families; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

SR 1320—Not referenced.

By Senator Cowin—

SB 1322—A bill to be entitled An act relating to constitutional amendments; amending s. 16.061, F.S.; requiring the Attorney General to immediately petition the Supreme Court for review of certain fiscal impact statements; deleting duties of the Attorney General with respect to constitutional amendments proposed other than by initiative; amending s. 100.371, F.S.; revising times within which the Revenue Estimating Conference must complete its analysis and fiscal impact statement for amendments proposed by initiative; prescribing ballot language to be used if a fiscal impact statement is not timely approved by the Supreme Court; repealing s. 100.381, F.S., relating to fiscal impact statement requirements for amendments proposed other than by initiative; amending s. 101.161, F.S.; prescribing placement of the fiscal impact statement on the ballot; amending s. 101.62, F.S., relating to absentee ballots, to conform; reenacting ss. 15.21, 216.136(3)(a), F.S., to conform to the changes by this act; providing procedures for commencing the fiscal impact statement development and review process for certain proposed initiatives; exempting certain proposed initiatives from the fiscal impact statement requirement; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Smith—

SB 1324—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the official Florida Statutes; amending ss. 11.2421, 11.2422, 11.2424, and 11.2425, F.S.; adopting the Florida Statutes 2003 and designating the portions thereof that are to constitute the official law of the state; providing that the Florida Statutes 2003 shall be effective immediately upon publication; providing that general laws enacted during the April 29-May 13, 2002, special session and prior thereto and not included in the Florida Statutes 2003 are repealed; providing that general laws enacted during the 2003 regular session are not repealed by this adoption act.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Wilson—

SB 1326—A bill to be entitled An act relating to road designations; designating "Judge Steve Levine Boulevard" in Miami-Dade County; designating "Steven Cranman Boulevard" and "Ethel Beckford Boulevard" in Miami-Dade County; designating "Arthur Mays Boulevard" in

Miami-Dade County; designating "Jean-Jacques Dessalines Boulevard" in Miami-Dade County; designating "Toussaint L'Ouverture Boulevard" in Miami-Dade County; designating "Frederick Douglass Boulevard" in Miami-Dade County; designating 96th Street in Miami-Dade County as the "Stanley Whitman Boulevard"; designating Miami Gardens Drive as the "Ronald A. Silver Boulevard"; designating "Alexandre Petion Boulevard" in Miami-Dade County; designating "Lawton Chiles Boulevard" in Miami-Dade County; designating "George Gill Boulevard" in Miami-Dade County; designating "James Weldon Johnson Boulevard" in Miami-Dade County; designating "T. Stewart Greer Boulevard" in Miami-Dade County; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; and Governmental Oversight and Productivity.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 1328—A bill to be entitled An act relating to criminal offenses; creating s. 775.0847; providing for the reclassification of felonies committed against the elderly or disabled; amending s. 784.08; providing for the reclassification of misdemeanors committed against persons 65 years of age or older; amending s. 812.0145; providing for a mandatory term of imprisonment for certain thefts against persons 65 years of age or older; amending s. 825.103; providing for a mandatory term of imprisonment for certain acts of exploitation against an elderly person or disabled adult; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Atwater—

SB 1330—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public school attendance; amending ss. 1002.20, 1003.21, and 1003.51, F.S.; raising the age of compulsory school attendance from 16 years of age to 17 years of age; conforming provisions relating to a student's right to file a formal declaration of intent to terminate school enrollment; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Miller—

SB 1332—A bill to be entitled An act relating to contractor bonds for public building construction; amending s. 255.05, F.S.; revising contract amount thresholds for payment and performance bonds; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Garcia—

SB 1334—A bill to be entitled An act relating to school readiness programs; amending s. 411.01, F.S., relating to the Florida Partnership for School Readiness and school readiness coalitions; requiring plans for implementing school readiness programs to provide access to school-based prekindergarten programs for all 4-year-old children at no cost to the children's parents; providing for funding; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Garcia—

SB 1336—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 403.185, F.S.; creating the Florida Keys and Key West Areas of Criti-

cal State Concern Wastewater and Stormwater Trust Fund to be administered by the Department of Community Affairs; providing sources of funds; providing purposes and administrative provisions with respect to such purposes; providing rulemaking authority for such administrative provisions; providing for annual carryforward of funds; providing for future review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing for termination of the trust fund following removal of the area of critical state concern designation from the Florida Keys and Key West Areas; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Garcia—

SB 1338—A bill to be entitled An act relating to property tax exemptions; creating s. 196.2003, F.S.; exempting certain portions of certain private residential property used for certain purposes; requiring annual application; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Natural Resources; Finance and Taxation; and Appropriations.

By Senator Garcia—

SB 1340—A bill to be entitled An act relating to wildlife and environmental area designations; designating the Sandy Sprunt Dove Creek Hammocks Wildlife and Environmental Area in Monroe County; directing the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to erect suitable markers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources; and Comprehensive Planning.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 1342—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the South Trail Fire Protection and Rescue District, Lee County; amending ch. 2000-484, Laws of Florida; conforming the district charter to Florida Statutes relating to annexations within the district; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 1344—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Lee County; creating the Village of Captiva; providing a charter; providing a short title; providing legislative intent; providing for incorporation; providing for a council-manager form of government; providing powers and duties; providing for a village council and its membership, including mayor, vice mayor, and mayor pro tem, qualifications and terms of office, powers and duties, absence of compensation, expenses, and prescribed procedures relating to vacancies, including forfeiture of office, suspension, and recall; providing for meetings; providing for recordkeeping; providing certain restrictions; providing for charter officers and their appointment, removal, compensation, filling of vacancies, qualifications, and powers and duties; establishing a fiscal year; providing for a budget, appropriations, amendments, and limitations; providing for elections and matters relating thereto; defining boundaries of the Village; specifying general provisions relating to charter review and amendment and standards of conduct; providing for severability; providing for a referendum, initial election of council members, transition services and compensation, first-year expenses, and specified transitional matters; providing a contingent effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Cowin—

SB 1346—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Lake County Water Authority, formerly known as the Oklawaha Basin Recreation and Water Conservation and Control Authority, Lake County; amending ch. 29222, Laws of Florida, 1953, as amended; providing conditions for the authority's election of officers; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 1348—A bill to be entitled An act relating to consumer credit reports; requiring certain consumer credit reporting agencies to provide certain consumers with a complete consumer credit report each year under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Banking and Insurance; and Governmental Oversight and Productivity.

By Senator Bennett—

SB 1350—A bill to be entitled An act relating to civil penalties; amending s. 318.21, F.S.; authorizing use of civil penalties to fund local law enforcement automation under certain circumstances; providing for deposit of funds from moving violations occurring on an interstate or the Florida Turnpike into the Grants and Donations Trust Fund within the Department of Law Enforcement and providing for use of funds; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Communication and Public Utilities; Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By the Committee on Comprehensive Planning—

SJR 1352—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 6 of Article VII of the State Constitution to revise the exemption of homestead property from taxation.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Finance and Taxation; and Appropriations.

By the Committee on Comprehensive Planning—

SJR 1354—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article VII of the State Constitution, relating to taxation of real property, to authorize the partial-year assessment of real property.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By the Committee on Comprehensive Planning—

SB 1356—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local government financing; amending s. 192.001, F.S.; removing the definition of the term “construction work in progress” and defining the term “substantially completed” for purposes of provisions governing the imposition of ad valorem taxes; amending s. 192.042, F.S., relating to the assessment of property; removing provisions specifying that improvements or portions thereof not substantially completed on January 1 have no value; removing provisions specifying that, with respect to the assessment of tangible personal property, construction work in progress has no value until substantially completed; requiring that the value and description of improvements on or to real property as of January 1 be reported to the property appraiser under oath; providing that the assessment made by the property appraiser is prima facie correct upon failure to report;

amending ss. 193.155 and 193.703, F.S., relating to homestead assessments and assessments for living quarters of parents or grandparents; clarifying provisions governing the method for valuing improvements to property; amending s. 206.41, F.S.; providing for adjustments in the tax rates for the ninth-cent fuel tax and the local option fuel tax; amending s. 212.08, F.S., relating to certain tax exemptions for building and construction materials; redefining the term "substantially completed" to conform to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Finance and Taxation; and Appropriations.

By the Committee on Comprehensive Planning—

SB 1358—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the use of revenue-sharing funds; amending s. 218.25, F.S.; authorizing counties and municipalities to use revenue-sharing moneys received in excess of certain guaranteed entitlements as a pledge for local indebtedness for infrastructure; defining the term "infrastructure" for purposes of the act; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Article V Implementation and Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Klein—

SM 1360—A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to grant without further delay Puerto Rico's pending petition for a federally sanctioned plebiscite to establish and define the political status and electoral rights of United States citizens of Puerto Rico.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Bennett—

SB 1362—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.07, F.S.; revising an exemption from public-records requirements to include building plans, blueprints, schematic drawings, and diagrams of specified facilities and structures held by a public agency or an entity acting on behalf of a public agency; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Home Defense, Public Security, and Ports; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Bennett—

SB 1364—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority; providing for codification of special laws regarding special districts pursuant to s. 189.429, Florida Statutes, relating to the Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority, a special district in Manatee and Sarasota Counties; providing legislative intent; codifying, amending, and reenacting chapters 91-358, 92-242, 95-493, 97-322, and 2000-480, Laws of Florida; omitting provisions that have had their effect and other obsolete provisions; omitting redundant provisions; revising cross-references; providing a saving clause in the event any provision of the act is deemed invalid; repealing chapters 91-358, 92-242, 95-493, 97-322, and 2000-480, Laws of Florida; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Bennett—

SB 1366—A bill to be entitled An act relating to funding for school districts; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; deleting the determination of district cost differentials for the purpose of allocation of funds to school

districts for operation of schools; correcting cross-references; amending s. 1011.68, F.S.; deleting use of the Florida Price Level Index for the purpose of allocation of funds to school districts for student transportation; amending ss. 110.1228, 213.053, 402.22, 1002.38, 1002.39, 1004.75, 1010.20, 1011.02, 1011.71, 1012.44, and 1012.64, F.S.; conforming provisions and correcting cross-references; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Webster—

SB 1368—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; amending s. 1009.22, F.S., relating to workforce development student fees; revising guidelines applicable to fees for vocational-preparatory instruction; providing restrictions on tuition and out-of-state fees that district school boards and community college boards of trustees may establish; allowing school boards and community college boards to establish a discretionary, separate student activity and service fee; establishing a maximum amount for discretionary fees; providing for uses of revenues from discretionary fees; amending the maximum allowable amount of the fee for capital improvements, technology enhancements, or equipping buildings; amending the maximum amount that may be allocated from the capital improvement fee revenues for child care centers; deleting a restriction on the applicability of the technology fee; redesignating certain charges as user fees, rather than fines; amending s. 1009.23, F.S.; amending the maximum allowable amount of the community college fee for capital improvements, technology enhancements, or equipping student buildings; amending the maximum amount that may be allocated from the capital improvement fee for child care centers conducted by the community college; redesignating certain charges as user fees, rather than fines; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Wise—

SB 1370—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the remuneration of state university presidents; defining the terms "public funds," "remuneration," and "cash equivalent compensation"; limiting the annual remuneration of a state university president to \$225,000 from public funds; providing certain limitations on benefits for state university presidents under the Florida Retirement System; authorizing a party to provide cash or cash-equivalent compensation in excess of annual limit from nonpublic funds; eliminating any state obligation to provide cash or cash-equivalent compensation for state university presidents under certain circumstances; providing for prospective application; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 1372—A bill to be entitled An act relating to assault; amending s. 901.15, F.S.; providing a law enforcement officer may make an arrest without a warrant under certain circumstances when an assault is made upon another person in that person's workplace; providing for immunity from civil liability under certain circumstances; providing a definition; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Peaden—

SB 1374—A bill to be entitled An act relating to administrative procedures; amending s. 120.551, F.S.; authorizing agencies to publish on the Internet notices otherwise required to be published in the Florida Ad-

ministrative Weekly; prescribing procedures to be used by agencies electing to publish on the Internet; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 1376—A bill to be entitled An act relating to water resources; creating the 2020 Water Study Commission; providing for appointment and qualification of members, providing duties of the commission; providing for public hearings; providing for an executive director and technical advisory committees; requiring reports; providing duties of the Department of Environmental Protection; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Natural Resources; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 1378—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the East County Water Control District, Hendry and Lee Counties; amending ch. 2000-423, Laws of Florida; providing for the apportionment of maintenance taxes equitably to all equally benefited properties; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Clary—

SB 1380—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public school employment; amending s. 121.021, F.S.; defining the term “average final compensation” for public school members for purposes of the Florida Retirement System; revising retirement requirements for public school members; defining the term “public school member”; amending s. 121.091, F.S.; revising the normal retirement benefit for public school members; revising the early retirement benefit for public school members; expanding authority for reemploying certain retired public school personnel; revising Deferred Retirement Option Program participation requirements for certain public school personnel; providing legislative intent relating to costs attributable to benefit increases for public school members; requiring the Division of Retirement to conduct an actuarial analysis of reciprocal retirement benefits and report to the Legislature; amending s. 1001.43, F.S.; authorizing district school boards to adopt comprehensive benefit packages for school district personnel; amending s. 1012.27, F.S.; authorizing recommendation for reappointment of certain instructional personnel; amending s. 1012.56, F.S.; revising the time period during which teachers holding a temporary certificate must demonstrate mastery of general knowledge; creating s. 1012.597, F.S.; creating executive leadership certification for school principals; amending s. 1012.61, F.S.; revising provisions relating to payment for sick leave for school district personnel; creating s. 1012.987, F.S.; requiring a statewide professional development program for school administrators; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Clary—

SB 1382—A bill to be entitled An act relating to contracting; amending s. 489.128, F.S.; limiting the application of provisions that relate to the unenforceability of certain contracts performed by unlicensed con-

tractors; repealing s. 489.532, F.S., relating to contracts performed by unlicensed contractors; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Judiciary; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; and Governmental Oversight and Productivity.

SR 1384—Not referenced.

By Senator Cowin—

SB 1386—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Town of Monte Vista, Lake County; repealing ch. 10867, 1925, Laws of Florida; abolishing the town and transferring its assets and liabilities to the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Wasserman Schultz—

SB 1388—A bill to be entitled An act relating to firearms; amending s. 790.065, F.S.; providing that an exemption from public records requirements for specified records pertaining to a buyer or transferee of a firearm and the duty of the Department of Law Enforcement with respect to maintaining such records do not apply to pawnbroker transaction forms that record a transaction involving a firearm; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

SR 1390—Not referenced.

By Senator Wasserman Schultz—

SB 1392—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the state lottery; amending ss. 24.115, 24.121, and 1010.70, F.S.; providing that all unclaimed prize money shall be deposited in the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Wasserman Schultz—

SB 1394—A bill to be entitled An act relating to optional medical assistance and related services payments; amending s. 409.904, F.S.; providing for Medicaid eligibility for certain disabled persons under a Medicaid buy-in program, subject to specific federal authorization; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Banking and Insurance; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Atwater—

SB 1396—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Prepaid College Program; amending s. 1009.98, F.S.; revising provisions relating

to eligibility for benefits if the program is terminated; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 1398—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Southwest Florida transportation; redesignating ch. 349, F.S., as pt. I of that chapter; creating pt. II of ch. 349, F.S., consisting of ss. 349.31, 349.32, 349.33, 349.34, 349.35, 349.36, 349.37, 349.38, 349.39, 349.40, 349.41, 349.42, 349.43, 349.44, 349.45, 349.46, and 349.47, titled “Southwest Florida Transportation Authority”; providing a popular name; providing definitions; creating the Southwest Florida Transportation Authority; providing for a governing body of the authority; providing for membership; providing purposes and powers; providing for the Southwest Florida Transportation System; providing for procurement; providing bond financing authority for improvements; providing for bonds of the authority; providing for fiscal agents; providing that the State Board of Administration may act as fiscal agent; providing for certain financial agreements; providing for rights and remedies of bondholders; providing for lease-purchase agreement with the Department of Transportation; providing that the department may be appointed agent of authority for construction; providing for acquisition of lands and property; providing for cooperation with other units, boards, agencies, and individuals; providing covenant of the state; providing for exemption from taxation; providing for eligibility for investments and security; providing pledges enforceable by bondholders; providing for construction and application; amending ss. 349.02, 349.04, 349.05, 349.06, 349.07, 349.08, 349.10, 349.11, 349.12, 349.13, 349.14, 349.15, 349.17, and 349.21, F.S.; correcting references; providing for an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Klein—

SJR 1400—A joint resolution proposing the repeal of Section 19 of Article X of the State Constitution, which requires the development and operation of a high-speed ground transportation system.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 1402—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicle title certificates; amending s. 319.23, F.S.; requiring the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to maintain certain records for 10 years; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Wise—

SB 1404—A bill to be entitled An act relating to boards, councils, commissions, and other legislatively created bodies; expressing the legislative intent to review the necessity and effectiveness of specified entities; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senators Campbell, Jones and Bennett—

SB 1406—A bill to be entitled An act relating to pari-mutuel wagering; amending s. 550.3551, F.S.; deleting a limitation on horsetracks receiving broadcasts of races conducted out of this state; providing clarification regarding simulcast horseraces; amending s. 550.5251, F.S.; deleting a limitation on beginning thoroughbred races after 7 p.m.; amending s. 550.615, F.S.; deleting a limitation on accepting certain intertrack wagers; amending s. 550.6305, F.S.; authorizing certain intertrack wagering; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Garcia—

SB 1408—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public libraries; amending s. 257.17, F.S.; authorizing municipalities to receive operating grants; establishing minimum standards for receipt of funds; removing minimum population requirement for municipalities to be eligible to receive funds; amending s. 257.191, F.S.; revising provisions relating to construction grants; amending s. 257.22, F.S.; permitting eligible political subdivisions to receive warrants; amending s. 257.23, F.S.; requiring certification of annual tax income by a specified date; clarifying authority with regard to applications for grants; repealing s. 257.19, F.S., relating to library construction grants; amending s. 257.261, F.S.; revising provisions relating to confidentiality of public library registration and circulation records to authorize disclosure of information to the parent or guardian of a library patron under age 16, for the purpose of collecting fines or recovering overdue books or other materials; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 1410—A bill to be entitled An act relating to homeowners’ associations; amending s. 720.303, F.S.; providing powers for associations controlled by unit owners other than the developer; amending s. 720.306, F.S.; prohibiting certain amendments to bylaws of the associations; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; and Judiciary.

By Senator Wise—

SB 1412—A bill to be entitled An act relating to financial matters of school districts; creating s. 1010.217, F.S.; providing for school service accountability; providing a popular name; requiring written analyses of the cost, level, and quality of service for certain noninstructional services; providing for a request for proposals or solicitation of bids to contract with private-sector providers for services; providing for disclosure; providing for the use of cost savings; requiring reports; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 1414—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Institute of Human and Machine Cognition; creating s. 1004.447, F.S.; establishing the Florida Institute of Human and Machine Cognition at the University of West Florida; requiring the State Board of Education to enter into an agreement with a not-for-profit corporation for the governance and operation of the institute; providing that the corporation shall act

as an instrumentality of the state; authorizing the creation of subsidiaries by the corporation; providing powers of the corporation; providing for a board of directors; providing for an annual postaudit and report; authorizing the board of directors to secure liability protection; providing for assumption of responsibilities of the corporation by the State Board of Education under certain circumstances; providing for administration of the institute by a chief executive officer and providing duties; requiring appointment of a council of scientific advisers and providing duties; providing that the corporation and its subsidiaries are not agencies within the meaning of s. 20.03(11), F.S.; authorizing contracts without competitive bidding; providing that the institute shall be a corporation acting as an instrumentality of the state for purposes of sovereign immunity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

SR 1416—Not referenced.

By Senator Clary—

SB 1418—A bill to be entitled An act relating to funding for school districts; authorizing district school boards to expend in their operating budgets nonvoted capital improvement millage; specifying certain conditions and restrictions; providing for transfer of proceeds by budget amendment approved by the district school board; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Campbell—

SJR 1420—A joint resolution proposing the creation of Section 20 of Article III of the State Constitution to create a joint legislative committee to conduct periodic reviews of all exemptions from the tax on sales, use, and other transactions imposed by law and all exclusions of sales of services from such taxation.

—was referred to the Committees on Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 1422—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicles; amending s. 316.2015, F.S.; prohibiting certain persons from riding on the exterior of a passenger vehicle or in areas not designed or intended for the use of passengers on certain vehicles; prohibiting certain minors from riding within the body of a pickup truck or flatbed truck; providing exceptions; providing penalties; amending s. 316.008, F.S.; authorizing counties and municipalities to exempt themselves from such prohibition; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Comprehensive Planning; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Criminal Justice; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 1424—A bill to be entitled An act relating to homestead exemption; amending s. 196.131, F.S.; providing a penalty for claiming homestead exemption if the source of the funds for the home came from fraudulent sources; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Comprehensive Planning; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Posey—

SB 1426—A bill to be entitled An act relating to municipal per diem and travel expenses; amending s. 166.021, F.S.; authorizing municipalities to provide for per diem and travel expenses of its officials, officers, employees, and authorized persons, notwithstanding s. 112.061, F.S.; providing for retroactive application; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; and Governmental Oversight and Productivity.

By Senator Peaden—

SB 1428—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Medicaid audits of pharmacies; providing requirements for an audit conducted of the Medicaid-related records of a pharmacy licensed under ch. 465, F.S.; requiring that a pharmacist be provided prior notice of the audit; providing that a pharmacist is not subject to criminal penalties without proof of intent to commit fraud; providing that an underpayment or overpayment may not be based on certain projections; requiring that all pharmacies be audited under the same standards; limiting the period that may be covered by an audit; requiring that the Agency for Health Care Administration establish a procedure for conducting a preliminary review; authorizing the agency to establish peer-review panels; requiring that the agency dismiss an unfavorable audit report if it or a review panel finds that the pharmacist did not commit intentional fraud; exempting certain audits conducted by the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the Department of Legal Affairs; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Alexander—

SB 1430—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the tax on gross receipts for utility and communications services; amending s. 203.01, F.S.; excluding gross receipts from sales of manufactured gas to certain utilities from the term “gross receipts” for certain purposes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Finance and Taxation; Communication and Public Utilities; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; and Regulated Industries.

By Senator Alexander—

SB 1432—A bill to be entitled An act relating to constitutional amendments; expressing the legislative intent to propose an amendment to the State Constitution to revise the initiative process; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Villalobos—

SB 1434—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public libraries; amending s. 257.17, F.S.; authorizing municipalities to receive operating grants; establishing minimum standards for receipt of funds; removing minimum population requirement for municipalities to be eligible to receive funds; amending s. 257.191, F.S.; revising provisions relating to construction grants; amending s. 257.22, F.S.; permitting eligible political subdivisions to receive warrants; amending s. 257.23, F.S.; requiring certification of annual tax income by a specified date; clarifying authority with regard to applications for grants; repealing s. 257.19, F.S., relating to library construction grants; amending s. 257.261, F.S.; revising provisions relating to confidentiality of public library registration and circulation records to authorize disclosure of information to the parent or guardian of a library patron under age 16, for the purpose of

collecting fines or recovering overdue books or other materials; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Carlton—

SB 1436—A bill to be entitled An act relating to implementation of Amendment 9 to the State Constitution (November 2002 election); providing a short title; creating s. 1011.685, F.S.; establishing the Classrooms for Kids operating categorical; providing for the use of the funds by school districts; creating s. 1013.735, F.S.; establishing the Classrooms for Kids Program; providing for the allocation of funds; providing requirements for district participation in the program; providing for the use of the funds; providing for pledges and bond validation of the funds; providing for cash payment in the use of the funds; creating the Class Size Reduction Small County Assistance Program; providing for the program to provide funds to certain counties to assist in implementing class size reduction; requiring the Department of Education to administer the program; providing an appropriation; providing an appropriation to the School Infrastructure Thrift Program; creating s. 1013.736, F.S.; establishing the District Equity Recognition Program; providing an appropriation; providing for allocation of the appropriation on a 5-year basis; providing for eligibility for school district participation; establishing a district equity ratio for purposes of calculating the allocation for the program; providing for the use of the funds; creating s. 1013.737, F.S.; establishing the Class Size Reduction Lottery Revenue Bond Program; authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to finance or refinance the construction, acquisition, reconstruction, or renovation of educational facilities; specifying that the bonds are payable from first proceeds of lottery revenues transferred to the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund; establishing a covenant with bondholders to not materially and adversely affect their rights; providing for issuance of the bonds by the Division of Bond Finance on behalf of the Department of Education; limiting the total amount of such bonds issued; providing for deposit of bond proceeds in the Lottery Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund; providing for the filing of complaints for validation; providing for timely encumbrances of authorized projects; amending s. 203.01, F.S.; increasing the tax rate on the tax on gross receipts of communications services; amending s. 202.12, F.S.; reducing the tax rate on the tax on the sales of communications services; amending s. 202.18, F.S.; revising the distributions of the tax on the sales of communications services; amending s. 212.20, F.S.; revising the distributions of sales tax revenue to local governments; amending s. 215.61, F.S.; revising the determination of the amount of bonds serviced by proceeds of the gross receipts tax levied and collected pursuant to ch. 203, F.S.; amending s. 24.121, F.S.; removing limitations on lottery revenues that may be pledged to the payment of debt service; amending s. 1002.37, F.S.; revising reporting requirements for the board of trustees of the Florida Virtual School; providing for funding the Florida Virtual School within the Florida Education Finance Program; providing for the determination of a credit; eliminating obsolete provisions; amending s. 1011.24, F.S.; designating the Florida Virtual School as a special school district; amending s. 1011.61, F.S.; redefining the term “full-time equivalent student” to include a Florida Virtual School student; providing for membership to exceed certain maximum days of instruction; providing for severability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Clary—

SB 1438—A bill to be entitled An act relating to property tax exemptions; amending s. 196.24, F.S.; entitling the surviving spouse of certain ex-service members to an exemption from taxation of the value of certain property; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By the Committee on Children and Families—

SB 1440—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 741.465, F.S.; providing for the confidentiality of information held by the Office of the Attorney General which identifies participants in the Address Confidentiality Program for Victims of Domestic Violence; providing for retroactive application; removing the repeal thereof scheduled under the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995; providing for the confidentiality of information contained in voter registration records held by the supervisors of elections which identifies participants in the Address Confidentiality Program for Victims of Domestic Violence; providing for retroactive application; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; repealing ss. 741.406(2) and 741.407, F.S., relating to an exemption from public-records requirements for information held by the supervisors of elections and the Attorney General which identifies participants in the Address Confidentiality Program for Victims of Domestic Violence; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children and Families; Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By the Committee on Children and Families—

SB 1442—A bill to be entitled An act relating to child protective investigations; amending s. 39.201, F.S.; clarifying persons responsible for a child's welfare; requiring personnel from the abuse hotline of the Department of Children and Family Services to determine if a report meets the criteria for child abuse, neglect, or abandonment; modifying the consideration given to specified reporters; providing that reports accepted for investigation in other states may not be accepted by the hotline; amending s. 39.301, F.S.; providing for an onsite investigation process for reports meeting specified criteria; requiring approval and documentation that a report meets the criteria; requiring that certain reports are subject to an enhanced onsite child protective investigation; providing criteria; providing requirements for such investigations; requiring the department to establish the investigation process by rule; requiring the department to monitor the findings of the reports in its quality assurance program; amending s. 39.302, F.S.; revising the timeframe for responding to a report of institutional child abuse; amending s. 39.823, F.S., relating to guardian advocates; conforming a cross-reference to changes made by the act; amending s. 414.065, F.S.; eliminating the requirement for a referral for protection intervention; requiring the Department of Children and Family Services to establish a Protective Investigator Retention Workgroup; specifying the issues to be examined and plans to be developed; requiring a report to the Legislature on the results of the examinations and plans developed; requiring the Department of Children and Family Services to conduct a quality assurance review of child abuse reports that are subject to an onsite child protective investigation; requiring a report to the Legislature; prohibiting the amendment of the approved operating budget to reduce protective investigative positions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children and Families; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By the Committee on Children and Families—

SB 1444—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 409.175, F.S.; providing for the confidentiality of certain information held by the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Health, and the fire inspector concerning licensed family foster homes and applicants for such licensure; exempting the names of minor children and household members, information that would identify neighbors, and personal and sensitive information from public disclosure; providing for the release of certain information after a specified period if the information concerns an applicant for licensure or concerns a foster parent who does not become an adoptive parent and no longer cares for foster children; providing for the court to conduct an in camera review to determine whether information is exempt from

public disclosure; providing for future legislative review and repeal; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children and Families; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By the Committee on Regulated Industries—

SB 1446—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 498.047, F.S.; providing for the confidentiality of investigative information held by the Division of Florida Land Sales, Condominiums, and Mobile Homes of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; clarifying provisions authorizing the release of information in connection with the official duties of a law enforcement or administrative agency or regulatory organization; removing the repeal of the exemption scheduled under the Open Government Sunset Review Act of 1995; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By the Committee on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services—

SB 1448—A bill to be entitled An act relating to unemployment compensation; amending ss. 45.031, 69.041, F.S., relating to judicial sales and disbursement of funds; providing for disbursements in conformance with changes made by the act; amending s. 120.80, F.S.; specifying that a judge adjudicating a claim under the unemployment compensation law is not an agency for purposes of chapter 120, F.S.; providing for the conduct of hearings; conforming provisions to the transfer of certain duties of the Department of Labor and Employment Security to the Agency for Workforce Innovation; exempting certain appeal proceedings from the uniform rules of procedure; amending s. 213.053, F.S.; clarifying duties of the Department of Revenue with respect to tax collection performed under a contract with the Agency for Workforce Innovation; amending s. 216.292, F.S.; clarifying procedures for transferring delinquent reimbursements due to the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund; amending s. 220.191, F.S.; revising definitions for purposes of the capital investment tax credit; amending s. 222.15, F.S., relating to payments upon the death of an employee; conforming provisions; amending ss. 288.106, 288.107, 288.108, F.S.; revising definitions governing the tax-refund program for qualified target industry businesses, brownfield redevelopment bonus refunds, and high-impact businesses; conforming provisions; amending s. 440.15, F.S., relating to compensation for disability; conforming provisions; amending s. 440.381, F.S.; conforming provisions governing an employer's quarterly earning reports; amending ss. 443.011, 443.012, F.S., relating to the Unemployment Compensation Law and the Unemployment Appeals Commission; clarifying provisions; amending s. 443.031, F.S.; revising provisions governing construction of the Unemployment Compensation Law; amending ss. 443.0315, 443.036, 443.041, F.S., relating to subsequent proceedings, definitions, and certain waivers; clarifying and conforming provisions; providing a penalty; amending s. 443.051, F.S.; specifying additional duties of the Department of Revenue with respect to individuals who are obligated to pay child support; amending s. 443.061, F.S.; providing that the Unemployment Compensation Law does not create vested rights; amending s. 443.071, F.S.; revising penalties; amending s. 443.091, F.S., relating to benefit eligibility; conforming provisions to the transfer of duties to the Agency for Workforce Innovation; deleting obsolete provisions; amending s. 443.101, F.S.; clarifying and conforming provisions under which an individual may be disqualified for benefits; amending s. 443.111, F.S., relating to the payment of benefits; conforming provisions to changes made by the act and the transfer of duties to the Agency for Workforce Innovation; creating ss. 443.1115, 443.1116, F.S., relating to extended benefits and short-time compensation; providing definitions; providing for eligibility; providing payment amounts; providing for recovery of overpayments; amending s. 443.121, F.S., relating to employing units; conforming provisions in accordance with the tax collection services performed by the Department of Revenue; creating s. 443.1215, F.S.; specifying employing units that are subject to the Unemployment Compensation Law; creating s. 443.1216, F.S.; specifying types of services that constitute employment for purposes of the Unemployment Compensation Law; creating s. 443.1217, F.S.; specifying wages and payments

that are subject to the Unemployment Compensation Law; amending s. 443.131, F.S.; providing for payment of contributions; providing contribution rates; providing benefit ratios; creating s. 443.1312, F.S.; providing for benefits paid to employees of nonprofit organizations; creating s. 443.1313, F.S.; providing for benefits paid to employees of public employers; amending s. 443.1315, F.S., relating to Indian tribes; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 443.1316, F.S.; revising requirements governing the duties of the Department of Revenue under its contract with the Agency for Workforce Innovation to provide tax collection services; creating s. 443.1317, F.S.; authorizing the Agency for Workforce Innovation and the state agency providing unemployment tax collection services to adopt rules to administer ch. 443, F.S.; amending s. 443.141, F.S., relating to the collection of contributions; conforming provisions; providing duties of the tax collection service provider; providing rulemaking authority; authorizing civil actions to enforce the collection of contributions, penalties, and interest; prohibiting the payment of interest on refunds or adjustments; amending s. 443.151, F.S., relating to procedures concerning claims; conforming provisions to the transfer of duties to the Agency for Workforce Innovation; deleting certain qualification requirements for appeals referees; amending s. 443.163, F.S., relating to reporting and remitting taxes; conforming provisions; amending s. 443.171, F.S.; specifying duties of the Agency for Workforce Innovation with respect to administering ch. 443, F.S.; requiring the publication of acts and rules; deleting provisions creating the Unemployment Compensation Advisory Council; providing for employment stabilization to be under the direction of Workforce Florida, Inc.; conforming provisions governing records, reports, and subpoenas and governing the administration of ch. 443, F.S.; amending ss. 443.1715, 443.1716, F.S., relating to the confidentiality of information and electronic access to employer information; conforming provisions; deleting obsolete provisions; amending s. 443.181, F.S.; conforming provisions governing the public employment service in accordance with the duties transferred to the Agency for Workforce Innovation; amending ss. 443.191, 443.211, F.S., relating to the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund and the Employment Security Administration Trust Fund; conforming provisions; specifying that the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund is the sole source for paying unemployment compensation benefits; limiting the state's liability; deleting obsolete provisions; amending s. 443.221, F.S.; revising provisions governing reciprocal arrangements with other states and the Federal Government; conforming provisions; amending s. 445.009, F.S., relating to the one-stop delivery system operated under the Workforce Innovation Act; conforming provisions to the transfer of duties from the Department of Labor and Employment Security to the Agency for Workforce Innovation; amending ss. 468.529, 896.101, F.S.; conforming provisions governing employee leasing companies and the Florida Money Laundering Act; repealing s. 6 of ch. 94-347, Laws of Florida, relating to payment of benefits; repealing ss. 443.021, 443.161, 443.201, 443.231, 443.232, F.S., relating to public policy, administrative provisions, the Florida Training Investment Program, and rulemaking; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bennett—

SB 1450—A bill to be entitled An act relating to emergency communications; amending s. 365.172, F.S.; defining the terms “active prepaid wireless telephone,” “mobile telephone number,” “prepaid wireless telephone service,” and “sufficient positive balance” for purposes of wireless emergency communications; prescribing additional duties of the board of directors of the Wireless 911 Board with respect to 911 and E911 systems; prescribing a method of collecting the wireless E911 fee in instances in which the wireless telephone service to which the surcharge applies is prepaid; providing for collocation of wireless telecommunications facilities; providing for location of such facilities on government buildings; exempting such facilities from certain local government regulation; amending s. 365.173, F.S.; authorizing disbursements from the Wireless Emergency Telephone System Fund for activities of the board of directors of the Wireless 911 Board; creating s. 365.175, F.S.; requir-

ing new private branch exchange telephone systems to have automatic location identification capabilities; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Communication and Public Utilities; Comprehensive Planning; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 1452—A bill to be entitled An act relating to state purchasing agreements and construction contracts; providing a popular name; requiring parties to certain state contracts or agreements to remit a specified portion of the contract or agreement price to the state for specified purposes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Comprehensive Planning; Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Atwater—

SB 1454—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local government funding; creating the “Local Funding Revenue Maximization Act”; providing legislative intent; defining the term “agency” for purposes of the act; providing requirements for state agencies that provide health services, social services, or human services; providing requirements for the use of certain public revenues as local matching funds and for the uses of federal reimbursements received as a result of the certification of local matching funds; providing for agreements between agencies and local political subdivisions; requiring agencies and local political subdivisions to cooperate in modifying state plans and in seeking and implementing any necessary federal waivers; providing for administrative costs; requiring agencies to submit annual reports to the Governor and to legislative leaders; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 1456—A bill to be entitled An act relating to driving privilege; providing a popular name; creating s. 318.1225, F.S.; providing additional charges for certain traffic violations; providing for distribution of moneys collected; amending s. 318.21, F.S.; revising provisions relating to disposition of civil penalties by county courts; creating s. 322.287, F.S.; providing additional fee for reinstatement of suspended driving privilege; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Lawson—

SB 1458—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; creating s. 106.426, F.S.; creating the Clean-Money Trust Fund, to be administered by the Department of State; providing for source of funds and purposes; providing for review and termination or re-creation of the trust fund; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Lawson—

SB 1460—A bill to be entitled An act relating to retirement; amending s. 121.091, F.S.; providing for indexing compensation, as used for calculating benefits for terminated vested members of the Florida Retirement System, by 3 percent a year; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Lawson—

SB 1462—A bill to be entitled An act relating to resource recovery and management; amending s. 403.703, F.S.; defining the term “recovered construction and demolition materials” for purposes of resource recovery and management; creating s. 403.7047, F.S.; providing for certification of facilities that handle recovered construction and demolition materials; prohibiting local governments from adopting certain ordinances with respect to such facilities and materials; providing for a registration process; authorizing rules; amending s. 403.707, F.S.; requiring facilities at which recovered construction and demolition materials are handled to use scales meeting certain criteria; requiring such facilities to keep records of materials recycled or reused and of materials not recycled or reused; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Natural Resources; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Bennett—

SB 1464—A bill to be entitled An act relating to mutual insurance holding companies; amending s. 628.703, F.S.; providing a definition; amending s. 628.709, F.S.; revising membership criteria of mutual insurance holding companies; amending ss. 628.729, 628.730, and 628.733, F.S.; specifying basis of distributive shares and corporate equity of members under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; and Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services.

SR 1466—Not referenced.

By Senator Cowin—

SB 1468—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Constitutional Compliance Assistance Program; creating s. 1002.395, F.S.; establishing the program to enable students to receive a scholarship to attend a private school; providing for the award of a scholarship if the constitutional mandate for class size is not met; providing requirements for scholarship eligibility and for private school eligibility; specifying obligations of program participants; providing for calculation and payment of scholarships; providing for transmission of certain funds to school districts; authorizing adoption of rules by the State Board of Education; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Lynn—

SB 1470—A bill to be entitled An act relating to juvenile justice; amending s. 790.22, F.S.; eliminating a requirement that the Department of Juvenile Justice forward information relating to detained juveniles to the Office of Economic and Demographic Research; amending s. 984.06, F.S.; clarifying provisions limiting the public availability of court records relating to children and families in need of services; amending s. 985.201, F.S.; extending the court’s jurisdiction until a specified age

with respect to juveniles who must complete certain commitment programs; amending s. 985.2075, F.S.; expanding authority of youth custody officers; amending ss. 985.213 and 985.215, F.S.; authorizing a child's participation in specified court hearings by telephone or video teleconference; amending s. 985.231, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Juvenile Justice to file an affidavit alleging violations of a juvenile's probation program; clarifying the age of juveniles for court jurisdiction regarding residential commitment; amending s. 985.404, F.S.; creating the Auxiliary Juvenile Justice Program within the department; providing program requirements; authorizing auxiliary officers to supervise certain juveniles; requiring training and certification; providing for reimbursement for travel and per diem expenses; amending s. 287.042, F.S.; providing that contracted provider organizations, when acting as agents of the department, are exempt from competitive solicitation requirements; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Crist—

SM 1472—A memorial to the Congress of the United States urging Congress to provide the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs with information available to the United States Government regarding any Florida resident who is classified as a United States POW/MIA.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Villalobos—

SB 1474—A bill to be entitled An act relating to sexual offenders; amending s. 943.0435, F.S.; permitting a judge presiding in a case in which certain minors are convicted of sexual battery or other sexual offenses to place the name of the convicted minor on the list of persons required to be registered with the Department of Law Enforcement as a sexual offender when the minor reaches a certain age; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; and Judiciary.

