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At a Special Session of the Florida Legislature convened under Article III, Section 3(c), of the Constitution of the State, as revised in 1968, and subsequently amended, at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, on Tuesday, July 20, 2010, in the State of Florida.

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CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by President Atwater at 12:44 p.m. A quorum present—34:

Mr. President	Fasano	Oelrich
Alexander	Gaetz	Richter
Altman	Gardiner	Ring
Aronberg	Gelber	Siplin
Baker	Haridopolos	Smith
Bennett	Hill	Sobel
Constantine	Jones	Storms
Crist	Joyner	Thrasher
Dean	Justice	Villalobos
Detert	Lawson	Wise
Diaz de la Portilla	Lynn	
Dockery	Negron	

Excused: Senators Bullard, Garcia, Peaden, Rich, and Wilson

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Senator Fasano:

Dear Father in Heaven, we come before you today to ask for your guidance and understanding. Your wonderful creation that has been given to us for our stewardship has suffered a great ecological blow. As lawmakers and public servants we have been called to the Capitol to debate and consider an issue of the utmost importance. While emotions are high and feelings run deep on the issue of the proposed constitutional amendment that we must consider, I ask that you bring clarity to our thoughts and a sense of purpose that is greater than our own selves. Please help us to be civil, especially me. May we become informed of this issue and dig deep into our hearts as we deliberate and decide the way in which you would have us go.

On behalf of all assembled here I thank you for your never-ending favor. May we hear your voice and your voice only as we do the work we have been tasked to do.

I ask this in Thy Name. Amen.

PLEDGE

Senator Lawson led the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

By direction of the President the Senate observed a moment of silence for Jennifer Rich, daughter of Senator Rich; and for Senator Peaden who was ill and unable to attend session.

By direction of the President, the Secretary read the following proclamation:

THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE JOINT PROCLAMATION

STATE OF FLORIDA
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TALLAHASSEE

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, recent events have conclusively shown the magnitude of damage oil spills can cause to ecosystems and communities in Florida and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, it is critically important that Florida's coastal communities, natural resources, beaches, ecosystems, and the general welfare of this State are protected from the harmful impacts of such events; and

WHEREAS, the voters of this State should be able to collectively decide, at their earliest opportunity, whether they want to ban the exploration for, drilling for, extraction of, and production of oil in Florida territorial seas; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the Legislature convene in Special Session to provide the voters the opportunity to amend their constitution to prohibit such activities during the November 2010 general election;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by Article III, Section 3(c)(1) of the Florida Constitution and Section 11.011, Florida Statutes, do hereby proclaim as follows:

Section 1.

The Legislature of the State of Florida is convened in Special Session commencing at 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 20, 2010, and extending through 5:00 p.m., Friday, July 23, 2010.

Section 2.

The Legislature of the State of Florida is convened for the sole and exclusive purpose of considering the following:

1. The passage of a joint resolution to revise the Florida Constitution to prohibit the exploration for, the drilling for, the

extraction of and the production of oil beneath all Florida waters located between the mean high water line along the coastline of Florida and the seaward limit of Florida's boundaries.

2. Placing that proposed revision on the November 2, 2010 ballot.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed to this Proclamation convening the Legislature in Special Session at the Session at the Capitol, this 8th day of July 2010.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed to this Proclamation convening the Legislature in Special Session at the Capitol, this 8th day of July 2010.

Charlie Crist
Governor

ATTEST:

Dawn K. Roberts

Interim Secretary of State

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF BILLS

FIRST READING

By Senators Villalobos, Gelber, Dockery, Jones, Peaden, Sobel, and Lawson—

SJR 2-C—A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 7 of Article II of the State Constitution to prohibit the exploration, drilling, extraction, or production of oil beneath Florida waters between the mean high-water line and the seaward limit of Florida's boundaries.

—was referred to the committees on Environmental Preservation and Conservation; and Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities.

