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The Administration

Will release two major proposals this week. The Administration will announce its infrastructure plan and President Donald Trump will send Congress his proposed 2019 fiscal-year budget.

The Administration's infrastructure plan will include \$200 billion in federal funds over a decade as seed money to encourage states and local governments and the private sector to spend a total of \$1.5 trillion.

President Trump's proposed 2019 fiscal-year budget will be over \$4 trillion and include a \$13 billion increase to address the opioid crisis and \$23 billion for border security.

The House

Will vote on a pair of financial services bills and legislation to allow businesses an opportunity to address issues before they can be sued under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The House will vote on two bills impacting banking. The first will allow nonbank financial companies - systemically important financial institutions (SIFIs) - to have more opportunities to challenge their designation. The second will preserve the maximum interest rate for a bank loan if the bank is sold to a third party.

The House will also vote to give businesses an opportunity to fix architectural barriers that prevent disability access before they could be sued. The legislation will require individuals to provide the owner or operator of an existing public accommodation with written notice of an alleged violation of the ADA and an opportunity to correct it before taking legal action.

The following House hearings will also take place:

- The Education and the Workforce Subcommittee on Workforce Protections will hold a hearing to discuss the opioid epidemic's impact on workplaces.
- The Judiciary Immigration and Border Security Subcommittee will hold a hearing to examine whether sanctuary city policies have an effect on efforts to combat the opioid epidemic.
- The Ways and Means Committee will hold a hearing on President Trump's 2019 budget priorities with Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar.

The Senate

The Senate will begin debate on immigration proposals as part of a revenue bill that will serve as the vehicle for the immigration legislation.

The Senate will debate protecting Dreamers from deportation, border security, and other immigration proposals.

The following Senate hearings will also take place:

- The Budget Committee will hold a hearing on President Trump's 2019 budget priorities with Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney.
- The Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a hearing to consider legislation including a bill to require greater transparency for federal regulatory decisions that impact small businesses.
- The Finance Committee will hold a hearing on President Trump's 2019 budget priorities with David Kautter, acting Internal Revenue Service commissioner and assistant treasury secretary for tax policy.

President Releases Infrastructure Package Proposal

The White House

President Trump released his legislative goals to rebuild our Nation's infrastructure. The six principles include:

- \$200 billion in Federal funds to spur at least \$1.5 trillion in infrastructure investments with partners at the State, local, Tribal, and private level.
- New investments will be made in rural America.
- Decision making authority will be returned to State and local governments.
- Regulatory barriers that can delay infrastructure projects will be removed.
- Permitting for infrastructure projects will be streamlined and shortened.

- America's workforce will be supported and strengthened.

The entire proposal is available [here](#).

Nelson, Rubio urge Army Corps to use Disaster aid to complete work on Lake Okeechobee dike

By Alcalde & Fey

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Sens. Bill Nelson (D-FL) and Marco Rubio (R-FL) today urged the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to set aside a portion of the \$10.4 billion in disaster assistance it received under the just-passed government spending bill and use it to fully fund its plan to speed up work on the Herbert Hoover dike and complete the project by 2022, instead of 2025.

Congress approved a \$300 billion government spending bill early Friday morning that included \$10.4 billion for the Corps to use on projects, such as the Herbert Hoover Dike, which saw its water levels rise to over 17 feet in the wake of Hurricane Irma.

Nelson and Rubio – who have been pushing for years to secure additional funding to speed up work on the dike – sent a letter today to Assistant Secretary R.D. James urging him to allocate \$776.4 million of the \$10.4 billion the Corps received to complete the project.

“As you prepare to allocate the \$10.425 billion in disaster supplemental construction funding for 2017 hurricane-impacted states provided by Congress, we strongly urge you to use the necessary portion of those funds to expedite and complete construction of the Herbert Hoover Dike,” the senators wrote. “This new supplemental appropriation will enable you to meet the funding requirements needed to complete this critical public safety project by 2022 ... we urge you to allocate the full federal funding necessary for the expedited completion of the Herbert Hoover Dike rehabilitation project.”

Under the Corps' expedited rehabilitation schedule for the dike, it has expressed funding needs of \$212.4 million in Fiscal Year 2019, \$242.1 million in FY20, \$203.9 million in FY21 and \$118.2 million in FY22.

Amid a National Crisis, Rubio Calls for Investigations into Illicit Actions of Sober Homes in Florida

Office of Senator Marco Rubio

Washington, D.C. – As the nation's opioid epidemic continues to devastate American families and following reports of illicit actions by treatment homes and sober homes in Florida, U.S. Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) today urged Department of Justice (DOJ) Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Department of Labor (DOL) Inspector General Scott Dahl, and Health and Human Services (HHS) Inspector General Daniel Levinson to coordinate efforts to combat the opioid crisis in Florida by investigating claims of kickbacks and false statements

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associated with federal health plans and private insurance plans. His specific request to each agency is below:

- **In a letter to Attorney General Sessions**, Rubio requested the DOJ “target disreputable treatment centers and sober homes in Florida to ensure they are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law for the devastation they have caused.”
- **In a letter to DOL Inspector General Dahl**, Rubio requested the DOL coordinate with the Department of Justice investigate the false claims associated with Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) health insurance plans and to “notify all employee welfare and pension benefit plans of the need to verify the treatment centers covered.”
- **In a letter to HHS Inspector General Levinson**, Rubio requested HHS coordinate with the Department of Justice to investigate false claims associated with Federal health insurance plans and to “develop recommendations for the Secretary of Health and Human Services to identify and suspend all payments to disreputable treatment centers or sober homes.”