By Senator Bennett—

SB 1476—A bill to be entitled An act relating to protection of manatees; amending s. 370.12, F.S.; providing that the proceeds of the Save the Manatee Trust Fund shall be used exclusively for funding law enforcement positions within the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for enforcement of laws designed to protect manatee populations in certain counties; requiring an annual report; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Senator Wilson—

SB 1478—A bill to be entitled An act relating to teacher salaries; creating the Teacher Salary Incentive Program to provide funding for improved salaries for instructional personnel; providing eligibility for salary increases; authorizing school districts to establish additional criteria; requiring the Department of Education to provide technical assistance to school districts; authorizing the department to adopt rules to administer the program; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Alexander—

SB 1480—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trespass; creating s. 810.098, F.S.; prohibiting the damaging of fences or other animal reten-

tion structures during a trespass upon agricultural property; providing penalties; providing for forfeiture of motor vehicle or other personal property used in the offense; amending s. 932.701, F.S.; redefining the term "contraband article" for purposes of the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act to include such motor vehicles and personal property; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; and Agriculture.

By Senator Lawson—

SB 1482—A bill to be entitled An act relating to campaign financing; creating ss. 106.401-106.425, F.S., to establish the "Florida Clean Elections Act"; providing a short title; providing findings and declarations; defining terms; providing eligibility requirements for clean-money campaign funding for candidates for statewide or legislative office; providing transitional requirements for the current election cycle; providing a continuing obligation to comply; providing limitations on contributions and expenditures; providing limitations on the use of personal funds; providing for seed-money contributions; providing for participation in debates; providing for certification of eligibility; specifying benefits for participating candidates; providing for the amounts and payment schedule of clean-money funding; providing limitations on the expenditure of clean-money funds; providing for disclosure of excess spending by nonparticipating candidates; providing for disclosure of and additional clean money to respond to independent expenditures; providing for disclosure of and additional clean money to respond to issue advertisements; directing the Secretary of State to create a nonpartisan Voter Information Commission and providing its duties; requiring publicly funded television and radio stations to provide free coverage of debates for specified elections; providing limitations on mailing privileges of certain public officials; providing revenue sources for the Clean-Money Trust Fund; providing for the administration and dispersal of clean money funds; providing limits on political party contributions and expenditures; amending s. 106.011, F.S.; redefining the term "political advertisement"; amending s. 106.021, F.S.; eliminating authorization for unrestricted expenditures by political committees and political parties to jointly endorse three or more candidates; amending s. 106.08, F.S.; providing limits on contributions to political parties; revising limits on contributions to candidates by political parties; providing penalties; amending s. 106.087, F.S.; eliminating a restriction on independent expenditures by certain political committees and committees of continuous existence; conforming a cross reference; reenacting s. 106.19(1) and (3), F.S., relating to penalties, to incorporate the amendments to ss. 106.08 and 106.265, F.S., in references thereto; amending s. 106.29, F.S.; revising reporting requirements of political parties; conforming cross-references; repealing ss. 106.30-106.36, F.S., the "Florida Election Campaign Financing Act," to conform; amending ss. 106.07, 106.141, 106.22, 106.265, 199.052, 320.02, 322.08, 328.72, 607.1622, F.S.; revising references and providing for deposit of various fines, surplus funds, and voluntary contributions in the Clean-Money Trust Fund, to conform; providing for a surcharge on civil penalties to be deposited into the trust fund and for deposit of the surcharge funds into the trust fund; reenacting ss. 106.143(8), 106.144(2), F.S., relating to the circulation of political advertisements and endorsements or opposition by certain groups and organizations, to incorporate the amendment to s. 106.265, F.S., in references thereto; providing severability; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Lawson—

SB 1484—A bill to be entitled An act relating to district school board employees; creating s. 112.1916, F.S.; extending special death benefits to certain district school board employees who provide indirect services to students; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Lawson—

SB 1486—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Retirement System; amending s. 121.021, F.S.; redefining the terms “normal retirement date” and “normal retirement age” for a specified period to allow normal retirement after 25 years of service and attainment of age 50; limiting participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Program; creating s. 121.185, F.S.; authorizing the state to purchase annuities for certain state personnel; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance—

SB 1488—A bill to be entitled An act relating to governmental reorganization; revising various statutory provisions relating to the Cabinet and to members of the Cabinet, which provisions were affected by the amendment of Article IV, Section 4 of the State Constitution; amending s. 13.05, F.S.; providing membership of the Governor’s Committee on Interstate Cooperation; amending s. 14.055, F.S.; conforming provisions relating to order of succession to the office of Governor; creating s. 14.2001, F.S.; providing that, in a tie vote of the Governor and Cabinet, the side on which the Governor voted will be considered the prevailing side in the absence of contrary statutory intent; amending s. 14.202, F.S.; conforming provisions relating to meetings of and voting by the Administration Commission; amending s. 14.24, F.S.; providing for selection of members of the Florida Commission on the Status of Women; amending s. 114.03, F.S.; conforming provisions relating to executive officers not absenting themselves from the capital without permission; amending ss. 121.0312, 121.055, F.S.; conforming provisions relating to the State Board of Administration; amending s. 121.4501, F.S.; deleting provisions that create the Public Employee Optional Retirement Program Advisory Committee; amending s. 215.44, F.S.; conforming provisions relating to duties of the State Board of Administration; amending s. 215.62, F.S.; conforming provisions relating to the Division of Bond Finance; amending s. 215.95, F.S.; conforming provisions relating to composition of the Financial Management Information Board; amending s. 215.96, F.S.; revising the membership of the coordinating council of the State Board of Administration; amending ss. 253.02, 253.034, F.S.; conforming provisions relating to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund; reenacting s. 259.032, F.S., to incorporate the amendment of a statute referred to therein; amending s. 259.041, F.S.; conforming provisions relating to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund; reenacting s. 260.016, F.S., to incorporate the amendment of a statute referred to therein; amending ss. 940.01, 940.03, F.S.; conforming provisions relating to executive clemency; amending s. 985.417, F.S.; conforming provisions relating to probation for certain juvenile offenders; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Comprehensive Planning.

By Senator Lee—

SB 1490—A bill to be entitled An act relating to pari-mutuel wagering; amending s. 550.26165, F.S.; revising criteria for making breeders’ awards for racehorses; amending s. 550.2625, F.S.; providing for payment of special racing awards; amending s. 550.5251, F.S.; authorizing a thoroughbred racing permitholder to operate a cardroom; amending s. 849.086, F.S.; redefining the term “authorized game”; providing for certain permitholders to amend the annual application to include operation of a cardroom; providing requirements for a harness permitholder to operate a cardroom; clarifying requirements for the license fee; revising certain restrictions on the hours that a cardroom may be operated; authorizing the cardroom operator to limit the amount wagered; providing certain restrictions with respect to the amount of bets and the number of raises in a round of betting; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Smith—

SB 1492—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Article V of the State Constitution; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to Article V of the State Constitution; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Article V Implementation and Judiciary; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Smith—

SJR 1494—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 11 of Article V of the State Constitution, relating to judicial vacancies.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Smith—

SB 1496—A bill to be entitled An act relating to third-party campaign expenditures; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to third-party campaign expenditures; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Margolis—

SB 1498—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; creating s. 1000.055, F.S., relating to dignity for all students; providing a popular name; providing legislative findings with respect to harassment, discrimination, and violence in Florida schools; prohibiting specified conduct and providing for punitive measures; defining the term “harassment”; providing duties of educational institutions; requiring the adoption of rules; providing for technical assistance to educational institutions; amending s. 1003.42, F.S., relating to required instruction in the public schools; requiring the character-development program curriculum to include information relating to harassment, discrimination, and violence; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Margolis—

SB 1500—A bill to be entitled An act relating to elections; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to elections; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 1502—A bill to be entitled An act relating to discriminatory practices; amending s. 760.60, F.S.; applying to business establishments serving the public the provisions applicable to certain clubs prohibiting certain discriminatory practices; providing for filing complaints with the Commission on Human Relations; providing for filing civil actions under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; and Governmental Oversight and Productivity.

SR 1504—Not referenced.

By Senator Atwater—

SJR 1506—A joint resolution proposing amendments to Section 1 of Article III, Section 10 of Article IV, and Sections 3 and 5 of Article XI, and the creation of Section 20 of Article III, of the State Constitution to provide for enactment of legislation by citizen initiative and to revise certain procedures with respect to proposing constitutional amendments by initiative.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 1508—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to public records; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 1510—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to public records; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 1512—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; expressing the legislative intent to enact legislation creating a trust fund; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 1514—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; expressing the legislative intent to enact legislation creating a trust fund; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 1516—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to education; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 1518—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to education; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 1520—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the governance of the state universities; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the governance of the state universities; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 1522—A bill to be entitled An act relating to parental and family involvement in a student's education; expressing the legislative intent to enact legislation relating to parental and family involvement in a student's education; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Children and Families; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 1524—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the salaries of state university presidents; expressing the legislative intent to enact legislation relating to the salaries of state university presidents; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 1526—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Wise—

SB 1528—A bill to be entitled An act relating to governmental reorganization; expressing the legislative intent to enact legislation relating to governmental reorganization; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Villalobos—

SB 1530—A bill to be entitled An act relating to fraud prevention; creating the Fraud Prevention Unit within the Office of the Attorney General to improve and coordinate the state's response to fraud and related crimes; requiring the Fraud Prevention Unit to establish a State-wide Complaint Receipt and Referral Center to collect, refer, and analyze information concerning fraud; specifying goals of the center; specifying responsibilities of the Fraud Prevention Unit; providing requirements for projects supported by the Fraud Prevention Unit; requiring the unit to develop public information programs and establish recommended training curricula; authorizing the Attorney General to use volunteers; providing that volunteers are exempt from liability under the Florida Volunteer Protection Act; requiring the Fraud Prevention Unit to coordinate its investigations with other law enforcement agencies and victim assistance programs; requiring the unit to use services of the Federal Trade Commission; requiring that the unit avoid duplicating services but communicate the availability of those services; requiring

that the Fraud Prevention Unit be developed and operated using existing resources; providing for the use of donated funds and resources; authorizing state agencies and local businesses to assign employees to assist the unit; authorizing the unit to assist victims in correcting credit reports or other identifying information; prohibiting the unit from providing legal representation to victims of fraud; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Pruitt—

SB 1532—A bill to be entitled An act relating to constitutional amendments; expressing the legislative intent to propose an amendment to the State Constitution to revise provisions relating to ad valorem taxation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Finance and Taxation; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Alexander—

SB 1534—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Glades County; providing for career service; specifying rights of certain employees of the Glades County Sheriff; providing definitions; providing proceedings and provisions with respect to dismissal; providing for transition between administrations; providing for appeals procedures; providing for career appeals boards; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 1536—A bill to be entitled An act relating to school district personnel; amending s. 1012.33, F.S.; authorizing school districts to implement certain salary requirements over time while demonstrating progress towards full implementation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Miller—

SB 1538—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Public Student Assistance Grant Program; amending s. 1009.50, F.S.; amending criteria for receiving a grant; amending criteria for determining the minimum and maximum amounts that may be awarded; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Smith—

SB 1540—A bill to be entitled An act relating to tax credits and rebates; providing tax credits or sales tax rebates to small businesses that provide health insurance to their employees; providing tax credits or sales tax rebates to small businesses that are located in enterprise zones or rural areas of critical economic concern and that provide health insurance to their employees; providing for retroactivity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senators Cowin and Lynn—

SB 1542—A bill to be entitled An act relating to elections; revising the primary date in 2004; suspending operation of the second primary election until January 1, 2006; providing a date in 2004 by which candidates for Lieutenant Governor must be designated and qualified; providing campaign finance reporting dates and contribution limits for the 2004 elections; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Cowin—

SB 1544—A bill to be entitled An act relating to primary elections; repealing s. 100.091, F.S., eliminating the second primary election; repealing s. 100.096, F.S., relating to the holding of special elections in conjunction with the second primary election, to conform; amending s. 97.021, F.S., relating to the definition of “primary election,” to conform; amending ss. 97.055, 97.071, 97.1031, 98.081, F.S., relating to restrictions on changing party affiliation between primary elections, to conform; amending ss. 99.061, 99.095, F.S., relating to qualifying for nomination or election to office, to conform; amending s. 99.063, F.S.; adjusting the date to designate a Lieutenant Governor running mate, to conform; amending ss. 99.103, 100.081, 100.111, 100.141, 101.252, 101.62, 103.021, 103.022, 103.091, 105.031, 105.041, 105.051, 106.07, 106.08, 106.29, F.S., and repealing s. 102.014(4)(c), F.S.; revising references, to conform to the elimination of the second primary election; amending s. 100.061, F.S.; establishing a ranked choice or “instant runoff” voting process for the primary election; amending s. 101.151, F.S.; modifying the primary election ballot, to conform; granting the Division of Elections rulemaking authority to develop the primary ballot form; amending s. 101.5606, F.S.; modifying certification requirements for voting systems; requiring previously certified voting systems to meet new certification requirements by a date certain; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Lawson—

SB 1546—A bill to be entitled An act relating to retirement; amending s. 121.021, F.S.; redefining the term “average final compensation” with respect to the Florida Retirement System; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Jones—

SB 1548—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the use of discretionary funds in political campaigns; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the use of discretionary funds in political campaigns; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Argenziano—

SB 1550—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Commission on Ethics; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the Commission on Ethics; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Lynn—

SB 1552—A bill to be entitled An act relating to students with disabilities; expressing the legislative intent to enact legislation relating to students with disabilities; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Children and Families; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Lynn—

SB 1554—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the licensure of child care homes and facilities; amending s. 402.310, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Children and Family Services or a local licensing agency to deny, suspend, or revoke the license of a child care facility, a licensed family day care home, or a large family child care home and to deny, suspend, or revoke the registration of a family day care home following a violation of certain laws or rules; amending s. 402.313, F.S.; requiring the department to establish minimum safety standards for licensed family day care homes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children and Families; and Comprehensive Planning.

By Senator Lynn—

SB 1556—A bill to be entitled An act relating to independent living transition services; amending s. 409.1451, F.S.; providing that property acquired on behalf of a client receiving independent living transition services is the property of the client; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Children and Families; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Comprehensive Planning.

By Senator Argenziano—

SB 1558—A bill to be entitled An act relating to motor vehicles; amending s. 316.2398, F.S.; revising provisions that regulate the display or use of red lights on motor vehicles of volunteer firefighters or medical staff; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Criminal Justice.

By Senator Jones—

SM 1560—A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to permanently repeal the death tax.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

SR 1562—Not referenced.

By Senator Jones—

SB 1564—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; recreating the Court Education Trust Fund within the state courts system without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Article V Implementation and Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Jones—

SB 1566—A bill to be entitled An act relating to tourist development taxes; amending s. 125.0104, F.S.; limiting the use of certain funds raised by this tax; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Natural Resources; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Jones—

SB 1568—A bill to be entitled An act relating to acute care hospitals; amending s. 408.043, F.S.; providing for certain acute care hospitals in high growth counties to add additional beds without the approval of the Agency for Health Care Administration; providing for notice; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care.

By Senator Lynn—

SB 1570—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; creating s. 44.1026, F.S.; providing that oral or written communications or documents in a presuit or voluntary mediation proceeding are confidential and exempt from public disclosure under the public-records law; authorizing disclosure of communications and documents upon consent of all participants to the mediation; providing an exception for executed settlements and certain communications; providing for future legislative review and repeal; providing a finding of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By the Committee on Criminal Justice—

SB 1572—A bill to be entitled An act relating to limitation of actions; amending s. 775.15, F.S.; authorizing the prosecution of specified offenses within 1 year after the identity of the accused is established through analysis of DNA evidence, notwithstanding time limitations otherwise prescribed by law; providing for application; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; and Judiciary.

By Senator Lynn—

SB 1574—A bill to be entitled An act relating to family court reform; creating the Commission on Family Law and Children to develop a family code; providing for membership and staffing commission; providing for repeal of the commission; creating s. 25.375, F.S.; authorizing the Supreme Court to create a system to identify cases relating to individuals and families within the court system; amending s. 39.013, F.S.; providing for modifying a court order in a subsequent civil proceeding; amending s. 39.0132, F.S.; providing for limited admissibility of evidence in subsequent civil proceedings; amending s. 39.521, F.S.; providing for modifying a court order in a subsequent civil action or proceeding; amending s. 39.814, F.S.; providing for limited admissibility of evidence in subsequent civil proceedings; amending s. 44.1011, F.S.; redefining the term “family mediation”; providing definitions for voluntary mediation and presuit mediation; creating s. 44.1012, F.S.; providing legislative intent regarding a continuum of alternatives to litigation; creating s. 44.1025, F.S.; providing for confidentiality concerning certain disclosures in presuit and voluntary mediations; amending s. 44.108, F.S.; increasing the service charge for modification of dissolution-of-marriage petitions to deposit moneys into state mediation and arbitration trust fund; requesting the Supreme Court to establish a process for filing and court approval of stipulated agreements without court appearances; creating s. 44.202, F.S.; providing for the establishment of presuit-mediation pilot programs and funding; amending s. 61.13, F.S.; providing for the court to determine matters relating to child support in any

proceeding under ch. 61, F.S.; eliminating provisions authorizing the court to award grandparents visitation rights; repealing s. 61.183, F.S., relating to mediation of certain contested issues; amending s. 61.21, F.S.; revising the timeframe for completing a parenting course; amending s. 741.30, F.S.; providing for an order of temporary custody, visitation, or support to remain in effect until the court enters a permanent order; repealing ss. 753.001, 753.002, 753.004, F.S., relating to the Florida Family Visitation Network; creating ss. 753.01, 753.02, 753.03, 753.04, 753.05, 753.06, 753.07, 753.08, 753.09, F.S.; providing legislative intent with respect to administering supervised visitation programs; defining terms; providing for the development of standards for the certification of supervised visitation programs; requiring compliance with interim minimum standards; providing for security of the supervised visitation programs; requiring the Clearinghouse on Supervised Visitation to develop training materials; providing for the clearinghouse to develop and implement a mechanism for data collection; providing for the clearinghouse to develop standards for supervised visitation programs; requiring a report to the Legislature; amending s. 943.135, F.S.; requiring the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission to allow agencies employing law enforcement officers to authorize volunteer service as a means of fulfilling requirements for continuing education; creating s. 943.254, F.S.; authorizing law enforcement agencies to administer a volunteer program for officers to provide security services during off-duty hours for certain community programs; providing legislative intent with respect to the development of a collaborative initiative with social service agencies by circuit judges; providing for goals and elements of the collaborative initiative; requesting that the Supreme Court provide guidance to the circuit courts in developing the collaborative initiatives; requiring a report to the Legislature; requiring the Department of Juvenile Justice to organize an interagency workgroup; specifying the goals of the interagency workgroup; requiring a report to the Legislature on the accomplishments of the interagency workgroup; providing for a workgroup to develop an information system for the unified family court model; providing for a report to the Legislature; providing for severability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Article V Implementation and Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Cowin—

SB 1576—A bill to be entitled An act relating to school funding; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the FEFP formula to assure equity in funding for school districts; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Cowin—

SB 1578—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Commission on Ethics; amending s. 112.321, F.S.; restricting lobbying activities of members of the Commission on Ethics; providing exceptions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Aronberg—

SB 1580—A bill to be entitled An act relating to identity theft; expressing the legislative intent to enact legislation relating to identity theft; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 1582—A bill to be entitled An act relating to blood establishments; defining the term “blood establishment”; requiring that a blood establishment hold and maintain a valid, current license in order to operate in the state; declaring a blood establishment that is operating without the required designation by a federal governmental authority a nuisance; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration or any state attorney to bring an action for injunction to cease operations or enjoin future operations of any blood establishment that does not have the proper federal governmental authority; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Aronberg—

SB 1584—A bill to be entitled An act relating to administrative procedures; amending s. 120.54, F.S.; revising provisions with respect to uniform rules; providing requirements with respect to the application of alleged facts to specific rules or statutes; amending s. 120.569, F.S.; revising provisions with respect to decisions that affect substantial interest; providing for initial scheduling orders by the administrative law judge; providing for a discovery period; amending s. 120.57, F.S.; revising provisions with respect to additional procedures applicable to hearings involving disputed issues of material fact; providing that an order relinquishing jurisdiction shall be rendered under certain circumstances; amending s. 120.595, F.S.; redefining the term “improper purpose” and conforming a cross-reference; providing for the award of reasonable attorney’s fees and costs under certain circumstances; amending s. 120.60, F.S.; revising provisions with respect to licensing; amending s. 120.68, F.S.; revising provisions with respect to judicial review; providing additional grounds for certain petitions challenging an agency rule as an invalid exercise of delegated legislative authority; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Judiciary.

By Senator Cowin—

SB 1586—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education financial assistance; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to education financial assistance; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Aronberg—

SB 1588—A bill to be entitled An act relating to drug abuse prevention and control; amending s. 893.13, F.S.; prohibiting the sale, manufacture, or delivery of controlled substances, or possession of controlled substances with intent to sell, manufacture, or deliver, within 1,000 feet of certain public parks and publicly owned community centers or recreational facilities; providing penalties; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; ranking such offenses on the offense severity ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Cowin—

SB 1590—A bill to be entitled An act calling a special election for the approval or rejection by the electors of a joint resolution relating to filling a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Cowin—

SJR 1592—A joint resolution proposing the amendment of Section 2 of Article IV of the State Constitution to authorize the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor for the remainder of the term of office.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Cowin—

SB 1594—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Lake County; establishing the boundary between Lake Harris and Little Lake Harris; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Dockery—

SB 1596—A bill to be entitled An act relating to food safety; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to food safety; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Home Defense, Public Security, and Ports; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Aronberg—

SB 1598—A bill to be entitled An act relating to driver training schools; amending s. 488.01, F.S.; requiring persons or entities operating driver training schools to obtain authorization to do so, instead of a license; amending s. 488.02, F.S.; revising powers of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles with respect to rules and contractual agreements for enforcing provisions relating to driver training schools; amending s. 488.03, F.S.; prescribing fees; providing for biennial renewal of authorization to conduct a school; creating s. 488.031, F.S.; providing for application and approval of changes of ownership of driver training schools; creating s. 488.035, F.S.; prescribing prerequisites for ownership of a driver training school; defining the term “good moral character”; amending s. 488.04, F.S.; providing for certification of instructors; prescribing fees; providing certification period; creating s. 488.041, F.S.; providing prerequisites for certification as a driver training school instructor; defining the term “good moral character”; repealing s. 488.045, F.S., relating to agents for commercial driving schools; amending s. 488.05, F.S.; providing prerequisites for certification of driver training school vehicles; repealing s. 488.06, F.S., relating to revocation or suspension of licenses and certificates; creating s. 488.065, F.S.; providing fees for delinquent renewal of an authorization or certificate; providing consequences of failure to renew; repealing s. 488.07, F.S., relating to penalties for violations; creating s. 488.075, F.S.; providing for form of authorizations and certificates; prohibiting assignment of authorizations and certificates; creating s. 488.085, F.S.; proscribing certain acts by schools and instructors and providing criminal penalties for violations; creating s. 488.09, F.S.; prescribing grounds for discipline by the department; creating s. 488.10, F.S.; prohibiting reapplication for a specified period after the department has denied or revoked authority to conduct a school or act as an instructor; providing exceptions; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 488.08, F.S.; providing for disposition of funds from licenses and applications; creating s. 488.12, F.S.; providing that department regulation of driver training schools and instructors is nonexclusive; creating s. 488.13, F.S.; providing for investigations, audits, and reviews; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Education; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Dockery—

SB 1600—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the security of public utilities; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the security of public utilities; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Home Defense, Public Security, and Ports; Communication and Public Utilities; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Aronberg—

SB 1602—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the East County Water Control District, Hendry and Lee Counties; amending ch. 2000-423, Laws of Florida; providing for the apportionment of maintenance taxes equitably to all equally benefited properties; providing an effective date.

Proof of publication of the required notice was attached.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Dockery—

SB 1604—A bill to be entitled An act relating to training for school resource officers; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to training for school resource officers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Dockery—

SB 1606—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the security of university and college facilities; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the security of university and college facilities; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Home Defense, Public Security, and Ports; Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Dockery—

SB 1608—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Health; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the department of Health; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Home Defense, Public Security, and Ports; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Dockery—

SB 1610—A bill to be entitled An act relating to bioterrorism; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to bioterrorism; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Home Defense, Public Security, and Ports; Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Dockery—

SB 1612—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the security of water supplies; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to the security of water supplies; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Home Defense, Public Security, and Ports; Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Dockery—

SB 1614—A bill to be entitled An act relating to seaports; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to seaports; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Home Defense, Public Security, and Ports; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Dockery—

SB 1616—A bill to be entitled An act relating to seaport security; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to seaport security; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Home Defense, Public Security, and Ports; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Dockery—

SB 1618—A bill to be entitled An act relating to transportation security; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to transportation security; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Home Defense, Public Security, and Ports; Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Dockery—

SB 1620—A bill to be entitled An act relating to emergency response; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to emergency response; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Home Defense, Public Security, and Ports; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Aronberg—

SB 1622—A bill to be entitled An act relating to juvenile drug courts; amending s. 938.19, F.S.; providing for the creation of county juvenile drug courts; providing for assessments for court costs by circuit and county courts to be used for the operation, administration, and programming of teen and juvenile drug courts and providing for distribution of such assessments; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on Article V Implementation and Judiciary; and Appropriations.

By Senator Aronberg—

SB 1624—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health information; providing definitions; providing for the confidentiality of certain health

information; requiring certain notice and consent prior to disclosure of certain health information; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; and Governmental Oversight and Productivity.

By Senator Margolis—

SB 1626—A bill to be entitled An act relating to weight-loss pills; defining the term “weight-loss pill”; prohibiting the sale, gift, or other transfer of weight-loss pills to minors; providing a defense; requiring establishments selling such pills at retail to post notice that such sale is unlawful; providing penalties; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Criminal Justice; and Regulated Industries.

By Senators Wilson and Dawson—

SB 1628—A bill to be entitled An act relating to postsecondary student fees; amending s. 1009.21, F.S.; classifying certain nonresident aliens as residents for tuition purposes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senators Fasano and Argenziano—

SB 1630—A bill to be entitled An act relating to securities transactions; amending s. 517.302, F.S.; increasing the penalty for criminal violations of specified sections of chapter 517, F.S.; authorizing the use of funds from the Anti-Fraud Trust Fund to compensate victims of violations of that chapter; assigning duties for administering the program of compensation; providing for rules; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice; and Appropriations.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 1632—A bill to be entitled An act relating to county governments; amending s. 125.01, F.S.; providing additional powers for county governing bodies with respect to taxing and benefit units within the county; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 1634—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the sale of real property; amending s. 689.26, F.S.; revising certain requirements for disclosures that must be provided to prospective purchasers; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; and Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services.

By Senator Campbell—

SB 1636—A bill to be entitled An act relating to property tax administration; creating s. 192.124, F.S.; requiring that a disclosure concerning ad valorem taxes be made to the purchaser of residential property; amending s. 193.023, F.S.; providing that the property appraiser, or his or her representative, has the right of entry and access for purposes of making assessments; requiring reasonable notification and presentation

of credentials; amending s. 193.074, F.S.; providing for the confidentiality of a tax return to be maintained by the value adjustment board; amending s. 194.034, F.S.; requiring notice by the value adjustment board of the final date for filing an action in the circuit court; amending s. 194.192, F.S.; providing for interest payments for overpayments of property taxes; amending s. 195.027, F.S.; providing for the confidentiality of taxpayer records to be maintained by the value adjustment board; amending s. 195.062, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Revenue to amend the manual of instructions for property appraisers; amending s. 195.096, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Revenue to select certain counties for an estimated review of assessment rolls in lieu of an in-depth study; providing that the department's appraiser, or his or her representative, has the right of entry and access for purposes of making inspections; requiring reasonable notification and presentation of credentials; amending s. 195.097, F.S.; revising the date for the department to issue certain notices to property appraisers; specifying circumstances under which the department may require that a property appraiser and the appraiser's staff undergo training as a condition of roll approval; amending s. 196.101, F.S.; providing for the confidentiality of a tax return to be maintained by the value adjustment board; amending s. 201.022, F.S.; requiring that documentary stamp tax returns be filed with the county property appraiser; authorizing the department to require additional information; requiring that documentary stamp tax returns be filed through an electronic data interchange; requiring the department to prescribe the method, form, and content of the returns; providing for waiver of the requirement under certain circumstances; amending s. 475.422, F.S.; requiring that a real estate broker or salesperson make a disclosure concerning ad valorem taxes to the purchaser of residential property; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Lynn—

SB 1638—A bill to be entitled An act relating to child support; amending s. 61.046, F.S.; redefining the term “support order” for purposes of ch. 61, F.S., to include an order of an administrative agency; amending s. 61.13, F.S.; deleting the requirement that a child support order include the minor's social security number; amending s. 61.181, F.S.; requiring the clerk of the court to establish an account for interstate cases; amending s. 120.80, F.S.; providing for the location of an administrative hearing; amending ss. 382.013 and 382.016, F.S.; permitting voluntary acknowledgments of paternity which are witnessed; amending s. 409.2557, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt rules to administer the withholding of insurance payments; amending s. 409.2558, F.S.; providing for a notice to the noncustodial parent in applying an undistributable support collection to another support order; amending s. 409.2561, F.S.; providing for the Department of Revenue to establish the obligation of support; amending s. 409.2563, F.S.; providing for the noncustodial parent to request that the Department of Revenue proceed in circuit court to determine the support obligation; revising the requirements under which a noncustodial parent may petition the circuit court to determine the support obligation; providing that the Department of Revenue is a party to court action only with respect to issues of support; amending s. 409.25656, F.S.; providing for the recovery of fees in liquidating securities for the support owed; creating s. 409.25659, F.S.; providing for withholding insurance payments for unpaid support; providing definitions; specifying the duties of the insurer; providing that unpaid support constitutes a lien against an insurance claim; providing for notice to the obligor; providing for payment to the Department of Revenue; providing for an exemption for certain fees and expenses; providing rulemaking authority; amending s. 409.257, F.S.; permitting the use of any means of service of process under ch. 48, F.S.; amending s. 409.2572, F.S.; revising the definition of noncooperation or failure to cooperate as applied to an applicant for or a recipient of public assistance; amending s. 409.259, F.S.; revising the manner of reimbursement to the clerk of the court for court filings in Title IV-D cases; creating s. 440.123, F.S.; requiring an insurer paying workers' compensation insurance to inquire about unpaid child support; amending s. 440.20, F.S.; requiring the judge of compensation claims to obtain information on the support owed; amending s. 742.10, F.S.; permitting voluntary acknowledgments of paternity which are witnessed; deleting the rebut-

table presumption of a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committees on Children and Families; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Argenziano—

SB 1640—A bill to be entitled An act relating to agriculture; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to agriculture; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Argenziano—

SB 1642—A bill to be entitled An act relating to agriculture; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to agriculture; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Argenziano—

SB 1644—A bill to be entitled An act relating to nitrate and phosphorus fertilizers; amending s. 576.045, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent with respect to protecting the state's water resources; requiring that persons licensed to distribute fertilizer pay a fee on fertilizer containing phosphorus; revising the purposes for which the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may use the proceeds of fees levied against persons licensed to distribute fertilizer; providing that implementation of best-management practices or certain other measures acts as a release from certain requirements and provides a presumption of compliance with water quality standards; revising requirements for the department with respect to adopting rules; revising the dates for the expiration of certain provisions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Natural Resources; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Constantine—

SB 1646—A bill to be entitled An act relating to implementation of Amendment 9 to the Florida Constitution (November 2002 election); providing a short title; amending s. 121.091, F.S.; authorizing instructional personnel and school administrators who receive authorization to extend participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Program; amending s. 1001.42, F.S.; clarifying provisions concerning a school-within-a-school; creating s. 1002.395, F.S.; creating Florida Learning Access Grants; providing for district participation in the program; providing parental choice options; providing obligations for participating school districts; providing for parental obligations; providing requirements for private school eligibility; providing for an initial number of grants; providing for grant renewal; providing for disbursement of grants; limiting state liability; requiring the Department of Education to adopt rules; amending ss. 1003.01 and 1003.02, F.S.; defining the terms “core-curricular courses” and “extracurricular courses”; requiring school districts to notify parents of acceleration mechanisms; eliminating a cross-reference to conform to changes made by the act; amending s. 1003.03, F.S.; establishing constitutional class size caps; providing exemptions from the constitutional class size caps; providing for district wide averages; providing for the department to calculate the district average based upon student membership surveys; providing a toolbox of implementation options for school districts; providing accountability for

the class size reduction measures; amending s. 1003.43, F.S.; removing the requirement that a life management course be offered during the 9th and 10th grade years; amending s. 1003.436, F.S.; reducing the number of hours required for one full credit; amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; removing a date limitation to provide for categorical flexibility; amending s. 1011.69, F.S.; deleting obsolete provisions; providing that Classrooms for Kids operating categorical funds are not subject to provisions requiring equity in school funding; amending s. 1012.56, F.S.; amending the time period for an authorized statement of status of eligibility for educator certification requirements; amending requirements for mastery of general knowledge for a teaching certificate; revising requirements for mastery of subject area knowledge; revising requirements for mastery of professional competence; amending s. 1012.57, F.S.; requiring district school boards to adopt rules to allow for the issuance of adjunct educator certificates; amending s. 1013.03, F.S.; requiring the department to review rules relating to school construction and make recommendations to the State Board of Education; amending s. 1013.31, F.S.; requiring school districts to periodically update the inventory of educational facilities; creating s. 1013.368, F.S.; requiring all new schools constructed by a specified date to meet certain limits on the cost per student station; repealing ss. 1002.33(13), 1012.41, 1013.21, 1013.43, and 1013.64(6)(e), F.S., relating to number of charter schools, directors of career and technical education, relocatable facilities, the small school requirement, and an exemption from requirements for the cost per student station; providing for severability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By the Committee on Criminal Justice—

SB 1648—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the collecting of blood and biological specimens by the Department of Law Enforcement; amending s. 948.03, F.S.; requiring that each sex offender placed on probation or community control submit an approved biological specimen to be registered with the DNA data bank; amending s. 943.325, F.S.; requiring that, in addition to a blood specimen, an approved biological specimen be collected from a person convicted of specified offenses who is incarcerated or in the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice; providing for collection of specimens; requiring that the sheriff secure, process, and transfer to the Department of Law Enforcement the blood and biological specimens collected from persons who are not incarcerated; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; and Judiciary.

By Senator Smith—

SB 1650—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission; amending s. 943.12, F.S.; authorizing the commission to grant and revoke the certification of agency in-service training instructors; amending s. 943.131, F.S.; providing requirements for basic recruit training following employment; revising requirements for temporary employment authorizations; amending s. 943.1395, F.S.; clarifying provisions relating to disciplining individuals employed under a temporary employment authorization; amending s. 943.17, F.S.; providing that entrants in commission-approved academies are exempt from the statutory requirements relating to basic skills assessment for students entering vocational training; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice.

By Senator Fasano—

SB 1652—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the deduction and collection of a bargaining agent's dues and uniform assessments; amending s. 447.303, F.S.; eliminating a right of certain bargaining agents to have certain dues and assessments deducted and collected by an employer from certain employees; providing legislative findings and intent; providing that the deduction and collection of certain dues and assessments is a proper subject of collective bargaining; providing require-

ments and limitations; providing for accounting of funds; providing for enforcement; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Education; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Smith—

SB 1654—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public libraries; amending s. 257.191, F.S.; revising provisions relating to public library construction grants; providing for waiver of local matching requirement under certain circumstances; authorizing the Division of Library and Information Services to administer certain funds; providing for eligibility for grant funding; providing for the adoption of rules; providing for effect contingent upon certain appropriations; amending s. 257.261, F.S.; revising provisions relating to confidentiality of public library registration and circulation records to authorize disclosure of information to the parent or guardian of a library patron under age 16, for the purpose of collecting fines or recovering overdue books or other materials; prohibiting access to library records by law enforcement personnel who presently have access; providing for severability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; and Appropriations.

By Senator Smith—

SM 1656—A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging the Congress to provide for the conveyance of the National Forest lands underlying the George Kirkpatrick Dam on the Ocklawaha River near Palatka, Florida, and related lands to the State of Florida.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Argenziano—

SB 1658—A bill to be entitled An act relating to agriculture; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to agriculture; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senators Argenziano, Alexander, Dockery, Peaden, Lynn, Webster, Bennett, Fasano and Posey—

SB 1660—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the use of farm lands; creating s. 163.3162, F.S.; providing a short title; providing legislative findings and purpose with respect to agricultural activities conducted on land in urban areas; defining the terms "farm," "farm operation," and "farm product" for purposes of the act; prohibiting a local government from adopting any ordinance, resolution, regulation, rule, or policy to prohibit or otherwise limit a bona fide farm or farm operation on certain land that is an integral part of a farm operation or that is classified as agricultural land; prohibiting a local government from changing the land use classification or zoning designation of such agricultural land without a written agreement from the affected landowner; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; and Comprehensive Planning.

By Senator Saunders—

SB 1662—A bill to be entitled An act relating to school district employees and contractors; amending ss. 1002.33, 1012.21, 1012.32,

1012.56, 1012.57, F.S.; requiring background screening, initially and periodically, of charter school employees and members of the governing board; requiring background screening, initially and periodically, of persons certified under ch. 1012, F.S.; requiring background screening, initially and periodically, of adjunct educators; requiring background screening, initially and periodically, of certain noninstructional personnel and contractors with the school district; requiring any such person to report his or her conviction of a disqualifying offense; providing that noninstructional personnel may perform certain services before the results of the screening have been reported, with limitations; providing for suspending any such personnel who do not meet the screening requirements and voiding the certification of any such certified person; providing for appeal; providing that the school district or the employee may pay for the screening; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; and Appropriations.

By Senator Wise—

SB 1664—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 119.07, F.S.; providing exemptions from public-records requirements for medical information relating to an individual's health held by local governmental entities or their service providers for purposes of determining eligibility for paratransit services under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act or the Transportation Disadvantaged Program as provided in part I of ch. 427, F.S.; providing conditions upon which such information may be disclosed; providing for retroactive application of the exemption; providing for future review and repeal; providing a finding of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Transportation; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Posey—

SB 1666—A bill to be entitled An act relating to exemption from public records requirements; amending s. 119.07, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for electronic mail addresses, cellular telephone numbers, electronic pager numbers, specified identification numbers and access codes, and the billing records of such addresses, numbers, identification numbers, and access codes of active or former law enforcement personnel, including correctional and correctional probation officers, and specified personnel of the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Health, the Department of Revenue, and local governments; providing for future review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Posey—

SB 1668—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance; amending s. 624.608, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "title insurance;" amending s. 627.784, F.S.; conforming provisions; amending s. 627.786, F.S.; authorizing title insurers to issue certain casualty policies to lending institutions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; and Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services.

By Senator Posey—

SB 1670—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the tax on sales, use, and other transactions; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; repealing the exemption for ostrich feed; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Agriculture; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Posey—

SJR 1672—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 5 of Article XI of the State Constitution relating to the approval of constitutional amendments.