MOTIONS

On motion by Senator Villalobos, the rules were waived and all bills filed for introduction outside the call of Special Session C were referred to the Committee on Rules.

REMARKS BY PRESIDENT ATWATER

President Atwater: Members, thank you for taking time from your busy schedules to gather once again in this chamber.

As I have made clear on a number of occasions, I would have preferred to have taken advantage of your collective presence by conducting a broader scope of business, particularly with regard to the real and immediate needs of our neighbors in the Panhandle. I have tried repeatedly, over the past few weeks, to engage in conversations with both the Governor's Office and the House, aimed at expanding the call and making certain that our time here was productive and meaningful for our friends who suffer under the burdens of this crisis. This could have been a real opportunity to demonstrate our grasp of the issues, our sensitivity to the substantive needs of the State and our fellow Floridians, and genuine leadership. Unfortunately I did not find a receptive audience.

Be that as it may, for this Session's purpose there is only one bill that is inside the call, proposing a Constitutional amendment prohibiting the exploration and drilling for oil along our coast, and that will constitute our order of business. The Governor and the House have simply provided no latitude to expand our business beyond the stated purpose of the call.

Knowing as well, however, that you share with me a desire to use the taxpayers' dollars wisely and judiciously, I have also asked the Select

Committee on Florida's Economy to offer a workshop this afternoon to bring all of you up to date on the work they have accomplished since they were charged with exploring the impact of this growing catastrophe on our State's economy. Since we were gathered, I thought it appropriate to take advantage of the opportunity.

I also believe that the data the Select Committee is prepared to share with you is an important and logical precursor to discussing the matter for which this Session has been called. The briefing should provide a thorough and timely context for considering the wisdom of a Constitutional ban on offshore drilling.

I have been very clear in my communications with you, the Governor's Office and with the Speaker, that I firmly believe there is much more meaningful work that can and should be done for those Floridians directly affected by the events in the Gulf, as well as secure for the future of the State all the options necessary to assure that we have the strongest legal, economic and moral leverage as the recovery unfolds over the upcoming months and years. It is quite likely that we will find ourselves here again in the near future. There are a number of measures that the Select Committee and the staff have prepared that could have been made ready for this Session. Among those measures were relief for fees related to submerged land leases, extending and/or suspending permit requirements throughout the duration of a declared state of emergency, designating a lead agency to work with other States through a multi-State compact, and the creation of a Florida claims advocate to assist citizens with a wide array of claims needs.

Nevertheless, given our current circumstances, there are both the short and long term interests of the State that will be well served by improved data and carefully conceived legislation. Issues such as civil compensation remedies at individual, business and government levels, the final structure of the Federal claims process and the impact on Floridians, criminal and civil penalties, prosecutorial jurisdictions and tax relief are all very complex and technical in nature, requiring great care and thoughtful analysis. This is another reason why it is important to listen to, and participate in, the workshop presentations this afternoon.

When the scope and depth of this catastrophe became apparent, we immediately called upon all the talent we have at our command. The Select Committee and our Senate staff committed a great deal of time and energy defining and developing meaningful responses, and are committed to continuing to expend whatever time and talent are necessary to provide a meaningful, long lasting recovery effort. It has always been in the best traditions of the Senate to seek and serve a larger good.

We need not wait for legislation to begin the process. The Speaker and I, along with our respective Appropriations Chairs, have agreed to immediately infuse additional funds into the Office of Economic and Demographic Research, commissioning them to initiate internal analyses and contract for studies by highly qualified specialists who can identify and quantify the indirect losses and passive use losses affecting our State and local governments attributable to the BP disaster. This will provide an important baseline that currently does not exist, around which a sustainable recovery can be built.

As I mentioned in my earlier correspondence, the oil pouring into the Gulf threatens not only some of the nation's most sensitive environmental resources, it puts at risk the welfare of hardworking families and the future of hundreds of small businesses. These are not simply short term inconveniences, but risks that portend the destruction of cultures and lifestyles for generations to come. Once destroyed, we may forever lose family enterprises that have contributed significantly to our economic well being, and defined a culture that has made Florida and the Gulf Coast unique among the nations.