STATE ISSUES

State Capital Briefs

By NSF Staff

Vacation Rentals Regulation Changes Backed

A Senate committee Thursday approved legislation that would let the state regulate vacation rental properties and eliminate local regulations passed in recent years. In a 9-1 vote, the Regulated Industries Committee endorsed legislation (SB 1400), sponsored by Sen. Greg Steube, R-Sarasota, that was combined with another measure (SB 1640), sponsored by Sen. David Simmons, R-Altamonte Springs.

Under the proposal, “the state will solely be responsible for the licensing and inspection of vacation rentals,” Steube said. He also said local governments, which largely oppose the bill, would still be able to pass some regulations so long as they are applied equally to all similar residential properties, including short- and long-term rentals. “Local governments would still be left to preserve the integrity of their neighborhoods by passing ordinances to address noise, trash, parking or any other behavior that would tend to disturb a residential neighborhood,” he said.

The bill next moves to the Senate Appropriations Committee. A House bill (HB 773), sponsored by Rep. Mike La Rosa, R-St. Cloud, would also pre-empt local regulation of vacation rentals and is awaiting its first hearing.

Senate Posed to Pass Needle Exchange Expansion

The Senate is inching closer to approving a bill that would allow hospitals, clinics, medical schools and substance-abuse treatment programs to begin offering needle-and-syringe exchange programs to reduce the spread of diseases such as HIV.

The Senate on Thursday took up a measure (SB 800), filed by Minority Leader Oscar Braynon, D-Miami Gardens, that would expand statewide a 2016 law that enabled the University of Miami to operate a needle-exchange program in Miami-Dade County. The Senate could vote on the bill next week. Between Dec. 1, 2016 and July 31, 2017, the Miami-Dade program provided 44,497 clean, unused syringes in exchange for 50,509 used syringes.

State Attorney Dave Aronberg to Lead National Prosecutor Initiative on Opioid Abuse

By the Office of the State Attorney

Palm Beach County State Attorney Dave Aronberg has been chosen to lead a national working group of prosecutors within the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) to develop policy proposals to battle the opioid crisis. Aronberg, who is an officer on the NDAA Board of Directors, will chair the Working Group, which is comprised of prosecutors from 30 states.

The goal of the Working Group is to develop the first national policy document from prosecutors with proposals to address the opioid crisis aimed at federal, state and local policymakers. The final product, which is expected to be released in May, will include best practices from local jurisdictions and recommendations on prevention, criminal investigations, enforcement and rehabilitation.

State Attorney Aronberg, who previously served as the Florida Attorney General's "Drug Czar," currently leads a Task Force in Palm Beach County that has targeted fraud and abuse in the drug treatment industry. The Task Force has made 42 arrests in the past year for patient brokering and has led to changes in Florida law to toughen penalties and tighten regulation over the drug rehab industry.

Aronberg added that "prosecutors and law enforcement have been on the front lines of this fight to save lives and protect our communities from the ravages of drug abuse, so it's fitting that the NDAA has taken a leadership role on this issue."

Florida Legislative Session: Week 4

By County Staff, Corcoran & Johnston, Ericks Consulting

Monday

- **Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax**

SB 658 Authorizing counties imposing the tax to use the tax revenues, under certain circumstances, for specified purposes and costs relating to public facilities, etc.

SB 0658 reported favorable, now in Appropriations

SB 1144 Requiring the governing body of certain counties to post its permit and inspection fee schedules and a link to the annual building permit and inspection report on its website; requiring the governing body of a local government, before making any adjustment to a fee schedule, to publish a building permit and inspection report and post it on the local government's website, etc.

SB 1144 reported favorable, now in Appropriations

- **Senate Environmental Preservation and Conservation**

SB 244 Establishing the blue star collection system assessment and maintenance program; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules and review and, if appropriate, approve applications for certification under the program; creating a presumption of compliance with certain total maximum daily load requirements for certified blue star utilities; requiring the department to provide extended operating permits when a certified blue star utility applies for permit renewal under certain conditions, etc.

SB 244 reported favorable, now in Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities

SB 808 Providing an exemption for valuations, certain records, and sales offers for sales related to surplus lands; authorizing disclosure of such records under certain circumstances; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

SB 808 reported favorable, now in Governmental Oversight and Accountability

SB 992 Revising requirements related to the operation of water storage and use for Phase I and Phase II of the C-51 reservoir project if state funds are appropriated for such phases; authorizing the South Florida Water Management District to enter into certain capacity allocation agreements and to request a waiver for repayment of certain loans; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to waive such loan repayment under certain conditions, etc.