—was referred to the Committees on Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Posey—

SB 1674—A bill to be entitled An act relating to workers' compensation insurance; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to workers' compensation insurance; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Posey—

SB 1676—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health insurance; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to health insurance; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; and Appropriations.

By Senator Posey—

SB 1678—A bill to be entitled An act relating to anti-fraud activities; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to anti-fraud activities; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Posey—

SB 1680—A bill to be entitled An act relating to anti-fraud activities; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to anti-fraud activities; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Posey—

SB 1682—A bill to be entitled An act relating to corporate securities fraud; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to corporate securities fraud; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Posey—

SB 1684—A bill to be entitled An act relating to workers' compensation insurance; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to workers' compensation insurance; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Posey—

SB 1686—A bill to be entitled An act relating to corporate securities fraud; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to corporate securities fraud; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Posey—

SJR 1688—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 1 of Article VII and the creation of Section 26 of Article XII of the State Constitution, relating to a limitation on legislative power to impose or increase taxes, fees, penalties, or fines.

—was referred to the Committees on Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Cowin—

SB 1690—A bill to be entitled An act relating to education; creating s. 1007.273, F.S.; authorizing the Commissioner of Education to encourage the use of accelerated education mechanisms, including dual enrollment, to help achieve class-size reduction; requiring the commissioner to include in his budget request specified funds for community colleges; requiring the commissioner to submit an annual report to the Legislature; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Education; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Margolis—

SB 1692—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Beverage Law; amending s. 561.32, F.S., relating to transfer of certain licenses to sell alcoholic beverages; providing an exception to a waiver of certain transfer fees when the transfer is within a specified period; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries.

By Senator Posey—

SB 1694—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance; amending s. 624.310, F.S.; prohibiting certain persons under disciplinary sanctions from participating in the insurance business; providing penalties; amending s. 626.989, F.S.; providing that certain investigators in the Division of Insurance Fraud are law enforcement officers; amending s. 817.234, F.S.; revising a provision that prohibits certain solicitation of business from persons involved in motor vehicle collisions; deleting a specific prohibition against attorney solicitation of such business; prohibiting a person involved in an intentional collision from making motor vehicle tort or personal injury protection claims; providing penalties; amending s. 817.236, F.S.; increasing a penalty for making a false or fraudulent application for motor vehicle insurance; creating s. 817.2361,

F.S.; prohibiting the use of or involvement with a fraudulent motor vehicle insurance card; providing penalties; amending s. 817.412, F.S.; increasing a penalty for the misrepresentation of certain goods; amending s. 860.15, F.S.; increasing a penalty for overcharging for repairs or parts; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

By Senator Posey—

SB 1696—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the tax on sales, use, and other transactions; repealing s. 212.031(9), F.S.; repealing the exemption from the tax on rental or license fees for the use of real property which applies to charges for the rental, lease, sublease, or license for the use of a skybox, luxury box, or other box seats during a high school or college football game; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Posey—

SB 1698—A bill to be entitled An act relating to specialty license plates; amending ss. 320.08056, 320.08058, F.S.; renaming the Challenger license plate as the Challenger/Columbia license plate; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Transportation; Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; and Finance and Taxation.

By Senator Posey—

SB 1700—A bill to be entitled An act relating to adoption; providing a short title; creating s. 63.0725, F.S.; providing for the payment of certain fees to the adoptive parents when a family member of the child is awarded custody of the child from the adoptive parents; providing that a portion of such fee shall be awarded to the Department of Children and Family Services; providing for the payment of certain fees to the department; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Children and Families; Finance and Taxation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; and Appropriations.

By Senator Posey—

SB 1702—A bill to be entitled An act relating to limited insurance licenses; amending s. 626.321, F.S.; revising provisions relating to limited licenses for the sale of personal accident insurance and baggage and motor vehicle excess liability insurance; providing for the licensure of business entities that rent motor vehicles; extending the rental period that may be covered by insurance sold by such entities; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; and Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services.

By Senator Posey—

SB 1704—A bill to be entitled An act relating to required preinsurance inspections of private passenger motor vehicles; amending s. 627.744, F.S.; deleting an exception to the inspection requirement; deleting a requirement to take an imprint of the vehicle identification number; requiring that certain digital images of the vehicle be made; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; Transportation; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Posey—

SB 1706—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Florida-based film industry; providing for a preference for Florida-based bidders in state contracting for commercial film industry work when certain conditions are met; prescribing requirements for successful bidders with respect to use of subcontractors and talent; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; and Governmental Oversight and Productivity.

By Senator Posey—

SB 1708—A bill to be entitled An act relating to taxes on mobile homes; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to taxes on mobile homes; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Finance and Taxation; Comprehensive Planning; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By Senator Posey—

SB 1710—A bill to be entitled An act relating to paternity fraud; expressing the legislative intent to revise laws relating to paternity; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Judiciary; Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations; and Rules and Calendar.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance—

SB 1712—A bill to be entitled An act relating to governmental reorganization; conforming the Florida Statutes to the amendment of Article IV, Section 4 of the State Constitution, in which the functions of the former positions of Comptroller and Treasurer were combined into the office of Chief Financial Officer, and chapter 2002-404, Laws of Florida, which reorganized certain executive-branch duties and functions to implement such constitutional amendment; amending ss. 11.12, 11.13, 11.147, 11.151, 11.40, 11.42, 14.057, 14.058, 14.203, 15.09, 16.10, 17.001, 17.002, 17.011, 17.02, 17.03, 17.031, 17.04, 17.0401, 17.041, 17.0415, 17.05, 17.075, 17.076, 17.08, 17.09, 17.10, 17.11, 17.12, 17.13, 17.14, 17.16, 17.17, 17.20, 17.21, 17.22, 17.25, 17.26, 17.27, 17.28, 17.29, 17.30, 17.32, 17.325, 17.41, 17.43, F.S.; transferring and amending ss. 18.01, 18.02, 18.021, 18.05, 18.06, 18.07, 18.08, 18.091, 18.10, 18.101, 18.103, 18.104, 18.125, 18.15, 18.17, 18.20, 18.23, 18.24, F.S.; amending ss. 20.04, 20.055, 20.121, 20.195, 20.425, 20.435, 24.105, 24.111, 24.112, 24.120, 25.241, 26.39, 27.08, 27.10, 27.11, 27.12, 27.13, 27.34, 27.3455, 27.703, 27.710, 27.711, 28.235, 28.24, 30.49, 30.52, 40.30, 40.31, 40.33, 40.34, 40.35, 43.16, 43.19, 48.151, 55.03, 57.091, 68.083, 68.084, 68.087, 68.092, 77.0305, 92.39, 99.097, 107.11, 110.1127, 110.113, 110.114, 110.116, 110.1227, 110.1228, 110.123, 110.125, 110.181, 110.2037, 110.205, 112.061, 112.08, 112.191, 112.215, 112.3144, 112.3145, 112.3189, 112.31895, 112.3215, 112.63, 116.03, 116.04, 116.05, 116.06, 116.14, 120.52, 120.80, 121.051, 121.061, 121.133, 122.35, 125.0104, 129.201, 131.05, 137.09, 145.141, 154.02, 154.03, 154.05, 154.06, 154.209, 154.314, 163.01, 163.055, 163.3167, 166.111, 175.032, 175.101, 175.121, 175.151, 185.08, 185.10, 185.13, 189.4035, 189.412, 189.427, 190.007, 191.006, 192.091, 192.102, 193.092, 195.101, 198.29, 199.232, 203.01, 206.46, 210.16, 210.20, 210.50, 211.06, 211.31, 211.32, 212.08, 212.12, 212.20, 213.053, 213.054, 213.255, 213.67, 213.75, 215.02, 215.03, 215.04, 215.05, 215.11, 215.20, 215.22, 215.23, 215.24, 215.25, 215.26, 215.29, 215.31, 215.32, 215.3206, 215.3208, 215.322, 215.34, 215.35, 215.405, 215.42, 215.422, 215.50, 215.551, 215.552, 215.555, 215.559, 215.56005, 215.5601, 215.58, 215.684, 215.70, 215.91, 215.92, 215.93, 215.94, 215.96, 215.965, 215.97, 216.0442, 216.102, 216.141, 216.177, 216.181, 216.183, 216.192, 216.212, 216.221, 216.222, 216.235, 216.237, 216.251, 216.271, 216.275, 216.292, 216.301, 217.07, 218.06, 218.23, 218.31, 218.321, 218.325, 220.151, 220.187, 220.62, 220.723, 238.11, 238.15, 238.172, 238.173, 250.22, 250.24, 250.25, 250.26, 250.34, 252.62, 252.87, 253.025, 255.03, 255.052, 255.258, 255.503, 255.521,

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s. 440.135, F.S., relating to pilot programs for medical and remedial care in workers' compensation; s. 624.4071, F.S., relating to special purpose homeowner insurance companies; s. 624.463, F.S., relating to conversion of self-insurance funds; s. 627.0623, F.S., relating to restrictions on expenditures and solicitations of insurers and affiliates; s. 627.3516, F.S., relating to residential property insurance market coordinating council; s. 627.7825, F.S., relating to alternative rate adoption; s. 655.019, F.S., relating to campaign contribution limitations; s. 657.067, F.S., relating to conversion from federal to state charter and to requirements for application approval; and ss. 657.25-657.269, relating to the Florida Credit Union Guaranty Corporation, Inc.; providing for retroactive applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committees on Banking and Insurance; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; and Appropriations.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES

FIRST READING

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Pruitt—

CS for SB 18—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Indian River County; providing for the relief of Debra Smith, Pamela Hughes, Michael Truitt, and Charles Hughes; authorizing and directing the Indian River County School Board to compensate them for the death of their father, Sammie Lee Hughes, due to the negligence of the school board; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Pruitt—

CS for SB 38—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Indian River County School Board; providing for the relief of Amanda Johnson, a minor, by and through her parents and natural guardians, Virginia and Charles Johnson, for injuries sustained due to the negligence of the Indian River County School Board; providing for the use of such funds; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Posey—

CS for SB 42—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Indian River County School Board; providing for the relief of Taylor Rosemond, a minor, by and through her parents and natural guardians, Alvin and Shirley Rosemond, for injuries sustained due to the negligence of the Indian River County School Board; providing for the use of such funds; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Posey—

CS for SB 44—A bill to be entitled An act relating to Indian River County; providing for the relief of Clay Haywood, a minor, and Tatiana Haywood, a minor, by and through Michelle O'Halloran, mother and natural guardian of Clay Haywood and Tatiana Haywood, for injuries sustained due to the negligence of an Indian River County school bus driver; providing for the use of such funds; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Senator Wise—

CS for SB 58—A bill to be entitled An act relating to direct-support organizations; creating s. 20.193, F.S.; providing for direct-support organizations for the benefit of the Department of Children and Family Services; providing for administration of funds; providing purposes and objectives; requiring funds to be used for the enhancement of department programs and projects; authorizing certain use of state property and facilities; requiring an annual audit; amending ss. 20.19 and 20.41, F.S.; authorizing designation of employees to solicit funds; creating s. 430.065, F.S.; providing for direct-support organizations for the benefit of the Department of Elderly Affairs; providing purposes and objectives;

requiring funds to be used for the enhancement of department programs and projects; authorizing certain use of state property and facilities; requiring an annual audit; providing an effective date.

By the Committees on Children and Families; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Senator Wise—

CS for CS for SB 58—A bill to be entitled An act relating to direct-support organizations; creating s. 20.193, F.S.; providing for direct-support organizations for the benefit of the Department of Children and Family Services; providing for administration of funds; providing purposes and objectives; providing for incorporation of the organization and the appointment of the board; requiring funds to be used for the enhancement of department programs and projects; authorizing certain use of state property and facilities; requiring an annual audit; amending ss. 20.19 and 20.41, F.S.; authorizing designation of employees to solicit funds; creating s. 430.065, F.S.; providing for direct-support organizations for the benefit of the Department of Elderly Affairs; providing purposes and objectives; providing for incorporation of the organization and the appointment of the board; requiring funds to be used for the enhancement of department programs and projects; authorizing certain use of state property and facilities; requiring an annual audit; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senators Campbell and Fasano—

CS for SB 96—A bill to be entitled An act relating to student loans; creating s. 43.201, F.S.; providing for a financial assistance program administered by the Justice Administrative Commission to provide assistance to qualified assistant state attorneys and assistant public defenders for the repayment of eligible student loans; defining the term “eligible student loan”; providing for the elements of the program; providing for funding; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senators Saunders and Campbell—

CS for SB's 108 and 110—A bill to be entitled An act relating to protective injunctions; amending s. 784.046, F.S.; deleting the definition of the term “repeat violence” for purposes of protective injunctions; providing for an injunction for protection in cases of violence rather than in cases of repeat violence; providing requirements for a petition for protection against violence; redesignating the Domestic, Dating, and Repeat Violence Injunction Statewide Verification System in the Department of Law Enforcement as the “Violence Injunction Statewide Verification System”; providing for service of process and enforcement of an injunction for protection against violence; amending s. 784.047, F.S.; providing that it is a first-degree misdemeanor to violate an injunction for protection against violence; amending ss. 61.1825, 741.2901, 741.30, F.S., relating to the State Case Registry and domestic violence; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 784.048, F.S.; revising the elements of the offense of aggravated stalking to prohibit certain acts following an injunction for protection against violence rather than following an injunction for protection against repeat violence; amending ss. 790.06, 790.065, F.S., relating to a license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm and the sale and delivery of firearms; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 901.15, F.S.; authorizing arrest without a warrant when an officer has probable cause to believe that a person has knowingly committed an act of violence in violation of an injunction for protection from violence; amending s. 943.05, F.S., relating to the Criminal Justice Information Program; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; reenacting ss. 775.084(1)(d), 921.0022(3)(g), F.S., relating to violent career criminals and the offense severity ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code, to incorporate the amendment to s. 784.048, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Children and Families; and Senator Campbell—

CS for SB 112—A bill to be entitled An act relating to dependent children; amending s. 39.01, F.S.; defining the term “child resource rec-

ord”; amending ss. 39.0015, 39.302, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending s. 39.407, F.S.; specifying conditions under which the Department of Children and Family Services may consent to the dispensing of psychotropic medication to a child in its legal custody prior to a court order; providing requirements for a petition to the court for authority to dispense psychotropic medication to such a child; providing for prior review of the child’s medical history and evidence demonstrating that the treatment is appropriate for the child’s condition; providing for the burden of proof; providing for further medical consultation, including second opinions, under certain circumstances; providing conditions for discontinuation of prescribed psychotropic medication or for the provision of other services; providing for periodic court review of the child’s progress; directing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 743.0645, F.S.; providing an exception to the limitations on the dispensing of psychotropic medications; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Ethics and Elections; and Senators Constantine, Smith, Cowin, Dockery, Argenziano, Aronberg and Posey—

CS for SB 114—A bill to be entitled An act relating to elections; providing a short title; amending s. 106.011, F.S.; redefining the term “communications media”; amending s. 106.11, F.S.; extending the time for unopposed candidates to purchase “thank you” advertising; amending s. 106.141, F.S.; extending the date for unopposed candidates to file a termination report, to conform; amending s. 106.1437, F.S.; modifying reporting requirements for miscellaneous advertisements intended to influence public policy; prescribing prohibitions and exemptions; prescribing penalties; providing for severability; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Smith—

CS for SB 142—A bill to be entitled An act relating to criminal history records; amending s. 943.0585, F.S.; prohibiting the expunction of a criminal history record concerning a defendant who was found guilty of, or who pled guilty or nolo contendere to, the offense of voyeurism, regardless of whether adjudication was withheld; amending s. 943.059, F.S.; prohibiting the sealing of a criminal history record concerning a defendant who was found guilty of, or who pled guilty or nolo contendere to the offense of voyeurism, regardless of whether adjudication was withheld; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senators Wise and Lynn—

CS for SB 148—A bill to be entitled An act relating to specialty license plates; creating s. 320.08068, F.S.; creating a specialty license plate for motorcycles; providing for the distribution of annual use fees received from the sale of such plates; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; and Senator Campbell—

CS for SB 154—A bill to be entitled An act relating to managed health care; providing a short title; prohibiting the contract between a managed care plan and a health care provider from containing provisions allowing the managed care plan to change a material term of the contract; providing certain exceptions; requiring that a managed care plan notify a provider within a specified period of its intent to change a material term; providing certain exceptions; prohibiting additional provisions in the contract which require a provider to accept additional patients or comply with certain programs or procedures without prior disclosure; providing certain exceptions; prohibiting certain other contract provisions that conflict with state law or confidentiality requirements; providing definitions; specifying acts and omissions constituting grounds for which the Secretary of Health Care Administration may take disciplinary action against a managed care plan; requiring that a proceeding under the act comply with the requirements for notice and a hearing provided in ch. 120, F.S.; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senators Wise and Fasano—

CS for SB 160—A bill to be entitled An act relating to controlled substances; creating s. 893.031, F.S.; providing definitions; specifying that for purposes of certain industrial uses, 1,4-Butanediol and gamma-butyrolactone (GBL) are excepted from the schedule of controlled substances when in the possession of an authorized manufacturer or distributor or person possessing a finished product; providing circumstances under which the exceptions do not apply; reenacting s. 893.03(1)(d), F.S., relating to certain substances controlled under Schedule I; amending s. 893.13, F.S.; clarifying the hours during which it is unlawful to sell, manufacture, deliver, or possess a controlled substance within a specified distance of a child care facility or public or private elementary, middle, or secondary school; amending s. 893.135, F.S., relating to trafficking offenses; correcting a case citation; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Comprehensive Planning; and Senator Miller—

CS for SB 198—A bill to be entitled An act relating to adult entertainment establishments; amending s. 847.0134, F.S.; revising the prohibition against locating an adult entertainment establishment within a specified distance from a school; requiring that such establishment be approved by the county or municipality and the district school board; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Saunders—

CS for SB 242—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; amending s. 322.27, F.S.; requiring law enforcement agencies to notify the department of any traffic fatality or the commission of an offense that requires mandatory revocation of license upon conviction; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; and Senators Peaden, Jones, Klein, Saunders and Fasano—

CS for SB 250—A bill to be entitled An act relating to rural hospitals; amending ss. 395.602 and 408.07, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “rural hospital”; creating s. 395.6025, F.S.; authorizing exemptions from certificate-of-need review for the construction of a replacement facility for a rural hospital; providing conditions for eligibility for the exemption; creating s. 395.6063, F.S.; permitting any statutory rural hospital to contract with the Department of Management Services in order to purchase coverage in the state group health insurance plan for the hospital’s employees; requiring a participating hospital to pay a fee; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Finance and Taxation; and Senator Geller—

CS for SB 262—A bill to be entitled An act relating to local governments; amending s. 253.034, F.S.; providing for the disposition of certain surplus state lands; amending s. 274.02, F.S.; revising a definition to increase the monetary value of fixtures and tangible personal property that must be included in an inventory of property; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; and Senator Saunders—

CS for SB 296—A bill to be entitled An act relating to retirement communities; amending s. 400.235, F.S., relating to the Gold Seal Program; amending standards for evidence of financial soundness and stability of certain nursing home facilities; amending s. 400.141, F.S.; amending prerequisites that certain nursing homes must fulfill to qualify for sharing programming and staff with other entities that are part of a retirement community; amending ss. 651.081, 651.085, F.S.; providing for the establishment of a residents’ organization; providing for the purposes of such an organization; requiring notice of a meeting or ballot

election to select a designated representative to represent a residents' organization before the governing body of a continuing care provider; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senators Smith, Lynn and Peadar—

CS for SB 310—A bill to be entitled An act relating to license plates; amending ss. 320.08056, 320.08058, F.S.; creating a Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention license plate; providing for the distribution of annual use fees received from the sale of such plates; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Regulated Industries; and Senator Smith—

CS for SB 326—A bill to be entitled An act relating to alcoholic beverages; amending s. 562.11, F.S.; prohibiting a person licensed under the Beverage Law, or an agent, officer, or employee of such person, from providing alcoholic beverages to an underage employee; prohibiting the licensee from permitting an underage employee from consuming alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises; providing a penalty; reenacting s. 561.706(3), F.S., relating to records of arrests of vendors or employees for certain violations of the Beverage Law, to incorporate the amendment to s. 562.11, F. S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; and Senators Pruitt and Klein—

CS for SB 460—A bill to be entitled An act relating to health care; amending s. 408.036, F.S.; providing an exemption from certificate-of-need requirements for certain open-heart-surgery programs; providing criteria for qualifying for the exemption; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to report to the Legislature; providing for expiration of the exemption; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; and Senator Fasano—

CS for SB 572—A bill to be entitled An act relating to dental licensure examinations; amending s. 466.006, F.S.; allowing certain dental students to take the examination required for practicing dentistry in this state; creating s. 466.0065, F.S.; allowing certain dental students to take regional licensure examinations under specified conditions; restricting the applicability of examination results; requiring approval by the Board of Dentistry and providing prerequisites to such approval; providing an effective.

By the Committee on Appropriations; and Senator Webster—

CS for SB 930—A bill to be entitled An act relating to trust funds; terminating and re-creating the Emergency Response Trust Fund within the Department of Military Affairs without modification; carrying forward current balances and continuing current sources and uses thereof; repealing s. 250.601(4), F.S., which terminates the trust fund on July 1, 2006; providing an effective date.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following pass: SJR 240

The bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the original reference.

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends the following pass: SB 158

The bill was referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice under the original reference.

The Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care recommends the following pass: SB 276

The bill was referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services under the original reference.

The Committee on Comprehensive Planning recommends the following pass: SB 258 with 1 amendment, SB 290

The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following pass: SB 472 with 1 amendment

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance under the original reference.

The Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care recommends the following pass: SB 298 with 1 amendment

The bill was referred to the Committee on Children and Families under the original reference.

The Committee on Transportation recommends the following pass: SB 88

The bill was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services under the original reference.

The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following pass: SB 424

The Committee on Natural Resources recommends the following pass: SB 266

The Special Master on Claims recommends the following pass: SB 26, SB 34, SB 40

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Comprehensive Planning under the original reference.

The Special Master on Claims recommends the following pass: SB 46 with 1 amendment

The bill was referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice under the original reference.

The Special Master on Claims recommends the following pass: SB 18 with 1 amendment, SB 38 with 1 amendment, SB 42 with 1 amendment, SB 44 with 1 amendment

The bills were referred to the Committee on Education under the original reference.

The Committee on Comprehensive Planning recommends the following pass: SB 26, SB 34, SB 40, SB 262

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends the following pass: SB 46 with 1 amendment

The Committee on Education recommends the following pass: SB 20 with 1 amendment

The Special Master on Claims recommends the following pass: SB 48 with 3 amendments

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation under the original reference.

The Committee on Agriculture recommends the following pass: SB 462

The Committee on Children and Families recommends the following pass: SB 122 with 1 amendment, SB 480 with 4 amendments

The Committee on Comprehensive Planning recommends the following pass: SB 254, SB 256

The Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care recommends the following pass: SB 76, SB 306

The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following pass: SB 524

The Committee on Natural Resources recommends the following pass: SB 252, SB 430

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Productivity under the original reference.

The Committee on Children and Families recommends the following pass: SB 146, SB 150 with 2 amendments

The Special Master on Claims recommends the following pass: SB 30 with 1 amendment

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care under the original reference.

The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following pass: SJR 78

The bill was referred to the Committee on Home Defense, Public Security, and Ports under the original reference.

The Committee on Comprehensive Planning recommends the following pass: SB 172 with 1 amendment

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends the following pass: SB 278

The Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care recommends the following pass: SB 74 with 1 amendment, SB 530

The Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports recommends the following pass: SB 482, SB 570 with 1 amendment

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Judiciary under the original reference.

The Committee on Comprehensive Planning recommends the following pass: SB 260 with 1 amendment

The bill was referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports under the original reference.

The Committee on Comprehensive Planning recommends the following pass: SB 252 with 1 amendment

The bill was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources under the original reference.

The Committee on Finance and Taxation recommends the following pass: SB 26, SB 34, SB 40, SB 48 with 3 amendments

The Committee on Rules and Calendar recommends the following pass: SB 580, SB 582, SB 584, SB 586, SB 588

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were placed on the calendar.

The Committee on Finance and Taxation recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 262

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the original reference.

The Committee on Children and Families recommends a committee substitute for the following: CS for SB 58

The Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 250, SB 460, SB 572

The bills with committee substitutes attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services under the original reference.

The Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 154, SB 296

The bills with committee substitutes attached were referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance under the original reference.

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Productivity recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 58

The Committee on Transportation recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 310

The bills with committee substitutes attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Children and Families under the original reference.

The Committee on Judiciary recommends a committee substitute for the following: Senate Bills 108 and 110

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 326

The Committee on Transportation recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 242

The bills with committee substitutes attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice under the original reference.

The Committee on Comprehensive Planning recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 198

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Education under the original reference.

The Committee on Education recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 18, SB 38, SB 42, SB 44

The Committee on Transportation recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 148

The bills with committee substitutes attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation under the original reference.

The Committee on Judiciary recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 96

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Productivity under the original reference.

The Committee on Children and Families recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 112

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 142

The bills with committee substitutes attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Judiciary under the original reference.

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 160

The Committee on Ethics and Elections recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 114

The bills with committee substitutes attached contained in the foregoing reports were placed on the calendar.

The Special Master on Claims recommends the following not pass: SB 20

The bill was referred to the Committee on Education under the original reference.

REPORTS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Article V Implementation and Judiciary recommends the following pass: SB 936, SB 938, SB 940, SB 942

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice recommends the following pass: SB 944, SB 948, SB 950, SB 952, SB 954 with 2 amendments

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Education recommends the following pass: SB 744, SB 746, SB 748, SB 750, SB 752, SB 754, SB 756, SB 758, SB 760, SB 762, SB 764, SB 766, SB 768, SB 770, SB 772, SB 774, SB 776, SB 778, SB 780, SB 782, SB 784, SB 786, SB 788, SB 790, SB 792, SB 794, SB 796, SB 798, SB 800, SB 802, SB 804, SB 806, SB 808, SB 810, SB 812, SB 814, SB 816, SB 818

The Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government recommends the following pass: SB 820, SB 822, SB 824, SB 826, SB 828, SB 830, SB 832, SB 834, SB 836, SB 838, SB 840, SB 842, SB 844, SB 848, SB 850, SB 852, SB 854, SB 856, SB 858, SB 860, SB 862, SB 864, SB 866, SB 868, SB 870, SB 872, SB 874, SB 876, SB 878, SB 880, SB 882, SB 886, SB 888, SB 890, SB 892, SB 894, SB 896, SB 898, SB 900, SB 902, SB 904, SB 906, SB 908, SB 910, SB 912, SB 914, SB 916, SB 918, SB 920, SB 922

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development recommends the following pass: SB 926, SB 928, SB 932, SB 934 with 1 amendment

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the original reference.

The Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 930

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the original reference.

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Honorable James E. "Jim" King, Jr., February 19, 2003
President of the Senate

The Honorable Johnnie Byrd
Speaker, House of Representatives

Dear President King and Speaker Byrd:

The Joint Select Committee on Collective Bargaining convened February 19, 2003, in 212 Knott Building, for the purpose of providing a public opportunity for all parties involved in unresolved collective bargaining disputes to present argument to the Florida Legislature, consistent with the provisions of Section 447.403, Florida Statutes, and the opening meeting provisions of Article III, Section 4 of the State Constitution.

Upon conclusion of the presentations, we thanked the participating parties and announced that the Joint Select Committee on Collective Bargaining would take the disputed issues under advisement and that resolution would follow at a later date. Copies of presentation and other pertinent materials have been retained by staff and, for purposes of future public inquiry, are available through the House Committee on State Administration and the Senate Committee on Governmental Oversight and Productivity.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Stephen R. Wise
Co-Chair

Representative Jeffrey D. "Jeff"
Kottkamp
Co-Chair

The Honorable James E. "Jim" King, Jr., February 19, 2003
President of the Senate

The Honorable Johnnie Byrd
Speaker, House of Representatives

Dear President King and Speaker Byrd:

On December 16, 2002, you appointed the Joint Select Committee on Nursing Homes to address the continuing crisis facing Florida's nursing homes in both obtaining and maintaining adequate insurance coverage. The information contained in this letter is the report of the Joint Committee.

The Joint Select Committee on Nursing Homes met five times during January and February. At the first four meetings the committee heard testimony from the interested stakeholders, the Agency for Health Care Administration and the Department of Financial Services. We received written input before, during and after our meetings. We heard testimony from a wide variety of interests: the for-profit and not-for-profit sides of the nursing home industry, regulators at the Agency for Health Care Administration, representatives of the Department of Financial Services, insurance companies, attorneys who bring suits against nursing homes, unions who represent nursing home employees, nursing home administrators, nurses employed by nursing homes, Certified Nursing Assistants employed by nursing homes, physicians practicing in nursing homes, representatives of consumers (AARP and the Coalition to Protect America's Elders), and representatives of residents in continuing care retirement communities. We received over 30 written proposals for statutory changes and funding increases.

In the testimony we received, there was consensus that the Legislature accomplished important reforms with the passage of CS/CS/CS/SB 1202 in the 2001 Session. The bill required an increase in staffing in nursing homes, strengthened regulatory enforcement and quality oversight, established risk management and adverse incident reporting in nursing homes and provided significant tort reform. We received no proposals recommending that we retreat from the staffing standards established in this bill.

After hearing the testimony, there is general agreement among the members of the Joint Committee that:

- General and professional liability insurance is still difficult to come by and is expensive;
- The state does not have objective, reliable data on lawsuits against nursing homes;
- Nursing homes are having difficulty in attracting and keeping quality direct care staff;
- Although it appears that quality of care in nursing homes is improving, we do not yet have objective data to demonstrate that regulatory activities of the state are effective in ensuring resident safety; and
- Nursing homes are under financial stress due to increasing insurance premiums, increasing staff salaries, and increased staffing standards.

The committee was hampered in making decisions regarding civil enforcement against nursing homes by a lack of objective information regarding the numbers of suits which are actually filed, and the ultimate disposition of these suits in terms of amounts of damages awarded.

It is clear, that many good nursing homes in Florida are facing increases in insurance premiums and difficulty in obtaining liability coverage. The requirement in CS/CS/CS/SB 1202 that facilities maintain general and professional liability coverage has resulted in some facilities purchasing minimal liability coverage, and being forced to pay premiums that exceed the face value of the policy, in order to comply with the law. We heard testimony, however, that for nursing homes with a good track record and strong internal risk management, liability insurance is available.

We were told by the Florida Life Care Residents Association, which is made up of residents of Continuing Care Retirement Communities (who pay the entire cost of care themselves), that increasing liability insurance costs of their providers are being passed on directly to their members.

There is a considerable body of opinion indicating that we simply do not know yet whether or not the changes made to the nursing home tort system in CS/CS/CS/SB 1202 will have the desired effect of attracting liability insurance carriers back into the state. There is some suspicion that suits that are still working their way through the courts are suits that predate CS/CS/CS/SB 1202 and the new standards for civil enforcement, and that until these are resolved and the law has been in effect for some time, enabling insurance companies to develop a record of actual judgments in nursing home cases using the new civil enforcement standards, liability carriers will be hesitant to return to the state.

The Joint Select Committee on Nursing Homes makes the following recommendations.

Liability Claims

We recommend that for nursing homes, the Legislature consider enacting a voluntary binding arbitration system similar to that which is currently in effect for medical providers such as doctors and hospitals. However, the committee was concerned about the differences between nursing homes and medical providers, particularly in the application of medical malpractice laws. Specifically we recommend:

- Enactment of voluntary binding arbitration in the civil enforcement provisions in chapter 400, F.S., for claims arising out of the rendering of, or the failure to render, medical care and services in nursing homes, similar to the voluntary binding arbitration provisions in section 766.207, F.S., for medical negligence.
- If the parties agree to arbitration, and the defendant does not contest negligence, causation and liability, non-economic damages are capped at \$250,000.
- If the defendant requests, but the plaintiff refuses binding arbitration, non-economic damages at trial are capped at \$350,000.
- If the defendant refuses arbitration, and the case goes to trial and the plaintiff obtains a determination of liability, there would be no limitation on non-economic damages.
- In the instance of either intentional misconduct, gross negligence, conduct motivated primarily by unreasonable financial

gain, or conduct in which there was specific intent to harm the claimant, punitive damages are appropriate. The punitive damage provisions of ss. 400.0237 and 400.0238, F.S., must be available to the claimant or claimant's representative.

- The right of adult children of individuals in nursing homes to bring suit should not be limited.
- Further deliberation is necessary on how to substantively and procedurally resolve incidents determined to be either intentional misconduct or gross negligence.
- Economic damages should not be paid in periodic payments or be reduced by future collateral source payments.
- Non-economic damages should not be calculated based on a percentage basis with respect to future capacity to enjoy life.
- When nursing homes are the subject of repeated claims resolved by arbitration in which liability, causation, and negligence are not contested for similar breaches of standards of care, the licensee should be investigated by the Agency for Health Care Administration.

Liability of Nurses

Nurses working in nursing homes provided testimony that although they are dedicated to the tasks of serving residents, they are still under heavy workloads and feel exposed to the risk of lawsuits which could end their career and devastate their personal finances. To provide relief in the area of nursing liability the Joint Committee recommends:

- The Legislature should review and clarify the liability of nurses working in nursing homes.

Collection of information regarding nursing home lawsuits

It is critical that the state have objective, verifiable information on the nature, prevalence and outcome of lawsuits against nursing homes. A substantial amount of the testimony consisted of opinions and interpretation of data collected by the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) and various provider groups regarding the numbers of law suits and the size of judgments. Information currently available is all self-reported, and is not subject to verification or audit. There is some indication that the data on lawsuits collected by AHCA is incomplete. The current system of requiring nursing home licensees to report presuit notices and claims filed against them is problematic when applied to facilities that have changed ownership.

It became clear to the Joint Committee that the lack of objective information on the number of suits that are filed and the ultimate outcome of the suits has led to a situation in which all sides of the debate can cite the same AHCA data to "prove" opposing points of view. We believe that if we do not establish a source of reliable information with which to monitor lawsuits against nursing homes, we will repeatedly face this dilemma. We therefore recommend:

- The Legislature should require courts to identify liability claims brought against nursing homes under s. 400.023, F.S., in their data bases. The proposal could be carried out in several ways:
 - The Legislature could require that the Agency for Health Care Administration be notified by the clerk's office when such lawsuits are filed.
 - The Legislature could amend s. 25.075, F.S., specifically providing that this information be collected via the courts' summary reporting system (SRS).
 - The Legislature could ask the Supreme Court to incorporate the information in SRS because of great public need.
- The Legislature should require AHCA to collect information on claims filed against previous owners of nursing homes when there is a change of ownership, not just claims against current licensees.
- The Legislature should amend s. 627.912, F.S., to include nursing homes in the list of entities for which insurers are required to report closed claims.

Insurance availability and affordability

Considerable testimony was received regarding the availability of liability insurance for nursing homes. According to the Department of Financial Services, there are no admitted (regulated) liability insurance carriers writing nursing home liability insurance in Florida. Some

larger, multi-state chains self-insure, purchasing reinsurance policies for larger risks. Liability insurance for nursing homes in Florida is available, however, from surplus lines carriers currently writing liability insurance in the state. Nursing homes report that liability insurance is becoming increasingly more expensive. The Joint Committee heard testimony that the insurance crisis is due to a number of factors. Those include aggressive lawsuits, a shortage of staff, inadequate premiums and underwriting, and lack of effective risk management within the nursing home industry.

CS/CS/CS/SB 1202 required all nursing homes and assisted living facilities to have insurance. The committee heard testimony that in some instances nursing homes are charged premiums that are higher than the coverage limits of the policies. The only exception to the requirement that a nursing home maintain general and professional liability insurance coverage is in the case of a state-designated teaching nursing home and its affiliated assisted living facilities, created under s. 430.80, F.S., which may offer proof of financial responsibility in a minimum amount of \$750,000, as provided in s. 430.80(2)(h), F.S. The Risk Retention Group that was authorized in CS/CS/CS/SB 1202 to make available affordable insurance coverage for high quality nursing homes has only recently been approved to offer coverage and is not yet operational.

Under ss. 458.320 and 459.0085, F.S., medical physicians and osteopathic physicians are permitted to demonstrate financial responsibility for paying claims and costs ancillary thereto in a variety of ways. They can establish and maintain an escrow account, obtain and maintain professional liability coverage, or obtain and maintain an unexpired, irrevocable letter of credit. Physicians who meet certain criteria are also permitted to go without insurance as long as specified notice is provided to patients.

To assist facilities that would be able to demonstrate financial responsibility, the Joint Committee recommends:

- The Legislature should permit nursing homes to demonstrate financial responsibility to pay claims and costs ancillary thereto in ways other than through professional liability insurance coverage - similar to physician financial responsibility requirements, by extending the exception allowed for a state-designated teaching nursing home to all nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Testimony was presented which indicated that physicians who are the attending physicians for residents in nursing homes have experienced increases in liability insurance premiums. Currently data is not available on pending claims against these physicians. The Joint Committee therefore recommends:

- The Legislature should require an examination of the prevalence and reasons for insurance rate increases and cancellations for physicians practicing in nursing homes.

Medicaid nursing home appropriations issues

The Medicaid payment system is not within the charge given to the Joint Committee. However, the committee recognized that there are fiscal matters that might complement the substantive recommendations. CS/CS/CS/SB 1202 required nursing homes to maintain minimum staffing levels for certified nursing assistants and licensed nurses. The methodology used by the Agency for Health Care Administration to calculate the Medicaid share of the additional staffing required does not take into account two factors. First, in order to meet the minimum staffing levels a facility must staff at a level slightly above minimums or risk violating the law. In addition, the inflation factors used by Medicaid to reflect future staff costs include items not related to wages (such as food and utility costs). This artificially depresses the allowable wage inflation factor.

In the 2002 Session, SB 59E directed the Agency for Health Care Administration to allow Medicaid nursing home rate increases to reflect the cost of general and professional liability insurance for nursing homes. The bill removed a restriction limiting increases to the class ceiling for a facility. The General Appropriations Act allocated funding of \$27 million for this action. This funding resulted in an average increase of about \$1.69 per day. As of January 1, 2003, 75 percent of the nursing homes report receiving a payment for their operating cost component (the component of the Medicaid rate that contains liability insurance) that is below their allowed costs. The average shortfall is \$6.74 per day.

Joint Committee members questioned the prevalence of fraud and abuse of the Medicaid nursing home payment system. Testimony was presented that indicated that there were potential savings in Medicaid nursing home expenditures by increased AHCA oversight of Medicaid payments to nursing homes.

Therefore, the Joint Committee recommends that the Appropriations Committee in both chambers review the methodology for reimbursing nursing homes to determine the appropriateness of:

- Increasing direct care gross-up by 7 percent to cover the cost of complying with staffing minimums;
- Using an inflation factor that more accurately reflects the cost of required direct care staff in the direct care component of the Medicaid nursing home rate;
- Rebasement of the Medicaid nursing home rate system to allow nursing homes to recoup the Medicaid portion of costs associated with purchasing general and professional liability insurance for nursing homes;
- Requiring all nursing facilities to file a final cost report when there is a change of ownership, even if the cost report is for a partial year and require facilities to pay a \$100 per day fine for late cost reports; and
- Requiring nursing homes to provide financial restitution to the Medicaid program if the contracted services are not provided in accordance with their Medicaid provider agreement and applicable regulations and standards of care.