Our residents demand a seriousness of purpose and deserve our undivided attention, free of posturing or politics. That, Senators, is what we have been delivering and will continue to deliver, through the solid work of the Select Committee over the past months to the anticipated, upcoming Special Session. Florida is known for its resilience and its ability to create greatness from the depths of pain. We have demonstrated this capacity time and again.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

On motion by Senator Lawson the Senate observed a moment of silence for Pfc. Anthony Warren Simmons who was killed in action in Afghanistan on July 8 and for Pvt. Brandon M. King who was killed in action in Afghanistan on July 14.

RECESS

The Senate recessed at 1:06 p.m. to reconvene upon call of the President.

CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by the President at 1:48 p.m. A quorum present.

VETOED BILLS 2010 REGULAR SESSION

VETO OF CS FOR CS FOR SB 6

The Honorable Kurt S. Browning
Secretary of State

April 15, 2010

Dear Secretary Browning:

By the authority vested in me as the Governor of Florida, and under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of and transmit to you my objections to, Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 6, enacted during the 42nd Session of the Legislature of Florida, convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2010 and entitled:

An act relating to Education Personnel...

The decision to approve or veto a bill is one of the fundamental duties of the Governor. Since 2007, I have reviewed hundreds of proposed laws. More often than not, I sign bills approved by the Legislature because the process generally produces ideas which embody the ideals of representative government. Though sparingly, I have exercised the authority to veto legislation.

To proponents of a bill, a Governor's veto may be mischaracterized as ill informed or political. It is likely that my action today will be met with similar charges from supporters of SB 6. However, there is only one person who can accurately state the reason for a veto - the one who holds the pen.

Let me be clear; I veto SB 6 because this bill is contrary to my firmly held principle to act in the best interest of the People of Florida. I am confident in my decision today because I know it is the right thing to do for the People.

After reviewing the legislation, I have identified several issues of concern. First and foremost, this bill does not appropriately accommodate special education students and their dedicated teachers. These children can and do learn; however, there must be more consideration given to their individual needs than is afforded in this bill.

Further, the bill does encroach on local decision-making. At worst, it could result in an infringement upon the constitutional authority of school boards. While the bill allows school boards to create district policies, there are considerable directives given to local boards and a requirement for state sign-off before plans can be approved. Some of these directives are quite overreaching, such as not allowing multi-year teacher contracts, choosing arbitrary percentages for calculating a teacher's effectiveness, and permanently decertifying an excellent teacher in Florida who simply needed improvement two out of the previous five years on the job.

SB 6 places teachers in jeopardy of losing their jobs and teaching certificates without a clear understanding of how gains will be measured, and without taking into account circumstances beyond the control of teachers. Teachers have an incredible impact on the lives of their students, but they are not the only influence.

During the House debate and after the final passage of the bill, even the supporters of SB 6 acknowledged the imperfections of the bill. They were satisfied with the ability to come back next year for a glitch bill or make corrections and clarifications in the implementing process. Such assurances are not enough for me to sign this legislation today.

Finally, I veto this bill because of the process by which it was passed. This legislation sped through committees without the meaningful input of parents, teachers, superintendents, and school boards. It was troubling to learn that the bill would not be amended after it passed in the Senate, particularly when more and more concerns were coming to light. As I articulated on the opening day of the 2010 Legislative Session, "It is not only the substance of those issues that is important; it is also the attitude with which you address them. These will determine whether you have done your job well."

The incredible outpouring of opposition by teachers, parents, students, superintendents, school boards, and legislators has greatly influenced my decision today. They brought to light many concerns that were not addressed in the amendatory process. As with any major legislation, stated goals sometimes do not match the words in the bill. That is why under normal circumstances bills can be meaningfully debated and changed so that flaws may be remedied.