SB 992 reported favorable, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources

SB 1622 Specifying the authority of the Division of State Lands within the Department of Environmental Protection to acquire lands from an annual list provided by the Department of Economic Opportunity and the Florida Defense Support Task Force for the purpose of buffering military installations against encroachment; authorizing the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund to direct the department to purchase lands on an immediate basis to

satisfy private property rights claims resulting from certain limitations; authorizing land authorities to contribute tourist impact tax revenues to certain counties for the construction, redevelopment, and preservation of certain affordable housing, etc.

SB 1622 reported favorable, now in Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

SB 462 Prohibiting the performance of advanced well stimulation treatments; clarifying that permits for drilling or operating a well do not authorize the performance of advanced well stimulation treatments, etc.

SB 462 reported favorable, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources

Tuesday

- **Senate Children Families, and Elder Affairs**

SB 112 Authorizing physician assistants and advanced registered nurse practitioners to execute a certificate under certain conditions stating that they have examined a person and find the person appears to meet the criteria for involuntary examination, etc.

SB 112 reported favorable, now in Judiciary

SB 152 Requiring certain organizations offering child care through after-school programs to be licensed as child care facilities, etc.

SB 152 temporarily postponed by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

- **Senate Commerce and Tourism**

SB 1606 requiring the production to use a bonded third-party collection account management firm; requiring the lead producer or production company to have a specified sales record or provide a completion bond; requiring the board to create the Florida Motion Picture Capital Account and maintain exclusive control of the account, etc.

SB 1606 temporarily postponed by Commerce and Tourism

- **Senate Criminal Justice**

SB 392 Increasing the age of a child at which a state attorney may, or is required to, request a court to transfer the child to adult court for criminal prosecution; increasing the age of a child at which a state attorney may, or is required to, file an information against the child for prosecution as an adult, etc.

SB 392 not considered by Criminal Justice

SB 588 Expanding grounds for the reclassification of crimes to include prejudice based on the gender or gender identity of the victim; expanding grounds for reclassification of crimes to include prejudice based on a disability of the victim, etc.

SB 588 reported favorable, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice

SB 820 Prohibiting certain actions to influence a fire safety inspector to violate the Florida Fire Prevention Code, other rules of the State Fire Marshal, or ch. 633, F.S., etc.

SB 820 reported favorable, now in Rules

SB 1222 Creating a probationary split sentence for substance use and mental health offenders in accordance with s. 948.012, F.S.; authorizing the sentencing court to have the Department of Corrections conduct a presentence investigation report in accordance with s. 921.231, F.S., for the purpose of providing the court with appropriate information to determine the type of probation most appropriate for the offender; requiring written notification from the department to the specified parties if an offender is terminated from or prevented from entering the in-prison treatment program, etc.

SB 1222 Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice

SB 1226 Redefining the terms “permanent residence,” “temporary residence,” and “transient residence” by decreasing the amount of days a person abides, lodges, or resides in a certain place to qualify for that type of residency category; revising existing criminal penalties for sexual predators to require mandatory minimum terms of community control with electronic monitoring for first, second, and third and subsequent felony violations if the court does not impose a prison sentence, etc.

SB 1226 now in Appropriations

SB 1418 Authorizing the Department of Health or the Agency for Health Care Administration, as applicable, to grant exemptions from disqualification for service provider personnel to work solely in certain treatment programs and facilities; revising provisions relating to background checks and exemptions from disqualification for certain service provider personnel; requiring recovery residences to comply with specified Florida Fire Prevention Code provisions; revising background screening requirements for owners, directors, and chief financial officers of recovery residences, etc.

SB 1418 reported favorable, Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

- **Senate Education**

SB 1234 Citing this act as the "Campus Free Expression Act"; authorizing a public institution of higher education to create and enforce certain restrictions relating to expressive activities on campus; providing for a cause of action against a public institution of higher education for violations of the act; requiring student government associations to provide specified information to recognized student organizations that request funding, etc.

SB 1234 reported favorable, Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed, now in Judiciary

- **House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee**

HB 683 Requires DOH to conduct study on affordability, access, & delivery of dental care in this state; requires department to submit report on findings of study to Governor & Legislature by specified date; provides for expiration of study.

HB 683 temporarily postponed by Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee

HB 1069 Authorizes DOH, AHCA, & DCF to grant exemptions from disqualification for service provider personnel to work solely in certain treatment programs & facilities; revises provisions relating to background checks & exemptions from disqualification for certain service provider personnel & owners, directors, & CFOs of recovery residences; prohibits recovery residences & specified affiliated individuals from benefitting from certain referrals.

HB 1069 reported favorable, Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

- **Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee**

HB 1073 Revises requirements for electronic originals & copying of certain records media; revises certain bureau names & creates new bureaus; revises service options for child transition plans; provides certain exemptions for members & veterans of armed forces; revises requirements for licensure or appointment of managing general agents under the Florida Insurance Code; revises license application process for managing general agents; revises terms of office for Florida Fire Safety Board; deletes provision for staffing and funding formula of Florida State Fire College.

HB 1073 reported favorable, now in Commerce Committee

HB 1437 Specifies that participants in certain disabled persons' work experience activities are considered state employees for workers' compensation purposes.