Staffing Recommendations

The Joint Committee heard testimony regarding the difficulty long-term care providers are having meeting the requirements of CS/CS/CS/SB 1202 as it pertains to adequate staffing levels. Facilities testified that the minimums in law have created a situation of high demand for scarce nurses, driving up salaries. Certified nursing assistants testified that workloads in nursing homes have dropped dramatically, leading to increased attention to frail residents, however, wages and benefits are still inadequate.

- The Legislature should develop a certified geriatric nursing classification geared toward Certified Nursing Assistants who are increasing their skill level and receiving additional training in the medical aspects of providing care to the elderly in long-term care facilities. A new certified geriatric nurse classification could allow nursing facilities to provide their more capable Certified Nursing Assistants with a career ladder that would enable them to access higher rates of pay and benefits.

Quality of Care Recommendations

The Joint Committee heard considerable testimony about the quality of care in nursing homes, and the importance of giving consumers and their families access to accurate information about the care they are purchasing from a long-term care facility, and the quality of care that the facility is rendering. The Joint Committee therefore recommends:

- The Legislature should require that nursing home admission contracts be in compliance with all provisions of chapter 400, F.S.
- Allow nursing home residents who are victims of adverse incidents or their responsible party, to obtain a copy of the adverse incident report sent to the Agency for Health Care Administration, and the results of the agency's investigation.
- Revise the Agency's "Guide to Nursing Homes in Florida" by adding the following information for each nursing facility:
 1. The number and type of substantiated Ombudsman complaints, verdicts from courts of competent jurisdiction, investigations by the Attorney General's office and the outcome;
 2. Each nursing home's owner/management/chain affiliation including a history of ownership changes and all previous names;
 3. A list of any enforcement actions taken against the facility over the past 36 months, including moratoriums and fines;
 4. Each facility's staffing ratio and turnover ratio; and
 5. A notification of whether the facility has a viable Family Council, and the contact information.

Thank you for recognizing the importance of these issues and for providing a forum for interested parties to participate.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Lisa Carlton

Co-Chair

Representative Carole Green

Co-Chair

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR AND OTHER EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

VETOED BILLS 2002 REGULAR SESSION

The Honorable Katherine Harris
Secretary of State

June 5, 2002

Dear Secretary Harris:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of and transmit to you with my objections, Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 6, enacted during the 34th Session of the Legislature of Florida and convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2002 and entitled:

An act relating to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;...

This claims bill provides \$882,322 in relief to Laura D. Strazza in her claim against the state and directs the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to compensate her for injuries suffered as a passenger in a car that collided with a state forestry truck. To date, she has received a total of \$170,000 in compensation, a \$100,000 of which was provided by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

I am empathetic for the circumstances Ms. Strazza faces as a result of her injuries. However, given the facts of the case and the information contained in the Special Master's Report, the bill does not make an award that is reasonable and commensurate with the damages, given the driver of the state truck did not act improperly. The police report cited the driver of the vehicle and charged him with careless driving and violation of the seatbelt law. The department employee was not cited. Subsequently, the court found the driver of the vehicle to be 75% responsible and the department 25% responsible for the accident. The report also overlooks seemingly conflicting testimony from the driver, related to the sequence of events.

For the reasons provided above, I am withholding my approval of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 6, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,
Jeb Bush, Governor

The Honorable Katherine Harris
Secretary of State

June 5, 2002

Dear Secretary Harris:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of and transmit to you with my objections, Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 100, enacted during the 34th Session of the Legislature of Florida and convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2002 and entitled:

An act relating to transportation disadvantaged...

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 100 would prohibit the Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority from acting as the Community Transportation Coordinator for the transportation disadvantaged program. This bill is an attempt to correct deficiencies in the delivery of transportation disadvantaged services. However, there is an established process for the designation of Community Transportation Coordinators for the transportation disadvantaged program, one that involves local participation and the Transportation Disadvantaged Commission. This bill bypasses that established process and, by taking this action, the Legislature has inserted its judgment for those that are directly responsible for this service—local officials from Osceola, Orange and Seminole counties. The Authority has recognized and taken appropriate steps to

rectify the service problems. Further, the language in this bill was introduced during the final days of the regular session with no opportunity for public input.

For the reasons provided above, I am withholding my approval of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 100, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,
Jeb Bush, Governor

The Honorable Katherine Harris
Secretary of State

May 29, 2002

Dear Secretary Harris:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of and transmit to you with my objections, Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 160, enacted during the 34th Session of the Legislature of Florida and convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2002 and entitled:

An act relating to pari-mutuel wagering;...

Generally, Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 160 would create a requirement for all greyhound-racing permit holders to provide an adoption booth at the race facility and market a greyhound adoption program to their patrons. The bill also provides for an optional, additional race day with proceeds benefiting greyhound adoption programs. In addition to the greyhound adoption requirements, the bill makes several changes to the regulation of card rooms at pari-mutuel tracks. These changes would allow card rooms to operate during simulcasts in addition to live racing; expand the hours in which card rooms may operate; amend the license fee; and make procedural modifications to allow for a \$2 maximum bet per round and limiting the number of raises to three in any round of betting.

Under current law, card rooms can only operate at pari-mutuel facilities two hours prior to the post time of the first live race to within two hours after the conclusion of the last live race, and can only be operated on days when live races are conducted. While the procedural modifications to card games were not objectionable, the bill did include provisions to expand current law by allowing card room operation during intertrack or simulcast pari-mutuel events, as well as live performances.

After the bill was presented to me, good faith efforts were made by pari-mutuel facilities across the state to ameliorate my concerns. They pledged to voluntarily comply with the current restrictions for card room operation only during live racing events and only operate between the hours of noon to midnight. Further, they committed to seek legislation to codify this into law during the next legislative session. While the voluntary concessions, certainly, ease the troubling provisions in the bill, I am disappointed by the fact that some facilities were not willing to make these concessions. More importantly, I have also concluded that setting this precedent is not a path that we should take.

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 160 began as a well-intentioned effort to help find homes for rescued and retired racing greyhounds and provide them with better treatment. The bill, though, is now a vehicle for the expansion of gambling, increasing the days in which card rooms may operate. It has long been the position of my administration that the expansion of gambling is bad public policy.

For the reasons provided above, I am withholding my approval of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 160, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,
Jeb Bush, Governor

The Honorable Katherine Harris
Secretary of State

May 24, 2002

Dear Secretary Harris:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of and transmit to you with my objections, Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 276, enacted during the 34th Regular Session of the Legislature, convened under the Florida Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2002, and entitled:

An act relating to nursing homes and related health care facilities;
 This bill increases and modifies the membership of the Governor’s Panel on Excellence in Long- Term Care, which makes recommendations to the Governor regarding the designation of a nursing home as a “Gold Seal Facility.” I have no objection to this portion of the bill.

However, the bill also legalizes the payment of a commission or fee for the referral of a resident to an assisted living facility by an employee or marketing agency based on the volume or value of the referral, a practice which is currently unlawful under the state’s prohibition against patient brokering. In addition, the bill requires contract providers who recruit residents into assisted living facilities to register with the Agency for Health Care Administration. This represents a new area of regulation since it authorizes the agency to deny, revoke, or suspend the provider’s registration, and to impose fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$100,000 for failing to meet the requirements for the marketing of assisted living facilities under this amended section of statute.

I do not believe that creating this new type of regulated profession is necessary to protect the public health, safety, or welfare; nor do I believe the Agency for Health Care Administration is the appropriate agency to provide oversight of this activity. Therefore, I am withholding my approval of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 276 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,
Jeb Bush, Governor

The Honorable Katherine Harris
 Secretary of State

May 24, 2002

Dear Secretary Harris:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8 of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of and transmit to you with my objections, Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 374, enacted during the 34th Session of the Legislature of Florida and convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2002 and entitled:

An act relating to water management; creating the Citrus/
 Hernando Waterways Restoration Council; ...

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 374 creates the “Citrus/Hernando Waterways Restoration Council” within the Withlacoochee and Coastal Rivers Basin Boards of the Southwest Florida Water Management District. The bill creates a council coordinated by the Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Southwest Florida Water Management District. The council must form a county task force in each county, to review and make recommendations on specific waterways. A technical advisory group of state and federal agency representatives is created to provide assistance to the council and the task forces. The council is charged by the bill with the responsibility to review all data regarding lake and river shoreline problems, fisheries restoration, sediment control, exotic species management, floating tussock removal, navigation, water quality, and fish and wildlife improvements; determine whether more studies are needed; evaluate various sources of funding for restoration activities; and annually report to the Legislature on progress with recommendations for the upcoming year.

The bill designates the Southwest Florida Water Management District as the lead agency for staffing and administering the council, and it also creates the “Citrus/Hernando Waterways Restoration” program. Under this program, the council and the technical advisory group are directed to review restoration proposals, to initiate restoration programs and to recommend projects to enhance fish and wildlife habitat.

This bill creates unnecessary, bureaucratic structure that duplicates the functions and duties of the Southwest Florida Water Management District and its citizen basin boards appointed by the Governor. The district governing board and the basin boards are comprised of citizens from the counties within the district and have full power and responsibility pursuant to Chapter 373, F.S., to accomplish the tasks set forth for the proposed council.

The creation of the council is not justified based on the current structure of the Southwest Florida Water Management District because the Withlacoochee and Coastal Rivers basin boards are responsible for water resource protection, regional water supply and related problems in the

basin, including Citrus and Hernando Counties. The district has been conducting research and undertaking proposed solutions for Weeki Wachee springs and river sedimentation problems, and the water quality and sedimentation problems in the Tsala-Apopka chain of lakes.

In partnership with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the district has begun a comprehensive evaluation of the Withlacoochee basin. The district has also begun a “Springs Coast Initiative” to research and help resolve the environmental resource protection and restoration problems of freshwater springs. According to the requirements of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 374, the proposed council would have to review all of this work, a task that has been or will be done by the basin and the governing board members already in place.

In addition, this legislation does not provide for a sunset review, nor does it contemplate a completion date for the council and the county task forces, once the tasks have been accomplished. This is not consistent with the growing trend to more efficient government.

The two water bodies of primary concern—Weeki Wachee Springs and River in Hernando County and the Tsala-Apopka Chain of Lakes in Citrus County, are not on the approved Surface Water Improvement and Management program priority list developed by the district after extensive research. The district’s research determined that there is generally good water quality in the Tsala-Apopka chain of lakes; however, the lakes have been slowly filling in and are becoming marshy due to drought, fire suppression and several other factors. The issues regarding these water bodies have been and are being addressed through the existing water management district and basin board structure.

The bill intended that the citizens of Citrus and Hernando counties have a greater voice in the governance of the water management programs in those counties. My action today should serve as a starting point for renewed, collective action by the district, the basin boards, state, local and federal agencies working closely with the citizens of Citrus and Hernando Counties to help resolve these difficult problems.

For the reasons provided above, I am withholding my approval of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 374, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,
Jeb Bush, Governor

The Honorable Katherine Harris
 Secretary of State

June 5, 2002

Dear Secretary Harris:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8 of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of and transmit to you with my objections, Committee Substitute Senate Bill 1554, enacted during the 34th Session of the Legislature of Florida and convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2002 and entitled:

An act relating to transportation; ...

The bill provides an alternative distribution methodology for the \$12.50 surcharge collected from traffic violations and provided to the county for implementation of an intergovernmental communication system. The methodology provides that if a municipality has an independent 800 MHz radio communications program, or if the mutual-aid channels are compatible, the municipality will receive the \$12.50 surcharge collected from traffic violations occurring in its jurisdiction. The municipality is authorized to use the funds for local law enforcement automation. Last year, Senate Bill 800 contained a similar provision and was vetoed based upon the adverse impact of diverting funds and potential creation of disparate systems.

I have given careful consideration to both the cities and the counties that voiced their opinions on this issue. It is unfortunate that a chasm still exists at a time when our awareness and need for emergency response and emergency services are heightened. In light of the recent terrorist events, I feel even more strongly that governmental entities at the state, county and city levels should work together to provide emergency operation services to the citizens and visitors in our state. I do not want to create unintended consequences which may impede our ability to build an intergovernmental radio communication system by redirecting funds away from the program. In both natural and man-made disasters, mutual-aid capability is essential for responding to the needs of the impacted communities.

It may well be time to revisit this policy in a more deliberative, inclusive manner. Palm Beach County and its municipalities have found a way to resolve this issue by instituting an interagency agreement between the county and municipalities. In this instance, the parties negotiated a solution to ensure each can continue to meet its current obligations and begin to address the burgeoning need for enhancements to law enforcement communication and other automation projects.

For the reasons provided above, I am withholding my approval of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1554, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,
Jeb Bush, Governor

The Honorable Katherine Harris
Secretary of State

May 29, 2002

Dear Secretary Harris:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of and transmit to you with my objections, Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1822, enacted during the 34th Session of the Legislature of Florida and convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2002 and entitled:

An act relating to insurance;...

Generally, Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1822 would create a 5-year extension of a tax exemption for minority owned property and casualty insurance companies. Under current law there is an exemption from state insurance premium taxes, municipal premium taxes, and regular assessments (but not emergency assessments) levied by the Residential Property and Casualty Joint Underwriting Association (JUA) and the Florida Windstorm Underwriting Association (FWUA), for residential property insurance policies issued by minority-owned property and casualty insurers licensed after May 1, 1998. Insurers qualifying under this section would be eligible for exemptions for a total of ten years from the date of receiving a certificate of authority. All exemptions under this section terminate on December 31, 2010, rather than July 1, 2003. The bill further limits the tax exemption to those minority insurers that were initially issued a certificate of authority in this state as an authorized insurer before January 1, 2002, thus prohibiting new companies from qualifying for the tax exemption. To date, only one company has been identified as qualifying and taking advantage of this tax exempt status.

As I stated in the message for House Bill 385, this narrow window of opportunity should be reviewed during the next Session to determine the costs and tangible benefits that are derived from the current provisions and any potential changes. The purpose of the original law was to provide an opportunity for minority owned businesses to enter the property and casualty insurance market through a tax incentive to minimize start-up impacts. I remain committed to building Florida's economy and creating opportunity for all.

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1822 also provides an exception to liability for surplus lines insurers when a loss of premium occurs. Current law provides that once the premium is paid to the originating agent, the insurance company is bound to provide the coverage and pay any losses even if the agent fails to remit the premium to the insurance company. The bill would allow the surplus lines insurer to cancel a consumer's policy in the event a premium finance company remits the premium to an originating agent and the agent fails to remit the premium to the surplus lines agent or the surplus lines company.

The bill leaves consumers who must finance premiums exposed to unscrupulous agents who may fail to meet their obligations. The net effect is the consumer bears the full financial loss and cancellation of their insurance policy. Insurance agents are representatives of the insurers and as such, the insurer has a responsibility to ensure their integrity and performance. This situation is better corrected by insurers instituting better management and financial practices than to remove themselves from liability.

There are numerous other provisions that are present in this bill including language regarding bonding and financial lines of credit for the current Residential Property and Casualty Joint Underwriting Association (JUA) and Florida Windstorm Underwriting Association (FWUA), and the new Citizens Property Insurance Corporation. None of these

provisions should be considered the reason for this action on Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1822.

For the reasons provided above, I am withholding my approval of Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1822, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,
Jeb Bush, Governor

The bills, together with the Governor's objections thereto, were referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The following Executive Orders were filed with the Secretary:

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 2000-176

(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, John C. Norris is presently serving as a member of the County Commission of Collier County, Florida, and

WHEREAS, the State Attorney's Office filed a direct information charging John C. Norris with violations of the unlawful compensation or reward for official behavior law, Section 838.016, Florida Statutes, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of Collier County and the citizens of the State of Florida that John C. Norris be immediately suspended from the public office which he now holds, upon the grounds hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeb Bush, Governor of Florida, pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, do hereby find, determine and, for the purposes of Art. 4, s. 7, Florida Constitution, allege as follows:

A. John C. Norris is, and at all times material hereto was, a member of the County Commission of Collier County, Florida.

B. The office of County Commissioner is within the purview of the suspension powers of the Governor, pursuant to Art. 4, s. 7, Florida Constitution.

C. The attached information alleges that John C. Norris committed acts in violation of the Laws of Florida, and this information is hereby incorporated as if fully set forth in this executive order.

D. This suspension is predicated upon the attached information, which also constitutes misfeasance and/or malfeasance.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this executive order is hereby promulgated, effective immediately:

Section 1. John C. Norris is hereby suspended from the public office which he now holds, to wit: County Commissioner, Collier County, Florida.

Section 2. John C. Norris is hereby prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from the effective date hereof, until a further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 5th day of June, 2000.

Jeb Bush
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Katherine Harris
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections on March 6, 2001.]

REPORT OF COMMITTEE RELATING TO EXECUTIVE SUSPENSIONS

The Honorable James E. "Jim" King, Jr.
President, The Florida Senate

March 4, 2003

Re: Suspension of:

JOHN NORRIS
Member, County Commission
Collier County, Florida

Dear President King:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of John Norris.

By Executive Order Number 00-176 dated June 5, 2000 and filed with the Secretary of State, the Honorable Jeb Bush, Governor, suspended John Norris, as a member of the Collier County Commission. On November 7, 2000, the electors of Collier County elected Donna Fiala as County Commissioner from District 1, the office formerly held by Mr. Norris. The Honorable Ms. Fiala assumed the duties of the office on November 21, 2000. As a result, Mr. Norris was removed from office by operation of law.

In view of the foregoing, the Committee on Ethics and Elections finds and advises that no further action by the Senate is necessary or warranted. The case is now in the proper posture for the Senate to receive this formal finding and close this suspension case.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna P. Cowin, Chairman

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 01-313

(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Douglas A. Hutcheson is presently serving as a County Commissioner for Okaloosa County, Florida, and

WHEREAS, the Office of the State Attorney, First Judicial Circuit, obtained an Indictment charging Douglas A. Hutcheson with Submission of False Voter Registration Information, in violation of section 104.011(2), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of Okaloosa County, and the citizens of the State of Florida, that Douglas A. Hutcheson be immediately suspended from the public office which he now holds, upon the grounds hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JEB BUSH, Governor of Florida, pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, do hereby find, determine and, for the purposes of Article IV, Section 7, of the Florida Constitution, allege as follows:

A. Douglas A. Hutcheson is, and at all times material hereto was, a County Commissioner for Okaloosa County, Florida.

B. The office of County Commissioner for Okaloosa County, Florida, is within the purview of the suspension powers of the Governor, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, of the Florida Constitution.

C. The attached Indictment alleges that Douglas A. Hutcheson committed a felony in violation of the laws of the State of Florida, and this Indictment is hereby incorporated as if fully set forth in this Executive Order.

D. This suspension is predicated upon the attached Indictment, which also relates to conduct constituting malfeasance.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is hereby promulgated, effective immediately:

Section 1. Douglas A. Hutcheson is hereby suspended from the public office which he now holds, to wit: County Commissioner for Okaloosa County, Florida.

Section 2. Douglas A. Hutcheson is hereby prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from the effective date hereof, until a further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, this 15th day of October, 2001.

Jeb Bush
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Katherine Harris
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections on January 22, 2002.]

REPORT OF COMMITTEE RELATING TO EXECUTIVE SUSPENSIONS

The Honorable James E. "Jim" King, Jr.
President, The Florida Senate

March 4, 2003

Re: Suspension of:

DOUG HUTCHESON
Member, County Commission
Okaloosa County, Florida

Dear President King:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Doug Hutcheson.

By Executive Order Number 01-313 dated October 15, 2001 and filed with the Secretary of State, the Honorable Jeb Bush, Governor, suspended Doug Hutcheson, as a member of the Okaloosa County Commission. On November 5, 2002, the electors of Okaloosa County elected Bill Roberts as County Commissioner from District 3, the office formerly held by Mr. Hutcheson. The Honorable Mr. Roberts assumed the duties of the office on November 19, 2002. As a result, Mr. Hutcheson was removed from office by operation of law.

In view of the foregoing, the Committee on Ethics and Elections finds and advises that no further action by the Senate is necessary or warranted. The case is now in the proper posture for the Senate to receive this formal finding and close this suspension case.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna P. Cowin, Chairman

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 01-159

(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Rudolph Maloy is presently serving as County Commissioner for Leon County, Florida, and

WHEREAS, the State Attorney for the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida has filed an eight count information charging Rudolph Maloy with two counts of grand theft, one count of official misconduct, and five counts of petit theft, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of Leon County, and the citizens of the State of Florida that Rudolph Maloy be immediately suspended from the public office which he now holds, upon the grounds hereinafter set forth,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeb Bush, Governor of Florida, pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, do hereby find, determine and, for the purposes of Article IV, section 7, Florida Constitution, allege as follows:

A. Rudolph Maloy is and at all times material hereto was, a member of the County Commission for Leon County, Florida.

B. The office of county commissioner is within the purview of the suspension powers of the Governor, pursuant to Article IV, section 7, Florida Constitution.

C. The attached information alleges that Rudolph Maloy committed acts in violation of Sections 812.014(2)(c), 812.014(3)(a), and 839.25, Florida Statutes, and this information is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth in this executive order.

D. This suspension is predicated upon the attached information, which sets forth facts showing the commission of felony offenses by Rudolph Maloy.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is hereby promulgated, effective immediately:

Section 1. Rudolph Maloy is hereby suspended from the public office which he now holds, to wit: a County Commissioner for Leon County, Florida.

Section 2. Rudolph Maloy is hereby prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from the effective date hereof, until a further executive order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 31st day of May, 2001.

Jeb Bush
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Katherine Harris
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections January 22, 2002.]

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 02-137

WHEREAS, Executive Order 01-159 suspended Rudolph Maloy from the office of County Commissioner for Leon County, Florida, and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 01-159 alleged that Rudolph Maloy committed acts in violation of Sections 812.014(2)(c), 812.014(3)(a), and 839.25, Florida Statutes, and

WHEREAS, committing the acts charged as Counts I, III-VII, in the Information attached to Executive Order 01-159 also constitutes malfeasance and/or misfeasance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JEB BUSH, Governor of Florida, pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, do hereby find, determine and, for the purposes of Article IV, Section 7, of the Florida Constitution, allege that commission of the acts charged as Counts I, III-VII, in the Information attached to Executive Order 01-159, by Rudolph Maloy, also constitute malfeasance and/or misfeasance.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is hereby promulgated, effective immediately:

Section 1. Executive Order 01-159 is amended to add the allegation that Rudolph Maloy committed malfeasance and/or misfeasance by committing the acts charged as Counts I, III-VII, in the Information attached to Executive Order 01-159.

Section 2. Except as amended herein, Executive Order 01-159 is ratified and reaffirmed.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 3rd day of May, 2002.

Jeb Bush
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Katherine Harris
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections.]

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 02-309

WHEREAS, by Executive Order Number 01-159 (as amended by Executive Order Number 02-137), Rudolph Maloy was suspended from his position as County Commissioner for Leon County, Florida, and

WHEREAS, on December 5, 2002, a jury acquitted Rudolph Maloy of the charges underlying his suspension,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JEB BUSH, Governor of Florida, pursuant to the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Florida, do hereby promulgate this Executive Order, effective immediately:

1. Rudolph Maloy is hereby reinstated to the public office that he held at the time of the above-mentioned suspension, to-wit: County Commissioner for Leon County, Florida.

2. Executive Orders 01-159 and 02-137 are hereby revoked and the suspension of Rudolph Maloy is terminated pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, Florida Constitution, and Section 112.51, Florida Statutes.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 11th day of December, 2002.

Jeb Bush
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Jim Smith
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections.]

REPORT OF COMMITTEE RELATING TO EXECUTIVE SUSPENSIONS

The Honorable James E. "Jim" King, Jr.
President, The Florida Senate

March 4, 2003

Re: Suspension of:

RUDOLPH "RUDY" MALOY
Member, Board of County Commissions
Leon County, Florida

Dear President King:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Rudolph "Rudy" Maloy.

By Executive Order Number 01-159 (as amended by Executive Order Number 02-137) filed with the Secretary of State, the Honorable Jeb Bush, Governor, suspended Rudy Maloy as a member of the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida. On December 11, 2002, the Honorable Jeb Bush entered an Order of Reinstatement, Executive Order Number 02-309, revoking the prior Executive Orders of Suspension and reinstating the Honorable Rudy Maloy to the aforesaid county office.

In view of the foregoing, no further action by the Senate is authorized or required by the Florida Constitution. The case is now in the proper posture for the Senate to enter a formal finding that no further action is necessary, and close this suspension case.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna P. Cowin, Chairman

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 02-126

(Executive Order of Suspension)

WHEREAS, Miriam Alonso is presently serving as a County Commissioner for Miami-Dade County, Florida, and

WHEREAS, Miriam Alonso has been arrested for two counts of grand theft, in violation of section 812.014, Florida Statutes, one count of unlawful compensation, in violation of section 838.016, Florida Statutes, and one count of exploitation of official position, in violation of Miami-Dade County Ordinance Section 2-11.1(g), and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of Miami-Dade County, and the citizens of the State of Florida that Miriam Alonzo be immediately suspended from the public office which she now holds, upon the grounds hereinafter set forth,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JEB BUSH, Governor of Florida, pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, do hereby find, determine and, for the purposes of Article IV, section 7, Florida Constitution, allege as follows:

A. Miriam Alonzo is, and at all times material hereto was, a member of the County Commission for Miami-Dade County, Florida.

B. The office of County Commissioner is within the purview of the suspension powers of the Governor, pursuant to Article IV, section 7, Florida Constitution.

C. The attached warrants and affidavits state that Miriam Alonzo was arrested for committing acts in violation of sections 812.014 and 838.016, Florida Statutes, and Miami-Dade County Ordinance Section 2-11.1(g), and a copy of these warrants and affidavits are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth in this executive order.

D. This suspension is predicated upon the attached arrest warrants and affidavits, which set forth facts showing that Miriam Alonzo committed felony offenses and malfeasance.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is hereby promulgated, effective immediately:

Section 1. Miriam Alonzo is hereby suspended from the public office which she now holds, to wit: County Commissioner for Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Section 2. Miriam Alonzo is hereby prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from the effective date hereof, until a further executive order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 23rd day of April, 2002.

Jeb Bush
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Katherine Harris
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections May 3, 2002.]

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 02-133

WHEREAS, Michael T. Bass is presently serving as a County Commissioner for Escambia County, Florida, and

WHEREAS, the Special Grand Jury, Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit, has returned indictments charging Michael T. Bass with two counts of bribery, in violation of section 838.015, Florida Statutes, one count of principal to money laundering, in violation of sections 777.011 and 896.101, Florida Statutes, one count of racketeering, in violation of section 895.03, Florida Statutes, and three counts of violating the Florida Sunshine law, in violation of section 286.011, Florida Statutes, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of Escambia County, and the citizens of the State of Florida, that Michael T. Bass be immediately suspended from the public office which he now holds, upon the grounds hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JEB BUSH, Governor of Florida, pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, do hereby find, determine, and for the purposes of Article IV, Section 7, of the Florida Constitution, allege as follows:

A. Michael T. Bass is, and at all times material hereto was, a County Commissioner for Escambia County, Florida.

B. The office of County Commissioner for Escambia County, Florida, is within the purview of the suspension powers of the Governor, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, of the Florida Constitution.

C. This suspension is predicated upon the attached Indictments and these Indictments are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth in this Executive Order.

D. The attached Indictments allege that Michael T. Bass committed acts in violation of the laws of Florida that constitute commission of felony crimes, malfeasance, and/or misfeasance.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is hereby promulgated, effective immediately:

Section 1. Michael T. Bass is hereby suspended from the public office which he now holds, to wit: County Commissioner for Escambia County, Florida.

Section 2. Michael T. Bass is hereby prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from the effective date hereof, until a further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 1st day of May, 2002.

Jeb Bush
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Katherine Harris
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections May 3, 2002.]

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE RELATING
TO EXECUTIVE SUSPENSIONS**

The Honorable James E. "Jim" King, Jr.
President, The Florida Senate

March 4, 2003

Re: Suspension of:

MICHAEL BASS
Member, County Commission
Escambia County, Florida

Dear President King:

The Committee on Ethics and Elections submits this final report on the matter of the suspension of Michael Bass.

By Executive Order Number 02-133 dated May 1, 2002 and filed with the Secretary of State, the Honorable Jeb Bush, Governor, suspended Michael Bass, as a member of the Escambia County Commission. On November 5, 2002, the electors of Escambia County elected Bill Dickson as County Commissioner from District 2, the office formerly held by Mr. Bass. The Honorable Mr. Dickson assumed the duties of the office on November 19, 2002. As a result, Mr. Bass was removed from office by operation of law.

In view of the foregoing, the Committee on Ethics and Elections finds and advises that no further action by the Senate is necessary or warranted. The case is now in the proper posture for the Senate to receive this formal finding and close this suspension case.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna P. Cowin, Chairman

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 02-134

WHEREAS, Wyon D. Childers is presently serving as County Commissioner for Escambia County, Florida, and

WHEREAS, the Special Grand Jury, Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit, has returned indictments charging Wyon D. Childers with five counts of violating the Florida Sunshine law, in violation of section 286.011, Florida Statutes, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of Escambia County, and the citizens of the State of Florida that Wyon D. Childers be immediately suspended from the public office which he now holds, upon the grounds hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JEB BUSH, Governor of Florida, pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, do hereby find, determine, and for the purposes of Article IV, Section 7, of the Florida Constitution, allege as follows:

A. Wyon D. Childers is, and at all times material hereto was, a County Commissioner for Escambia County, Florida.

B. The office of County Commissioner for Escambia County, Florida, is within the purview of the suspension powers of the Governor, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, of the Florida Constitution.

C. This suspension is predicated upon the attached Indictments and these Indictments are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth in this Executive Order.

D. The attached Indictments allege that Wyon D. Childers committed acts in violation of the laws of Florida that constitute malfeasance and/or misfeasance.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is hereby promulgated, effective immediately:

Section 1. Wyon D. Childers is hereby suspended from the public office which he now holds, to wit: County Commissioner for Escambia County, Florida.

Section 2. Wyon D. Childers is hereby prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from the effective date hereof, until a further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have heretunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 1st day of May, 2002.

Jeb Bush
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Katherine Harris
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections on May 3, 2002.]

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 02-184

WHEREAS, Executive Order 02-134 suspended Wyon D. Childers from the office of County Commissioner for Escambia County, Florida, and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 02-134 alleged that Wyon D. Childers committed acts in violation of Section 286.011, Florida Statutes, and

WHEREAS, the Special Grand Jury, Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit, has returned an indictment charging Wyon D. Childers with one count of Money Laundering, in violation of Section 896.101, Florida Statutes, one count of Bribery, in violation of Section 838.015, Florida Statutes, and one count of Unlawful Compensation or Reward for Official Behavior, in violation of Section 838.016, Florida Statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JEB BUSH, Governor of Florida, pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, do hereby find, determine, and for the purposes of Article IV, Section 7, of the Florida Constitution, allege as follows:

A. The attached indictment provides further grounds for the suspension of Wyon D. Childers and is hereby incorporated as if fully set forth in this Executive Order.

B. The attached indictment alleges that Wyon D. Childers committed felony acts in violation of the laws of Florida.

C. The acts alleged in the attached indictment also constitute malfeasance and/or misfeasance.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is hereby promulgated, effective immediately:

Section 1. Executive Order 02-134 is amended to include allegations that Wyon D. Childers committed the felony acts described in the attached indictment and that the acts also constitute malfeasance and/or misfeasance.

Section 2. Except as amended herein, Executive Order 02-134 is ratified and reaffirmed.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have heretunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 25th day of June, 2002.

Jeb Bush
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Katherine Harris
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections.]

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 02-135

WHEREAS, Willie J. Junior is presently serving as a County Commissioner for Escambia County, Florida, and

WHEREAS, the Special Grand Jury, Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit, has returned indictments charging Willie J. Junior with one count of grand theft, in violation of section 812.014, Florida Statutes, four counts of extortion, in violation of section 836.05, Florida Statutes, four counts of bribery, in violation of section 838.015, Florida Statutes, one count of racketeering, in violation of section 895.03, Florida Statutes, and two counts of violating the Florida Sunshine law, in violation of section 286.011, Florida Statutes, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of Escambia County, and the citizens of the State of Florida that Willie J. Junior be immediately suspended from the public office which he now holds, upon the grounds hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JEB BUSH, Governor of Florida, pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, do hereby find, determine, and for the purposes of Article IV, Section 7, of the Florida Constitution, allege as follows:

A. Willie J. Junior is, and at all times material hereto was, a County Commissioner for Escambia County, Florida.

B. The office of County Commissioner for Escambia County, Florida, is within the purview of the suspension powers of the Governor, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, of the Florida Constitution.

C. This suspension is predicated upon the attached Indictments and these Indictments are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth in this Executive Order.

D. The attached Indictments allege that Willie J. Junior committed acts in violation of the laws of Florida that constitute commission of felony crimes, malfeasance and/or misfeasance.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is hereby promulgated, effective immediately:

Section 1. Willie J. Junior is hereby suspended from the public office which he now holds, to wit: County Commissioner for Escambia County, Florida.

Section 2. Willie J. Junior is hereby prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from the effective date hereof, until a further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 1st day of May, 2002.

Jeb Bush
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Katherine Harris
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections May 3, 2002.]

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 02-136

WHEREAS, Terry Smith is presently serving as a County Commissioner for Escambia County, Florida, and

WHEREAS, the Special Grand Jury, Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit, has returned indictments charging Terry Smith with three

counts of violating the Florida Sunshine law, in violation of section 286.011, Florida Statutes, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of Escambia County, and the citizens of the State of Florida that Terry Smith be immediately suspended from the public office which he now holds, upon the grounds hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JEB BUSH, Governor of Florida, pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, do hereby find, determine, and for the purposes of Article IV, Section 7, of the Florida Constitution, allege as follows:

A. Terry Smith is, and at all times material hereto was, a County Commissioner for Escambia County, Florida.

B. The office of County Commissioner for Escambia County, Florida, is within the purview of the suspension powers of the Governor, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, of the Florida Constitution.

C. This suspension is predicated upon the attached Indictments and these Indictments are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth in this Executive Order.

D. The attached Indictments allege that Terry Smith committed acts in violation of the laws of Florida that constitute malfeasance and/or misfeasance.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is hereby promulgated, effective immediately:

Section 1. Terry Smith is hereby suspended from the public office which he now holds, to wit: County Commissioner for Escambia County, Florida.

Section 2. Terry Smith is hereby prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from the effective date hereof, until a further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 1st day of May, 2002.

Jeb Bush
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Katherine Harris
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections May 3, 2002; subsequently withdrawn from Committee on Ethics and Elections on February 27, 2003.]

LETTER OF APPOINTMENT OF SELECT COMMITTEE

Senator Anna Cowin, Chair
Select Committee on the
Suspension of Terry Wayne Smith

March 3, 2003

Re: Terry W. Smith

Member, Board of County Commissioners
Escambia County, Florida
Executive Order No. 02-136

Dear Senator Cowin:

I have appointed you the Chair of the above Select Committee. Senators Wise and Campbell will constitute the other two members of this Select Committee. This Committee will be staffed by Steve Kahn and Wayne Rubinas. Your duties are to proceed as authorized in Senate Rule 12.7.

Mr. Smith, one of four Escambia County Commissioners who was suspended by Governor Bush, was subsequently adjudicated guilty on two misdemeanor counts of Sunshine Law violations. He did not appeal his October 31, 2002 convictions.

The Senate now has the jurisdiction and responsibility to determine whether Mr. Smith should be removed from or reinstated to office. Steve or Wayne will contact you to discuss and guide you in your duties.

Sincerely,
James E. "Jim" King, Jr.
President, The Florida Senate

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 02-236

WHEREAS, Dwayne Walker is presently serving as Sheriff for Lafayette County, Florida, and

WHEREAS, an investigation conducted by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement has revealed multiple incidents of drunken public behavior by Dwayne Walker, and

WHEREAS, Dwayne Walker's inebriated condition impaired his ability to discharge his official duties, caused a failure to do and perform duties laid on him by virtue of his office, caused him to perform acts in his official capacity that are wholly illegal and wrongful, and caused him to perform legal acts in his official capacity in an improper or illegal manner, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of Lafayette County, and the citizens of the State of Florida, that Dwayne Walker be immediately suspended from the public office which he now holds, upon the grounds hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JEB BUSH, Governor of Florida, pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, do hereby find, determine, and for the purposes of Article IV, Section 7, of the Florida Constitution, allege as follows:

A. Dwayne Walker is, and at all times material hereto was, Sheriff for Lafayette County, Florida.

B. The office of Sheriff for Lafayette County, Florida, is within the purview of the suspension powers of the Governor, pursuant to Article IV, Section 7, of the Florida Constitution.

C. This suspension is predicated upon the attached Investigative Summary and this Investigative Summary is hereby incorporated as if fully set forth in this Executive Order.

D. The attached Investigative Summary alleges that Dwayne Walker committed acts that constitute drunkenness, neglect of duty, malfeasance, and misfeasance.

BEING FULLY ADVISED in the premises, and in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Florida, this Executive Order is hereby promulgated, effective immediately:

Section 1. Dwayne Walker is hereby suspended from the public office which he now holds, to wit: Sheriff for Lafayette County, Florida.

Section 2. Dwayne Walker is hereby prohibited from performing any official act, duty, or function of public office; from receiving any pay or allowance; and from being entitled to any of the emoluments or privileges of public office during the period of this suspension, which period shall be from the effective date hereof, until a further Executive Order is issued, or as otherwise provided by law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 21st day of August, 2002.

Jeb Bush
GOVERNOR



ATTEST:
Jim Smith
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections.]

