



*The Florida Senate*  
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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



JOHN M. McKAY

*President of the Senate*

Welcome to the Florida Senate — an institution steeped in tradition and instilled with the greatest sense of responsibility to those it serves. I am both honored and humbled to serve as Senate President for the 2000-2002 term. The opportunities that present themselves and the challenges we face are both exciting and daunting as we address the needs of our nation's fourth largest state.

Each of the Senate's 40 members represents a district comprised of constituencies with varied and unique perspectives of individual needs. Our responsibility to all the people of Florida will be to work together toward one common goal — to move the state forward in providing for its citizens through responsible legislation.

It has been said that one of the measures by which a society will be judged is the way it cares for its most vulnerable members. The Senate will discuss and debate many issues, but those of foster care, long-term care of the elderly, the homeless and children with developmental disabilities will be of paramount importance during my tenure as President.

I invite you to read on and learn more about the history of the Florida Senate, its members and the legislative process. I am confident that by working together, we can make Florida a better place to live, work and play as we continue our venture into the 21st Century.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "John M. McKay". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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# THE FLORIDA SENATE

When the first Senate was convened on January 7, 1839 — six years before Florida became a state — no business could be transacted because only seven of the sixteen Senators were present. There was no quorum of Senators for three of the first four days, and it was not until the fifth day of the first session that Territorial Governor Richard Keith Call addressed the Senate and the House of Representatives in joint session.

Since the beginning days, the Senate has evolved into a highly organized, smoothly functioning legislative body that meets annually to conduct the people's business. The year-round staff conducts vital research and prepares for the legislative sessions.

“Once a Senator, always a Senator” is a catchy phrase of good fellowship that conveys something of the philosophy of the Senate.



Senate Leadership: President John McKay, center, with, left to right: Senator Daryl Jones, Democratic Leader Pro Tempore; Senator Tom Rossin, Democratic Leader; Senator Ginny Brown-Waite, President Pro Tempore; and Senator Jim King, Majority Leader.

The Florida Senate today has 40 members, each elected from a single district and each representing more than 323,448 Florida citizens. Each Senator is elected for a four-year staggered term. He or she may be elected for more than one term, but may not serve for more than eight consecutive years (see Article VI, section 4, State Constitution). The Constitution of the State of Florida specifies that Senators must be at least twenty-one years of age, must be registered voters, must be residents of the district from which they are elected, and must have resided in Florida for two years prior to their election.

While members of the other branches of government work full time in public service, the Legislature maintains its identity as the “citizen” branch. Almost all of the Senators are occupied in a business or profession when they are not carrying out their legislative duties.

The 2000-2002 Senate membership includes 33 men and 7 women. There are 25 Republicans and 15 Democrats whose professions or occupations include law, medicine, banking, business, agriculture, and industry. The average Senator is about 49 years old, is married, and has children. Thirty-five of the Senators have college degrees and 36 have held other public offices before they were elected to the Senate. Twenty-four Senators served in the House of Representatives prior to their election to the Senate. Others have served in local governments. The Senate is presided over by a President elected by the members of the Senate. Also elected is the President Pro Tempore. The President for the 2000-2002 term is Senator John M. McKay from Bradenton, a 10-year Senate veteran. The President Pro Tempore is Senator Ginny Brown-Waite from Brooksville, who has served in the Senate since 1992.

Additional information on these officers and the other members of the Senate is contained on the following pages of this handbook. The handbook also further outlines and describes the Senate, its operations, and its relationship to the House of Representatives and the other two branches of Florida government.

## President of the Florida Senate

The Senate President is a constitutional officer who leads the Florida Senate for a two-year term. The President, who is elected by members of the Senate, manages the operations of the Senate and presides over its sessions. The President's many duties include: selecting a Majority Leader, appointing Senators to standing Senate committees, appointing committee chairmen and appointing citizens to a variety of boards and commissions.



**John M. McKay**  
**Republican, District 26**

Real Estate Broker, Businessman **born** September 23, 1948 in Winter Haven **education** Florida State University, B.S., 1971 **wife** Michelle Dodson of Bonifay **children** Sara Jane and Meredith McKay; Mary Patricia (Tricia) May and granddaughter, Healey Jane May **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1990, reelected subsequently; President, 2000-2002 **historical** D.B. McKay, great-uncle, Mayor of Tampa for 16 years in the early 1900s. Mitchell F. McKay, grandfather, Clerk of the Criminal Court in Tampa, 1908-1910; Deputy Clerk of Circuit Court, 1924-1928 **military service** Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve, 1969-1975, honorable discharge **religious affiliation** Episcopal **recreation** golf and sailing **addresses** (district) Wildewood Professional Park, 3653 Cortez Road West, Suite 90, Bradenton 34210 (Tallahassee) Suite 409, The Capitol 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 941/727-6349 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5229.