In summary, I find the content of SB 6 and the manner of its adoption significantly flawed. Nonetheless, I believe in the stated goals of establishing differential and performance-based merit pay for classroom teachers, developing workable measures of student learning gains, and preparing students for their place in a global economy. These are worthy of future pursuit in a collaborative setting with participation of those who are directly impacted.

To those who may ask for a prescribed fix for SB 6, I say we must start over. This bill has deeply and negatively affected the morale of our teachers, parents, and students. They are not confident in our system because they do not believe that their voices were heard. They, like I, did not fathom that there would be no opportunity for meaningful deliberation and appropriate changes to this bill. Tens of thousands of Floridians have reached out to me asking for a veto of SB 6 and instead address the important goal of improving education in a more deliberative and open manner. Should the Legislature decide to go back to the drawing board, I believe it is critical that they heed the call of Floridians. To make such landmark changes, we must have the patience and wisdom to communicate effectively with the People.

As Governor, it is my responsibility to work ardently to position Florida for success on round two of "Race to the Top." Although Florida's first application was strong, we learned a very important lesson on the value of stakeholder participation. Like every good competitor, we will make strategic changes and raise our game. In the coming days I will announce the creation of a collaborative work group to thoroughly review and vet our application and suggest improvements that will help us win.

Florida has made tremendous gains in our education system. We cannot, we must not stop. As we move forward, let us ensure that we fulfill our highest calling, which is to honor the People for whom this government is established. The education of our children is far too important for us to do otherwise.

For this reason, I withhold my approval of Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 6, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,
Charlie Crist, Governor

VETO OF CS FOR CS FOR SB 1004

Interim Secretary Dawn K. Roberts
Interim Secretary of State

June 1, 2010

Dear Interim Secretary Roberts:

By the authority vested in me as the Governor of Florida, and under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of and transmit to you my objections to, Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1004, enacted during the 42nd Session of the Legislature of Florida, convened

under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2010 and entitled:

An act relating to Local Government...

When I took office, I promised the people of Florida that government transactions and information would be open to public input and transparent in its execution. Competitive bidding by governmental entities protects the public's interest and assures the best use of taxpayers' dollars. Laws are in effect which require competitive bidding of county lease agreements. This law is sufficient to achieve balance and protection of the public's interest and enable county government officials to achieve the best bid.

Local governments should strive to adhere to competitive bidding standards. Because we are elected officials, we have a responsibility to conduct business in the open for all to compete. We should not modify laws in the name of ease in exchange for the public's trust.

For this reason, I withhold my approval of Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1004, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,
Charlie Crist, Governor

VETO OF CS FOR CS FOR SB 1516

Interim Secretary Dawn K. Roberts May 28, 2010
Interim Secretary of State

Dear Interim Secretary Roberts:

By the authority vested in me as the Governor of Florida, and under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of and transmit to you my objections to, Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1516, enacted during the 42nd Session of the Legislature of Florida, convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2010 and entitled:

An act relating to state-owned lands...

This bill requires the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to create and maintain a real property database that includes an inventory of all property, including buildings, which are owned, rented, occupied or managed by any state agency or the judicial branch. DEP is Florida's state agency charged with protecting natural resources and preventing pollution to our environment. A significant element of its mission is to acquire, manage and account for conservation lands. Fulfilling this natural resource protection function is unique to those real property assets of the state held as conservation lands. Giving DEP the responsibility for accounting for all state real property would blur the natural resource protection mission of the agency and provide increased responsibilities that fall outside of that mission. DEP is the appropriate agency to oversee the acquisition and management of conservation lands, but maintenance of a comprehensive database of other state-owned real property should not be added to its responsibilities.

For this reason, I withhold my approval of Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1516, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,
Charlie Crist, Governor

VETO OF CS FOR CS FOR SB 1842

Interim Secretary Dawn K. Roberts June 4, 2010
Interim Secretary of State

Dear Interim Secretary Roberts:

By the authority vested in me as the Governor of Florida, and under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of and transmit to you my objections to, Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1842, enacted during the 42nd Session of the Legislature of Florida, convened

under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2010 and entitled:

An act relating to Transportation Projects...