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY THE SENATE:

The Secretary of State has certified that pursuant to the provisions of section 114.05, Florida Statutes, certificates subject to confirmation by the Senate have been prepared for the following:

Office and Appointment	For Term Ending
Board of Acupuncture	
Appointees: Gunter, Gregory, LaBelle	10/31/2002
Karr, Paulette M., Coral Gables	10/31/2003
Rosello, Gloria, Miami	10/31/2004
Wang, Qun, Leesburg	10/31/2005
Xu, Zonglan, Miami	10/31/2005
Jacksonville Airport Authority	
Appointee: Weaver, Ronald M., Jacksonville	09/30/2005
St. Augustine-St. Johns County Airport Authority	
Appointee: Green, Suzanne Worrall, Ponte Vedra	01/03/2005
Board of Architecture and Interior Design	
Appointees: Bullock, Ellis W., Jr., Pensacola	10/31/2005
Horstmyer, Kenneth L., Key Biscayne	10/31/2004
Reeves, Mary Jane, Coral Springs	10/31/2005
Rodriguez, Miguel A., Coral Gables	10/31/2005
Board of Athletic Training	
Appointees: Burrell, John F., Jacksonville	10/31/2006
Francoeur, Jeri H., Ormond Beach	10/31/2006
Hill, James G., Parkland	10/31/2005
Underwood, Joseph W., Cooper City	10/31/2006
Watkins, Robert E., Jr., Ft. Myers	10/31/2005
Wong, Stanley B., Boca Raton	10/31/2005
Florida Board of Auctioneers	
Appointees: Accardo, Craig G., Winter Springs	10/31/2003
Dietrich, Hugh Fred III, Orlando	10/31/2006
Elms, S. Annette, Tequesta	10/31/2005
Hill, Jo Ann, Brooksville	10/31/2005
Moecker, Michael E., Mt. Dora	10/31/2004
Greater Orlando Aviation Authority	
Appointees: Bradley, Jacqueline, Windermere	04/16/2006
Fuqua, Jeffrey B., Orlando	04/16/2006
Barbers' Board	
Appointees: Collins, Robert W., Jacksonville	10/31/2003
Magda, Peter David, Port St. Lucie	10/31/2002
Scott, Jeri, Woodville	10/31/2004
Sullivan, Robbin, Boca Raton	10/31/2005
White, Herman, Pensacola	10/31/2004
Wilson, Darrell W., Maitland	10/31/2002
Florida Black Business Investment Board, Inc.	
Appointees: Batties, Leila, Hollywood	06/30/2004
Lee, Arthur J., Orlando	06/30/2006
Little, Sonya C., Tampa	06/30/2005
Siclait, Raoul, Miami	06/30/2006
Stokes, Curtis L., Tampa	06/30/2005
Florida State Boxing Commission	
Appointee: Bowen, Donald E., Plantation	09/30/2005
Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board	
Appointees: Sheridan, Charles M., Merritt Island	10/31/2005
Weber, Joseph W., Riverview	10/31/2004
Zicaro, James T., Kissimmee	10/31/2005
Florida Building Commission	
Appointees: Bahadori, Hamid R., Lake Mary	02/07/2005

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Bassett, Steven C., Plantation	12/08/2005	Houghton, W. Mahlan, Jr., Ft. Myers	05/31/2006
Calpini, John R., Tallahassee	03/11/2005	Perry, Julia G., Moore Haven	05/31/2004
Carson, Ed, Pensacola	04/05/2005		
Corn, Stephen H., Lighthouse Point	02/11/2005	Board of Trustees of Florida Community College at Jacksonville	
Gonzalez, Herminio F., Miami	01/06/2005	Appointees: Asay, Linda H., Amelia Island	05/31/2006
Gregory, Kenneth L., Orlando	12/08/2005	Fryer, Thomas W., Jr., Jacksonville	05/31/2006
Greiner, Dale T., Sanford	01/09/2005	Smith, Emily B., Jacksonville	05/31/2006
Kidwell, Paul D., Lutz	01/13/2005		
Kim, Do Yeon, Valrico	11/21/2003	Board of Trustees of Florida Keys Community College	
Quintana, Francisco J., Miami	01/06/2005	Appointees: Bell-Thomson, Jennifer S., Plantation Key	05/31/2006
Richardson, Diana, Miami	02/07/2005	Butler, Frank H., Key West	05/31/2006
Board of Chiropractic Medicine			
Appointees: Perman, William, Boynton Beach	10/31/2006	Board of Trustees of Gulf Coast Community College	
Vogel, Trudi E., Port Orange	10/31/2006	Appointees: Cramer, William Cato, Jr., Panama City	05/31/2006
Florida Citrus Commission		Myers, Stephen C., Panama City Beach	05/31/2006
Appointees: Alexander, John R., Duck Key	05/31/2005	Sumner, William C., Wewahitchka	05/31/2006
Brewer, Walter L., Arcadia	05/31/2005		
Chapman, Tristan G., LaBelle	05/31/2005	Board of Trustees of Hillsborough Community College	
McSweeney, Anina C., Sarasota	05/31/2003	Appointees: Gonzalez, W. Edward, Valrico	05/31/2006
Smith, Elson R., Vero Beach	05/31/2005	Hill, Chappella I., Plant City	05/31/2006
Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel			
Appointees: Bertholf, Roger L., Jacksonville	10/31/2006	Board of Trustees of Indian River Community College	
Breckenridge, Tonia, Cantonment	10/31/2006	Appointees: Abernethy, Bruce R., Sr., Ft. Pierce	05/31/2006
Goldberg, Barbara, Palm Beach	10/31/2006	Hoag, Leonard J., Palm City	05/31/2005
Florida Communities Trust		Kirton, Cheryl L., Okeechobee	05/31/2006
Appointee: Alfonso, Albert E., Tampa	01/31/2005	Perez, Tomas Rene, Vero Beach	05/31/2006
Florida Commission on Community Service		Syfrett, Linda T., Okeechobee	05/31/2006
Appointees: Asia, Cynthia O., Palatka	09/14/2005		
Corry, Laura R.H., Ocean Ridge	09/14/2004	Board of Trustees of Lake City Community College	
Evans, Gloria E., Winter Springs	09/14/2005	Appointees: Brannan, Robert C. III, Macclenny	05/31/2003
Greene, Marcia, Ft. Myers	09/14/2003	Landon, Stevie, Lake City	05/31/2006
Guthrie, George R., Largo	09/14/2004	Surrency, James, Trenton	05/31/2006
Lautenberger, Jacqueline, Palm City	09/14/2004	Wall, Harriet, Old Town	05/31/2006
Lopes, Sandra J., Lake Placid	09/14/2002		
Miller-Harden, Patricia, Ocala	09/14/2005	Board of Trustees of Lake-Sumter Community College	
Rivas, Eduardo R., Palmetto Bay	09/14/2004	Appointees: Miller, Jeffrey A., The Villages	05/31/2006
	09/14/2004	Norman, Joe M., Leesburg	05/31/2006
Sanjuan, Maria T., Plantation	09/14/2004	Pruitt, William R., Lady Lake	05/31/2006
Shore, Maureen, Port Richey	09/14/2005		
Simmers, Cheryl C., Lakeland	09/14/2003	Board of Trustees of Manatee Community College	
Spillane, Megan M., Gainesville	09/14/2005	Appointees: Battie, Henry, Sarasota	05/31/2004
Wallace, Joan S., Pompano Beach	09/14/2005	Boone, Stephen K., Venice	05/31/2002
		DuPont, Francis I., Bradenton	05/31/2006
Board of Trustees of Brevard Community College			
Appointees: Martinez, Miriam E., Satellite Beach	05/31/2006	Board of Trustees of North Florida Community College	
Williams, Alexandra Penn, Melbourne	05/31/2006	Appointee: Gibson, Linda F., Madison	05/31/2006
Board of Trustees of Broward Community College		Board of Trustees of Okaloosa-Walton Community College	
Appointees: Douglass, Georgette Sosa, Ft. Lauderdale	05/31/2006	Appointees: Hall, Connie S., Niceville	05/31/2006
Williams, Levi G., Oakland Park	05/31/2006	Wells, Esteena K., DeFuniak Springs	05/31/2006
		Wilkerson, H. Wesley, Santa Rosa Beach	05/31/2006
Board of Trustees of Central Florida Community College			
Appointees: Rasbury, Frank M., Ocala	05/31/2006	Board of Trustees of Palm Beach Community College	
Runnels, Carol, Inglis	05/31/2006	Appointee: Watt, James L., Palm Beach Gardens	05/31/2006
Board of Trustees of Chipola Junior College			
Appointees: Padgett, John W., Marianna	05/31/2006	Board of Trustees of Pasco-Hernando Community College	
Plummer, Mark S., Bristol	05/31/2006	Appointees: Braak, Judith F., Bayonet Point	05/31/2006
Ryals, Daniel E. III, Altha	05/31/2005	Gavish, Jeanne M., Brooksville	05/31/2006
		Parker, Judy R., New Port Richey	05/31/2006
Board of Trustees of Daytona Beach Community College			
Appointees: Burden, Beatriz H., Daytona Beach	05/31/2006	Board of Trustees of Pensacola Junior College	
Callender, Lynnette James, Palm Coast	05/31/2006	Appointees: Tait, Thomas D., Milton	05/31/2006
		Usry, Dona W., Pensacola	05/31/2006
		Young, Deidre L., Pensacola	05/31/2006
Board of Trustees of Edison Community College			
Appointees: Carr, Darol H. M., Punta Gorda	05/31/2006	Board of Trustees of Polk Community College	
Gorvine, Enid S., Punta Gorda	05/31/2006	Appointee: Ross, Cynthia H., Lakeland	05/31/2006
		Board of Trustees of St. Johns River Community College	

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Appointees: Cone, Barbara H., St. Augustine Lancaster, Larry R., Orange Park Sloan, Preston B., Palatka	05/31/2006 05/31/2002 05/31/2006 05/31/2006	Appointees: Abreu, Arnaldo L., Miami Bellemare, Pierre A., Bradenton DeBerry, Kimberly A., Jacksonville Mugford, Norman R., Palm Coast Roberts, Lewis C., Lakeland Sandefor, Paul W., Orange Park	10/31/2004 10/31/2005 10/31/2005 10/31/2003 10/31/2004 10/31/2005
Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College Appointees: Johnston, W. Richard, St. Petersburg Jones, Susan D., Treasure Island	05/31/2006 05/31/2006	Board of Professional Engineers Appointees: Duyos, Jorge R., Coral Gables Miller, R. Gerry, Largo Tomasino, Paul, Temple Terrace	10/31/2005 10/31/2005 10/31/2005
Board of Trustees of Santa Fe Community College Appointees: Bradley, Winston J., Gainesville Brashear, Glenna F., Gainesville McRae, Arley W., Starke	05/31/2006 05/31/2006 05/31/2006	Commission on Ethics Appointees: Grant, John A., Jr., Tampa Jones, Kurt D., Sr., Pensacola	06/30/2003 06/30/2004
Board of Trustees of Seminole Community College Appointees: English, Charles W., Longwood Miller, Sidney C., Lake Mary	05/31/2006 05/31/2006	Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority Appointees: Clark, Robert J., Jr., Tampa Gibbs, J. Thomas, Valrico	07/01/2004 07/01/2006
Board of Trustees of South Florida Community College Appointees: Hartt, Joan H., Avon Park Vickers, Audrey, Lorida	05/31/2006 05/31/2006	Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Appointees: Huffman, Hersey A., Enterprise Kaupe, Sandra T., Palm Beach Meehan, David K., St. Petersburg Rood, John D., Jacksonville	08/01/2007 01/06/2007 08/01/2007 08/01/2007
Board of Trustees of Tallahassee Community College Appointees: Callaway, Donna G., Tallahassee Doster, Russell S., Havana Messersmith, Frank S., Crawfordville	05/31/2006 05/31/2006 05/31/2006	Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers Appointees: Adair, Dorothy B., Tallahassee Reningen, June Lee, Venice	10/31/2005 10/31/2005
Board of Trustees of Valencia Community College Appointees: Blocker, Ronald, Orlando Freytes, Dennis O., Windermere Moore, Edward A., Kissimmee Oliver, Lewis M. III, Orlando	05/31/2005 05/31/2006 05/31/2006 05/31/2006	Board of Hearing Aid Specialists Appointees: Green, J. Douglas, Jr., Jacksonville Lowell, Alan L., Winter Garden Stevens, Frances M., Jacksonville	10/31/2005 10/31/2006 10/31/2005
Construction Industry Licensing Board Appointees: Blankenship, Michael L., Havana Chung, Lee-En, Sarasota Engelmeier, Carl, Apopka Hoke, Christine, Tampa Kalmanson, Barry, Winter Park Ross, Terry F., Fruitland Park Smith, John B., Eustis	10/31/2003 10/31/2006 10/31/2006 10/31/2005 10/31/2003 10/31/2006 10/31/2004	Citrus County Hospital Board Appointee: Langer, David, Inverness	07/08/2006
Florida Corrections Commission Appointees: Cadwell, Welton G., Umatilla Evers, Bill, Bradenton Grizzard, O. Jane, Ocala Schembri, Anthony J., Inverness	06/30/2006 06/30/2006 06/30/2006 06/30/2006	Florida Housing Finance Corporation Appointees: Evans, William G., Ponte Vedra Beach Maxwell, D. Jack, Weston Ruiz, Zully, Miami Taylor, R. Jay, Palmetto	11/13/2006 11/13/2006 11/13/2004 11/13/2006
Board of Trustees for the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind Appointees: Dillon, Mary Jane, St. Augustine Grau, Celida, Hialeah Rojas, Maria Teresa, Coral Gables	11/20/2005 11/14/2002 11/13/2005	Florida Commission on Human Relations Appointees: Paige, Roosevelt, Orange Park Singer, Gilbert M., Tampa Valle, Mario Manuel, Naples	09/30/2006 09/30/2002 09/30/2006 09/30/2006
Board of Dentistry Appointees: Levsky, Stanley S., Longboat Key Melzer, Carl J., Miami	10/31/2006 10/31/2006	Florida Inland Navigation District Appointees: Booth, John D., West Palm Beach Donaldson, Don G., Ft. Pierce	01/09/2003 01/09/2003
Education Practices Commission Appointees: Ansley, Clarence Wayne, Crestview Brooks, Roy, Fern Park Casey, Lucile O., Clearwater Dancy, Linda C., Winter Springs Daniel, Trent K., Oviedo Gilbert, Dane, Neptune Beach Griffin, Dennis J., St. Petersburg Orr, Deborah D., Tampa Seales, Carlos D., Hialeah Shepard, Deborah, Tallahassee Williams, Angela P., Crawfordville Williams, Grace, Jacksonville	09/30/2005 09/30/2006 09/30/2006 09/30/2006 09/30/2003 09/30/2006 09/30/2003 09/30/2004 09/30/2004 09/30/2005 09/30/2004 09/30/2005	Pinellas County Board of Juvenile Welfare Appointees: Caramello, Janet, Tierra Verde Saylor, Van C., St. Petersburg Smith, Joseph A., Largo	08/07/2006 08/11/2006 08/11/2006
Education Standards Commission Appointee: Riley, Barbara M., Tallahassee	09/30/2003	Board of Landscape Architecture Appointees: Graham, Philip H., Jr., St. Petersburg Marshall-Beasley, Elizabeth, Palm Beach	10/31/2005 10/31/2005
Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board		Governor's Mansion Commission Appointees: Smith, Carole C., Tallahassee Thrasher, Mary Jean, Orange Park Uhlfelder, Miffiin H., Tallahassee	09/30/2005 09/30/2006 09/30/2003
		Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Appointee: Lane, Kathy Barco, Jacksonville	09/04/2004
		Board of Massage Therapy Appointees: Andriole, Irene D., Sarasota Wolfe, Lynda Solien, Rockledge	10/31/2004 10/31/2005
		Board of Medicine	

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Appointees: McCoy, Terence P., Tallahassee	10/31/2006	Rimer, James M., Sebring	10/01/2003
Tucker, Elisabeth D., Pensacola	10/31/2006	Tucker, Jacqueline W., Arcadia	10/01/2004
Vijayanagar, Raghavendra R., Tampa	10/31/2006	Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, Region 9	
Board of Nursing		Appointees: Emblidge, Margaret, Bonita Springs	10/01/2004
Appointee: Seitz, Maria, Sebring	10/31/2005	Green, James E., Ft. Myers	10/01/2004
Board of Opticianry		Watts, John R., Port Charlotte	10/01/2004
Appointees: Lieberman, Kenneth, Boca Raton	10/31/2002	Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, Region 10	
Penley, Sonya C., Tallahassee	10/31/2004	Appointees: Hurley, Richard E., Vero Beach	10/01/2004
Rowley, Harry Clayton, Port Orange	10/31/2005	Mehl, Bertram, Delray Beach	10/01/2004
Slattery, Margaret E., Inverness	10/31/2006	Webb, Elizabeth, Lake Worth	10/01/2004
Board of Optometry		South Florida Regional Planning Council, Region 11	
Appointees: McClane, John W. III, Fernandina Beach	10/31/2006	Appointees: Asseff, Patricia T., Hollywood	10/01/2004
Oles, Cathy Ann, West Palm Beach	10/31/2005	Riesco, Jose A., Miami	10/01/2004
Rink, Anita M., Flagler Beach	10/31/2006	Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology	
Sterling, Alice, Lake Mary	10/31/2005	Appointees: Antonelli, Patrick J., Gainesville	10/31/2005
Board of Osteopathic Medicine		Gaunt-Jaehne, Barbara B., Venice	10/31/2005
Appointees: Allaire, Patricia A., Tallahassee	10/31/2005	Florida Commission on Tourism	
Andriole, James M., Tallahassee	10/31/2006	Appointees: Bennett, R. Julian, Panama City	06/30/2006
McPheeters, Patricia A., Jacksonville	10/31/2003	Cabrera, Carlos, Naples	06/30/2005
Moran, Glenn K., Davie	10/31/2006	Fowler, R. Dean, Steinhatchee	06/30/2006
Board of Physical Therapy Practice		Fraser, Elaine, St. Augustine	06/30/2005
Appointees: Belser, Chauncey, Chipley	10/31/2005	Jones, Darrel C., Ft. Walton Beach	06/30/2005
Clendenin, Martha Anne, Tampa	10/31/2006	McCreary, William W., Orlando	06/30/2006
Middleton, Marilyn J., Windermere	10/31/2003	Stork, Thom, Lutz	06/30/2006
Solernou, Sofia, Panama City	10/31/2005	Wheeler, Harold D., Key West	06/30/2004
Board of Podiatric Medicine		Winn, Sherman S., Miami	06/30/2005
Appointees: Hickey, Jill V., Naples	10/31/2005	Jacksonville Transportation Authority	
Pearce, Beth S., Ponte Vedra	10/31/2006	Appointee: Howard, Marcia Morales, Jacksonville	05/31/2006
Strickland, James G., St. Petersburg	10/31/2006	Florida Commission on Veterans' Affairs	
Florida Prepaid College Board		Appointees: Armbrister, Anthony P., Pembroke Pines	11/16/2006
Appointees: Hamilton, Christyne B., Okahumpka	06/30/2005	Bono, Guy, Palm Harbor	11/16/2006
McNeilage, Bruce W., Lauderdale- By-The-Sea	06/30/2003	Linden, Albert H., Jr., Gainesville	11/16/2006
Board of Directors, Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises, Inc.		Martory, Joseph J., Miami	11/16/2006
Appointees: Dresser, William G., Jacksonville Beach	09/30/2006	Watson, Eileen K., Boynton Beach	11/16/2006
Hamilton, Lawrence W., Largo	09/30/2006	Board of Veterinary Medicine	
Hanas, Richard L., Oviedo	09/30/2005	Appointees: Love, Susan K., Tallahassee	10/31/2005
Hill, Walter B., Pensacola	09/30/2005	Vega, Sergio, Miami	10/31/2005
Stephenson, Gwendolyn W., Temple Terrace	09/30/2005	Alafia River Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District	
Board of Psychology		Appointee: Selvey, James D., Riverview	03/01/2005
Appointees: Anderson, Beverly S., Winter Park	10/31/2005	Coastal Rivers Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District	
Levine, Cheryl, Coral Springs	10/31/2005	Appointees: Bunch, William Y., Crystal River	03/01/2005
Rivas-Vazquez, Rafael A., Coral Gables	10/31/2005	Tria, Leonard F., Jr., Weeki Wachee	03/01/2005
Public Employees Relations Commission		Hillsborough River Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District	
Appointee: Varn, Jessica Enciso, Tallahassee	01/01/2006	Appointees: Burt, George R., Auburndale	03/01/2005
Apalachee Regional Planning Council, Region 2		Reckart, Gary P., Jr., Zephyrhills	03/01/2005
Appointees: Ranie, Benjamin F., Wewahitchka	10/01/2004	Manasota Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District	
Stanfield, Kevin L., Tallahassee	10/01/2004	Appointee: Sardina, Evelio J., Sarasota	03/01/2005
Stuart, Winston L., Jr., Marianna	10/01/2004	Northwest Hillsborough County Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District	
East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Region 6		Appointees: DiMaio, Mercedes B., Tampa	03/01/2005
Appointees: O'Keefe, Daniel T., Windermere	10/01/2003	Rovira-Forino, Maritza, Tampa	03/01/2005
Smith, Evelyn H., Eustis	10/01/2004	Peace River Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District	
Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Region 7		Appointees: Baxter, Tracy T., Wauchula	03/01/2005
Appointees: Ratliff, Michael R., Okeechobee	10/01/2004	Hageman, James L., Punta Gorda	03/01/2006
		Lazzell, Rufus C., Punta Gorda	03/01/2006
		Pinellas-Anclote River Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District	

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Appointees: Adams, Maryellen, Trinity Starkey, Kathryn, New Port Richey	03/01/2005 03/01/2005	Board of Trustees, University of Central Florida Appointee: Santiago, Conrad, Orlando	To Be Determined by the Florida Legislature
Withlacoochee River Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District Appointee: Mazak, Paul II, Center Hill	03/01/2005		
[Referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections.]		Board of Trustees, Florida State University Appointees: Haggard, Wm. Andrew, Coral Gables	To Be Determined by the Florida Legislature
Secretary of Children and Family Services Appointees: Regier, Jerry, Tallahassee	Pleasure of Governor Pleasure of Governor	Hinkle, Lee F., Tallahassee	To Be Determined by the Florida Legislature
[Referred to the Committees on Children and Families; and Ethics and Elections.]		Smith, Jim, Tallahassee	To Be Determined by the Florida Legislature
Board of Directors, Enterprise Florida, Inc. Appointees: Leonhardt, Frederick W., Orlando Otis, Clarence, Jr., Windermere	07/01/2004 07/01/2006		
[Referred to the Committees on Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services; and Ethics and Elections.]		Board of Trustees, Florida International University Appointees: Calderon, Rafael A., Aventura	To Be Determined by the Florida Legislature
Florida Public Service Commission Appointees: Davidson, Charles M., Tallahassee Deason, J. Terry, Bristol	07/01/2007 01/01/2007		
[Referred to the Committees on Communication and Public Utilities and Ethics and Elections.]		Dotson, Albert E., Miami	To Be Determined by the Florida Legislature
Secretary of Community Affairs Appointee: Castille, Colleen M., Tallahassee	Pleasure of Governor	Henriques, Adolfo, Miami	To Be Determined by the Florida Legislature
[Referred to the Committees on Comprehensive Planning; and Ethics and Elections.]		Pino, Sergio, Miami	To Be Determined by the Florida Legislature
Secretary of Corrections Appointee: Crosby, James V., Jr., Raiford	Pleasure of Governor		
Secretary of Juvenile Justice Appointee: Bankhead, William G., Jacksonville	Pleasure of Governor		
Parole Commission Appointee: Dunphy, Frederick B., Tallahassee	06/30/2008		
[Referred to the Committees on Criminal Justice; and Ethics and Elections.]		Board of Trustees, New College of Florida Appointees: Allen, Robert N., Jr., Key Biscayne Raeburn, Vicki Pearthree, Pelham, NY	06/30/2005 To Be Determined by the Florida Legislature
State Board of Education Appointees: Eads, Linda J., Miami Fair, Talmadge W., Miami Garcia, Charles P., Boca Raton Handy, F. Philip, Winter Park	12/31/2004 12/31/2006 12/31/2004 06/30/2005 12/31/2006	Smiley, Jane T., Sarasota	To Be Determined by the Florida Legislature
Johnson, Julia L., Windermere Proctor, William L., St. Augustine	12/31/2005 12/31/2005		
Board of Trustees, Florida A & M University Appointees: Jenkins, Leerie T., Jr., Orange Park Lowe, Challis M., Pinecrest Newbill, Frederick D., Jacksonville	06/30/2003 06/30/2004 To Be Determined by the Florida Legislature	Board of Trustees, University of Florida Appointees: Criser, Marshall M., Jr., Jacksonville	To Be Determined by the Florida Legislature
Board of Trustees, Florida Atlantic University Appointees: Ecclestone, E. Llwyd, Palm Beach	To Be Determined by the Florida Legislature	Fernandez, Manuel A., Sanibel	To Be Determined by the Florida Legislature
Plymale, Sherry, Palm City	To Be Determined by the Florida Legislature	Board of Trustees, University of North Florida Appointee: Coggin, Luther, Ponte Vedra Beach	06/30/2003
		[Referred to the Committees on Education; and Ethics and Elections.]	

<i>Office and Appointment</i>	<i>For Term Ending</i>
Investment Advisory Council Appointee: Burton, Donald W., Tampa	12/12/2003
Secretary of Management Services Appointee: Marsteller, Simone, Tallahassee	Pleasure of Governor
Secretary of State Appointee: Detzner, Kenneth W., Tallahassee	Pleasure of Governor

[Referred to the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity; and Ethics and Elections.]

Secretary of Health Care Administration Appointee: Medows, Rhonda M., Tallahassee	Pleasure of Governor
Secretary of Health Appointee: Agwunobi, John O., Tallahassee	Pleasure of Governor

[Referred to the Committees on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; and Ethics and Elections.]

Executive Director of Department of Veterans' Affairs Appointee: McPherson, Warren R., Palm Harbor	Pleasure of Governor and Cabinet
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[Referred to the Committees on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports; and Ethics and Elections.]

Executive Director, Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Appointee: Haddad, Kenneth D., Tallahassee	Pleasure of Commission
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Governing Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District Appointees: Haynes, Watson L. II, St. Petersburg Kovach, Janet D., Riverview	03/01/2006 03/01/2006
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Governing Board of the Suwannee River Water Management District Appointees: Everett, Don R., Jr., Perry Pope, William David III, Alachua	03/01/2007 03/01/2007
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[Referred to the Committees on Natural Resources; and Ethics and Elections.]

Secretary of Business and Professional Regulation Appointee: Carr, Diane W., Tallahassee	Pleasure of Governor
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[Referred to the Committees on Regulated Industries; and Ethics and Elections.]

SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

The following certificate was received:

No. SC02-2568

In Re: CERTIFICATION OF NEED FOR ADDITIONAL JUDGES

[February 5, 2003]

PER CURIAM.

Article V, section 9 of the Florida Constitution places an important responsibility on this Court to determine, prior to each year's regular legislative session, the need for increasing or decreasing the number of state judges and the need for redefining the jurisdictional boundaries of the district and circuit courts.¹ The certification process is the mechanism that our constitution establishes for the systematic, uniform assessment of the State's need for judicial resources.

Pursuant to this constitutional mandate, we have considered judgeship requests submitted by the appellate and trial courts, examined case filing and disposition data, and analyzed various judicial workload indicators. Based on our review of these factors, conducted pursuant to uniform criteria established by rule,² we conclude that there is a need for two additional judges in the district courts of appeal, thirty-three in the circuit courts, and twenty-one in the county courts.

DISTRICT COURTS OF APPEAL

Using the criteria for certifying the need for additional district court judges set forth in Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.035(b)(2), we certify the need for one additional district court judge for the Second District and one for the Fourth District. These two judgeships were also certified in last year's opinion, see *In re Certification of Need for Additional Judges*, 806 So. 2d 446, 448 (Fla. 2002), but not legislatively authorized and funded.

We note that the district courts of appeal have been very conservative in their requests for additional judgeships over the last ten years in spite of significantly increasing caseloads. To their credit, instead of requesting additional judges, the district courts have pursued a variety of alternatives to address these increased caseloads, including the increased use of senior judge time, the development of case management systems, the use of information technology to assist in legal research, and the expanded use of central staff attorneys. Since fiscal year 1992-93, the number of annual filings in each district court has risen steadily. However, the number of judges in the district courts has remained constant since 1993, except for the addition of one judgeship in the Fifth District in 1999. Significantly, the total of 23,590 cases filed in the district courts in fiscal year 2000-01 represents an increase of some twenty-seven percent over the filings for fiscal year 1992-93. The courts have been restrained, however, in seeking additional judicial resources to meet the increased filings. But the Second and Fourth Districts have determined that they have exhausted alternatives and are now seeking a modest increase. Even given the innovative approaches the district courts have developed to efficiently and fairly hear cases, the Second and Fourth Districts each require an additional judge.³ In fiscal year 2000-01, the Second District averaged nearly 415 case filings and 273 dispositions per judge after submission on the merits. The Fourth District averaged 418 case filings and 236 dispositions per judge after submission on the merits, for the same time period. The statewide average for fiscal year 2000-01 was 381 case filings and 241 dispositions per judge after submission on the merits.

The Second District was last authorized additional judgeships a decade ago during the 1993 Legislative Session. Since that time, the Legislature has authorized thirty-one additional circuit judges in the geographic area served by the Second District. The current ratio of circuit judges to district judges in the Second District is ten to one. Hence, there has been a dramatic increase in trial court activity that spawns appeals. The district's population also exceeds four million people, which represents more than a twenty-one percent increase since 1990. The Second District experienced a twelve percent increase in filings from fiscal year 1999-00 to fiscal year 2000-01 alone. Further, there has been a fifteen percent increase in the number of dispositions by the district judges after submission on the merits over the same period.

In order to address this growing workload on an interim basis, the Second District's use of senior judge time during fiscal year 2000-01 was highest in the state. However, the chief judge of the district notes, and we agree, that senior judge use is not a permanent solution for addressing a significantly increasing judicial workload.

The Fourth District was last authorized additional judgeships during the 1988 Legislative Session. Since that time, the Legislature has authorized twenty-five additional circuit judges for circuits within the Fourth District. The current ratio of circuit judges to district judges for the Fourth District is 8.5 to 1. The district's population exceeds three million people, which is more than a twenty-nine percent increase since 1990. Case filings in the Fourth District have increased by thirteen percent from fiscal year 1999-00 to fiscal year 2000-01, the highest increase in the state for that period. Dispositions after submission on the merits also increased by six percent during the same period.

The chief judge of the Fourth District notes that increases in the number of practicing attorneys, general litigiousness, and increased activity within each case impacted the district's judicial workload, as well.

Given the high caseload, increases in population, and growth in the circuit courts within the Second and Fourth Districts, efficiency measures implemented by the district courts are no longer adequate to offset the need for additional judgeships.

TRIAL COURTS

In 2002, we certified the need for an additional forty-seven judgeships. See *In re Certification of Need for Additional Judges*, 806 So. 2d 446, 450-52 (Fla. 2002). Of the forty-seven trial court judgeships requested, only eighteen were funded, all at the circuit court level. However, based upon our application of the Delphi methodology for evaluating need,⁴ we now must report to the Legislature that this increase in judgeships has proven insufficient to address the overall judicial need in Florida's trial courts. We hereby certify the need for thirty-three additional circuit judges and twenty-one additional county judges.

Since our first certification using the Delphi methodology suggested by the Legislature, see *In re Certification of the Need for Additional Judges*, 755 So. 2d 79 (Fla. 2000), the Legislature has authorized only thirty percent of the trial court judges certified. Hence, the State Courts System continues to experience a substantial judicial deficit given the growing workload. This deficit continues to grow despite the availability and extensive use of key supplemental resources.

This year, as in previous years, the Court used the Delphi-based workload weighting system to determine the need for judges in the twenty judicial circuits.⁵ The result of that analysis has been considered by the chief judges of the circuit courts and by this Court in the determination of the need for judicial resources.

Existing judicial resources are strained by the nature, complexity, and volume of certain civil cases (e.g., professional malpractice, tobacco, and eminent domain cases); the significant growth in the number of family law cases (e.g., child support) and postjudgment work associated with dissolutions of marriage; workload related to domestic violence and repeat violence cases; the volume and complexity of juvenile delinquency, serious felonies, and postconviction proceedings; and the creation and expansion of effective, but labor-intensive, specialized case processing techniques (e.g., juvenile and adult drug courts, mental health courts, elder courts, and domestic violence courts).

In previous certification opinions, this Court has emphasized the need for the adequate allocation of judicial time and resources for juvenile delinquency and dependency cases. We commend the trial courts for their diligent efforts in responding to that need. Considerable progress has been made, yet more remains to be done. Children are Florida's most precious resource. Children who are involved in the judicial system have special needs, and it is critical that all three branches of government work collaboratively to ensure that cases involving children who are abused, neglected, or delinquent are given sufficient and appropriate judicial attention.⁶ Accordingly, we encourage the trial courts to continue their efforts to ensure that adequate judicial resources are devoted to those divisions of the court serving children and families.

The chief judges of the various circuit courts also advised us of other factors that may significantly impact circuit court workload including the litigiousness of the local legal culture, state attorney filing practices, pre- and post-filing motion practices, postjudgment matters, the presence of gangs, the number of migrant workers or other transient populations, and the presence of major tourist attractions such as beaches or theme parks. Demographic issues, such as the significant growth of non-English speaking residents and the attendant number of court interpretations required, the increased aging of Florida's population and resulting increase in guardianship cases, the presence of multiple correctional and juvenile facilities, population growth, and geographic considerations in multi-county circuits also place additional workload demands on the circuits.

Overall, county court filings have increased three percent from fiscal year 1999-00 to fiscal year 2000-01, and are projected to grow at a similar rate for the next few years. For those courts requesting county judgeships, the largest increases at the county court level are found in civil case filings. County civil filings increased thirteen percent from fiscal year 1999-00 to fiscal year 2000-01, and are projected to increase approximately seven percent from fiscal year 2000-01 to fiscal year 2001-02. Civil filings have the second highest Delphi weight at the county court level and thus represent a significant proportion of county

court workload. County criminal filings and traffic filings are also increasing, albeit at a slower rate.

Other factors impacting the workload of county courts include large increases in population, the number of cases filed, incomplete authorization of judgeships previously certified, travel between branch courthouses in urban counties, caseload backlog, and a lack of traffic infraction hearing officers.

While it is beyond the immediate charge of judicial certification, this Court would be remiss if we did not state our concerns regarding the impact of Revision 7 to article V of the Constitution. Approved by the citizens of Florida in 1998, Revision 7 requires that a greater portion of trial court operating costs be borne by the State. Florida's trial courts are complex organizations that are substantially dependent upon support resources beyond judges alone. These resources are in place to assist judges with their caseloads so that Florida's citizens have ready access to their court system, and are essential to the trial courts' efficient and effective operation. Examples include trial court staff attorneys, case managers, court administration, and masters and hearing officers. The counties are currently contributing significantly to the cost of these resources. As we have pointed out in previous certification opinions, any reductions in those resources would likely result in the need for additional judges.⁷

More importantly, the proper funding of the judicial branch ensures that our citizens' constitutional right of access to their courts and the fair and timely resolution of disputes are protected. We recognize the many difficult challenges confronting the Legislature over the next several years. We also acknowledge and appreciate the Legislature's demonstrated commitment to proper funding of the judicial branch and are confident that commitment will be sustained during implementation of Revision 7.

After reviewing the requests of the trial courts for additional circuit judges and county judges in light of the foregoing considerations, we certify the need for thirty-three new circuit judges for fiscal 2003-04 as follows:

- five additional circuit judges each for the Eleventh and Seventeenth circuits;
- three additional circuit judges each for the Thirteenth and Twentieth circuits;
- two additional circuit judges each for the First, Fifth, Ninth, Fifteenth, and Nineteenth circuits; and
- one additional circuit judge each for the Third, Fourth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Tenth, and Fourteenth circuits.

We certify the need for twenty-one new county court judges for fiscal year 2003-04 as follows:

- three additional county judges each for Broward, Hillsborough, and Palm Beach counties;
- two additional judges for Orange County; and
- one additional county judge each for Bay, Brevard, Collier, Columbia, Dade, Duval, Lake, Marion, Pasco, and Seminole counties.

The requests and certifications are illustrated in the following table.⁸

Trial Court Certification Table

Circuit Court	Judgeships		County Court	Judgeships	
	Requested	Certified		Requested	Certified
First	2	2			
Second	0	0			
Third	1	1	Columbia	1	1
Fourth	1	1	Duval	1	1
Fifth	2	2	Lake	1	1
			Marion	1	1
Sixth	1	1	Pasco	1	1
Seventh	1	1			
Eighth	1	1			
Ninth	2	2	Orange	2	2
Tenth	1	1			
Eleventh	5	5	Dade	3	1
Twelfth	0	0			

Circuit Court	Judgeships		County Court	Judgeships	
	Requested	Certified		Requested	Certified
Thirteenth	3	3	Hillsborough	3	3
Fourteenth	1	1	Bay	1	1
Fifteenth	2	2	Palm Beach	3	3
Sixteenth	1	0			
Seventeenth	5	5	Broward	3	3
Eighteenth	1	0	Brevard	1	1
			Seminole	1	1
Nineteenth	2	2			
Twentieth	3	3	Collier	1	1
Total	35	33	Total	23	21

Since the tragedy of September 11, 2001, there has been a renewed focus on the rule of law administered by an independent judicial system. In this country more than ninety-five percent of judicial activity takes place in the state courts. In effect then the rule of law is administered by the Florida State Courts and Florida judges. While recognizing that these are austere economic times, this opinion fulfills our constitutional mandate to certify the need for additional judgeships that we have determined necessary to maintain the fair and timely administration of justice in Florida's court system.

It is so ordered.

ANSTEAD, C.J., and WELLS, PARIENTE, LEWIS, QUINCE, CANTERO, and BELL, JJ., concur.

Original Proceeding - Certification Of Need For Additional Judges

¹Article V, section 9, Florida Constitution, provides:

Determination of number of judges.—The supreme court shall establish by rule uniform criteria for the determination of the need for additional judges except supreme court justices, the necessity for decreasing the number of judges and for increasing, decreasing or redefining appellate districts and judicial circuits. If the supreme court finds that a need exists for increasing or decreasing the number of judges or increasing, decreasing or redefining appellate districts and judicial circuits, it shall, prior to the next regular session of the legislature, certify to the legislature its findings and recommendations concerning such need. Upon receipt of such certificate, the legislature, at the next regular session, shall consider the findings and recommendations and may reject the recommendations or by law implement the recommendations in whole or in part; provided the legislature may create more judicial offices than are recommended by the supreme court or may decrease the number of judicial offices by a greater number than recommended by the court only upon a finding of two-thirds of the membership of both houses of the legislature that such a need exists. A decrease in the number of judges shall be effective only after the expiration of a term. If the supreme court fails to make findings as provided above when need exists, the legislature may by concurrent resolution request the court to certify its findings and recommendations and upon the failure of the court to certify its findings for nine consecutive months, the legislature may, upon a finding of two-thirds of the membership of both houses of the legislature that a need exists, increase or decrease the number of judges or increase, decrease or redefine appellate districts and judicial circuits.

²Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.035.

³In 1997, this Court directed the Judicial Management Council to conduct an in-depth study of workload, jurisdiction, and related policy issues for the district courts of appeal. The Council's Committee on Appellate Court Workload and Jurisdiction proposed the adoption of a new appellate court workload standard of 385 filings per judge or 225 dispositions per judge after submission on the merits. These two standards, whether considered separately or together, represent the levels at which a district court is presumptively in need of additional judicial resources. These standards are significantly higher than the current standard of 250 case filings per judge and reflect the infusion of support staff and other resources over the last decade which have enabled the district courts to keep pace with workload increases.

⁴The Delphi methodology relies on case weights and calculations of available judge time to determine the need for additional trial court judges. The development of this methodology was requested by the Legislature in the 1998 General Appropriations Act.

⁵We have applied the Delphi case weights for all case types. This includes our adjustment of the weights assigned to juvenile dependency proceedings in relation to new judicial workload requirements in chapter 39, Florida Statutes (2002).

We remain concerned that the case weights for delinquency and drug court cases, as recommended by the Delphi Policy Committee, do not reflect sufficient judicial time to adequately address these labor-intensive, complex proceedings. Accordingly, we request the Steering Committee on Families and Children in the Courts and the Task Force on Treatment-Based Drug Courts to reexamine these Delphi weights, conduct a thorough analysis of the workload associated with these types of cases and advise us as to their viability, and make recommendations as to any necessary adjustments to the Delphi weights.

⁶This Court acknowledges with appreciation Governor Bush's commitment to addressing the needs of Florida's families and children - including those involved in the court system - as evidenced by his remarks at the December 2002 meeting of the Florida Conference of Circuit Judges, during which he emphasized the importance of the juvenile courts and the need for adequate judicial resources to serve those courts.

⁷See *In re Certification of Need for Additional Judges*, 806 So. 2d 446 (Fla. 2002); *In re Certification of Need for Additional Judges*, 780 So. 2d 906 (Fla. 2001).