## President Pro Tempore of the Florida Senate

The role of the President Pro Tempore is defined by the President and the Senate Rules. Additionally, he or she may preside over sessions during the absence of the President.



**Ginny Brown-Waite**  
**Republican, District 10**

Legislator, College Professor, Consultant **born** October 5, 1943 in Albany, New York. Moved to Florida in 1986 **education** State University of New York, B.S., 1976; Russell Sage College, M.S., 1984; Cornell University, Certificate Program, 1980 **husband** Harvey Waite of Albany, New York **children** Danene Mitchell, Lorie Sue Busiere and Jeannine Bradford **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1992; reelected subsequently; President Pro Tempore, 2000-2002 **religious affiliation** Catholic **recreation** reading and computer work **addresses** (district) Hernando Government Complex, 20 North Main Street, Room 200, Brooksville 34601 (Tallahassee) 402 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 352/544-2344 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5040.

# MEMBERS OF

# THE SENATE



**Charlie Bronson**  
**Republican, District 18**

Rancher **born** September 15, 1949 in Kissimmee **education** University of Georgia, B.S.A., 1973; Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, A.S., 1970; Alpha Gamma Rho, Professional Agricultural Fraternity **wife** Regina Bolden of Macon, Georgia **children** Michelle and Melanie **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1994; reelected subsequently; Republican Deputy Floor Whip, 1994-1996; Republican Floor Whip, 1996-1998 **religious affiliation** Methodist **recreation** hunting and fishing **addresses** (district) 1813 South Patrick Drive, Indian Harbour Beach 32937; 1322 10th Street, St. Cloud 34769 (Tallahassee) 414 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 321/726-2880, 407/846-5275, 888/447-1877 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5056.



**Walter G. (Skip) Campbell, Jr.**  
**Democrat, District 33**

Attorney **born** November 12, 1948 in Rockaway Beach, New York. Moved to Florida in 1961 **education** St. John Vianney Seminary, A.A., 1968; University of Florida: B.A., 1970; J.D., 1973; Alpha Epsilon Delta; Phi Delta Phi; Beta Theta Phi **wife** Lynn Satin of Miami Beach **children** Christina and Daniel **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1996; Minority Whip, 1998; reelected subsequently **religious affiliation** Catholic **recreation** golf and flying **addresses** (district) 10094 McNab Road, Tamarac 33321 (Tallahassee) 314 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 954/346-2813 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5094.



**Locke Burt**  
**Republican, District 16**

Insurance Executive; President, Ormond Re Group, Inc. **born** February 19, 1948 in Des Moines, Iowa. Moved to Florida in 1959 **education** Northwestern University, B.S.B.A., 1969; M.B.A., 1970; Loyola University, J.D., 1974 **wife** Ann E. Snyder of Milwaukee, Wisconsin **children** Melissa and Thomas **legislative service** elected to the Senate, July 30, 1991; reelected subsequently; Majority Whip, 1996; Republican Leader, 1996-1998 **religious affiliation** Episcopal **recreation** sailing and golf **addresses** (district) 140 S. Atlantic Avenue, Suite 201, Ormond Beach 32176; 838 E. New York Avenue, Suite B, DeLand 32724 (Tallahassee) 420 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 904/673-7299, 904/738-9002 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5033.



**Lisa Carlton**  
**Republican, District 24**

Co-owner/manager cattle and citrus business **born** May 7, 1964 in Sarasota County **education** Stetson University, B.A., Sociology, 1986, Alpha Chi Omega; Mercer University School of Law, J.D., 1989, Moot Court Board, Intra-State Moot Court Team, Phi Alpha Delta **husband** Robert (Rob) Robinson of Lake Wales **children** Carlton Elaine, Mabry Robert and Savell Louise **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1998; House of Representatives, 1994-1998 **historical** Mabry Carlton, Jr., father, Sarasota County Commissioner, 1980-1989; Mabry Carlton, Sr., grandfather, Hardee County Tax Assessor, 18 years; Doyle E. Carlton, great-uncle, state Senator: 1917, 1919, Governor: 1929-1933; Doyle E. Carlton, Jr., uncle, state Senator: 1953, 1955, 1957, 1959, 1965, 1966; Fran Carlton, cousin, Representative: 1976-1988 **religious affiliation** Baptist **recreation** tennis **addresses** (district) 2127 S. Tamiami Trail, Osprey 34229-9695 (Tallahassee) 302 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 941/486-2032, 888/349-3042 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5081.