The bill creates additional requirements and conditions in order for a roadway design to include a median with turning lanes.

The safe and the efficient movement of people, goods and services on our roadways continue to be an important priority for my administration. Current law provides citizens, businesses and local governments the opportunity to provide their input into the decision-making process through public hearings. The bill creates confusion by duplicating existing processes for public notice and hearings and applying it only to modifications of access. It introduces but does not define "affected property owners," again, only related to modifications of access. These important public safety projects should not be subjected to unnecessary delays.

For this reason, I withhold my approval of Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1842, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,
Charlie Crist, Governor

VETO OF CS FOR CS FOR SB 1964

Interim Secretary Dawn K. Roberts June 1, 2010
Interim Secretary of State

Dear Interim Secretary Roberts:

By the authority vested in me as the Governor of Florida, and under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of and transmit to you my objections to, Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1964, enacted during the 42nd Session of the Legislature of Florida, convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2010 and entitled:

An act relating to Design Professionals...

The bill limits the tort liability of design professionals for economic damages from a design defect. The design professionals affected by the bill include licensed engineers, surveyors, architects, interior designers, and landscape architects. This limit of liability grants unique privileges to design professionals by removing a consumer's right to bring a tort action against them for economic damages caused by their negligence. Other professionals, such as accountants, doctors, and lawyers, cannot similarly limit their professional duty of care.

An error in design may create significant economic damages to both business and home owners. I am concerned this bill fails to provide any alternate remedies and shifts the losses for design defects to consumers.

For the reasons stated above, I am hereby withholding my approval of Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1964 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,
Charlie Crist, Governor

VETO OF CS FOR CS FOR SB 2044

Interim Secretary Dawn K. Roberts June 1, 2010
Interim Secretary of State

Dear Interim Secretary Roberts:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State 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 my objections to, Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 2044, enacted during the 42nd Session of the Legislature of Florida, convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2010 and entitled:

An act relating to Insurance...

Senate Bill 2044 makes numerous changes to the law relating primarily to residential property insurance. I am most concerned about the expansion of the current expedited rate filing procedure for property insurers that makes it easier to increase Floridians premiums. During these very difficult economic times, Florida's consumers should not have to be concerned with an additional premium increase to their policy.

Additionally, the bill makes troubling changes to the way mitigation discounts are applied. Specifically, responsible Floridians who have already made investments to harden their homes could be unfairly penalized.

Therefore, I am withholding my approval of Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 2044, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,
Charlie Crist, Governor

The bills, together with the Governor's objections thereto, were referred to the Committee on Rules.

COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

(With Revisions)

Policy and Steering Committee on Commerce and Industry

Senator Bennett, Chair; Senator Ring, Vice Chair; Senators Garcia, Gardiner, Jones, Joyner, Justice, Lynn, Peaden, Richter, Smith and Thrasher

Banking and Insurance

Senator Richter, Chair; Senator Smith, Vice Chair; Senators Alexander, Bennett, Fasano, Lawson, Negron, Ring, Storms and Villalobos

Commerce

Senator Garcia, Chair; Senator Gelber, Vice Chair; Senators Crist, Detert, Justice, Lynn, Oelrich, Peaden, Rich and Sobel

Regulated Industries

Senator Jones, Chair; Senators Aronberg, Dean, Diaz de la Portilla, Hill, Thrasher and Wise

Transportation

Senator Gardiner, Chair; Senator Bullard, Vice Chair; Senators Altman, Baker, Constantine, Dockery, Fasano, Haridopolos, Joyner and Siplin

Policy and Steering Committee on Energy, Environment, and Land Use

Senator Haridopolos, Chair; Senator Rich, Vice Chair; Senators Altman, Aronberg, Constantine, Dean, Detert, Diaz de la Portilla, Dockery, Gaetz, Siplin, Sobel and Villalobos