⁸If the full complement of judges requested in certifications since 2000 had been funded, it is certain that the present need for additional trial judges would be significantly less. Once the "deficit gap" is addressed, the judgeships certified should reflect a more moderate increase in judicial need over time.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES AND FULL TEXT OF SENATE RULES AS ADOPTED

[SEE PAGE 4]

2.1—Standing committees; standing subcommittees

(1) Permanent standing committees and standing subcommittees, when created and designated by Rule of the Senate, shall exist and function both during and between sessions. The President shall appoint the membership of the standing committees and standing subcommittees, provided that each standing committee shall consist of not fewer than five (5) members.

~~The President is authorized to create and designate permanent standing committees and standing subcommittees prior to the 2003 Regular Session. The President shall inform the Minority Leader of said appointments.~~

~~On March 4, 2003, said designations shall be placed before the Senate as an amendment to this rule, which may be adopted by a majority vote, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 11-3.~~

- (a) *Agriculture*
- (b) *Appropriations*
 - 1. *Subcommittee on Article V Implementation and Judiciary*
 - 2. *Subcommittee on Criminal Justice*
 - 3. *Subcommittee on Education*
 - 4. *Subcommittee on General Government*
 - 5. *Subcommittee on Health and Human Services*
 - 6. *Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development*
- (c) *Banking and Insurance*
- (d) *Children and Families*
- (e) *Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services*
- (f) *Communication and Public Utilities*
- (g) *Comprehensive Planning*
- (h) *Criminal Justice*

- (i) Education
- (j) Ethics and Elections
- (k) Finance and Taxation
- (l) Governmental Oversight and Productivity
- (m) Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care
- (n) Home Defense, Public Security, and Ports
- (o) Judiciary
- (p) Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports
- (q) Natural Resources
- (r) Regulated Industries
- (s) Rules and Calendar
- (t) Transportation

2.15—Standing committee duties in deliberation

(3) In reporting a Senate measure, a standing committee may draft a new measure embracing the same general subject matter, to be returned to the Senate with the recommendation that the substitute be considered in lieu of the original measure (or measures). Proposed substitutes shall be filed with the committee administrative assistant no less than *twenty-four (24) two (2) hours* prior to any committee meeting at which a recommendation of the substitute is adopted unless the substitute is merely a combination of the noticed bill(s) and amendments offered in compliance with Rule 2.39. Copies of substitutes shall be furnished to committee members' offices immediately upon filing with the committee administrative assistant, and made reasonably available by the committee administrative assistant before the meeting, upon request, to the members of the committee and to the public. The substitute measure must be accompanied by the original measure (or measures) referred to the committee and returned to the Secretary in the same manner as a favorable report. No other standing committee of reference shall consider the original measure (or measures) but shall direct its attention to the substitute measure. A committee receiving a committee substitute from a prior committee of reference may also report a committee substitute and shall not be precluded from doing so with the substance of the bill (or bills) as originally introduced. When the original measure is reached on the calendar, the substitute shall be read a first (1st) time by title, the original proposition shall be automatically tabled, and the substitute considered in lieu of without motion. The substitute shall carry the identifying number (or numbers) of the original and shall be returned to the Secretary in the same number of copies required for first (1st) introduction of a similar measure. The name of the introducer of the original measure (or measures) shall be shown by the committee administrative assistant on the committee substitute unless the said introducer requests that it be omitted. A committee substitute may be co-sponsored by a Senator whose signature is affixed to the original. A Senate committee may not recommend a Senate committee substitute for a House bill.

2.39—Amendments and proposed committee substitutes; form, notice, manner of consideration

(1) No amendment or proposed committee substitute to any measure on any committee agenda, which amendment was prepared prior to the committee meeting at which it is offered, shall be considered by that committee unless the amendment or proposed committee substitute was filed with the committee administrative assistant at least *twenty-four (24) two (2) hours* prior to the noticed meeting time. ~~before the time the meeting was called to order.~~ For the purpose of this rule, office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Copies of such amendment or proposed committee substitute shall be made reasonably available by the committee administrative assistant before the meeting, upon request, to the members of the committee and to the public. ~~Neither a technical amendment nor an amendment which is prepared by a member of the committee during the committee meeting at which it is offered need be so noticed.~~

(a) Subsequent to distribution of all timely filed amendments and proposed committee substitutes, additional amendments may be filed to any measure to which an amendment was timely filed. Such amendments may be filed with the committee administrative assistant until two (2) hours prior to the noticed meeting time.

(b) After the first fifty (50) days of any regular session, an amendment or proposed committee substitute to any measure prepared prior to a

committee meeting at which it is offered shall be filed with the committee administrative assistant at least two (2) hours prior to the noticed meeting time.

(c) The consideration of any amendment or proposed committee substitute not timely filed in accordance with this rule, including any filed during a committee meeting in which it is to be offered, requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those committee members present. These time requirements do not apply to a committee's recommendation during a meeting to make a committee substitute which is merely a combination of the noticed bill(s) and amendments. ~~Upon the delivery of copies to the Senate Majority and Minority Offices of all timely filed amendments for a committee meeting, additional amendments may be filed with the committee administrative assistant for that meeting for two (2) hours.~~

(2) Amendments shall be filed on forms prescribed by the Secretary but shall be considered only after sponsors, who are members of the committee, gain recognition from the chair to move their adoption. An amendment shall be deemed pending only after its sponsor has been recognized by the chair and has moved its adoption. Amendments that have been filed but have not been formally moved for adoption shall not be deemed to be pending. No proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

RULES OF THE SENATE

RULE ONE

OFFICERS, SENATORS, EMPLOYEES, AND ETHICS

PART ONE—OFFICERS OF THE SENATE

1.1—Election of the President, President Pro Tempore, President Designate, President Pro Tempore Designate, Minority Leader, and Minority Leader Pro Tempore; designation of Majority Leader

A President and a President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be elected for a term of two (2) years at the organization session preceding the regular session of each odd-numbered year. They shall take an oath to support the *Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida*, and for the true and faithful discharge of the duties of office. At a regular session the Majority Party may, by caucus called by the President, elect a President Designate and a President Pro Tempore Designate, and their names shall be certified to the Secretary of the Senate. The President may designate a Majority Leader whose name shall be certified to the Secretary of the Senate. The Minority Party may by caucus elect a Minority Leader and a Minority Leader Pro Tempore, and their names shall be certified to the Secretary of the Senate at the organization session. All elected officers are to hold office until their successors are chosen and qualified or until the expiration of their term, whichever shall first occur.

1.2—Calling the Senate to order

The President shall call the Senate to order at the hour provided by these Rules or at the hour established by the Senate at the last session. On the appearance of a quorum, the President shall cause the Senate to proceed with the Daily Order of Business. The President may recess the Senate for periods of time not to exceed thirty (30) minutes.

1.3—The President's control of Chamber, corridors, and rooms

The President shall preserve order and decorum and shall have general control of the Chamber, corridors, passages, and rooms of the Senate whether in the Capitol or elsewhere. If there is a disturbance, the President may order the area cleared.

1.4—The President's authority and signature; questions of order; travel

The President shall sign all acts, joint resolutions, resolutions, and memorials. No writ, warrant, subpoena, contract binding the Senate, authorization for payment, or other papers shall issue without the signature of the President. The President may delegate signing authority for the authorization of payments. The President shall approve vouchers. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal by any Senator. As necessary, the President is authorized to incur travel and per diem expenses for the next session of the Legislature. The

President of the Senate and the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Calendar shall have the power to assign duties and sign requisitions pertaining to legislative expenses incurred in transacting the business of the Senate as authorized. The President shall have responsibility for the property of the Senate and may delegate specific duties or authority pertaining thereto. The President may authorize counsel to initiate, defend, intervene in, or otherwise participate in any suit on behalf of the Senate, a committee of the Senate, a member of the Senate (whether in the legal capacity of Senator or taxpayer), a former member of the Senate, or an officer or employee of the Senate when such suit is determined by the President to be of significant interest to the Senate and when it is determined by the President that the interests of the Senate would not otherwise be adequately represented. Expenses incurred for legal services in such proceedings may be paid upon approval of the President.

1.5—Appointment of committees

(1) The President shall appoint all standing committees, standing subcommittees, select committees, and the Senate members of conference and joint select committees.

(2) Any member removed from a committee without his or her consent shall have the right to appeal such removal to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

1.6—The President's vote

The President shall not be required to vote in legislative proceedings. In all yea and nay votes, the President's name shall be called last.

1.7—Vacating chair; duties of President Pro Tempore

(1) The President may name any Senator to perform the duties of the chair.

(2) If for any reason the President is absent and fails to name a Senator, the President Pro Tempore shall assume the duties of the chair.

(3) In the event the chair is vacated permanently, nothing herein shall preclude the Senate from designating a presiding officer.

(4) Should the President resign, he or she may, prior to resignation, designate a member of the Majority Party to assume the duties of the chair until a permanent successor is elected.

1.8—Election of the Secretary of the Senate

(1) The Senate shall elect a Secretary to serve at its pleasure. A staff of assistants shall be employed to regularly transact such business as required by law, by Rules of the Senate, or as assigned by the President. The Secretary shall take an oath to support the *Constitutions of the United States* and of the *State of Florida*, and for the true and faithful discharge of the duties of office.

(2) The Secretary shall be under the supervision of the President of the Senate, who may assign additional duties to the Secretary. The Secretary shall be the enrolling and engrossing clerk of the Senate and may designate an assistant enrolling and engrossing clerk.

1.9—Secretary's duties at organization session

In the absence of the President and the President Pro Tempore of the preceding session, the Secretary shall, at the organization session of the Legislature, call the Senate to order. Pending the election of a President or a President Pro Tempore, the Secretary shall preserve order and decorum, and decide all questions of order subject to appeal by any Senator. The duties prescribed by this section may be delegated by the Secretary to any Senator.

1.10—Duties generally; keeps Journal

The Secretary shall keep a correct daily Journal of the proceedings of the Senate, and this Journal shall be numbered serially from the first (1st) day of each session of the Legislature and shall be distributed by the Secretary for the information of the Legislature and the public. The Secretary shall superintend the engrossing, enrolling, and transmitting of bills, resolutions, and memorials. The Secretary shall not permit any records or papers belonging to the Senate to be removed from the custody of the Secretary other than in the regular course of business and with proper receipt. The Secretary shall keep a separate Journal of the proceedings of the executive sessions of the Senate.

1.11—Prepares daily calendar

- (1) The Secretary shall prepare a daily calendar that shall set forth:
 - (a) The order of business;
 - (b) The committee report on each bill, i.e., whether favorable, favorable with committee amendments, or favorable with committee substitute;
 - (c) The status of each bill, i.e., whether on second (2nd) or third (3rd) reading;
 - (d) Notices of committee meetings; and
 - (e) Notices of meetings required pursuant to Rule 1.44.
- (2) The Secretary shall distribute the daily calendar for the information of the Legislature and the public.

1.12—Reads papers; calls roll

The Secretary shall have read to the Senate all papers ordered to be read; note responses of Senators when the roll is called to determine the presence of a quorum; call the roll and note the answers of Senators when a question is taken by yeas and nays; and assist, under the direction of the President, in taking the count when any vote of the Senate is taken by a show of hands or otherwise.

1.13—Attests to warrants and subpoenas; certifies passage

The Secretary shall attest to all writs, warrants, and subpoenas issued by order of the Senate and shall attest to the passage of all bills, resolutions, and memorials.

1.14—Prepares printed forms

The Secretary shall prepare the copy for all printed forms used by the Senate.

1.15—Examines legal form of bills for introduction

The Secretary shall examine bills on their tender for introduction, but prior to their receiving a number, he or she shall determine whether they meet the requirements of law and of these Rules. The Secretary shall direct the attention of the introducer to apparent defects, but the introducer shall be exclusively responsible for the constitutional and legal correctness of the bill.

1.16—Indexes bills

The Secretary shall maintain a numerical index of bills and resolutions and a cumulative index by introducers.

1.17—Transmits bills to House of Representatives

The Secretary shall transmit all bills, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions, and appropriate memorials to the House of Representatives without delay; and each shall be accompanied by a message stating the title to the measure being transmitted and requesting the concurrence of the House.

1.18—Receives and delivers for reading messages from House; summaries of House amendments to Senate bills

(1) The Secretary shall receive all messages from the House of Representatives and shall be responsible for their security. The Secretary shall have them available for reading to the Senate during the appropriate order of business. All messages reflecting House amendments to Senate bills shall be promptly delivered to the appropriate committees for research and summary. Special notice of the summaries shall be given to each Senator.

(2) The Secretary shall advise the President when a House amendment to a Senate bill substantially changes or materially alters the bill as passed by the Senate. The President may refer such bill and House amendments to an appropriate committee or committees for hearing and further report to the Senate. Upon such reference by the President, committee or committees of reference shall meet on a date and at a time set by the President and shall make a report as defined in Rule 2.15. Favorable committee reports and accompanying measures shall be placed on the calendar.

PART TWO—SENATORS**1.20—Attendance and voting**

Unless excused for just cause or necessarily prevented, every Senator shall be within the Senate Chamber during its sessions and shall vote on each question. No Senator shall be required or permitted to vote on any question immediately concerning his or her private rights as distinct from the public interest.

1.21—Excused absence

The President may excuse any Senator from attendance in the Senate and its committees for any stated period, and the excused absence shall be noted in the Journal.

1.22—Senate papers left with Secretary

A Senator necessarily absent from a session of the Senate or its committees and having in his or her possession papers relating to the business of the Senate shall leave such papers with the Secretary before leaving the Capitol.

1.23—Members deemed present unless excused

A Senator who answers roll call at the opening of a session or who enters after roll call and announces his or her presence to the Senate shall thereafter be considered present unless leave of absence is obtained from the President.

1.24—Contested seat

If a seat in the Senate is contested, notice stating the grounds of such contest shall be given by the contestant to the Senate prior to the day of the organization session of the Legislature; and the contest shall be determined by majority vote as soon as reasonably possible. The President shall appoint a Credentials Committee to be composed of not more than ten (10) members who shall consider the question and report their recommendations to the President, who shall inform the Senate.

1.25—Facilities for members

Each Senator shall be entitled to facilities and expenses that are necessary and expedient to the fulfillment of the duties of the office, the location and sufficiency of which shall be determined by the President.

1.26—Nonlegislative activities

No Senator shall accept appointments to nonlegislative committees, commissions, or task forces without prior approval of the President if travel and per diem expenses are to be taken from Senate funds.

1.27—Transition from office

A Senator who will not be a Senator at the next ensuing regular session of the Legislature shall be entitled to an amicable transition period not to exceed one (1) month in which to close out the affairs of his or her office. The transition period shall begin at the expiration of a Senator's term. A former Senator shall not be entitled to salary during the transition period, but shall receive a pro rata portion of the monthly allowance for office rental and expenses during such period. A former Senator's staff shall be entitled to a pro rata salary during such period, provided said staff performs all transitional duties assigned by the former Senator. A former Senator shall apply for transitional funds provided pursuant to this Rule, the expenditure of which shall be from Senate funds and which shall be considered for a public purpose. In the event of a vacancy in office, and until that vacancy is filled, a transitional period with pro rata salary for staff may be approved by the President to close out the vacant Senate office affairs.

PART THREE—EMPLOYEES OF THE SENATE**1.28—Dismissal of employees; services of spouse**

The President shall resolve disputes involving the competency or decorum of a Senate employee, and may terminate the services of an employee. At the President's discretion the matter may be referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar for its recommendation. The pay of an employee so terminated shall stop on the termination date. A Senator's spouse or immediate relatives may serve in any authorized position, however, they shall not receive compensation for services performed.

1.29—Employees forbidden to lobby

No employee of the Senate shall directly or indirectly interest or concern himself or herself with the passage or consideration of any measure whatsoever. Violation of this Rule by an employee shall be grounds for summary dismissal. This Rule shall not preclude the performance of duties that may be properly delegated to a Senator's legislative assistant.

1.30—Duties and hours

Employees shall perform the duties assigned to them by the President and required of them by Rule and custom of the Senate. When the Senate is in session, employees shall remain on duty as required. When the Senate is not in session, permanent staff of the Senate shall observe the hours of employment set by the President. Part-time employees and Senators' district staff shall observe hours that are prescribed by their department heads.

1.31—Absence without permission

If employees are absent without prior permission except for just cause, their employment shall be terminated or their compensation forfeited for the period of absence as determined by the President.

1.32—Political activity

Senate employees shall be regulated concerning their political activity pursuant to section 110.233, *Florida Statutes*.

1.33—Secretary; supervision of employees

All employees not specifically assigned to a Senator, to a committee, or to a permanent office of the Senate shall be under the supervision of the Secretary.

PART FOUR—LEGISLATIVE CONDUCT AND ETHICS**1.35—Legislative conduct**

Every Senator shall conduct himself or herself to justify the confidence placed in him or her by the people and, by personal example and admonition to colleagues, shall maintain the integrity and responsibility of his or her office.

1.36—Improper influence

A Senator shall not accept anything that will improperly influence his or her official act, decision, or vote.

1.361—Solicitation of campaign contributions

A Senator shall neither solicit nor accept any campaign contribution during the sixty-day (60) regular legislative session on the Senator's own behalf or on behalf of a political party or on behalf of a candidate for the Senate; however, a Senator may contribute to the Senator's own campaign.

1.37—Conflicting employment

A member of the Senate shall not allow his or her personal employment to impair his or her independence of judgment in the exercise of his or her official duties.

1.38—Undue influence

A member of the Senate shall not use his or her influence as a Senator in any matter that involves substantial conflict between his or her personal interest and his or her duties in the public interest.

1.39—Disclosure and disqualification

A Senator shall disclose any personal, private, or professional interest in a bill that would inure to that Senator's special private gain or the special gain of any principal to whom the Senator is obligated. Such disclosure shall be filed with the Secretary of the Senate for reporting in the Journal immediately following the record of the vote on the measure. Such disclosure may explain the logic of voting or of his or her disqualification.

1.40—Senate employees and conflicts

Senate employees shall be accountable to the intent of this Rule.

1.41—Advisory opinions

All questions relating to the interpretation and enforcement of these Rules concerning legislative conduct and ethics shall be referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar or shall emanate therefrom. A member of the Senate may submit a factual situation to the Committee on Rules and Calendar with a request for an advisory opinion establishing the standard of public duty. The Committee shall enter its opinion responding to each inquiry. All opinions shall, after hearing, be numbered, dated, and published in the Journal of the Senate. No opinion shall identify the requesting Senator without the Senator's consent.

1.42—Violations; hearings, penalties

(1) Any person may file a sworn complaint with the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Calendar, alleging a violation by a Senator of the Rules regulating conduct and ethics. The complaint shall state detailed facts, shall specify the actions of the named Senator which form the basis for the complaint, and shall identify the specific Rule(s) believed by the complainant to have been violated by the Senator. Upon a determination by the chair that there are sufficient grounds for review, the complaint shall be referred either to the committee or, at the option of the chair, to a special master, for a hearing. The committee or special master may adopt rules of procedure for conduct of the proceedings. The committee or special master shall give reasonable notice to the Senator who is alleged to have violated the Rules and shall grant the Senator an opportunity to be heard. A special master's report and recommendation is advisory only and shall be made to the chair as soon as practicable after the close of the hearing. The committee's report and recommendation shall be made as soon as practicable.

(2) Separately from any prosecutions or penalties otherwise provided by law, a Senator determined to have violated the requirements of the Rule regulating ethics and conduct may be censured, reprimanded, or expelled. Such determination and disciplinary action shall be taken by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate, on recommendation of the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

PART FIVE—PUBLIC MEETINGS AND RECORDS**1.43—Open meetings**

(1) All meetings at which legislative business is discussed among any two (2) or more Senators shall be open to the public except:

- (a) At the sole discretion of the President of the Senate, after consultation with appropriate law enforcement, public health, emergency management and/or security authorities, those portions of meetings of a select committee, committee, or subcommittee, concerning measures to address security, espionage, sabotage, attack and other acts of terrorism.
- (b) Meetings between two (2) Senators to exchange information provided the purpose of the meeting between the two (2) Senators is not to agree upon final action that will be taken at a subsequent meeting. Discussions on the floor while the Senate is in session and discussions among Senators in a committee room during committee meetings shall be deemed to be in compliance with this Rule.

(2) All meetings shall be subject to appropriate order and decorum at the discretion of the person conducting the meeting.

(3) For purposes of this Rule "legislative business" is defined as issues pending before, or upon which foreseeable action is reasonably expected to be taken by, the Senate, a Senate committee, or Senate subcommittee.

1.44—Notice required for certain meetings

(1) A written notice of the following meetings at which legislative business is to be discussed shall be filed with the Secretary of the Senate. While the Legislature is not in regular or special session and during the first fifty (50) days of a regular session, the notice shall be filed not later than four (4) hours before the scheduled time of the meeting. After the fiftieth (50th) day of a regular session and during a special session, the

notice shall be filed not later than two (2) hours before the scheduled time of the meeting:

- (a) Meetings of the President of the Senate (or a Senator designated to represent the President) with the Governor, or with the Speaker of the House of Representatives (or a representative designated to represent the Speaker);
- (b) Meetings of a majority of the Senators who constitute the membership of any Senate committee or subcommittee;
- (c) Steering meetings of the Chair of the Committee on Appropriations with the chair of the standing subcommittees of the Committee on Appropriations; and
- (d) Meetings called by the President or the President's designee, of a majority of the chairs of the Senate's standing committees.

(2) Notices of meetings required by Rule 1.44(1) shall be filed by or at the direction of the person(s) at whose call the meeting is convened; shall state the date, time, and place of the meeting; shall contain a brief description of the general subject matter scheduled to be discussed. In the case of a meeting required to be noticed pursuant to this Rule, if the meeting is to take place at or after 10:00 p.m. then the notice must be delivered to the Secretary by 5:00 p.m. Notices of such meetings shall appear in the daily calendar.

(3) In the event the times required for notice under Rule 1.44(1) are not sufficient to permit publication in a daily or interim calendar, the Secretary shall post a copy of each such notice on a bulletin board provided for this purpose in the public corridor leading to the Senate Chamber. The Secretary of the Senate shall make a diligent effort to give actual notice to the representatives of the press of all noncalendared meeting notices posted.

(4) Political caucuses are exempt from the foregoing notice requirements. Political caucuses shall be open to the public in accordance with Rule 1.43 and noticed in accordance with this Rule when issues then pending before, or upon which foreseeable action is reasonably expected to be taken by, the Senate, a Senate committee, or a Senate subcommittee are discussed. Political caucuses held for the sole purpose of designating a President, a President Pro Tempore, a Minority Leader, or a Minority Leader Pro Tempore need not be open or noticed.

1.45—Violations of Rules on open meetings and notice

Intentional violations of Rules 1.43 and 1.44 constitute violations of the Rules regulating legislative ethics and conduct and shall be subject to the procedures and penalties prescribed in Rule 1.42.

1.441—Constitutional requirements concerning open meetings

(1) All legislative committee and subcommittee meetings and joint conference committee meetings shall be open and noticed to the public.

(2) All prearranged gatherings, between more than two (2) members of the Legislature, or between the Governor, the President of the Senate, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the purpose of which is to agree upon formal legislative action that will be taken at a subsequent time, or at which formal legislative action is taken, regarding pending legislation or amendments shall be reasonably open to the public.

(3) In cases of conflict between this Rule and any other Rule of the Senate the Rule providing greater notice or public access shall prevail.

1.443—Reapportionment information

All Senators shall have equal access to the Senate electronic redistricting system, census data, and all other information promulgated by, maintained by, or available to, any Senate standing committee or subcommittee appointed for the analysis of legislative and congressional redistricting plans.

1.444—Legislative records; maintenance, control, destruction, disposal, and disposition

(1) Public records, not exempted from public disclosure, may be inspected by any person desiring to do so at reasonable times, under reasonable conditions, and under supervision of the person who has custody of the records, or that person's designee.

(2) The following standing committee, standing subcommittee, and select committee public records, not exempted from disclosure, shall be

retained by each staff director until biennially transferred to the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State via its Legislative Library Division: copies of bills, amendments, vote sheets, staff analyses, and fiscal notes; meeting files including agendas and appearance cards; files relating to assigned projects; final staff reports submitted to subcommittees or committees; final reports submitted by subcommittees or committees; correspondence sent or received; and audio recordings of committee meetings. At the time of transfer, the actual correspondence to be sent to the Department of State shall consist only of correspondence which relates to other committee public records required by this Rule to be transferred. Records not transferred may be otherwise disposed of or destroyed.

(3) Except for records specifically required by law or Senate Rule to be filed or retained, district office records and constituents' records may be retained by the district office until those records become obsolete, at which point they may be otherwise disposed of or destroyed.

(4) Public records, not exempted from public disclosure, created or received by the President, President Pro Tempore, or Secretary of the Senate shall be retained by that officer as specifically required by law or Senate Rule until transferred to the Division of Library and Information Services of the Department of State via its Legislative Library Division. Records not transferred may be otherwise disposed of or destroyed.

(5) The Secretary shall, with the approval of the President, establish a reasonable fee for copies of public legislative records not exempted from public disclosure. Such fees shall be based upon the actual cost of duplication of the record and shall include the material and supplies used to duplicate the record but not the labor cost or overhead cost associated with such duplication. If the nature or volume of records requested to be inspected or copied is such as to require extensive use of information technology resources or extensive clerical or supervisory assistance by employees of the Senate, a special service charge in addition to the actual cost of duplication may be imposed. Such special service charge shall be reasonable and based on the cost incurred for the extensive use of information technology resources or the labor cost of employees providing the service that is actually incurred by the Senate or attributable to the Senate for the clerical and supervisory assistance required. However, when obtained from the Office of the Secretary, a standing committee, standing subcommittee, or select committee, there shall be no charge for a single copy of a bill other than a general appropriations bill, or for a single copy of any other public record required by law or Senate Rule to be created.

(6) Once the retention period for a public record, not exempted from public disclosure, has expired, the public record may be otherwise disposed of or destroyed. A public record need not be retained if it is published or retained by another legislative office. Only one (1) copy of a public record need be retained, additional copies of that record may be destroyed at any time. In the case of mass mailings, only one (1) representative copy of the mailing, or an abstract, need be retained.

(7) For the purpose of this Rule, a member's district office shall include the offices each member retains for the transaction of official legislative business in his or her respective district and the offices located in the Senate Office Building or the Capitol in Tallahassee assigned to each member.

(8) The following public records are exempt from inspection and copying:

- (a) Records, or information contained therein, held by the legislative branch of government which, if held by an agency as defined in section 119.011, *Florida Statutes*, or any other unit of government, would be confidential or exempt from the provisions of section 119.07(1), *Florida Statutes*, or otherwise exempt from public disclosure, and records or information of the same type held by the Legislature.
- (b) A formal complaint about a member or officer of the Legislature or about a lobbyist and the records relating to the complaint, until the complaint is dismissed, a determination as to probable cause has been made, a determination that there are sufficient grounds for review has been made

and no probable cause panel is to be appointed, or the respondent has requested in writing that the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives make public the complaint or other records relating to the complaint, whichever occurs first.

- (c) A legislatively produced draft, and a legislative request for a draft, of a bill, resolution, memorial, or legislative rule, and an amendment thereto, which is not provided to any person other than the member or members who requested the draft, an employee of the Legislature, a contract employee or consultant retained by the Legislature, or an officer of the Legislature.
- (d) A draft of a bill analysis or fiscal note until the bill analysis or fiscal note is provided to a person other than an employee of the Legislature, a contract employee or consultant retained by the Legislature, or an officer of the Legislature.
- (e) A draft, and a request for a draft, of a reapportionment plan or redistricting plan and an amendment thereto. Any supporting documents associated with such plan or amendment until a bill implementing the plan, or the amendment, is filed.
- (f) Records prepared for or used in executive sessions of the Senate until ten (10) years after the date on which the executive session was held.
- (g) Portions of records of former legislative investigating committees whose records are sealed or confidential as of June 30, 1993, which may reveal the identity of any witness, any person who was a subject of the inquiry, or any person referred to in testimony, documents, or evidence retained in the committees' records; however, this exemption does not apply to a member of the committee, its staff, or any public official who was not a subject of the inquiry.
- (h) Requests by members for an advisory opinion concerning the application of the rules of either house pertaining to ethics, unless the member requesting the opinion authorizes in writing the release of such information. All advisory opinions shall be open to inspection except that the identity of the member shall not be disclosed in the opinion unless the member requesting the opinion authorizes in writing the release of such information.
- (i) Portions of correspondence held by the legislative branch which, if disclosed, would reveal: information otherwise exempt from disclosure by law; an individual's medical treatment, history, or condition; the identity or location of an individual if there is a substantial likelihood that releasing such information would jeopardize the health or safety of that individual; or information regarding physical abuse, child abuse, spouse abuse, or abuse of the elderly.

(9) Any Senate record created prior to July 1, 1993, which was so designated by the President on June 30, 1993, shall remain exempt from inspection and copying after July 1, 1993. Records held by joint committees, commissions or offices of the Legislature, that were jointly determined by the presiding officers of both houses to remain exempt from inspection and copying after July 1, 1993, remain exempt.

(10) For purposes of this Rule, "public record" means all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, or other material, regardless of physical form or characteristics, made or received pursuant to law or ordinance or in connection with the transaction of official business by the legislative branch.

(11) All records, research, information, remarks, and staff work products, made or received during or in preparation for a closed meeting of a select committee, committee, or subcommittee, shall be confidential and exempt from inspection and copying for a period of 30 days after the closed meeting, at which time they will automatically become legislative public records open to inspection and copying, unless the confidentiality and the prohibition against inspection and copying has, within the 30-day period, been extended by the President of the Senate. Unless the above-listed confidential and exempt items have been earlier released by operation of this Rule, they shall automatically become available for public inspection and copying five years after the date of the closed meeting, unless this confidentiality and exemption is further extended by the President of the Senate for subsequent five-year periods.

RULE TWOCOMMITTEES, OFFICERS, MEMBERS,
VOTING, MOTIONS, DECORUM, AND DEBATE**PART ONE—COMMITTEES—ORGANIZATION, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES****2.1—Standing committees; standing subcommittees**

(1) Permanent standing committees and standing subcommittees, when created and designated by Rule of the Senate, shall exist and function both during and between sessions. The President shall appoint the membership of the standing committees and standing subcommittees, provided that each standing committee shall consist of not fewer than five (5) members.

- (a) Agriculture
- (b) Appropriations
 - 1. Subcommittee on Article V Implementation and Judiciary
 - 2. Subcommittee on Criminal Justice
 - 3. Subcommittee on Education
 - 4. Subcommittee on General Government
 - 5. Subcommittee on Health and Human Services
 - 6. Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development
- (c) Banking and Insurance
- (d) Children and Families
- (e) Commerce, Economic Opportunities, and Consumer Services
- (f) Communication and Public Utilities
- (g) Comprehensive Planning
- (h) Criminal Justice
- (i) Education
- (j) Ethics and Elections
- (k) Finance and Taxation
- (l) Governmental Oversight and Productivity
- (m) Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care
- (n) Home Defense, Public Security, and Ports
- (o) Judiciary
- (p) Military and Veterans' Affairs, Base Protection, and Spaceports
- (q) Natural Resources
- (r) Regulated Industries
- (s) Rules and Calendar
- (t) Transportation

(2) Each standing committee or the chair thereof may appoint a select subcommittee to study or investigate a specific matter falling within the jurisdiction of the standing committee or to consider a bill referred to it. The President of the Senate shall be promptly notified of the appointment of select subcommittees, their assignment, the time allowed for the assignment, and shall be notified on completion of the assignment. Select subcommittees shall be regulated by the Senate Rules regulating standing subcommittees, except that select subcommittees shall exist only for the time necessary to complete their assignments and report to their standing committees, and not to exceed thirty (30) days. The advisory reports by select subcommittees whether favorable or unfavorable shall be reviewed by the standing committee and accepted, amended, or rejected by majority vote of those committee members present.

2.2—Powers and responsibilities of committees

(1) Permanent standing committees and standing subcommittees are authorized:

- (a) To maintain a continuous review of the work of the state agencies concerned with their subject areas and the performance of the functions of government within each subject area;
- (b) To invite public officials, employees, and private individuals to appear before the committees or subcommittees to submit information;
- (c) To request reports from departments performing functions reasonably related to the committees' jurisdictions; and

(d) To complete the interim projects assigned by the President.

(2) In order to carry out its duties, each standing committee or standing subcommittee has the reasonable right and authority to inspect and investigate the books, records, papers, documents, data, operation, and physical plant of any public agency in this state.

(3) In order to carry out the committee's duties, the chair of each standing committee, standing subcommittee, and select committee may request the President to issue subpoenas, subpoenas duces tecum, and other necessary process to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of any books, letters, or other documentary evidence required by such committee. The President may issue said process at the request of the committee chair. Any member of a standing committee, standing subcommittee, or select committee may administer all oaths and affirmations, in the manner prescribed by law, to witnesses who appear before such committees to testify in any matter requiring evidence.

2.3—Committee reports

(1) Before a regular session of the Legislature convenes, each standing committee shall prepare a report of its findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation on its authorized interim projects, and file same with the President of the Senate and the Secretary of the Senate.

(2) Before a regular session of the Legislature convenes, each standing subcommittee shall prepare a report of its findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation on its authorized interim projects, and submit same to the chair of the standing committee for consideration by such committee.

(3) Within thirty (30) days following sine die adjournment of a regular session, each standing committee shall provide information on the public business assigned to it since the regular session of the preceding year.

2.4—Committee staffing

A committee shall be staffed with personnel, subject to guidelines and criteria authorized by the President. The staff shall be also subject to the pay and classification code of the Senate. The President may authorize joint utilization of personnel with the House of Representatives and may authorize the Senate to share in the cost.

2.5—Committee utilization of federal funds

No committee shall make application for or utilize federal funds, personnel, services, or facilities unless approval is obtained from the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

2.6—Notice of committee meetings

(1) Notice of meetings of standing committees, standing subcommittees, and select committees shall be published in the daily calendar. No committee shall consider any bill during the first fifty (50) days of any regular session until proper notice is published in the calendar for the two (2) legislative days preceding and the day of such committee meeting.

(2) Thereafter, meetings of standing committees, standing subcommittees, and select committees scheduled in accordance with Rule 2.9 may be held following an announcement by the chair of the committee or subcommittee or, in his or her absence, the vice-chair while the Senate is in session and the posting of a notice on a bulletin board in the public corridor leading to the Senate Chamber for at least four (4) hours in advance of the meeting.

(3) The chair of a committee or subcommittee, or in his or her absence, the vice-chair, shall provide the Secretary's office with written information concerning meetings that shall include the date, time, and place of the meeting together with the name of the introducer, short title, and number of each bill to be considered.

(4) At least seven (7) days prior to the meeting of a standing committee or standing subcommittee, while the Legislature is not in session, a notice of the meeting, stating the date, time, and place of the meeting together with the name of the introducer, short title, and number of each bill to be considered, shall be filed with the Secretary of the Senate. The Secretary shall give notice to the membership and the public.

2.7—Bills recommitted

(1) A bill reported by a standing committee without proper notice shall be recommitted to the committee reporting the same on the point of order being made within two (2) days after such report is printed in the Journal. The committee to which the bill is thus committed shall proceed to reconsider it and shall report on it as if originally referred.

(2) A bill reported by a standing subcommittee to its standing committee without proper notice shall be recommitted to the subcommittee reporting same on the point of order made during the standing committee meeting at which the bill was reported by the subcommittee. The subcommittee to which the bill is thus committed shall proceed to reconsider it and shall report on it as if originally referred.

2.8—Notice of meeting; publication

For publication in the daily calendar, notice of standing committee or standing subcommittee meetings shall be delivered to the Secretary's office in writing by 4:30 p.m. on the day preceding its intended publication. If such day is a Friday, delivery shall be by 2:30 p.m. Meeting notices shall appear in the daily calendar.

2.9—Committee meetings; committee meetings after fiftieth (50th) day

(1) Each standing committee and standing subcommittee shall consider the public business assigned to it as expeditiously as possible and proper. To facilitate this, the President shall group the standing committees and subcommittees to provide each with an opportunity to meet without conflicting with the meetings of other committees.

(2) The Committee on Rules and Calendar shall, with approval of the President, provide a schedule of days, hours, and places for the meeting of committees for the regular session and during the interim, and deliver a copy of same to each Senator. However, no committee shall meet before 7:00 a.m. nor meet or continue to meet after 7:00 p.m. This scheduling shall not limit the powers of the chair of a standing committee or subcommittee as provided in these Rules.

(3) Unless approved by the Committee on Rules and Calendar, no committee shall meet after the fiftieth (50th) day of any regular session except the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

2.10—When, where committees meet

Each committee or subcommittee, standing or select, shall meet in the place and within the time assigned for its use by the Committee on Rules and Calendar and notice of such assignment shall be posted by the Secretary of the Senate on a bulletin board provided for this purpose in the public corridor leading into the Senate Chamber. The committee chair may arrange with the Committee on Rules and Calendar for evening or other special meetings. No committee except the Committee on Rules and Calendar shall meet while the Senate is in session without the consent of the majority of the Senate present.

2.11—Attendance by sponsor of bill

The introducer of a bill shall attend the meeting of the committee before which such bill is noticed as provided in these Rules. Such introducer may discharge this duty by sending another legislator, his or her legislative assistant or committee staff member, or any other representative having written permission to speak for the bill. Unless a majority of the committee members present shall decide otherwise, bills shall be considered when reached on the committee agenda notwithstanding the absence of the sponsor or anyone authorized by these Rules to appear on his or her behalf.

2.12—Order of business

(1) Bills shall be considered in the order appearing in the notice required by these Rules, except that the chair may, in his or her sole discretion, consider a bill out of its order to accommodate the presence of a Senator or Representative who is the prime introducer thereof.

(2) A bill shall be considered out of its order on the committee agenda on unanimous consent of those committee members present obtained in the following manner: Prior to consideration of the motion, the Senator moving for unanimous consent of those committee members present shall orally give the committee not less than fifteen (15) minutes' notice

of the Senator's intention to move and shall specify the number of the bill. On the entertainment of the motion, the moving Senator shall be allowed one (1) minute to explain his or her purpose, and unanimous consent of those committee members present shall be given or refused without further debate.

2.13—Open meetings

All committee meetings shall be open to the public, subject always to the powers and authority of the chair to maintain order and decorum. If any matter is reported on the basis of a poll of the committee, such matters shall be referred to such committee on a point of order made prior to final passage thereof.

2.14—Time for consideration of bills

(1) A bill that has been introduced and referred to committee can be removed only on motion of the sponsor and by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present in session. However, any bill that has been in committee fifteen (15) legislative days or more without an extension of time having been granted may be removed from committee on motion of the sponsor. Such motion, when made, shall carry over for a period of five (5) legislative days to give the committee of reference time to meet. Failure of the committee to meet and consider such bill within said time will permit the sponsor of the bill to remove it from committee on a point of order, providing no bill may be thus withdrawn from the Committee on Appropriations during the first thirty (30) days of a regular session.

(2) Except by unanimous consent of those Senators present in session, no bill shall be considered by the Senate after the fiftieth (50th) day of a regular session if the bill or a companion measure has not been first reported favorably by at least one (1) Senate committee.

2.15—Standing committee duties in deliberation

(1) It shall be the duty of standing committees to report all matters referred to them either:

- (a) Favorably,
- (b) Favorably with committee amendment(s),
- (c) Favorably with committee substitute as defined in these Rules, or
- (d) Unfavorably.

The vote of the members of a standing committee or subcommittee on final passage of any measure shall be recorded. Upon the request of any two (2) members of a committee or subcommittee the vote on any other matter, properly before the committee, shall be recorded. After such report has been received by the Secretary, no matter so reported shall be recommitted to a committee except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present in session.

(2) Such reports shall also reflect:

- (a) The time and place of the meeting at which the action was taken, and
- (b) The vote of each member of the committee on the motion to report each bill or resolution.