HB 1437 reported favorable, now in Government Accountability Committee

- **Senate Banking and Insurance**

SB 1304 Authorizing a bicycle sharing company to allow a minor to operate a bicycle reserved by a user if accompanied by a user; providing insurance requirements for a bicycle sharing company; authorizing a local governmental entity to annually require a bicycle sharing company to provide proof of insurance; authorizing a local governmental entity to issue a bicycle sharing company certain fines and fees and to impose other penalties under certain circumstances, etc.

SB 1304 reported favorable, now in Community Affairs

SB 1422 Requiring contracts between the Agency for Health Care Administration and certain managed care plans to require the plans to submit a specified annual report to the agency relating to parity between mental health and substance use disorder benefits and medical and surgical benefits; deleting certain provisions that require insurers, health maintenance organizations, and nonprofit hospital and medical service plan organizations transacting group health insurance or providing prepaid health care to offer specified optional coverage for mental and nervous disorders, etc.

SB 1422 reported favorable, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services

- **Senate Community Affairs**

SB 1776 Prohibiting local governments from regulating vegetable gardens on residential properties except as otherwise provided by law, etc.

SB 1776 reported favorable, now in Rules

SB 574 Preempting to the state the regulation of the trimming, removal, or harvesting of trees and timber on private property; prohibiting local governments from prohibiting the burial of vegetative debris on certain properties, etc.

SB 574 not considered by Community Affairs

SB 1308 Revising the required provisions of the water resource implementation rule; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection and the water management districts to develop and enter into a memorandum of agreement providing for a coordinated review of any reclaimed water project requiring a reclaimed water facility permit, an underground injection control permit, and a consumptive use permit; requiring counties and municipalities to address contamination of recyclable material in specified contracts; prohibiting counties and municipalities from requiring the collection or transport of contaminated recyclable material by residential recycling collectors, etc.

SB 1308 not considered by Community Affairs

- **Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability**

SB 738 Providing an exemption from public records requirements for fire safety system plans held by an agency; providing an exemption from public records and public meetings requirements for information relating to fire safety systems for certain properties and meetings relating to such systems and information; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemptions; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

SB 738 reported favorable, now in Rules

- **House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee**

HB 145 Directs FWCC to establish pilot program for eradication of priority invasive species & submit report to Governor & Legislature; authorizes FWCC to enter specified contracts.

HB 145 reported favorable, now in Government Accountability Committee

HB 645 Creates Florida Young Farmer & Rancher Advisory Council within DACS; provides for council membership, duties, & powers; directs DACS to adopt rules & to establish clearinghouse of resources to assist young farmers & ranchers.

HB 645 reported favorable, now in Commerce Committee

HB 703 Revises circumstances when water management districts must publish intention to sell surplus lands; revises process for selling certain lower valued surplus lands

HB 703 reported favorable now in Government Accountability Committee

HB 1149 Provides examples of reclaimed water use that may create impact offset; revises required provisions of water resource implementation rule; requires DEP & water management districts to develop & enter into certain memorandum of agreement; requires counties & municipalities to address contamination of recyclable material in specified contracts; prohibits counties & municipalities from requiring certain collection & transport of contaminated recyclable material; requires specified provisions in contracts between residential recycling collectors & materials recovery facilities & counties & municipalities; provides that local government may not require further verification from department for certain projects; revises types of dock & pier replacements & repairs that are exempt from such verification & certain permitting requirements

HB 1149 reported favorable now in Government Accountability Committee

HB 7063 Revises, creates, & repeals various provisions relating to acquisition, management, & disposition of conservation lands; water supply facilities, public water systems, & domestic wastewater systems; water resource development &

capital improvement projects; distribution & use of funds from Florida Forever Trust Fund & Land Acquisition Trust Fund; rural-lands-protection easement programs; reservoir projects; & beneficial use of stormwater resulting from road construction; provides statement of important state interest.

HB 7063 reported favorable, will move to Appropriations

- **House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee**

HB 733 Prohibits introduction into or possession on grounds of any county detention facility of any cellular telephone or other portable communication device.

HB 733 reported favorable, now in Judiciary Committee

HB 1197 Encourages local prearrest diversion programs for certain adult offenders; requires that adult issued civil citation fulfill community service requirement & pay restitution; permits criminal charges if adult fails to complete program; requires FDLE to adopt rules to provide for expunction of certain nonjudicial records of arrest of minor upon successful completion of certain diversion programs; authorizes such expunctions for certain first-time misdemeanor offenses; requires diversion program to submit specified data to DJJ.

HB 1197 reported favorable, now in Judiciary Committee

HB 7039 Provides mandatory minimum sentence for certain human trafficking offenses; expands definition of term "adult theater"; prohibits assessing certain fees & costs to victims of human trafficking seeking criminal records expungement.

HB 7039 reported favorable, now in Judiciary Committee

- **House Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee**

HB 1103 Provides that regional rural development grants may be used to hire regional economic development organization professional staff; provides maximum amount of grant funding that specified economic development organizations may receive in year; revises amount of required matching funds; requires certain contracts to include certain information & be placed on certain websites; provides that improving access to & availability of broadband Internet service may be included in project that is eligible for rural infrastructure grant funds.