**Charlie Clary**  
**Republican, District 7**

Architect **born** June 24, 1950 in Crestview **education** Auburn University: B.A., Architecture, Environmental Design, 1977 **wife** Beth Graham of Ft. Walton Beach **children** Joanna and Laura **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1996; reelected subsequently **military service** U.S. Navy: Submarine service, 4 years active and 2 years inactive **religious affiliation** Baptist **recreation** fishing, pen and ink sketching, and photography **addresses** (district) 1241 Airport Road, Suite A, Destin 32541 (Tallahassee) 418 Senate Office Building 404 South

Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 850/833-9159 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5009.



**Anna P. Cowin**  
**Republican, District 11**

Educator **born** May 23, 1946 in Brooklyn, New York. Moved to Florida in 1980 **education** College of New Rochelle, B.A., 1968; Fordham University, M.S.; Beta Beta Beta National Biology Honor Society; Sigma Xi Biological Research Society **husband** Dr. John A. Cowin of Leesburg **children** David, Lynda, and Scott **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1996; reelected subsequently **religious affiliation** Catholic **addresses** (district) 716 West Magnolia Street, Leesburg 34748; P.O. Box 490238, Leesburg 34749 (Tallahassee) 416 Senate

Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 352/315-9335, 352/360-6750 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5014.



**Lee Constantine**  
**Republican, District 9**

Real Estate Broker **born** November 6, 1952 in Wilmington, Delaware. Moved to Florida in 1958 **education** University of Central Florida, B.A., Communications, with honors, 1974, Florida State Council of Student Body Presidents, Chair, 1973-1974, Student Body President, 1973-1974, Vice President, 1972-1973 **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 2000; House of Representatives, 1992-2000 **religious affiliation** Catholic **recreation** beach volleyball, snow skiing, charitable activities **addresses** (district) 378 Centerpointe Circle, Suite

1268, Altamonte Springs 32701-3442 (Tallahassee) 310 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 407/331-9675 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5050.



**Victor D. Crist**  
**Republican, District 13**

President of Metropolitan Communications Inc. (an advertising agency) **born** June 21, 1957 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Moved to Florida in 1968 **education** St. Petersburg Junior College, A.A., 1980; University of South Florida, B.A., Communication, Minor in Business Administration; graduate studies, Communication, 1980-1983; graduated with honors **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 2000; House of Representatives, 1992-2000 **historical** son of a retired U.S. Military Officer; descendant of U.S. President Zachary Taylor **religious affiliation** Presbyterian **recreation** nonprofit organizations,

performing arts, traveling, boating, water sports, bicycling, home projects, gardening, music **addresses** (district) 11961 N. Florida Avenue, Suite B, Tampa 33612 (Tallahassee) 208 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 813/975-6658 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5068.



**M. Mandy Dawson**  
**Democrat, District 30**

Consultant/Legislator **born** July 18, 1958 in Fort Lauderdale **education** Florida A&M University, B.S., Social Work, 1980 **children** Shatereas, Colongie and Ashley **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1998; House of Representatives, 1992-1998; Freshman Majority Whip, 1992 **historical** First woman elected to the Florida Senate from Broward County; First black woman elected to the Florida Legislature from Broward County **religious affiliation** Baptist **recreation** traveling, reading, swimming, writing short stories for children

**addresses** (district) 33 N.E. 2nd Street, Suite 209, Ft. Lauderdale 33301-1033 (Tallahassee) 224 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 954/467-4317, 877/632-9766 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5112.



**Buddy Dyer**  
**Democrat, District 14**

Attorney **born** August 7, 1958 in Orlando **education** Brown University, Sc.B. Civil Engineering, 1980; University of Florida College of Law, J.D., 1987; Order of the Coif; Florida Blue Key; Editor-in-Chief, *University of Florida Law Review*, 1987; member, Chester Bedell American Inn of Court, 1986-87; Golden Key National Honor Society (Honorary Member) **wife** Karen Caudill of Palm Beach Gardens **children** John Hugh III (Trey) and Andrew (Drew) Warren **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1992; reelected subsequently;

Democratic Leader: 1998, 1998-2000 **religious affiliation** Presbyterian **recreation** fishing, reading and golf **addresses** (district) P.O. Box 1031, Orlando 32802-1031 (Tallahassee) 202 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 407/245-0882 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5190.