A bill filed for introduction by a committee shall be accompanied by such report. The Secretary shall enter in the Journal the action of the committee, but shall not include that portion of the report relating to the time and place of the meeting or the vote of each member on the motion to report a measure. Reports of committees shall be preserved pursuant to law.

(3) In reporting a Senate measure, a standing committee may draft a new measure embracing the same general subject matter, to be returned to the Senate with the recommendation that the substitute be considered in lieu of the original measure (or measures). Proposed substitutes shall be filed with the committee administrative assistant no less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to any committee meeting at which a recommendation of the substitute is adopted unless the substitute is merely a combination of the noticed bill(s) and amendments offered in compliance with Rule 2.39. Copies of substitutes shall be furnished to committee members' offices immediately upon filing with the committee administrative assistant, and made reasonably available by the committee administrative assistant before the meeting, upon request, to the members of the committee and to the public. The substitute measure must be accompanied by the original measure (or measures) referred to the committee and returned to the Secretary in the

same manner as a favorable report. No other standing committee of reference shall consider the original measure (or measures) but shall direct its attention to the substitute measure. A committee receiving a committee substitute from a prior committee of reference may also report a committee substitute and shall not be precluded from doing so with the substance of the bill (or bills) as originally introduced. When the original measure is reached on the calendar, the substitute shall be read a first (1st) time by title, the original proposition shall be automatically tabled, and the substitute considered in lieu of without motion. The substitute shall carry the identifying number (or numbers) of the original and shall be returned to the Secretary in the same number of copies required for first (1st) introduction of a similar measure. The name of the introducer of the original measure (or measures) shall be shown by the committee administrative assistant on the committee substitute unless the said introducer requests that it be omitted. A committee substitute may be co-sponsored by a Senator whose signature is affixed to the original. A Senate committee may not recommend a Senate committee substitute for a House bill.

(4) All standing committee reports shall be signed by the chair or, in his or her absence, the vice-chair and shall be filed with the Secretary's office as soon as practicable, but not later than 4:30 p.m. on the next legislative day except a committee drafting and recommending a committee substitute shall file such committee report no later than 4:30 p.m. of the second (2nd) legislative day. These reports must be accompanied by the original bill. Each report by a committee must set forth the identifying number of the measure; if amendments are proposed by the committee, the words "with amendments" shall follow the identifying number. Committee amendments shall be printed in full on proper forms, numbered serially, and attached to the measure. All measures reported unfavorably shall be laid on the table.

2.16—Standing subcommittee reports

(1) It shall be the duty of standing subcommittees to report all measures referred to them directly to the full standing committee, which shall promptly certify a copy to the Secretary of the Senate. The standing subcommittee shall report all measures either:

- (a) Favorably,
- (b) Favorably with committee amendment(s),
- (c) Favorably with committee substitute as defined in these Rules, or
- (d) Unfavorably.

(2) Such reports shall also reflect:

- (a) The time and place of the meeting at which the action was taken, and
- (b) The vote of each member of the subcommittee on the motion to report each bill or resolution.

(3) In reporting a bill to the full standing committee, a standing subcommittee may draft a new measure, embracing the same general subject matter, to be returned to the full standing committee with the recommendation that the substitute be considered in lieu of the original measure. The substitute measure must be accompanied by the original measure referred to the standing subcommittee and returned to the full standing committee in the same manner as a favorable report.

(4) All standing subcommittee reports shall be signed by the chair or, in the chair's absence, the vice-chair and shall be made on forms prescribed by the Secretary of the Senate. Each report by a standing subcommittee must set forth the identifying number of the measure; if amendments are proposed by the standing subcommittee, the words "with amendments" shall follow the identifying number. Standing subcommittee amendments shall be printed in full on proper forms, numbered serially, and attached to the measure.

(5) All bills reported unfavorably shall be laid on the table when the standing committee considers the standing subcommittee's report. On motion by any member of the committee, adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those standing committee members present, the same may be taken from the table. When a bill is thus removed from the table by a standing committee, it shall receive a hearing de novo and witnesses shall be permitted to testify.

(6) When a bill with a favorable report by a standing subcommittee is considered by the standing committee, no additional testimony shall be permitted except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those standing committee members present before final action is taken; however, debate by

members of the standing committee shall be allowed. This Rule shall also apply to reports on budgetary matters by the standing subcommittees of the Committee on Appropriations for inclusion in the general appropriations bill.

2.17—Quorum of committee

A committee or standing subcommittee is actually assembled only when a quorum constituting a majority of the members of that committee is present in person. No committee business of any type shall be conducted in the absence of a quorum. Any bill or resolution reported in violation of this Rule shall be recommitted by the President when it is called to the President's attention by a Senator.

2.18—Prefiled bills

(1) On receipt from the Secretary of each prefiled bill and if the President has not previously designated a standing subcommittee of reference, the chair of a committee shall either refer to a standing subcommittee, refer to a select committee as otherwise provided in these Rules, or place on the agenda for a meeting of the standing committee. In any event, the chair shall concurrently notify the Secretary of the Senate of his or her action on forms provided for such report. The chair of the standing subcommittee, select committee, or of the standing committee thus possessing jurisdiction of a prefiled bill shall, with the concurrence of the President, determine the time and place for the hearing during which such bill is to be considered and notify the Secretary as required by these Rules.

(2) Committees having jurisdiction of prefiled bills shall expedite the business of such committee and shall file reports as soon as practicable after each hearing, except that the Committee on Appropriations shall not be required to file such report of a prefiled bill defined in these Rules.

(3) A prefiled bill introduced solely by a Senator who will not be a Senator at the next regular session of the Legislature shall be reported unfavorably without notice or hearing.

2.19—Conference committee in deliberation

(1) All meetings of Senate conferees with House conferees at which the business of the conference committee is discussed shall be open to the public subject to proper order and decorum. A meeting of the Senate and House conferees is a meeting of the two groups, therefore, the rules governing each respective house apply. Meetings between a majority of the members of a conference committee may be held following a notice being filed with the Secretary of the Senate by or at the direction of the person calling the meeting, at least two (2) hours in advance of the meeting, and after the fiftieth (50th) day of a regular session and during a special session, not less than one (1) hour in advance of the meeting. The notice shall indicate the names of the conferees and scheduled participants, the date, the time, and the location of the meeting.

(2) Conference committees shall consider and report only on the differences existing between the Senate and the House, and no substance foreign to the bills before the conferees shall be included in the report or considered by the Senate.

(3) A conference committee may only report by recommending the adoption of a series of amendments to the House or Senate bill that was the subject of the conference, or it may offer an amendment deleting everything after the enacting clause of any such bill referred to the committee. Such amendments shall accompany the conference committee report, which shall be attached to the original measure submitted to conference. In any event the conference committee may recommend, as part of its report, the adoption or rejection of any or all of the amendments theretofore adopted by either House. Conference reports must be approved and signed by a majority of the managers on the part of each House. All final actions taken in conference committee shall be by motion.

(4) Each report shall contain a statement sufficiently explicit to inform the Senate of the effect of the report on the measure to which it relates.

(5) When any bill or joint resolution is referred by the President to a conference committee, a notice of the following meetings to discuss matters relating to the conference, stating the names of the conferees and scheduled participants, and the date, time, and place for the meeting, shall be filed with the Secretary of the Senate by or at the direction

of the person(s) at whose call the meeting is convened, not less than two (2) hours preceding the time for the meeting, and after the fiftieth (50th) day of a regular session and during a special session, not less than one (1) hour preceding the time for the meeting:

- (a) Meetings between the President (or a Senator designated to represent the President), the Governor, and the Speaker of the House (or a Representative designated to represent the Speaker);
- (b) Meetings between a majority of the members of any subcommittee of the conference committee;
- (c) Meetings between the President or any Senator(s) designated to represent the President and a conferee from the House of Representatives, or any meeting between a conferee from the Senate with the Speaker of the House of Representatives or any Representative(s) designated to represent the Speaker; and
- (d) Meetings of a majority of the Senate conferees; and when the bill or joint resolution that is the subject of the conference committee deals primarily with the general appropriations act or revenue matters, any meeting of three (3) or more conferees on the part of the Senate.

(6) Notice of meetings, as scheduled, between the chair of the Senate's conferees with the chair of the House's conferees, or between respective Senate and House subcommittee chair with each other, shall be posted on a bulletin board provided for this purpose in the public corridor leading to the Senate Chamber. In the case of the appropriations conference, said notice shall also be posted on a bulletin board outside the door of the office of the Committee on Appropriations.

(7) All meetings for which notice is required pursuant to this Rule shall be held in the Capitol, the Senate Office Building, the Knott Building, or the House Office Building, but shall not be held in the Chamber of either house while it is in session.

(8) When any bill or joint resolution is referred to a conference committee and the conferees on the part of the Senate report an inability to agree, no action of the Senate taken prior to such reference to a conference committee shall preclude further action on the measure as the Senate may determine.

(9) After Senate conferees have been appointed for seven (7) calendar days and have failed to make a report, it is a motion of the highest privilege to move to discharge said conferees and to appoint new conferees, or to instruct said conferees, and this motion shall have precedence over all other questions except motions to adjourn and questions of privilege. Further, during the last six (6) calendar days allowed under the *State Constitution* for any regular session, it shall be a privileged motion to move to discharge, appoint, or instruct Senate conferees after the Senate conferees have been appointed thirty-six (36) hours without having made a report.

PART TWO—COMMITTEES—OFFICERS

2.20—Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair

A chair and a vice-chair of each standing committee shall be appointed by the President preceding the regular session held each odd-numbered year and shall continue in office at the pleasure of the President. The President shall also appoint a chair for each standing subcommittee and select committee authorized by these Rules and may designate a vice-chair, both of whom shall continue in office at the pleasure of the President.

2.21—Calling committee to order

The chair or, in the chair's absence, the vice-chair, shall call the committee to order at the hour provided by these Rules. On the appearance of a quorum the committee shall proceed with the order of business. Any member of the committee may question the existence of a quorum. No committee business of any type shall be conducted in the absence of a quorum.

2.22—Chair's control

The chair or vice-chair shall preserve order and decorum and shall have general control of the committee room. If there is a disturbance or disorderly conduct in the committee room, the chair or vice-chair may require participants in the disturbance to clear the room.

2.23—Chair's authority; appeals

The chair shall sign all notices, vouchers, subpoenas or reports required or permitted by these Rules. The chair shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal by any Senator, and the appeal shall be certified by the chair to the Senate for a decision by the President during the daily session of the Senate next following such certification. The ruling shall be entered in the Journal, shall constitute binding precedent on all committees of the Senate, and shall be subject to appeal as any other question. The chair may, or on the vote of a majority of the committee members present shall, certify a question of parliamentary procedure to the President as contemplated by the Rule without a formal appeal. Such a certified question shall be disposed of by the President as if it had been on appeal. The perfection of an appeal or the certification of a question pursuant to this Rule shall not constitute an automatic stay to further legislative action on the measure under consideration.

2.24—Chair, Vice-Chair; vote

The chair and vice-chair shall vote on all matters before such committee. The name of the chair shall be called last.

2.25—Temporary alternate to Chair

The chair may name any member of the committee to perform the duties of the chair if such substitution shall not extend beyond such meeting. In the chair's absence and/or omission to make such appointment, the vice-chair shall act during his or her absence.

2.26—Vice-Chair's duties

On the death, incapacitation, or resignation of the chair, the vice-chair shall perform the duties of the office until the President shall appoint a successor. In the absence of the chair, the vice-chair shall act as chair.

PART THREE—COMMITTEES—MEMBERS

2.27—Members' attendance, voting, proxy

(1) Every member of a committee shall be in attendance during each of its meetings, unless excused or necessarily prevented, and shall vote on each question except that no member of a committee shall be required or permitted to vote on any question immediately concerning that member's private rights as distinct from the public interest.

(2) The chair may excuse any Senator for just cause from attendance at meetings of his or her committee for any stated period, and this excused absence shall be noted on the committee's records.

(3) Failure to attend two (2) consecutive regular meetings, unless excused from attendance in the Senate on those days as provided in these Rules or by the chair of the committee, shall constitute automatic withdrawal from the committee.

(4) No member of any committee shall be allowed to vote by proxy. A majority of all the committee members present shall agree by their votes on the disposition of any bill or other matter considered by the committee.

PART FOUR—COMMITTEES—VOTING

2.28—Taking the vote

(1) The chair shall declare all votes and shall cause same to be entered on the records of the committee, but if any member questions a vote, then by a show of hands by two (2) members the chair shall count the yeas and nays. When the committee shall be equally divided, the question shall be lost.

(2) A Senator may request to:

- (a) Change his or her vote, or
- (b) Vote

before the results of a roll call are announced. After the results have been announced, a Senator with unanimous consent of those committee members present may change his or her vote or vote. If the vote alters the final action of the committee, no change of vote or vote shall be valid until the measure has been recalled to the committee for further consideration. On request of a member prior to consideration of other business, the chair shall order a verification of a vote.

2.29—Pairing prohibited

No pairing shall be permitted by the committee.

2.30—Casting vote for another

No Senator shall cast a vote for another Senator, nor shall any person not a Senator cast a vote for a Senator. In addition to such penalties as may be prescribed by law, any Senator who shall vote or attempt to vote for another Senator may be punished as the Senate may deem proper. Also, any person not a Senator who shall vote in the place of a Senator shall be excluded from the committee for the remainder of the session.

2.31—Explanation of vote

No Senator shall be permitted to defer or explain his or her vote during a roll call, but may submit his or her explanation in writing and file it with the chair. This explanation shall be kept as part of the committee record and a copy filed with the Secretary of the Senate.

PART FIVE—COMMITTEES—MOTIONS AND PRECEDENCE

2.32—Motions; how made, withdrawn

Every motion may be made orally. On request of the chair, a Senator shall submit his or her motion in writing. After a motion has been stated or read by the chair, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the committee without a second, and shall be disposed of by vote of the committee members present. The mover may withdraw a motion, except a motion to reconsider, at any time before the same has been amended, or before a vote shall have commenced.

2.33—Motions; precedence

(1) When a question is under debate, the chair shall receive no motion except:

- (a) To rise
- (b) To take a recess
- (c) To reconsider
- (d) To limit debate
- (e) To temporarily postpone
- (f) To postpone to a day certain
- (g) To commit to a select subcommittee
- (h) To amend

which shall have precedence in the descending order given.

(2) The chair shall propound all questions in the order in which they are moved unless the subsequent motion be previous in nature.

(3) When a motion is under consideration, but prior to the commencement of the vote, a substitute motion shall be in order. Only one (1) substitute shall be considered and the substitute shall be in the same order of precedence.

2.34—Division of question

A Senator may call for a division of a question when the sense will admit of it. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible; a motion to strike out, being lost, shall neither preclude amendment nor a motion to strike out and insert.

2.35—Reconsideration generally

When a question has been decided by a committee, any Senator voting with the prevailing side may move for reconsideration of the question. Also when a question has been decided by voice vote, any member, during the meeting at which the vote was taken, may so move. Such motion may be made pending a motion to rise or if the time of adjournment has arrived. Consideration of a motion to reconsider shall be a special and continuing order of business for the succeeding committee meeting, and, unless considered during such meeting, shall be considered abandoned. If the committee shall refuse to consider or, upon consideration, shall confirm its first decision, no further motion to reconsider shall be in order except upon unanimous consent of those committee members present. During the last fourteen (14) days of a regular session, a motion to reconsider shall be made and considered during the meeting at which the original vote was taken.

2.36—Reconsideration; vote required

The affirmative votes of a majority of the committee members present shall be required to adopt a motion to reconsider.

2.37—Reconsideration; debate allowed

Debate shall be allowed on a motion to reconsider only when the question is debatable. When debate on a motion to reconsider is in order, no Senator shall speak thereon more than once nor longer than five (5) minutes.

2.38—Reconsideration; collateral matters

A motion to reconsider a collateral matter must be disposed of during the course of the consideration of the main subject to which it is related, and such motion shall be out of order after the committee has passed to other business.

PART SIX—COMMITTEES—AMENDMENTS

2.39—Amendments and proposed committee substitutes; form, notice, manner of consideration

(1) No amendment or proposed committee substitute to any measure on any committee agenda, which was prepared prior to the committee meeting at which it is offered, shall be considered by that committee unless the amendment or proposed committee substitute was filed with the committee administrative assistant at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the noticed meeting time. For the purpose of this rule, office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Copies of such amendment or proposed committee substitute shall be made reasonably available by the committee administrative assistant before the meeting to the members of the committee and to the public.

- (a) Subsequent to distribution of all timely filed amendments and proposed committee substitutes, additional amendments may be filed to any measure to which an amendment was timely filed. Such amendments may be filed with the committee administrative assistant until two (2) hours prior to the noticed meeting time.
- (b) After the first fifty (50) days of any regular session, an amendment or proposed committee substitute to any measure prepared prior to a committee meeting at which it is offered shall be filed with the committee administrative assistant at least two (2) hours prior to the noticed meeting time.
- (c) The consideration of any amendment or proposed committee substitute not timely filed in accordance with this rule, including any filed during a committee meeting in which it is to be offered, requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those committee members present. These time requirements do not apply to a committee's recommendation during a meeting to make a committee substitute which is merely a combination of the noticed bill(s) and amendments.

(2) Amendments shall be filed on forms prescribed by the Secretary but shall be considered only after sponsors, who are members of the committee, gain recognition from the chair to move their adoption. An amendment shall be deemed pending only after its sponsor has been recognized by the chair and has moved its adoption. Amendments that have been filed but have not been formally moved for adoption shall not be deemed to be pending. No proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

2.40—Sequence of amendments to amendments

(1) An amendment to a pending amendment may be received, but until it is disposed of, no other motion to amend will be in order, except a substitute amendment or an amendment to the substitute. Such amendments are to be disposed of in the following order:

- (a) Amendments to the amendment are acted on before the substitute is taken up.
- (b) Amendments to the substitute are next voted on.
- (c) The substitute then is voted on.

(2) The adoption of a substitute amendment in lieu of an original amendment shall be treated and considered as an amendment to the bill itself.

2.41—Deleting everything after enacting clause

A proposal to delete everything after the enacting clause, or the resolving clause of a bill or resolution, and insert new matter of the same general subject as stated in the original title shall be deemed proper and germane and shall be treated as an amendment.

2.42—Amendment by section

The adoption of an amendment to a section shall not preclude further amendment of that section. If a bill or resolution is being considered section by section or item by item, only amendments to the section or item under consideration shall be in order. The chair, in recognizing Senators for the purpose of moving the adoption of amendments, shall endeavor to cause all amendments to section 1 to be considered first, then all those in section 2, and so on. After all sections have been considered separately, the whole bill shall be open for amendment.

2.43—Senate amendments to House bills

A House bill may be amended in the same manner as a Senate bill.

2.44—Amendments by another committee

Amendments recommended by all committees of reference shall accompany a bill when filed with the Secretary. No committee shall physically remove an amendment by another committee but may recommend an amendment to an amendment, or a substitute for an amendment, by another committee. Amendments adopted by a committee to be incorporated in a committee substitute need not be filed.

PART SEVEN—COMMITTEES—DECORUM AND DEBATE**2.45—Decorum and debate**

When a Senator desires to speak or deliver a matter to the committee, the Senator shall address himself or herself to "Mr. or Madam Chair" and, on being recognized, may address the committee and shall confine himself or herself to the question under debate, avoiding personality. A Senator shall not address or refer to another Senator by his or her first name. A Senator shall use the appellation of Senator or such appellation and the surname of the Senator referred to or addressed.

2.46—Chair's power to recognize

When two (2) or more Senators speak at once, the chair shall name the Senator who is to be first recognized.

2.47—Interruptions; when allowed

(1) No Senator shall be interrupted by another without the consent of the Senator who has the floor, except by:

- (a) Rising to a question of privilege;
- (b) Rising to a point of order requiring an immediate ruling;
- (c) Rising to appeal a decision of the chair concerning a point of order (if the appeal is made immediately following the decision);
- (d) Rising to make a parliamentary inquiry requiring an immediate reply; or
- (e) Rising to question the existence of a quorum.

(2) The chair shall strictly enforce this Rule.

2.48—Speaking rights

(1) When a member is speaking and another member interrupts to request recognition, the chair may permit the person rising to state why he or she desires the floor. If the question the member desires to raise is entitled to precedence, the member originally speaking shall relinquish the floor until the question having precedence is disposed of. The member is then entitled to resume the floor.

(2) The member making a debatable motion or the primary introducer of a bill, whether or not a member of the committee, shall have five (5) minutes in order to close debate.

2.49—Time for debate

No Senator shall speak longer than ten (10) minutes without yielding the floor, except by consent of a majority of those committee members present.

2.50—Limitation on debate

When a measure is under debate by the committee, a Senator may move to limit debate, and the motion shall be decided without debate. The introducer of the measure shall have five (5) minutes to discuss the motion, and the introducer may divide such time with, or waive it in favor of, some other member. If the question is decided in the affirmative by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those committee members present, the debate shall be limited accordingly. The time allotted by such limitation shall be apportioned by the chair.

2.51—Priority of business

All questions relating to the priority of business shall be acted on and shall be decided without debate.

2.52—Questioning right to vote

A point of order questioning the right of a member to vote on account of interest may be raised after the vote has been recorded and before the result is announced.

2.53—Appeals

The proper method of taking exception to a ruling of the chair is by appeal. An appeal from a decision of the chair must be made promptly before debate has concluded or other business has intervened. A point of order on any other question is not in order while an appeal is pending, but a point of order relating to the appeal may be raised; if the determination of the appeal is dependent on this point, it may be decided by the chair. This second (2nd) decision is also subject to appeal.

2.54—Appeals debatable

An appeal from a decision of the chair on a point of order is debatable even though the question from which it arose was not debatable.

RULE THREE**BILLS, RESOLUTIONS, AND MEMORIALS****3.1—Form of bills**

(1) All bills shall contain a proper title, as defined in Article III, Section 6 of the *State Constitution*, and the enacting clause, "Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida." The title of each bill shall be prefaced by the words, "A bill to be entitled An act." Standard rules of capitalization shall apply.

(2) The original must be backed in a folder-jacket signed by the sponsor(s). On these jackets shall be inscribed the name and district number of the introducer and any co-introducers or the introducing committee and its chair, enough of the title for identification.

(3) Bills that propose to amend existing provisions of the *Florida Statutes* (as described in section 11.242, *Florida Statutes*) or the *Laws of Florida* shall contain the full text of the section, subsection, or paragraph to be amended. Joint resolutions that propose to amend the *State Constitution* shall contain the full text of the section to be amended.

(4) In general bills and joint resolutions that propose to create or amend existing provisions of the *Florida Statutes*, *Laws of Florida*, or the *State Constitution*, new words shall be inserted underlined, and words to be deleted shall be lined through with hyphens, except that the text of the General Appropriations Act shall not be underlined.

(5) When the change in language is so general that the use of these procedures would hinder, rather than assist, the understanding of the amendment, it shall not be necessary to use the coded indicators of words added or deleted but, in lieu thereof, a notation similar to the following shall be inserted immediately preceding the text of the provision being amended: "Substantial rewording of section. See s. [number], F.S., for present text." When such notation is used, the notation as well as the substantially reworded text shall be underlined.

(6) The words to be deleted and the above-described indicators of such words and of new material are for information and guidance and shall not be considered to constitute a part of the bill under consideration.

(7) Section catchlines of existing text shall not be typed with underlining.

3.2—Bills for introduction

A bill may not be introduced until properly filed with the Secretary of the Senate.

3.3—Form of local bills

As required by Article III, Section 10 of the *State Constitution*, all local bills must either embody provision for ratifying referenda (stated in the title as well as in the text of the bill) or be accompanied by an affidavit of proper advertisement. Forms of affidavit may be obtained from the Secretary of the Senate. All local bills that require publication shall, when introduced, have proof of publication securely attached to the original copy of the bill and the words "Proof of Publication Attached" clearly typed or stamped on the Senate side of the bill jacket or cover, or the same shall be rejected by the Secretary.

3.4—Form of joint resolutions

All joint resolutions shall contain a proper title, as defined in Article III, Section 6 of the *State Constitution*. Standard rules of capitalization shall apply. They shall contain the resolving clause, "Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:." Each joint resolution shall be prefaced by the words: "A joint resolution."

3.5—Form of memorials

All memorials shall contain a proper title, as defined in Article III, Section 6 of the *State Constitution*. Standard rules of capitalization shall apply. They shall contain the resolving clause, "Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:."

3.6—Form of resolutions; Senate and concurrent

(1) All Senate resolutions and all concurrent resolutions shall contain a proper title, as defined in Article III, Section 6 of the *State Constitution*. Standard rules of capitalization shall apply. Senate resolutions shall read, "Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:." Concurrent resolutions shall read, "Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida, the House of Representatives Concurring:."

(2) Only the Secretary of the Senate shall prepare copies of Senate resolutions that are to be furnished any person after the resolution's adoption.

3.7—Introduction during session

(1) To facilitate processing and committee referencing, all bills shall be filed for introduction with the Secretary of the Senate no later than 12:00 noon of the first (1st) day of the regular session.

(2) Between regular sessions of the Legislature, bills may be prefiled by delivery to the Secretary of the Senate.

3.8—Prefiled bills

(1) A prefiled bill complying with these Rules shall, in anticipation of the next regular session, be serially numbered in accordance with the permanent system required by these Rules. A bill received by the Secretary within three (3) weeks next preceding the convening of a regular session shall be numbered but otherwise withheld from the operation of this Rule. Such a bill shall be treated as if it had been delivered for introduction on the first (1st) day of the succeeding regular session.

(2) The Secretary shall deliver each such numbered bill to the President for reference to a committee or committees pursuant to these Rules. The Secretary shall promptly forward each referenced bill to the first (1st) or only committee of reference. A copy of each prefiled bill shall be provided each Senator. The Secretary shall mail regularly to each Senator a calendar of all prefiled bills, including the referencing data for each bill, and of all committee hearings, including the bills noticed for hearing by each.

(3) After having been considered by a committee and a report made to the Secretary at least seven (7) days preceding a regular session, each bill shall be introduced and read on the first (1st) day thereof, pursuant to the *State Constitution*, *Laws of Florida*, and these Rules. The Journal

shall reflect the committee reference and the report of the committee. All requirements for the referencing of bills to and the consideration of bills by Senate committees shall be deemed to have been met and discharged if the jurisdictional requirements of this Rule have been complied with as to each of such bills.

(4) If a committee fails to deliver its report of a prefiled bill prior to seven (7) days next preceding the convening of a regular session or, if a prefiled bill has received a reference to more than one (1) committee and fewer than all considered such bill, the committee or committees failing to so report and the committee or committees having failed to discharge their jurisdiction of a bill shall conduct hearings and file reports during the regular session as if such bill had not been prefiled.

(5) Notwithstanding these Rules, a Senator may, during the day of introduction of prefiled bills, but no later than under the Order of Business of "Motions Relating to Committee Reference" on the second (2nd) legislative day on which the Senate meets, move for reference to a different committee or for removal from a committee. This motion may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present.

3.9—Printed copies of bills

When introduced, bills, not local in application, and joint resolutions (including committee bills and committee substitute bills) shall be printed by the Secretary for the information of the Senate and the public. The absence of a printed copy shall not delay the progress of a measure at any stage of the legislative process. Sufficient copies of the general appropriations bill proposed to be introduced by the Committee on Appropriations shall be made available to the members and, upon request, to the public, at the office of the Secretary of the Senate and at the committee's office, no less than two (2) hours prior to the time the Committee on Appropriations meets to consider the proposed committee bill.

3.10—Identification of bills

Bills and other measures requiring legislative action shall be introduced in the order they are received at the desk of the Secretary. They shall be serially numbered with even numbers as introduced, without differentiation in number as to type. The Secretary shall mark the original copy of each measure to ensure its identification, and each page thereof, as the item introduced in order to prevent unauthorized or improper substitutions. This identification may be made by any device to accomplish the purpose of this Rule. Such device shall be in the custody of the Secretary, and its use by any person not authorized by this Rule is prohibited.

3.11—Companion measures

When a Senate bill is reached on the calendar of the Senate for consideration, either on second (2nd) or third (3rd) reading, and there is also pending on the calendar of the Senate a companion measure already passed by the House, it shall be in order to move that the House companion measure be substituted and considered in lieu of the Senate measure. Such motion may be adopted by a majority vote of those Senators present, provided the House measure is on the same reading; otherwise, the motion shall be to waive the Rules by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present and read such House measure. A companion measure shall be substantially the same and identical as to specific intent and purpose as the measure for which it is being substituted. At the moment the Senate passes the House companion measure, the original Senate measure shall be regarded as automatically tabled. Recommitment of a Senate bill shall automatically carry with it any House companion measure then on the calendar.

3.12—Introducers of bills

Bills shall be introduced by a Senator or group of Senators whose signature or signatures are affixed to the original, or by any committee with the name of the committee and the signature of the chair of the committee affixed to the original. A bill introduced by a committee may be co-sponsored by any Senator whose signature is affixed to the original. The general appropriations bill shall be introduced by the Committee on Appropriations.

3.13—Fiscal notes

(1) Upon being favorably reported by a standing committee, all general bills or joint resolutions affecting revenues, expenditures, or fiscal

liabilities of state or local governments shall be accompanied by a fiscal note. Fiscal notes shall reflect the estimated increase or decrease in revenues or expenditures. The estimated economic impact, which calculates the present and future fiscal implications of the bill or joint resolution, must be considered. The fiscal note shall not express opinion relative to the merits of the measure, but may identify technical or mechanical defects.

(2) Fiscal notes on those bills affecting any state retirement system shall be prepared after consultation with an actuary who is a member of the Society of Actuaries and the cooperation of appropriate state agencies for necessary data shall be solicited.

(3) Fiscal notes shall be regarded as memoranda of factual information and shall be made available to members of the Senate.

(4) If a bill or joint resolution is reported favorably by a committee without a fiscal note or economic impact statement, as defined in this Rule, a Senator may at any time raise a point of order, and the President shall order return of the bill or joint resolution to the committee. A fiscal note prepared for a Senate bill or joint resolution shall be presumed as prepared also for its House companion for the purposes of point of order.

RULE FOUR

ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CALENDAR

4.1—Sessions of the Senate

The Senate shall meet pursuant to a schedule adopted by the Committee on Rules and Calendar and approved by the President. This schedule shall set forth hours to convene and adjourn. The Senate shall not meet before 7:00 a.m. nor meet or continue to meet after 7:00 p.m.

4.2—Quorum

A majority of the Senate shall constitute a quorum, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day and compel the attendance of absent members, in such manner and under such penalties as it may prescribe. A Senator at any time may question the existence of a quorum.

4.3—Daily Order of Business

- (1) The Daily Order of Business shall be as follows:
 - (a) Roll Call
 - (b) Prayer
 - (c) Reports of Committees
 - (d) Motions Relating to Committee Reference
 - (e) Messages from the Governor and Other Executive Communications
 - (f) Messages from the House of Representatives
 - (g) Matters on Reconsideration
 - (h) Consideration of Bills on Third (3rd) Reading
 - (i) Special Order as determined by the Committee on Rules and Calendar
 - (j) Consideration of Bills on Second (2nd) Reading
 - (k) Correction and approval of Journal
- (2) The Secretary of the Senate shall prepare and distribute, on each legislative day, a calendar corresponding to the Daily Order of Business; and within each order of business, matters shall be considered in the order in which they appear on such daily calendar. Local bills may be omitted from the formal calendar and may be distributed to Senators by the Secretary separately.
- (3) Certain messages from the House of Representatives may be withheld from the Daily Order of Business pursuant to Rule 1.18 or on order of the President.
- (4) On the first (1st) legislative day of each week the Daily Order of Business shall include, after prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
- (5) First (1st) reading of bills shall be accomplished by publication of the title thereof in the Journal pursuant to Article III, Section 7 of the *State Constitution*.

4.4—Committee of the Whole

By a majority vote of those Senators present, the Senate may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole and, when thus constituted, may consider any question whether formally introduced in the Senate or not. The Senate may, however, restrict the subject matter to be considered by the Committee of the Whole, or its jurisdiction, by resolving itself into a Committee of the Whole for a specific and limited purpose. The President shall preside and maintain order and decorum. The Rules of the Senate applicable to standing committees shall govern when applicable. The Committee of the Whole may consider and report, by majority vote of those committee members present, on any bill or question not formally introduced in the Senate and any bill on which all standing committees of reference have rendered a favorable report. A bill on which committee action has been taken by the committee or committees of reference or on which an unfavorable committee report has been filed may be considered only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those committee members present. Such vote shall also be required to favorably report any such bill to the Senate. A bill thus originating in a Committee of the Whole shall, when introduced as contemplated by the *State Constitution*, receive no further reference to committee. A favorable report by a Committee of the Whole on a bill having theretofore received an unfavorable report by a standing committee of reference shall not have the effect of withdrawing such bill from the table. Consideration by the Senate of such a bill shall be preceded by the adoption of the appropriate motion during a session of the Senate. Bills considered by a Committee of the Whole shall be read once, debated, amended, and acted on as a standing committee function. The body of a bill formally introduced shall not be interlined or defaced, but all amendments denoting the page and line shall be entered on a separate paper by the Secretary of the Committee of the Whole. The same shall be agreed to by the Committee, and the report filed as otherwise provided in these Rules for committee reports. After report, the bill or other matter may be again debated and shall be subject to be again amended by the Senate. The quorum for a Committee of the Whole shall be the same as for the Senate, and when the Committee of the Whole shall rise, the roll shall be called to ascertain the presence of a quorum of the Senate.

4.5—Conference committee report

- (1) The report of a committee of conference appointed pursuant to Rule 1.5 shall be read to the Senate on two (2) consecutive legislative days, and on the completion of the second (2nd) reading the vote shall be on the adoption or rejection thereof and final passage of the measure as recommended. During the last five (5) days of a regular session the report shall be read only once. Copies of conference committee reports shall be available to the membership twelve (12) hours prior to the time such report is scheduled to be taken up on the Senate floor.
- (2) The report must be acted on as a whole, being adopted or rejected, and each report shall include a statement sufficiently explicit to inform the Senate of the effect of the report on the measure to which it relates.
- (3) Except when the Senate is voting on a proposition, reports of committees of conference shall always be in order.

4.6—Reference generally; final days for introduction of bills and resolutions

- (1) All bills, including those that are strictly local in nature and those prefiled in accordance with these Rules, shall be referred by the President to appropriate committees or standing subcommittees.
- (2) Bills received by the President during a regular session and within three (3) weeks next preceding the convening of a regular session shall be referred within seven (7) days. Upon failure of the President to reference such bills within this limitation, they shall be referred to committees as may be recommended by the sponsor. In the event of extended absence of the President or the President's disability or incapacity, the President Pro Tempore shall assume the duty of referring bills.
- (3) If the President has not previously designated a standing subcommittee of reference, the chair of the standing committee shall promptly determine whether such measure shall initially be considered by the full committee, a standing subcommittee, or a select subcommittee appointed by the chair. The chair, in referring a bill to a subcommittee, shall specify the number of days available for consideration. If subreference is to a standing subcommittee, the chair of the standing com-

mittee shall promptly report this reference and the time allowed for consideration to the Secretary of the Senate on forms provided for the purpose.

(4) The reference of a bill that appears to be local in nature shall be to the Committee on Rules and Calendar to determine whether such measure is local in nature for reference purposes and whether it responds to the legal requirements of a local bill.

(5) A bill is local in nature for referencing purposes if it does not substantially alter a law of general application throughout the state and it either affects no more than one (1) county or relates to a special district that is located wholly within no more than two (2) counties.

(6) When the Committee on Rules and Calendar, through staff analysis, has determined that the bill is not local in nature for referencing purposes, the committee shall report such determination to the President of the Senate, who shall refer such bill to an appropriate standing committee for hearing. Such report shall be made within fifteen (15) legislative days from date of reference to the Committee on Rules and Calendar. When the Committee on Rules and Calendar, through staff analysis, has determined that a bill is local in nature for referencing purposes and that it responds to the legal requirements of a local bill, the bill shall be reported and referred to the calendar on local bills.

(7) All Senate bills filed for introduction after 12:00 noon on the first (1st) day of the regular session (except for the general appropriations bill, local bills, Senate resolutions, and joint resolutions) shall be referenced, but shall be withheld from the committee or committees of reference until after adjournment sine die of such session.

(8) A motion to waive this Rule shall be referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar for a hearing and its advisory recommendation as to the existence of an emergency reasonably compelling consideration of a bill notwithstanding this Rule and a recommendation shall be reported back to the Senate. The Secretary shall number them to provide identity and control until a permanent number can be affixed. These bills shall be known as prefiled bills and considered in accordance with these Rules.

4.7—Reference to more than one committee; effect

In case of multiple reference of a bill, it shall be considered by each committee separately in the order in which the multiple reference is made. However, if any committee to which the bill is referred makes an unfavorable report on said bill, that report shall be filed with the Senate and no further consideration given by other committees except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present. If a committee reports a bill favorably with committee substitute, other committee consideration shall be directed to the substitute and not to the original.

4.8—Reference of bills affecting appropriations, revenue, retirement, or county or municipal spending

All bills authorizing or substantially affecting appropriations shall be reviewed by the Committee on Appropriations or a standing subcommittee of that committee. All bills authorizing or substantially affecting tax revenue shall be reviewed by the Committee on Finance and Taxation. All bills substantially affecting a state-funded or state-administered retirement system shall be reviewed by the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Productivity. All bills which are affected by the provisions of Article VII, Section 18 of the *State Constitution* shall be reviewed by the Committee on Comprehensive Planning. A bill that is amended to substantially affect appropriations or tax revenue, a state retirement program, or expenditures or revenues as set forth in Article VII, Section 18 of the *State Constitution* shall, before being placed before the Senate for final passage, be reviewed along with all amendments by the Committee on Appropriations or a standing subcommittee of that committee, by the Committee on Finance and Taxation, by the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Productivity, or by the Committee on Comprehensive Planning, as appropriate for review and recommendation to the Senate, which review during the last ten (10) days of a regular session shall be accomplished within twenty-four (24) hours.

4.9—Reference of resolutions

All resolutions shall be referred by the President to a standing committee, except resolutions on Senate organization, resolutions of condolence and commemoration that are of a statewide nonpolitical significance, or concurrent resolutions recalling a bill from the Governor's

office. These may be considered on motion and adopted at time of introduction without reference, except that resolutions of condolence or commemoration that are of a statewide nonpolitical significance, may be shown as introduced, read, and adopted by publication in full in the Journal.

4.10—Reference to different committee or removal

(1) When the President has referred a bill, the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Calendar may move for reference to a different committee or for removal from any committee after the sponsor of the bill has filed a card with the Rules Chair signed by the chair of the affected committee and the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Calendar. This motion may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present.

(2) The Chair of the Committee on Appropriations may move to withdraw a bill from that committee provided the bill has been reported favorably by a standing subcommittee and a card requesting such withdrawal has been filed with the committee by the sponsor and approved by the chair. This motion may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present, and shall have the effect of the bill having been reported favorably by the Committee on Appropriations as recommended by the subcommittee.

4.11—Papers of miscellaneous nature

Papers of a miscellaneous nature addressed to the Senate may, at the discretion of the President, be read, noted in the Journal, or filed with an appropriate committee. When there is a demand to read a paper other than one on which the Senate is called to give a final vote and the same is objected to by any Senator, it shall be determined by a majority vote of those Senators present.

4.12—Reading of bills and joint resolutions

Each bill or joint resolution shall receive three (3) separate readings on three (3) separate days previous to a vote on final passage unless decided otherwise by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present as provided in Article III, Section 7 of the *State Constitution*.