HB 1103 reported favorable, Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

HB 1287 Authorizes DHSMV to partner with county tax collectors to issue temporary tags to fleet vehicles; requires DHSMV to establish memorandum of understanding with fleet company; provides company eligibility requirements;

provides requirements for tag issuance, use, & invalidation; provides for disciplinary action.

HB 1287 reported favorable, will move to Government Accountability Committee

HB 1319 Requires supervisors of elections to enter into agreements with clerks of circuit courts to receive specified information; requires DHSMV to furnish monthly to DOS list of persons who identified themselves as aliens; requires DOS to compare such list with statewide voter registration system & provide names of registered voters who are aliens to supervisor of elections of county in which voter is registered.

HB 1319 reported favorable, now in Public Integrity & Ethics Committee

- **Senate Ethics and Elections**

SB 810 Authorizing an elector to vote by personally delivering his or her completed vote-by-mail ballot to an early voting site in the elector's county of residence during the site's hours of operation, etc.

SB 810 reported favorable, now in Rules

- **Senate Judiciary**

SB 624 Authorizing an elector to vote by personally delivering his or her completed vote-by-mail ballot to an early voting site in the elector's county of residence during the site's hours of operation, etc.

SB 624 reported favorable, now in Rules

SB 602 Authorizing a court to depart from certain mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment for drug trafficking if it makes specified findings, etc.

SB 602 reported favorable, now in Appropriations

- **Senate Transportation**

SB 182 Requiring the Department of Transportation to create a Small Business Roadway Construction Mitigation Grant Program; requiring the program to disburse grants using funds allocated to the department by the Legislature to certain qualified businesses for the purpose of maintaining the businesses during a construction project of the department, etc.

SB 182 reported favorable, will move to Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

SB 1200 Adding an alternative transportation authority as part of the operations of the Department of Transportation; requiring the responsibility for expending certain funds to be delegated by the department secretary to the executive director of the authority, subject to certain requirements; beginning in a

specified timeframe, revising annual allocations in the State Transportation Trust Fund for the Transportation Regional Incentive Program; repealing provisions relating to fund participation and the Florida Rail Enterprise, etc.

SB 1200 reported favorable, now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

SB 1632 Expanding the application of certain provisions related to ordinances and rules imposing price controls to include the towing or immobilization of vessels; prohibiting counties and municipalities from imposing charges, costs, expenses, fines, fees, or penalties on registered owners, other legally authorized persons in control, or lienholders of vehicles or vessels under certain conditions, etc.

SB 1632 reported favorable, now in Rules

- **House Appropriations Committee**

HB 791 Establishes Red Tape Reduction Advisory Council within EOG; requires Administrative Procedures Committee to establish regulatory baseline of agency rules; provides that new rule may not cause the total number of rules to exceed regulatory baseline; requires agency proposing new rule to submit rule replacement request to committee; provides that rule replacement request or exemption request may not be approved until initial regulatory baseline has been reduced by specified amount.

HB 791 reported favorable, now in Government Accountability Committee

HB 977 Revises limitations on maximum length of participation in DROP for certain instructional personnel & administrative personnel; requires employer to notify Division of Retirement of DMS regarding any change in termination date & program participation for each affected member.

HB 977 reported favorable, now in Government Accountability Committee

HB 1019 Requires counties, municipalities, special districts, water management districts, & district school boards to submit certain budget & financial information to specified entities; requires certain budget information to remain posted on such entity's official website for specified period of time; revises reporting deadlines, with exception; provides penalties; requires Office of Economic & Demographic Research to develop forms for reporting certain budget information.

HB 1019 reported favorable, now in Government Accountability Committee

Wednesday

- **House Judiciary Committee**

HB 39 Removes statement of applicability relating to certain violations of carrying concealed weapon or firearm; reduces penalties applicable to person licensed to carry concealed weapon or firearm for first or second violation of specified provisions relating to openly carrying weapons; provides that person licensed to carry concealed weapon or firearm does not violate certain provisions if firearm is temporarily & openly displayed.

HB 39 reported favorable, placed on Calendar, 2nd reading

- **Senate Session**

HB 6021 Abrogates future repeal of provisions related to guardian ad litem direct-support organization.

HB 6021 read third time, passed

HB 53 Establishes Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area.

HB 53 read third time, passed

SB 204 Revising the specified appropriation for spring restoration, protection, and management projects; requiring a specified appropriation for certain projects related to the St. Johns River and its tributaries or the Keystone Heights Lake Region, etc.

SB 204 read third time, passed

SB 2500 Providing moneys for the annual period beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, and supplemental appropriations for the period ending June 30, 2018, to pay salaries and other expenses, capital outlay - buildings, and other improvements, and for other specified purposes of the various agencies of state government, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$87,297,406,427.00

SB 2500 ordered engrossed, placed on 3rd reading. Engrossed Text (E1) Filed

SB 2502 Implementing the 2018-2019 General Appropriations Act; Incorporating by reference certain calculations of the Florida Education Finance Program; specifying that certain schools of hope are eligible to receive hope supplemental service allocation funds; creating the mental health assistance allocation; incorporating by reference certain calculations of the Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital program; updating the average of audited disproportionate share data for purposes of calculating disproportionate share payments; requiring the Department of Financial Services to replace specified components of the Florida Accounting Information Resource Subsystem (FLAIR) and the Cash Management Subsystem (CMS), etc.