**Alex Diaz de la Portilla**  
**Republican, District 34**

Political Consultant, Winning Strategies, Inc. **born** August 25, 1964 in Miami **education** University of Miami **legislative service** elected to the Senate, January 25, 2000; House of Representatives, 1994-2000 **historical** Grandfather, Angel Pio de la Portilla, deceased, mentor and inspiration for social and political involvement; paternal great-grandfather served in Cuban Senate; two of his sons served simultaneously in the Cuban House of Representatives; maternal great-grandfather served as Cuban Minister of Justice (Attorney General);

long family history of political and civic involvement in Cuba and the United States, including brothers Renier, State Representative, and Miguel, former Miami-Dade County Commissioner **religious affiliation** Roman Catholic **recreation** reading, traveling, bicycling **addresses** (district) 8300 S.W. 8th Street, Suite 306, Miami 33144-4132 (Tallahassee) 311 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 305/569-2691 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5109.



**Rudy Garcia**  
**Republican, District 39**

Businessman **born** April 15, 1963 in Miami **education** Miami-Dade Community College **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 2000; House of Representatives, 1984-1988, 1989-2000 **religious affiliation** Catholic **recreation** fishing, sailing, diving, reading **addresses** (district) 7475 West Fourth Avenue, Hialeah 33014-4327 (Tallahassee) 212 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 305/364-3191 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5106.



**Steven A. Geller**  
**Democrat, District 29**

Attorney **born** November 4, 1958 in Bronx, New York. Moved to Florida in 1965 **education** Florida State University: B.A., 1979; J.D., 1982 **wife** Laurel Leffler of West Palm Beach **children** Marc Isaac and Benjamin Jacob **legislative service** elected to the Senate, March 17, 1998, reelected subsequently; House of Representatives, 1988-1998; Deputy Majority Leader, 1992 **religious affiliation** Jewish **addresses** (district) 400 South Federal Highway, Suite 204, Hallandale Beach 33009; 481 W. Hickpoochee Avenue, P.O. Box 580, LaBelle 33975 (Tallahassee) 222 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 954/893-5089 , 941/674-4670 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5097.



**Jim Horne**  
**Republican, District 6**

Certified Public Accountant **born** January 20, 1959 in Orange Park **education** Florida State University, B.S., Accounting, 1980 (graduated with business degree in 3 years) **wife** Lori McArdle of Niagara Falls, New York **children** Ashley, Laura, John David and Katherine **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1994; reelected subsequently **religious affiliation** Baptist **recreation** running, golf **addresses** (district) 2301 Park Avenue, Suite 403, Orange Park 32073 (Tallahassee) 214 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 904/573-4900 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5027.



**Betty S. Holzendorf**  
**Democrat, District 2**

Administrator **born** April 5, 1939 in Jacksonville **education** Edward Waters College, B.S., 1965; Atlanta University, M.A., Bio-Chemistry, 1971; University of North Florida, M.Ed. Adm., 1973 **husband** King Holzendorf, Jr. of Jacksonville **children** Kim V. Lockley, King L. III, Kevin J. and Kessler L.; grandchildren: Travis Lockley; Kenadee, Deidra and Kevin Grant Holzendorf II **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1992, reelected subsequently; Florida Conference of Black State Legislators, chairperson, 1994-1995; Democratic Leader Pro Tempore, 1998-2000; House of Representatives, 1988-1992 **religious affiliation** African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) **recreation** reading and collecting pennies **addresses** (district) 816 North Ocean St., Jacksonville 32202-3083 (Tallahassee) 410 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 904/359-6880 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5024.



**Daryl L. Jones**  
**Democrat, District 40**  
**Democratic Leader Pro Tempore**

Attorney, of Counsel: Adorno & Zeder, P.A. **born** May 31, 1955 in Jackson, Mississippi. Moved to Florida in 1981 **education** United States Air Force Academy: B.S., Math, Honor graduate, 1977; University of Miami (Florida) School of Law: J.D., cum laude, 1987 **wife** Myoushi Carter of Birmingham, Alabama **children** Derek, Durel, and Michele **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1992, reelected subsequently; Democratic Leader Pro Tempore, 2000-2002; Chair, Florida Conference of Black State Legislators, 1998-2000; Democratic Senate President Designate, 1995-1996; House of Representatives, 1990-1992 **military service** U.S. Air Force Reserve (Lt. Colonel): 1998-present; F-4 Phantom Pilot, 1979-1984; F-16 Falcon Pilot, 1989-1991 **religious affiliation** Lector and member, Christ the King Catholic Church **recreation** all sports **addresses** (district) 9200 S. Dadeland Boulevard, Suite 208, Miami 33156 (Tallahassee) 404 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 305/671-7240 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5127.