4.13—Reading of concurrent resolutions and memorials

Each concurrent resolution or memorial shall receive two (2) separate readings on two (2) separate days previous to a voice vote on adoption, unless decided otherwise by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present. If the reading on the second (2nd) day is dispensed with by this waiver, the concurrent resolution or memorial may be read the second (2nd) time by title only.

4.14—Reading of Senate resolutions

On introduction each Senate resolution shall be read by title only and shall be read an additional time in full before the question is put on adoption by voice vote, except that resolutions of condolence or commemoration that are of a statewide nonpolitical significance may be shown as introduced, read, and adopted by publication in full in the Journal.

4.15—Referral or postponement on third (3rd) reading

On the third (3rd) reading of a bill or joint resolution, it shall not be referred or committed (except to the Committee on Appropriations) or amended (except a corrective or title amendment) except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present, nor shall the vote on passage be postponed to a day certain without the consent of a majority of those Senators present.

4.16—Consideration out of regular order

A bill shall be considered out of regular order on the calendar on unanimous consent of those Senators present obtained in the following manner: Prior to the consideration of the motion, the Senator moving for unanimous consent of those Senators present shall orally give the membership not less than fifteen (15) minutes' notice of his or her intention to move and shall specify the number of the bill or joint resolution and its position on the calendar. On entertainment of the motion, the moving Senator shall be allowed one (1) minute to explain his or her purpose, and unanimous consent of those Senators present shall be given or refused without further debate.

4.17—Special Order Calendar; Consent Calendar

(1) Commencing on the first (1st) day of a regular session of the Legislature permitted under the *State Constitution* and during any extension directed by the membership of the Legislature as permitted under the *State Constitution*, the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Calendar, the Vice-Chair of the Committee on Rules and Calendar, the Majority Leader, the Minority Leader, and two (2) other members of the committee designated by the chair shall on each day submit a Special Order Calendar determining the priority for consideration of bills. Except for the first (1st) day, each Special Order Calendar shall be for the second (2nd) succeeding legislative day on which the Senate meets, and this calendar may include bills that had been scheduled for Special Order on the previous legislative day. No other bills shall be considered until this Special Order Calendar has been completed by the Senate, except that any bill appearing on this calendar may be stricken by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present or any bill appearing on the general calendar of bills on second (2nd) or third (3rd) reading may be added to the end of the Special Order Calendar by the same vote. All bills set as Special Order for consideration at the same hour shall take precedence in the order in which they were given preference.

(2) A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present shall be required to establish a Special Order except as provided in this Rule. Notice of time and place for the establishment of the Special Order shall be published in the daily calendar; provided, during the last ten (10) days of each regular session notice of time and place may be given by announcement from the floor.

(3) The Committee on Rules and Calendar, with the approval of the President, may submit a Consent Bill Calendar to be held in conjunction with the Special Order Calendar. When such a day is designated, all bills appearing on the Consent Calendar shall be considered in their order of appearance. However, if an objection by any member shall cause such bill to be temporarily postponed, it retains its order on the regular calendar. A Senator may designate only a bill that he or she sponsors or a House bill for the Consent Calendar. A committee chair may designate a committee bill sponsored by his or her committee. All Consent Calendar bills must have appeared on the printed Senate calendar.

4.18—Calendar of local bills

Local bills shall be disposed of according to the calendar of bills of a local nature and shall be considered only at such time as determined by the Committee on Rules and Calendar or its designees and approved by the President.

4.19—Order after second (2nd) reading

The order of disposition of a bill that has been read the second (2nd) time shall be its reference to the engrossing clerk to be engrossed after all questions relative to it while on second (2nd) reading have been disposed of, and the same shall be immediately engrossed and placed on the calendar of bills on third (3rd) reading to be considered on some succeeding legislative day. No bill shall be committed to the engrossing clerk or placed on the calendar of bills on third (3rd) reading unless all motions relative to it and placed, by the President, before the Senate have been disposed of. Amendments filed with the Secretary, the adoption of which have not been formally moved, shall not be construed to be pending so as to deter such advancement. A bill shall be available for its third (3rd) reading when it has been read a second (2nd) time on a previous day and no motion left pending. Bills calendared for second (2nd) or third (3rd) reading shall not be considered on such reading until reached on the calendar and appropriately read to the Senate pursuant to order of the President.

4.20—Enrolling

The Secretary of the Senate shall be responsible for the enrolling of all bills. After enrollment, all bills shall be signed by the President and the Secretary and the enrolling report shall be published in the Journal.

4.21—Veto messages

As required by Article III, Section 8 of the *State Constitution*, if the originating house votes to re-enact a vetoed measure, whether in a regular or special session, and the other house does not consider or fails to re-enact the vetoed measure, no further consideration by either house at any subsequent session may be taken. If a vetoed measure is presented at a special session and the originating house does not consider it,

the measure will be available for consideration at any intervening special session and until the end of the next regular session. All veto messages shall be referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

4.81—Claim bills

(1) Claim bills are of two (2) types: excess judgment claims filed pursuant to section 768.28(5), *Florida Statutes*, and equitable claims filed without an underlying excess judgment.

(2) All claim bills shall be filed with the Secretary of the Senate on or before August 1 in order to be considered by the Senate during the next regular session, except that members elected to the Senate during a general election may have sixty (60) days from the date of that election to file a claim bill(s). Senators currently serving who are re-elected during a general election are not subject to the immediately preceding provision relating to sixty (60) days. A motion to introduce a claim bill notwithstanding the claim bill filing deadline, shall be referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar for a hearing and a determination as to the existence of an emergency reasonably compelling consideration of a claim bill notwithstanding the claim bill filing deadline. A House claim bill which does not have a Senate companion claim bill timely filed under this Rule shall not be considered by the Senate. Any motion to consider a House claim bill which does not have a timely filed Senate companion bill shall be referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar for a hearing and a determination as to the existence of an emergency reasonably compelling consideration of a claim bill notwithstanding the claim bill filing deadline. The determination by the Committee on Rules and Calendar shall be reported back to the Senate. Upon a determination by the committee that an emergency does exist, the motion may be considered by the Senate and must be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present.

(3) All claim bills shall be referred by the President to one (1) or more committees for review. If the President determines that a de novo hearing is necessary to determine liability, proximate cause, and damages, a Special Master shall conduct such hearing pursuant to reasonable notice. Discovery procedures shall be governed by the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure and the Florida Evidence Code, as applicable. The Special Master shall administer an oath to all witnesses, accept relevant documentary and tangible evidence properly offered, tape record the proceedings, and prepare a final report containing findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations no later than December 1. The report shall be signed by the Special Master who shall be available, in person, to explain his or her report to the committees and to the Senate.

(4) On receipt of the Special Master's report and recommendations, if any, the Secretary shall, under the President's initial reference, deliver each claim bill with the report attached, to the committee or committees of reference.

(5) Stipulations entered into by the parties are not binding on the Special Master, the Senate, or its committees.

(6) The hearing and consideration of a claim bill shall be held in abeyance until all available administrative and judicial remedies have been exhausted; except that the hearing and consideration of a claim that is still within the judicial or administrative systems may proceed where the parties have executed a written settlement agreement.

RULE FIVE

VOTING

5.1—Taking the yeas and nays

The President shall declare all votes, but, if five (5) Senators immediately question a vote by a show of hands, the President shall take the vote by yeas and nays or electronic roll call. When taking yeas and nays on any question, the electronic roll call system may be used and shall have the force and effect of a roll call taken as provided in these Rules. Also this system may be used to determine the presence of a quorum. When the Senate is ready to vote on a question requiring roll call and the vote is by electronic roll call, the President shall state: "The Secretary will unlock the machine and Senators prepare to vote." When sufficient time has elapsed for each Senator to vote, the President shall say: "Have all voted?" And, after a short pause, shall state: "The Secretary shall now lock the machine and record the vote." When the vote is completely recorded, the President shall announce the result to the

Senate; and the Secretary shall enter in the Journal the result. When the Senate is equally divided, the question shall be lost.

5.2—Change of vote

(1) After the result of the vote has been announced by the President, a Senator with unanimous consent of those Senators present may change his or her vote or vote on the measure except that no such change of vote or vote shall be valid where such vote would alter the final passage of the measure until the measure shall first have been recalled to the Senate for further consideration. Records of such requests shall be available at the Secretary's desk through the session. If no objections are raised before the close of the business that day, requests will be accepted.

(2) The original roll call shall not be altered, but late votes and change of votes shall be recorded under the original roll call in the Journal. On request of a Senator before considering other business, the President shall order a verification of a vote.

5.3—Casting vote for another

No Senator shall cast a vote for another Senator unless the Senator is present in the chamber area and requests the casting of said vote, nor shall a person not a Senator cast a vote for a Senator. In addition to such penalties as may be prescribed by law, a Senator who shall without such authorization vote or attempt to vote for another Senator may be punished as the Senate may deem proper. Also, a person not a Senator who shall vote wrongfully in the place of a Senator shall be excluded from the Chamber for the remainder of the session.

5.4—Pairing

(1) Pairing, a type of absentee voting by which a Senator who is excused from attendance agrees with a Senator who would have voted opposite the excused Senator, shall be permitted.

(2) The Senator in attendance shall not vote in the electronic roll call.

- (3) The pair vote form shall:
- (a) State the bill to which the pair applies,
 - (b) Indicate how both Senators would have voted,
 - (c) Be filed with the Secretary prior to the vote, and
 - (d) Be recorded in the Journal.

5.5—Explanation of vote

No Senator shall be permitted to explain his or her vote during a roll call but may submit his or her explanation in writing and file it with the Secretary. This explanation shall be entered in the Journal.

5.6—Election by ballot

In all cases of ballot, a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to an election. If, however, no one is elected on the first three (3) ballots, the names after the top two (2) in number of votes received on the third (3rd) tally shall be dropped, and the Senate shall ballot on the two (2) names remaining.

RULE SIX

MOTIONS AND PRECEDENCE

6.1—Motions; how made, withdrawn

Every motion may be made orally. On request of the President, a Senator shall submit his or her motion in writing. After a motion has been stated or read by the President, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Senate and, without a second, shall be disposed of by vote of the Senate. The mover may withdraw a motion, except a motion to reconsider, as hereinafter provided, at any time before the same has been amended or before the vote shall have commenced.

6.2—Motions; precedence

- (1) When a question is under debate, the President shall receive no motion except:
- (a) To adjourn
 - 1. Instanter
 - 2. At a time certain

- (b) Questions of privilege
- (c) To take a recess
- (d) To proceed to the consideration of executive business
- (e) To reconsider
- (f) To limit debate
- (g) To temporarily postpone
- (h) To postpone to a day certain
- (i) To commit to the Committee of the Whole
- (j) To commit to a standing committee
- (k) To commit to a select committee
- (l) To amend
- (m) To postpone indefinitely

which shall have precedence in the descending order given. A motion to discharge Senate conferees and to appoint or instruct said conferees as set forth in Rule 2.19 is a motion of the highest privilege and this motion shall have precedence over all other questions except motions to adjourn and questions of privilege.

(2) The President shall propound all questions in the order in which they are moved unless the subsequent motion be previous in nature.

(3) When a motion is under consideration, but prior to the commencement of the vote, a substitute motion shall be in order. Only one (1) substitute shall be entertained and the substitute shall be in the same order of precedence.

6.3—Division of question

A Senator may call for a division of a question when the sense will admit of it. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible; a motion to strike out, being lost, shall neither preclude amendment nor a motion to strike out and insert.

6.4—Reconsideration generally

(1) When a main question (the vote on passage of a measure, including a vote on a veto message, confirmation of executive appointments, removal or suspension from office) has been decided by the Senate, a Senator voting with the prevailing side may move for reconsideration of the question on the same or the next legislative day on which the Senate meets.

- (a) If the question has been decided by voice vote, any Senator may so move.
- (b) When a majority of those Senators present vote in the affirmative on any question but the proposition be lost because it is one in which the concurrence of more than a majority of those Senators present is necessary for adoption or passage, any Senator may move for reconsideration.

(2) Such motion may be made pending a motion to adjourn or if it is time to adjourn.

- (a) Consideration of a motion to reconsider shall be a special and continuing order of business for the Senate when it next meets on a legislative day succeeding that on which the motion was made and, unless considered on said day, shall be considered abandoned. If the Senate shall refuse to reconsider or, on reconsideration, shall confirm its first decision, no further motion to reconsider shall be in order except on unanimous consent of those Senators present.
- (b) During the last five (5) days of a regular session, a motion to reconsider shall be made and considered on the same day.

6.5—Reconsideration; vote required

A majority of the affirmative votes of those Senators present shall be required to adopt a motion to reconsider.

6.6—Reconsideration; debate

Debate shall be allowed on a motion to reconsider only when the question which it is proposed to reconsider is debatable. When the question is debatable no Senator shall speak thereon more than once nor longer than five (5) minutes.

6.7—Reconsideration; collateral matters and procedural motions

A motion to reconsider a collateral matter must be disposed of during the course of the consideration of the main subject to which it is related, and such motion shall be out of order after the Senate has passed to other business. Reconsideration of a procedural motion shall be considered on the same day on which it is made.

6.8—Reconsideration; Secretary to hold for period

The Secretary shall hold all bills for the period after passage during which reconsideration may be moved. The adoption of any motion to waive the Rules by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present and immediately certify any bill or joint resolution to the House shall be construed as releasing the measure from the Secretary's possession for the period of reconsideration and shall, thereafter, preclude reconsideration. During the last five (5) calendar days allowed under the *State Constitution* for a regular session and during any extensions thereof, or during any special session, the bills shall be immediately transmitted to the House. Messages relating to Senate action on House amendments or to conference committee reports shall be transmitted forthwith.

6.9—Motion to indefinitely postpone

The adoption of a motion to indefinitely postpone a measure shall dispose of it for the duration of the legislative session and all extensions thereof. A motion to postpone consideration to a time beyond the last day allowed under the *State Constitution* for the current legislative session shall be construed as a motion to indefinitely postpone. Motions to indefinitely postpone shall not be applicable to collateral matters.

RULE SEVEN

AMENDMENTS

7.1—General form; notice; manner of consideration

(1) No amendment to a bill on any Senate Calendar or which was prepared prior to the time a session of the Senate has convened shall be considered by the Senate unless the amendment was filed with the Secretary of the Senate no later than 5:00 p.m. the day prior to the day that session was called to order. Copies of such amendments shall be made reasonably available by the Secretary of the Senate before the session, upon request, to the members and to the public. The consideration of all amendments not timely filed in accordance with this rule, requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present.

(2) Amendments shall be filed with the Secretary on forms prescribed by the Secretary but shall be considered only after sponsors gain recognition from the President to move their adoption, except that the chair of the committee (or, in the chair's absence, the vice-chair or any member thereof) reporting the measure under consideration shall have preference for the presentation of committee amendments. An amendment shall be deemed pending only after its sponsor has been recognized by the President and has moved its adoption. Amendments that have been filed with the Secretary of the Senate but have not been formally moved for adoption shall not be deemed to be pending.

(3) No proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment. The following bills are out of order and shall not be admitted or considered under color of amendment to a bill on the calendar and under consideration by the Senate:

- (a) Bills which have received an unfavorable committee report.
- (b) Bills which have been withdrawn from further consideration by the sponsor.
- (c) Bills the substance of which have not been reported favorably by all committees of reference.

Amendments covered by this Rule shall be substantially the same and identical as to specific intent and purpose as the measure residing in the committee or committees of reference.

7.2—Adoption

(1) On second (2nd) reading, amendments may be adopted by a majority vote of those Senators present.

(2) On third (3rd) reading, amendments and amendments to amendments shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators

present. Amendments to the title or corrective amendments may be decided, without debate, by a majority vote of those Senators present on third (3rd) reading.

7.3—Sequence of amendments to amendments

(1) An amendment to a pending amendment may be received, but until it is disposed of, no other motion to amend will be in order, except a substitute amendment or an amendment to the substitute. Such amendments are to be disposed of in the following order:

- (a) Amendments to the amendment are acted on before the substitute is taken up. Only one (1) amendment to the amendment is in order.
- (b) Amendments to the substitute are next voted on.
- (c) The substitute then is voted on.

(2) The adoption of a substitute amendment in lieu of an original amendment shall be treated and considered as an amendment to the bill itself.

7.4—Deleting everything after enacting clause

A proposal to delete everything after the enacting clause, or the resolving clause of a bill or resolution, and insert new matter of the same general subject as stated in the original title shall be deemed proper and germane and shall be treated as an amendment.

7.5—Amendment by section

The adoption of an amendment to a section shall not preclude further amendment of that section. If a bill is being considered section by section or item by item, only amendments to the section or item under consideration shall be in order. The President, in recognizing Senators for the purpose of moving the adoption of amendments, shall endeavor to cause all amendments to section 1 to be considered first, then all those in section 2, and so on. After all sections have been considered separately, the entire bill shall be open for amendment.

7.6—Printing in Journal

All amendments taken up by the Senate unless withdrawn shall be printed in the Journal except that an amendment to the general appropriations bill constituting an entirely new bill shall not be printed until the filing of the conference committee report. All item amendments to the general appropriations bill shall be printed.

7.7—Senate amendments to House bills

A House bill may be amended in the same manner as a Senate bill. If a House bill is amended, the same shall be noted by the Secretary on the jacket before it is reported to the House.

7.8—House amendments to Senate bills

(1) After the reading of a House amendment to a Senate bill, the Senate may:

- (a) Amend the House amendment,
- (b) Concur in the House amendment,
- (c) Refuse to concur in the House amendment and ask the House to recede, or
- (d) Request a conference committee.

(2) The adoption of all the foregoing motions shall be by majority vote of those Senators present.

7.9—House refusal to concur in Senate amendment

(1) If the House shall refuse to concur in a Senate amendment to a House bill, the Senate may:

- (a) Recede,
- (b) Insist that the House concur and request a conference committee, or
- (c) Insist that the House concur.

(2) The adoption of any of the foregoing motions shall be by majority vote of those Senators present.

RULE EIGHT**DECORUM AND DEBATE****8.1—Decorum and debate**

When a Senator desires to speak or deliver a matter to the Senate, the Senator shall rise at his or her seat and address himself or herself to "Mr. or Madam President," and, on being recognized, may address the Senate from his or her desk or from the well of the Senate, and shall confine any remarks to the question under debate, avoiding personality. A Senator shall not address or refer to another Senator by his or her first name. A Senator shall use the appellation of Senator or such appellation and the district number of the Senator being addressed, or a Senator may also use such appellation and the surname of the Senator referred to or addressed.

8.2—Presiding officer's power of recognition

When two (2) or more Senators rise at once, the presiding officer shall name the Senator who is first to be recognized.

8.3—Interruptions; when allowed

(1) No Senator shall be interrupted by another without the consent of the Senator who has the floor, except by:

- (a) Rising to a question of privilege;
- (b) Rising to a point of order requiring an immediate ruling;
- (c) Rising to appeal a decision of the presiding officer concerning a point of order (if the appeal is made immediately following the decision);
- (d) Rising to make a parliamentary inquiry requiring an immediate reply; or
- (e) Rising to question the existence of a quorum.

(2) The presiding officer shall strictly enforce this Rule.

8.4—Senator speaking, rights

(1) When a member is speaking and another member interrupts to request recognition, the presiding officer may permit the person rising to state why he or she desires the floor. If the question the member desires to raise is entitled to precedence, the member originally speaking shall relinquish the floor until the question having precedence is disposed of. The member then is entitled to resume the floor.

(2) The Senator making a debatable motion or the primary introducer of a bill shall have five (5) minutes in order to close debate.

8.5—Limit on speaking

No Senator shall speak longer than thirty (30) minutes without yielding the floor, except by consent of a majority of those Senators present.

8.6—Limitation of debate

When a measure is under debate by the Senate, a Senator may move to limit debate, and such motion shall be decided without debate, except the introducer of the measure shall have five (5) minutes to discuss said motion. If, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present, the question is decided in the affirmative, debate shall be limited accordingly.

8.7—Points of order, parliamentary inquiry, definitions

A point of order is the parliamentary device that is used to require a deliberative body to observe its own rules and to follow established parliamentary practice. A parliamentary inquiry is the device for obtaining a predetermination of a rule or a clarification thereof and may be presented in hypothetical form.

8.8—Questioning right to vote

A point of order questioning the right of a member to vote on account of interest may be raised after the vote has been recorded and before the result is announced.

8.9—Appeals

Taking exception to a ruling of a presiding officer shall be by appeal. An appeal from a decision of the presiding officer must be made promptly

before debate has concluded or other business has intervened. A point of order on any other question is not in order while an appeal is pending, but a point of order relating to the appeal may be raised; and, if the determination of the appeal is dependent on this point, it may be decided by the presiding officer. This second (2nd) decision is also subject to appeal.

8.10—Appeals, debatable

An appeal from a decision of the presiding officer on a point of order is debatable even though the question from which it arose was not debatable.

8.11—Questions of privilege

- (1) Questions of privilege shall be:
 - (a) Those affecting the rights of the Senate collectively, its safety, dignity, and the integrity of its proceedings; and
 - (b) The rights, reputation, and conduct of Senators individually, in their representative capacity only.

(2) These shall have precedence over all other questions except motions to adjourn. The question shall not be recognized during the debate on a bill. A question of privilege affecting either house collectively takes precedence over a question of privilege affecting an individual member.

RULE NINE**LOBBYING****9.1—Those required to register**

All persons (except those specifically exempted) who seek to encourage the passage, defeat, or modification of legislation in the Senate or before its committees shall, before engaging in such activity, register as prescribed by law and the Joint Rules of the Florida House and Senate.

9.2—Obligations of lobbyist

(1) A lobbyist shall supply facts, information, and opinions of principals to legislators from the point of view from which he or she openly declares. A lobbyist shall not offer or propose anything to improperly influence the official act, decision, or vote of a legislator.

(2) A lobbyist, by personal example and admonition to colleagues, shall uphold the honor of the legislative process by the integrity of his or her relationship with legislators.

(3) A lobbyist shall not knowingly and willfully falsify a material fact or make any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation or make or use any writing or document knowing the same contains any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or entry.

9.3—Lobbyists' requirements

A lobbyist shall adhere to the statutory requirements for lobbyists provided by law and the Joint Rules.

9.4—Advisory opinions

(1) A lobbyist, when in doubt about the applicability and interpretation of this Rule in a particular context, may submit in writing a statement of the facts involved to the Committee on Rules and Calendar and may appear in person before said committee.

(2) The Committee on Rules and Calendar may render advisory opinions to any lobbyist who seeks advice as to whether or not the facts in a particular case will constitute a violation of these Rules. All opinions shall delete names and be numbered, dated, and published in the Journal of the Senate.

9.5—Compilation of opinions

The Secretary of the Senate shall keep a compilation of all advisory opinions of the Committee on Rules and Calendar.

9.6—Penalties for violations

Separately from any prosecutions or penalties otherwise provided by law, any person determined to have violated the requirements of this Rule shall be censured, reprimanded, placed on probation, or prohibited

from lobbying for the duration of the session and from appearing before any committee of the Senate. Said determination shall be made by a majority of the Senate and on recommendation of the Committee on Rules and Calendar. The Committee on Rules and Calendar, before making said recommendation, shall conduct a hearing, after notifying the person alleged to have violated this Rule and granting such person an opportunity to appear at the hearing.

9.7—Committees to be diligent

Committees shall be diligent to ascertain whether those who appear before them, in other than an obviously individual capacity, have conformed with the requirements of this Rule, the Joint Rules, and the *Laws of Florida*, and shall report violations. No committee member shall knowingly permit an unregistered lobbyist to be heard.

RULE TEN

CHAMBER OF THE SENATE

10.1—Persons entitled to admission

No person shall be admitted to the main floor of the Senate Chamber while the Senate is in session except present members of the Senate, all officers and employees of the Senate in the performance of their duties, and persons charged with messages or papers to the Senate. Also entitled to admission are the Governor or one (1) representative designated by the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, Cabinet officers, former governors, present and former United States Senators, members or former members of the House of Representatives of the United States and of this State, Justices of the Supreme Court, former State Senators of Florida, and persons by invitation of the President. A special section of the gallery shall be reserved for members of the families of Senators.

10.2—Exception

None of the persons entitled to admission shall be admitted if registered pursuant to Rule Nine (9).

10.3—Admission of press by President

Representatives of the press and of radio and television stations, in performance of their duties, shall be assigned to a press section specifically set aside for them, and shall not be allowed on the Senate floor while the Senate is in session, except with the approval of the President.

10.4—Attire

All male persons on the main floor of the Senate Chamber and in the gallery (with the exception of visitors in that portion of the gallery set aside for the general public) shall wear coats and ties at all times while the Senate is in session.

10.5—Gallery

No food or beverages shall be allowed in the gallery at any time.

RULE ELEVEN

CONSTRUCTION AND WAIVER OF RULES

11.1—Interpretation of Rules

It shall be the duty of the President, or the presiding officer for the time being, to interpret all Rules. Motions for the previous question and to lay on the table shall not be entertained.

11.2—Waiver and suspension of Rules

These Rules shall not be waived or suspended except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present. The motion, when made, shall be decided without debate. A motion to waive a Rule requiring unanimous consent of the Senate shall be construed to be an amendment to these Rules and shall be referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar except by unanimous consent of those Senators present.

11.3—Changes in Rules

All proposed actions touching the Rules and Order of Business in the Senate shall be first referred to the Committee on Rules and Calendar, which shall report as soon as practicable. Consideration of such a report shall always be in order. The Committee on Rules and Calendar may

originate reports and resolutions dealing with these Rules and the Order of Business, and such power shall be exclusive, provided, however, that any report made pursuant to this Rule may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Senators present.

11.4—Majority action

Unless otherwise indicated by these Rules or the *State Constitution*, all action by the Senate shall be by majority vote of those Senators present.

11.5—Uniform construction

When in these Rules reference is made to “two-thirds (2/3) of those present,” “two-thirds (2/3) vote,” “two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate,” “two-thirds (2/3) of those voting,” etc., these shall all be construed to mean two-thirds (2/3) of those Senators present, except that two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate shall be required to consider additional proposed legislation in any extended session in accordance with Article III, Section 3 of the *State Constitution*.

11.6—General

When used in these Rules, the following words shall, unless the text otherwise indicates, have the following respective meaning: the singular always includes the plural. Except where specifically provided otherwise, the use of the word “bill” or “measure” means a bill, joint resolution, concurrent resolution, resolution, or memorial.

RULE TWELVE

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS, APPOINTMENTS, SUSPENSIONS, AND REMOVALS

PART ONE—EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

12.1—Executive session; authority

The business of the Senate shall be transacted openly and not in executive session except under conditions pursuant to Article III, Section 4(b) of the *State Constitution*.

12.2—Executive session; purpose

Pursuant to Article III, Section 4(b) of the *State Constitution*, the Senate may resolve itself into executive session for the sole purpose of considering appointment, removal, or suspension. No one shall be in attendance except Senators and the Secretary of the Senate, who shall be sworn not to disclose any executive business without consent of the Senate.

12.3—Executive session; vote required

When the Senate agrees, by a majority of those Senators present, that specified appointments, removals, or suspensions shall be considered in executive session, such shall be calendared for formal consideration by the Senate.

12.4—Work product confidentiality

All information and remarks including committee work product concerning the character and qualification, together with the vote on each appointment, removal, or suspension considered in executive session shall be kept a secret except information on which the bans of secrecy were lifted by the Senate while in executive session.

12.5—Separate Journal

A separate Journal shall be kept of executive proceedings of the Senate, and no information regarding same shall be made public except by order of the Senate or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

12.6—Violation of Rule

Violation of the above Rules as to the secrecy of the proceedings of executive sessions shall be considered by the Senate as sufficient grounds for unseating the offending Senator.

PART TWO—APPOINTMENTS, SUSPENSIONS, AND REMOVALS

12.7—Procedure

(1) Except as otherwise herein provided, on receipt by the Senate of appointments or suspensions on which action by the Senate is required,

the President shall refer each to the Committee on Ethics and Elections, other appropriate committee or to a Special Master appointed by the President. Either one shall make inquiry or investigation and hold hearings, as appropriate, and advise the President and the Senate with a recommendation and the necessity for deliberating the subject in executive session. Reports and findings of the committee or the Special Master appointed pursuant hereto are advisory only and shall be made to the Senate President. The report of the committee or the Special Master may be privileged and confidential. The President may order the report presented to the Senate in either open or executive session, or the President may refer it to the Committee on Rules and Calendar for its consideration and report. When the report is presented to the Senate in open session or received by the Committee on Rules and Calendar, the report shall lose its privileged and confidential character.

(2) Upon receipt of a request by the Governor or other appointing official or authority for the return of the documentation of an appointment, which appointment has not been acted upon by the Senate, the Secretary of the Senate, upon consultation with the President, shall return the appointment documentation and the return shall be noted in the Journal of the Senate. The appointee whose appointment was returned continues in office until the end of the next ensuing session of the Legislature or until the Senate confirms a successor, whichever occurs first.

(a) If the appointment returned was made by the Governor, official or authority's predecessor, the appointee shall not be subject to the provisions of section 114.05(1)(e) or (f), *Florida Statutes*, during the period of withdrawal.

(b) If the appointment returned was made by the Governor, official or authority requesting the return, for purposes of section 114.05(1)(e) and (f), *Florida Statutes*, the returned appointment shall be treated as if the Senate failed to consider the appointment.

(3)(a) An executive suspension of a public official who is under indictment or who has pending against him or her criminal charges filed by the appropriate prosecuting officer in a court of record, or an executive suspension of a public official that is challenged in a court shall be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections, other appropriate committee or Special Master; however, all inquiry or investigation or hearings thereon shall be held in abeyance and the matter shall not be considered by the Senate, the committee or the Special Master until the pending charges have been dismissed, or until final determination of the criminal charges at the trial court level, or until the final determination of a court challenge, if any, and the exhaustion of all appellate remedies for any of the above.

(b) In a suspension case in which the criminal charge is not for the alleged commission of a felony, the committee or the Special Master, and the Senate may proceed if the written consent of counsel for the Governor and of the suspended official is obtained.

(4) The Governor and the suspended official shall be given reasonable notice in writing of any hearing or pre-hearing conference before the committee or Special Master.

(5) The suspended official may file with the Secretary of the Senate, no later than ten (10) days prior to the first (1st) pre-hearing conference, or no later than the date set by the committee or Special Master if no pre-hearing conference is held, all written defenses or matters in avoidance of the charges contained in the suspension order.

(6) When it is advisable, the committee or Special Master may request that the Governor file a bill of particulars containing a statement of further facts and circumstances supporting the suspension order. Within twenty (20) days after the receipt of such bill of particulars by the suspended officer, that officer shall file with the committee or Special Master a response to the Governor's bill of particulars. Such response shall specifically admit or deny the facts or circumstances set forth in the Governor's bill of particulars, and may further make such representation of fact and circumstances or assert such further defenses as are responsive to the bill of particulars or as may bear on the matter of the suspension.

(7) The committee or Special Master may provide for a pre-hearing conference with counsel for the Governor and the suspended official to narrow the issues involved in the suspension. At such conference, both the Governor and the suspended official shall set forth the names and

addresses of all the witnesses they intend to call, the nature of their testimony, and photocopies of all documentary and a description of all physical evidence that will be relied on by the parties at the hearing. Each shall state briefly what each expects to prove by such testimony and evidence.

(8) Subject to the limitations of Rule 12.7(3) the committee or Special Master shall institute action by transmitting a notice of hearing for a pre-hearing conference or a hearing on the merits within three (3) months after the effective date of the suspension order. If a suspension order is referred to the committee or Special Master but is held in abeyance in accordance with Rule 12.7(3), the committee or Special Master shall institute action within three (3) months after the termination of pending proceedings as described in Rule 12.7(3). The Senate may act on the recommendations of the committee or Special Master at any time it is in session but shall do so no later than the end of the next regular session of the Legislature.

(9) For the purposes of Article IV, Section 7(b) of the *State Constitution*, the Senate may find that the suspended official has committed a felony notwithstanding that a court may have withheld adjudication of guilt upon which the suspension order is based in whole or in part.

(10) If the Governor files an amended suspension order, the attention of the Senate, the committee, or the Special Master shall be directed at the amended suspension order.

(11) Within sixty (60) days after the Senate has completed final action on the recommendation of the committee or Special Master, any party to the suspension matter may request the return, at that party's expense, of any exhibit, document, or other evidence introduced by that party. After the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date the Senate has completed final action, the committee or Special Master may dispose of such exhibits or other evidence.

12.8—Special Master; appointment

The President may appoint and contract for the services of a Special Master to perform such duties and make such reports in relation to suspensions and removals as he or she shall prescribe.

12.9—Special Master; floor privilege

With consent of the President, the Special Master may have the privilege of the Senate floor to present and explain the report and answer questions as to the law and facts involved.

12.10—Issuance of subpoenas and process

The committee and the Special Master shall each have the authority to request the issuance of subpoenas, subpoenas duces tecum, and other necessary process under Rule 2.2. The committee chair and the Special Master may each administer all oaths and affirmations in the manner prescribed by law to witnesses who shall appear to testify on matters pending before the committee or Special Master.

12.11—Rule takes precedence

In any situation where there is a direct conflict between the provisions of Rule Twelve (12) and part V of chapter 112, *Florida Statutes*, the Rule, derived from Article III, Section 4(a) of the *State Constitution*, shall take precedence.

RULE THIRTEEN

SPECIAL SESSION

13.1—Applicability of Senate Rules

All Senate Rules in effect on adjournment of the next preceding regular session shall apply and govern during special sessions except to the extent specifically modified or contradicted herein.

13.2—Sessions of the Senate

The Senate shall meet each legislative day at 9:00 a.m. or pursuant to a schedule adopted by the Committee on Rules and Calendar and approved by the President.

13.3—Committee meetings; schedule, notice

Committee meetings shall be coordinated and scheduled by the Committee on Rules and Calendar with the approval of the President. Meetings of standing committees and standing subcommittees scheduled in accordance with this Rule may be held following an announcement by the chair while the Senate is in session, and by posting a notice on a bulletin board in the public corridor leading into the Senate Chamber for two (2) hours in advance of the meeting. The notice posted shall include the date, time, and place of the meeting together with the name of the introducer, short title, and number of each bill to be considered. All other provisions for publication of notice of committee meetings are suspended.

13.4—Delivery for introduction

All bills and other measures for introduction may be delivered to the Secretary of the Senate at any time.

13.5—Committee reports

Every bill, joint resolution, resolution, and memorial referred to a standing committee or committees shall be reported to the Secretary before 4:30 p.m. of the third (3rd) calendar day from the day of reference (the day of reference not being counted as the first (1st) day) unless otherwise ordered by the Senate by majority vote of those Senators present. Any bill on which no committee report is filed may be withdrawn from such committee and calendared on point of order. Every bill, joint resolution, resolution, and memorial referred to a standing subcommittee shall be reported to the standing committee at a time specified by the chair of the standing committee which shall not be beyond the time allowed herein.

13.6—Conference committee reports

(1) The report of a committee of conference appointed pursuant to Rule 1.5 shall be read to the Senate on two (2) consecutive legislative days and, on the completion of the second (2nd) reading, the vote shall be on the adoption or rejection thereof and final passage of the measure as recommended. During the last two (2) days of a special session the report shall be read only once. A conference committee report shall be made available to the membership four (4) hours prior to the beginning of debate of the report by the Senate.

(2) The report must be acted on as a whole, being adopted or rejected, and each report shall include a statement sufficiently explicit to inform the Senate of the effect of the report on the measure to which it relates.

(3) Conference committees shall consider and report only on the differences existing between the Senate and the House, and no substance foreign to the bills before the conferees shall be included in the report or considered by the Senate.

(4) A conference committee may only report by recommending the adoption of a series of amendments to the House or Senate bill that was the subject of the conference, or it may offer an amendment deleting everything after the enacting clause of any such bill referred to the committee. In any event the conference committee may recommend, as part of its report, the adoption or rejection of any or all of the amendments theretofore adopted by either House.

(5) When a bill or joint resolution is referred to a conference committee and the conferees on the part of the Senate report an inability to agree, no action of the Senate taken prior to such reference to a conference committee shall preclude further action on said measure as the Senate may determine.

(6) After Senate conferees have been appointed for thirty-six (36) hours and have failed to make a report, it is a motion of the highest privilege to move to discharge said Senate conferees and to appoint new conferees, or to instruct said Senate conferees.

13.7—Reconsideration

A motion to reconsider shall be made and considered on the same day.

13.8—Special Order Calendar

The Committee on Rules and Calendar may submit a Special Order Calendar determining the time and priority for consideration of bills.

Such Special Order Calendar shall be for the next legislative day. The amendment deadline for bills on the Special Order Calendar shall be 5:00 pm. or two (2) hours after the Special Order Calendar is announced, which ever occurs later.

RULE FOURTEEN**SEAL AND INSIGNIA****14.1—Seal and insignia**

(1) There shall be an official seal of the Senate. The seal shall be the size of a circle of two and one-half inches diameter having in the center thereof a fan of the five flags which have flown over Florida, above a disc containing the words: "In God We Trust" arched above a gavel, quill, and scroll. At the top of the field of flags shall be the word: "Seal." At the bottom shall be the date: "1838." The perimeter of the seal shall contain the words: "Senate" and "State of Florida."

(2) There shall be an official coat of arms for the Senate. The coat of arms shall contain a fan of the five flags that have flown over Florida, above the Great Seal of Florida. At the base of the coat of arms shall be the words: "The Florida Senate."

(3) The Senate Seal, the Senate Coat of Arms, official Senate stationery, calling cards, and facsimiles thereof, may be used only in connection with official Senate business.

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(With Revisions)

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Senator Pruitt, Chair; Senator Wasserman Schultz, Vice Chair; Senators Carlton, Clary, Crist, Dawson, Diaz de la Portilla, Dockery, Hill, Jones, Klein, Lawson, Lee, Miller, Peaden, Smith, Villalobos and Webster

Subcommittee on Article V Implementation and Judiciary: Senator Smith, Chair; Senators Alexander, Aronberg, Villalobos and Wise

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice: Senator Crist, Chair; Senators Argenziano, Constantine, Dawson and Fasano

Subcommittee on Education: Senator Carlton, Chair; Senators Bennett, Cowin, Diaz de la Portilla, Miller and Wasserman Schultz

Subcommittee on General Government: Senator Clary, Chair; Senators Bullard, Dockery, Lawson and Lynn

Subcommittee on Health and Human Services: Senator Peaden, Chair; Senators Garcia, Jones, Klein and Wilson

Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development: Senator Webster, Chair; Senators Atwater, Hill, Lee, Sebesta and Siplin

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Senator Posey, Chair; Senator Margolis, Vice Chair; Senators Alexander, Atwater, Campbell, Dawson, Diaz de la Portilla, Dockery, Lawson, Lee, Peaden and Wasserman Schultz

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Senator Saunders, Alternating Chair; Senators Jones, Lynn and Miller

Joint Select Committee On Collective Bargaining

Senator Wise, Co-Chair; Senators Aronberg, Constantine and Lawson

Joint Select Committee on Nursing Homes

Senator Carlton, Chair; Senators Campbell, Jones, Margolis, Peaden and Saunders

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

The Journals of May 13, 2002, Special Session E, and November 19, 2002 were corrected and approved.

RECESS

Pursuant to the motion by Senator Lee previously adopted, upon dissolution of the joint session at 12:43 p.m., the Senate recessed for the purpose of holding committee meetings and conducting other Senate business to reconvene at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 5.

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