SB 2502 ordered engrossed, placed on 3rd reading. Engrossed Text (E1) Filed

SB 7014 Revising required employer retirement contribution rates for each membership class and subclass of the Florida Retirement System, etc.

SB 7014 read 2nd time, placed on 3rd reading

SB 152 Requiring Department of Law Enforcement procedures to allow the payment or transmittal of processing fees for criminal history checks of potential firearms buyers by electronic means; providing that criminal history check requests by licensed importers, manufacturers, and dealers to the department may be made by electronic means, etc.

SB 152 temporarily postponed on second reading, retained on Special Order Calendar

- **Health & Human Services Committee**

HB 947 Revises deadlines for submission of documentation regarding involuntary examinations; establishes priority for mental health training by school resource officers & school safety officers; revises responsibilities of DOE & Statewide Office for Suicide Prevention; revises criteria for designation as Certified Suicide Prevention School; requires department, school district, & each school to post certain information regarding Certified Suicide Prevention Schools on its website.

HB 947 reported favorable, Health & Human Services was last committee of reference

- **House Session**

HB 517 Requires DMS to implement formulary management cost-saving measures; provides requirements for such measures; removes provision that prohibits department from implementing restricted prescription drug formulary or prior authorization program in state employees' prescription drug program.

HB 517 read 2nd time, placed on 3rd reading

HB 5301 revises number of county court judges in certain counties; provides legislative findings; provides that circuit & county court judicial offices created by act constitute vacancies in office for purposes of qualifying for 2018 general election; provides for election of new circuit & county court judges created by act in 2018 general election; provides qualifying dates for these positions; specifies elimination dates for decertified offices.

HB 5301 read 2nd time, placed on 3rd reading

HB 5203 Revises certain lodging rates for the purpose of reimbursement to specified employees; authorizes employee to expend his or her own funds for certain lodging expenses; provides DMS rulemaking authority; creates the statewide travel management system; provides system reporting requirements; requires specified entities to use statewide travel management system for certain purposes; requires DMS to make travel information available to public by

specified date; provides appropriation & positions; provides statement of important state interest.

HB 5203 read 2nd time, placed on 3rd reading

- **Senate Military and Veterans Affairs Space, and Domestic Security**

SB 1006 Modifying requirements for the state comprehensive emergency management plan and statewide public awareness programs administered by the Division of Emergency Management; authorizing any individual to bring a service animal or comfort animal to a special needs shelter; requiring Florida College System institutions and state universities that provide transportation assistance in an emergency evacuation to coordinate the use of vehicles and personnel with local emergency management agencies, etc.

SB 1006 reported favorable, will move to Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, tourism, and Economic Development

- **Senate Rules**

SB 906 Providing an exemption from public records requirements for building plans, blueprints, schematic drawings, and diagrams held by an agency which depict the internal layout or structural elements of certain health care facilities; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc.

SB 906 placed on calendar, 2nd reading

SB 562 Authorizing municipalities and counties to further restrict smoking within the boundaries of certain public parks and designated facilities, etc.

SB 562 placed on calendar, 2nd reading

SB 8 Prohibiting managed care plans and their fiscal agents or intermediaries from imposing certain requirements or conditions on recipients as a prerequisite to receiving medication-assisted treatment (MAT) services to treat substance abuse disorders; authorizing certain boards to require practitioners to complete a specified board-approved continuing education course to obtain authorization to prescribe controlled substances as part of biennial license renewal; authorizing disciplinary action against practitioners for violating specified provisions relating to controlled substances; prohibiting the dispensing of certain controlled substances in an amount that exceeds a 3-day supply or a medically necessary 7-day supply if certain criteria are met, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$53,555,360.00

SB 8 temporarily postponed by Rules

Thursday

- **House Government Accountability Committee**

HB 243 Requires certain counties to use surtax proceeds for specified purposes related to fixed guideway rapid transit systems & bus systems; authorizes use of surtax proceeds for certain purposes; prohibits use of such proceeds for certain purposes.

HB 243 temporarily postponed by Government Accountability Committee

HB 459 Provides that certain information related to agency contracts is not confidential or exempt from public records requirements; removes or revises numerous provisions relating to exemptions from public records requirements for trade secrets.

HB 459 reported favorable, Government Accountability was last committee of reference

HB 697 revises minimum requirements for adoption of impact fees.

HB 697 reported favorable, Government Accountability was last committee of reference

HB 889 West Palm Beach Police Pension Fund of the City of West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County: Revises retirement pension calculation.

HB 889 reported favorable, placed on Calendar, 2nd reading

HB 901 Transfers certain land from Acme Improvement District to Pine Tree Water Control District; provides boundaries of Pine Tree Water Control District; provides boundaries of Acme Improvement District; provides purpose.

HB 901 reported favorable, Government Accountability was last committee of reference

HB 963 Establishes maximum rate that local governments may charge to immobilize vehicles or vessels; defines "immobilize"; prohibits local governments from enacting certain ordinances or rules that impose fees or charges on specified entities; provides exceptions; prohibits local governments from imposing charges on certain entities related to vehicles or vessels; provides exception; authorizes certain persons to place liens on vehicles or vessels to recover specified fees or charges.