Agriculture

Senator Dean, Chair; Senator Bullard, Vice Chair; Senators Aronberg, Baker and Peaden

Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities

Senator Diaz de la Portilla, Chair; Senator Joyner, Vice Chair; Senators Fasano, Gelber, Haridopolos, Negron, Oelrich, Richter and Smith

Community Affairs

Senator Bennett, Chair; Senator Siplin, Vice Chair; Senators Altman, Garcia, Gardiner, Hill, Ring, Storms, Thrasher and Wise

Environmental Preservation and Conservation

Senator Constantine, Chair; Senator Sobel, Vice Chair; Senators Detert, Dockery, Jones and Rich

Policy and Steering Committee on Governmental Operations

Senator Jones, Chair; Senator Aronberg, Vice Chair; Senators Alexander, Bennett, Dean, Fasano, Hill, Lawson, Oelrich, Ring and Thrasher

Ethics and Elections

Senator Alexander, Chair; Senator Justice, Vice Chair; Senators Baker, Constantine, Diaz de la Portilla, Fasano, Gardiner, Joyner, Rich, Richter and Thrasher

Governmental Oversight and Accountability

Senator Ring, Chair; Senator Siplin, Vice Chair; Senators Crist, Dean, Fasano, Jones, Lawson and Sobel

Military Affairs and Domestic Security

Senator Aronberg, Chair; Senator Oelrich, Vice Chair; Senators Bennett, Hill, Lynn, Peaden and Villalobos

Reapportionment

Senator Haridopolos, Chair; Senator Smith, Vice Chair; Senators Bennett, Dean, Gardiner, Lawson, Negron, Ring, Siplin, Storms, Thrasher and Wilson

Policy and Steering Committee on Social Responsibility

Senator Gaetz, Chair; Senator Justice, Vice Chair; Senators Baker, Constantine, Detert, Dockery, Garcia, Gelber, Haridopolos, Negron, Siplin, Storms, Wilson and Wise

Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

Senator Storms, Chair; Senator Rich, Vice Chair; Senators Detert, Diaz de la Portilla, Garcia, Hill, Justice and Wise

Criminal Justice

Senator Dockery, Chair; Senator Wilson, Vice Chair; Senators Crist, Dean, Siplin, Thrasher and Villalobos

Education Pre-K - 12

Senator Detert, Chair; Senator Wilson, Vice Chair; Senators Bullard, Constantine, Gaetz, Storms, Thrasher and Wise

Health Regulation

Senator Gaetz, Chair; Senator Sobel, Vice Chair; Senators Altman, Bennett, Gardiner, Jones and Lawson

Higher Education

Senator Oelrich, Chair; Senator Smith, Vice Chair; Senators Aronberg, Bullard, Constantine and Lynn

Judiciary

Senator Negron, Chair; Senator Joyner, Vice Chair; Senators Baker, Fasano, Gelber, Haridopolos, Peaden, Richter and Ring

Policy and Steering Committee on Ways and Means

Senator Alexander, Chair; Senators Altman, Baker, Bennett, Crist, Diaz de la Portilla, Fasano, Gaetz, Garcia, Gelber, Haridopolos, Hill, Justice, Lawson, Lynn, Negron, Peaden, Rich, Siplin, Sobel, Thrasher, Villalobos, Wilson and Wise

Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations

Senator Crist, Chair; Senator Wilson, Vice Chair; Senators Jones, Joyner and Villalobos

Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations

Senator Wise, Chair; Senator Siplin, Vice Chair; Senators Bullard, Detert, Garcia and Richter

Finance and Tax

Senator Altman, Chair; Senator Justice, Vice Chair; Senators Bennett, Ring and Storms

General Government Appropriations

Senator Baker, Chair; Senator Lawson, Vice Chair; Senators Aronberg, Dean and Oelrich