HB 963 reported favorable, placed on Calendar, 2nd reading

HB 1093 Provides for district to become dependent special district of town; provides boundaries; dissolves independent special district; requires referendum. Effective Date: only if a majority of those landowners of the Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District voting in the same manner by which the district's governing body is elected in a referendum held pursuant to this act approve the referendum question in section 3

HB 1093 temporarily postponed by Government Accountability Committee

HB 7043 Provides DEP, upon approval of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, with power & authority to adopt rules to assume & implement permitting program pursuant to federal Clean Water Act for dredge & fill activities in certain state waters; provides applicability of state laws, exemptions, & administrative procedures; provides permit requirements; provides for delegation of certain activities.

HB 7043 reported favorable, Government Accountability was last committee of reference

- **House Public Integrity & Ethics Committee**

HB 815 Requires candidate for elective municipal office to file full & public disclosure of financial interests upon qualifying for office; requires elected county or municipal public officers who are candidates for elective office to make certain campaign finance reports available on certain websites; requires that requests to travel out of state by county or municipal public officers be approved by governing board of county or municipality; limits travel expenses of such public officers or employees; prohibits advancement or reimbursement for certain travel expenses of such public officers or employees; requires county or municipal public officers to report certain travel expenses; requires elected municipal officers to file full & public disclosure of financial interests.

HB 815 reported favorable, Public Integrity & Ethics was last committee of reference

- **House Commerce Committee**

HB 1151 Repeals, creates, and revises provisions for statewide guidelines, standards, & requirements for developments of regional impact relating to authorizations to develop; applications for approval of development; concurrent plan amendments; preapplication procedures; preliminary development agreements; conceptual agency reviews; local notice & regional reports; developments inside & outside areas of critical state concern; local government development orders; construction of mitigation facilities; impact fee & exaction credits; comprehensive development applications & master plan development orders; abandonment of developments; dense urban land area exemptions; Florida Quality Developments & Quality Developments Review Board; Administration Commission guidelines & standards; state land planning agency agreements; Florida Land & Water Adjudicatory Commission requirements; local government permit approvals & extensions, reviews & certifications; uniform reviews of developments by state land planning agency & regional planning agencies.

HB 1151 reported favorable, House Commerce was last committee of reference

- **Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice**

SB 942 Requiring the secretary of the Department of Juvenile Justice to appoint board of directors to the department's direct-support organization according to the organization's established bylaws; abrogating the scheduled repeal of provisions governing a direct-support organization established by the department, etc.

SB 942 reported favorable, will move on to Appropriations

SB 982 Designating the "Care for Retired Law Enforcement Dogs Program Act"; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to contract with a corporation not for profit to administer and manage the program; providing requirements for the disbursement of funds for the veterinary care of eligible retired law enforcement dogs, etc.

SB 982 reported favorable, will move on to Appropriations

SB 1424 Providing that veterans who were discharged or released under any condition, individuals who are current or former United States Department of Defense contractors, and individuals who are current or former military members of a foreign allied country are eligible in a certain Military Veterans and Service Members Court Program, etc.

SB 1424 reported favorable, will move on to Appropriations

SB 1140 Requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to establish a continued employment training component relating to mental illness, etc.

SB 1140 reported favorable, will move on to Appropriations

- **Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K-12 Education**

SB 856 Authorizing the use of credits earned upon completion of a registered apprenticeship or preapprenticeship to satisfy specified high school graduation credit requirements, etc.

SB 856 reported favorable, now in Appropriations

- **Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development**

SB 1244 Adding a minimum population standard as a criteria that must be met before qualified electors of an independent special district commence a certain municipal conversion proceeding; revising the statewide guidelines and standards for developments of regional impact; specifying that amendments to a development order for an approved development may not alter the dates before which a development would be subject to downzoning, unit density reduction, or intensity reduction, except under certain conditions; requiring local governments to file a notice of abandonment under certain conditions, etc.

SB 1244 reported favorable, will move to Appropriations

- **Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education**

SB 252 Providing that credit hours eligible for tuition and fee waivers be determined on a calendar year basis, rather than per academic term, etc.

SB 252 reported favorable, will move to Appropriations

SB 764 Establishing the Dental Student Loan Repayment Program to support dentists who practice in public health programs located in certain underserved areas, etc.

SB 764 reported favorable, will move to Appropriations

- **Senate Regulated Industries**

SB 746 Requiring that doorstep refuse and recycling collection containers be allowed in exit corridors of certain apartment occupancies under certain circumstances; authorizing authorities having jurisdiction to approve certain alternative containers and storage arrangements, etc.

SB746 reported favorable, now in Rules

SB 1400 (THIS BILL COMBINES S1400 & 1640) Creating the "Florida Vacation Rental Act"; preempting certain regulation and control of vacation rentals to the state; specifying authority of the Division of Hotels and Restaurants over regulation of vacation rentals; requiring vacation rentals to obtain a license; specifying that vacation rentals are to be treated as transient rentals regarding certain landlord and tenant provisions; requiring the division to inspect vacation rentals when necessary to respond to emergencies and epidemiological conditions, etc.

SB 1400 reported favorable, will move to Appropriations

- **House Session**

HB 517 Requires DMS to implement formulary management cost-saving measures; provides requirements for such measures; removes provision that prohibits department from implementing restricted prescription drug formulary or prior authorization program in state employees' prescription drug program.

HB 517 read 3rd time, passed. Immediately Certified; Requests that the Senate pass the bill as passed by the house or agree to include the bill in the Budget Conference, now in Messages

HB 5301 Revises number of circuit court judges in certain circuits; revises number of county court judges in certain counties; provides legislative findings; provides that circuit & county court judicial offices created by act constitute vacancies in office for purposes of qualifying for 2018 general election; provides

for election of new circuit & county court judges created by act in 2018 general election; provides qualifying dates for these positions; specifies elimination dates for decertified offices.

HB 5301 read 3rd time, passed. Immediately Certified; Requests that the Senate pass the bill as passed by the house or agree to include the bill in the Budget Conference, now in Messages

HB 5203 Revises certain lodging rates for the purpose of reimbursement to specified employees; authorizes employee to expend his or her own funds for certain lodging expenses; provides DMS rulemaking authority; creates the statewide travel management system; provides system reporting requirements; requires specified entities to use statewide travel management system for certain purposes; requires DMS to make travel information available to public by specified date; provides appropriation & positions; provides statement of important state interest.

HB 5203 read 3rd time, passed. Immediately Certified; Requests that the Senate pass the bill as passed by the house or agree to include the bill in the Budget Conference, now in Messages

- **Senate Session**

SB 2500 Providing moneys for the annual period beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, and supplemental appropriations for the period ending June 30, 2018, to pay salaries and other expenses, capital outlay - buildings, and other improvements, and for other specified purposes of the various agencies of state government, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$87,297,406,427.00

SB 2500 read 3rd time, Substituted for **HB 5001**

SB 2502 Incorporating by reference certain calculations of the Florida Education Finance Program; specifying that certain schools of hope are eligible to receive hope supplemental service allocation funds; creating the mental health assistance allocation; incorporating by reference certain calculations of the Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital program; updating the average of audited disproportionate share data for purposes of calculating disproportionate share payments; requiring the Department of Financial Services to replace specified components of the Florida Accounting Information Resource Subsystem (FLAIR) and the Cash Management Subsystem (CMS), etc.

SB 2502 read 3rd time, Substituted for **HB 5003**

SB 7014 Revising required employer retirement contribution rates for each membership class and subclass of the Florida Retirement System, etc.

SB 7014 read 3rd time, Substituted for **HB 5007**

HB 85 Authorizes DOS to become member of nongovernmental entity to verify voter registration information; establishes requirements for such memberships;

requires DHSMV to provide specified information to DOS; establishes reporting requirements.

HB 85 withdrawn from ethics and Elections; Appropriations; Rules; placed on Calendar on 2nd reading, substituted for **SB 276**, read 2nd time, placed on 3rd reading

SB 800 Citing this act as the “Florida Infectious Disease Elimination Act (IDEA)””; authorizing the Department of Health to establish sterile needle and syringe exchange pilot programs upon request from eligible entities, rather than a single program established in Miami-Dade County, etc.

SB 800 read 2nd time, placed on 3rd reading

SB 494 Revising the definition of the term “development” to exclude work by certain utility providers on utility infrastructure on certain rights-of-way or corridors; requiring the consideration of a certain variance standard when including conditions for the certification of an electrical power plant; clarifying that the Public Service Commission has exclusive jurisdiction to require underground transmission lines, etc.

SB 494 read 2nd time, substituted for **HB 405**, refer to HB 405

HB 405 Revises definition of "development" to exclude certain utility work on rights-of-way or corridors & creation or termination of distribution & transmission corridors; requires DEP to consider certain variance standard for certification of power plants & transmission corridors; specifies PSC authority to locate transmission lines underground.

HB 405 withdrawn, placed on Calendar on 2nd reading, substituted for **SB 494**, read 2nd time, placed on 3rd reading

HB 87 Provides exemption from public records requirements for certain information received by DOS from another state or District of Columbia which is confidential or exempt pursuant to laws of that jurisdiction; provides for release of such information to specified persons; provides for future legislative review & repeal of the exemption; provides statement of public necessity.

HB 87 withdrawn, placed on Calendar on 2nd reading, substituted for **SB 278**, read 2nd time, placed on 3rd reading

SB 152 Requiring Department of Law Enforcement procedures to allow the payment or transmittal of processing fees for criminal history checks of potential firearms buyers by electronic means; providing that criminal history check requests by licensed importers, manufacturers, and dealers to the department may be made by electronic means, etc.

SB 152 read 2nd time, substituted for **HB 55**, refer to HB 55

HB 55 Requires FDLE to allow payment or transmittal of processing fees for criminal history checks of potential firearms buyers by electronic means.

HB 55 withdrawn, placed on Calendar on 2nd reading, substituted for **SB 152**, read 2nd time, placed on 3rd reading