Health and Human Services Appropriations

Senator Peaden, Chair; Senator Rich, Vice Chair; Senators Gaetz, Haridopolos, Negron and Sobel

Higher Education Appropriations

Senator Lynn, Chair; Senator Gelber, Vice Chair; Senators Constantine, Ring and Thrasher

Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations

Senator Fasano, Chair; Senator Hill, Vice Chair; Senators Diaz de la Portilla, Dockery, Gardiner and Smith

Rules

Senator Villalobos, Chair; Senator Aronberg, Vice Chair; Senators Alexander, Constantine, Crist, Gaetz, Garcia, Gardiner, Jones, Justice, Lawson, Lynn, Negron, Siplin, Smith, Sobel, Storms, Thrasher and Wise

Mr. Donald Palmer, Director
Florida Division of Elections

June 1, 2010

Dear Director Palmer:

I will be filing for Florida Attorney General during the qualifications week of June 14. As dictated by Section 99.012 (3)(a) of Florida Statutes, I hereby submit my irrevocable letter of resignation from my position as an elected State Senator from District 27 effective November 2, 2010.

I am also sending courtesy copies of this letter to the Governor, the Secretary of State and the President of the Senate.

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Dave Aronberg
District 27

Joint Legislative Committees:**Joint Administrative Procedures Committee**

Senator Joyner, Chair; Senators Dean and Villalobos

Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight

Senators Altman, Dockery, Garcia, Gelber and Smith

Joint Legislative Auditing Committee

Senator Diaz de la Portilla, Alternating Chair; Senators Gardiner, Justice, Ring and Wise

Joint Legislative Committee on Everglades Oversight

Senator Siplin, Chair; Senators Oelrich and Richter

Select Committees:**Select Committee on Florida's Economy**

Senator Gaetz, Chair; Senator Ring, Vice Chair; Senators Alexander, Bennett, Gelber, Haridopolos, Hill, Lawson, Negron, Richter, Sobel and Thrasher

Select Committee on Florida's Inland Waters

Senator Constantine, Chair; Senator Lawson, Vice Chair; Senators Baker, Bullard, Dean, Dockery, Garcia, Justice and Oelrich

Joint Legislative Budget Commission

Senator Garcia, Alternating Chair; Senators Alexander, Constantine, Fasano, Justice, Lawson and Ring

The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor
The State of Florida

June 2, 2010

Dear Governor Crist:

Pursuant to Section 99.012(3)(a), Florida Statutes, I hereby submit my irrevocable resignation as Senator for the Florida Senate District 25, effective November 2, 2010.

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve the citizens of Florida.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Atwater
President of the Senate
District 25

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

The Journal of April 30, Regular Session, was corrected and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor
The State of Florida

June 1, 2010

Re: Resignation from Senate District 35

Dear Governor Crist:

Pursuant to Section 99.012(3)(a), Florida Statutes, I hereby tender my irrevocable resignation from the Florida Senate, District 35 seat which I presently hold.

In accordance with subsection (d) of such statute, this resignation will be effective on the earlier of the following dates: (1) the date I will take office as Attorney General if I am elected; or (2) the date my successor to the Senate District 35 seat is required to take office.

It has been my honor to serve the citizens of my Senate district and the people of Florida. I look forward to continued service as the next Attorney General of Florida.

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Dan Gelber
District 35

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Senator Villalobos, the Senate in Special Session adjourned sine die at 2:20 p.m. The vote was:

Yeas—18

Mr. President	Detert	Richter
Alexander	Diaz de la Portilla	Ring
Altman	Gaetz	Siplin
Baker	Gardiner	Storms
Bennett	Haridopolos	Thrasher
Dean	Negron	Wise

Nays—16

Aronberg	Hill	Oelrich
Constantine	Jones	Smith
Crist	Joyner	Sobel
Dockery	Justice	Villalobos
Fasano	Lawson	
Gelber	Lynn	