**James E. (Jim) King, Jr.**  
**Republican, District 8**  
**Majority Leader**

Owner, Personnel Recruiting, Temporary Help, Employee Leasing, Consulting and Testing Firms **born** October 30, 1939 in Brooklyn, New York. Moved to Florida in 1945 **education** St. Petersburg Junior College, A.A., 1959; Florida State University, B.S.B.A., 1961; M.B.A., 1962; Alpha Delta Sigma, Honorary President; Delta Sigma Pi, Honorary President; FSU Chapter, American Marketing Association President **wife** Linda Braddock of Orange Park **children** Monta Michele and Laurie Anne **legislative service** elected to the Senate, March 9, 1999; Majority Leader, 2000-2002; House of Representatives, 1986-1999; Majority Leader, 1996-1998; Republican Leadership Team, 1986-1994; Minority Floor Whip, 1988-1990 **military service** U.S. Coast Guard, 1962-1968 **religious affiliation** Episcopal **recreation** scuba diving, boating, sport fishing, and gardening **addresses** (district) 9485 Regency Square Boulevard, Suite 108, Jacksonville 32225-8145 (Tallahassee) 300 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 904/727-3600, 888/861-9761 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5030.



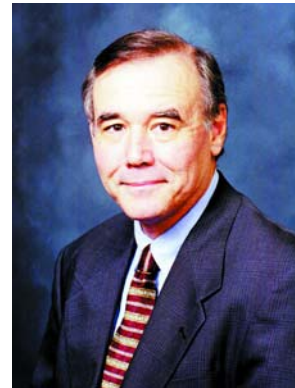
**Ron Klein**  
**Democrat, District 28**

Attorney **born** July 10, 1957 in Cleveland, Ohio. Moved to Florida in 1985 **education** Ohio State University: B.A., Political Science, 1979; Case Western Reserve University, J.D., 1982; Eta Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi, president and founder; Judicial Commission Chief Justice; Phi Eta Sigma Scholastic Honorary **wife** Dori Dragin of Cleveland, Ohio **children** Brian and Lauren **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1996, reelected subsequently; Minority Whip, 1998; House of Representatives, 1992-1996; **religious affiliation** Jewish **recreation** tennis, racquetball, water sports, and camping **addresses** (district) 3333 South Congress Avenue, Suite 305A, Delray Beach 33445 (Tallahassee) 406 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 561/274-4777 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5091.



**Jack Latvala**  
**Republican, District 19**

President, Direct Response Marketing of Orlando, Inc.; Director, People's Bank in Palm Harbor **born** November 3, 1951 in Oxford, Mississippi. Moved to Florida in 1962 **education** Bartow High School, 1969; Stetson University, B.A., 1973 **wife** Susan Richardson of Shelbyville, Kentucky **children** Stephanie, Colin, Evan and Christopher **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1994; reelected subsequently. Republican Leader, 1998-2000 **religious affiliation** North Dunedin Baptist Church **recreation** fishing **addresses** (district) 35111 U.S. Highway 19, North, Suite 105, Palm Harbor 34684 (Tallahassee) 412 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 727/787-8991 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5062.



**John F. Laurent**  
**Republican, District 17**

Attorney, Cattleman, Citrus Groves and Real Estate Investments **born** October 4, 1946 in Bartow **education** Bartow High School, 1964; University of Florida: B.S., Economics, 1969; J.D., 1972 **wife** Martha Espinosa of Cuba **children** John Alex and George **legislative service** elected to the Senate, March 10, 1998; reelected subsequently; House of Representatives, 1990-1998 **historical** Father, Polk County Commissioner, 1948-1960 **religious affiliation** Presbyterian **recreation** boating, fishing, diving and reading **addresses** (district) 250 North Clark Avenue, Bartow 33830 (Tallahassee) 216 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 863/519-7595 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5044.



**Alfred (Al) Lawson, Jr.**  
**Democrat, District 3**

Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co.; President, Lawson and Associates, Inc. **born** September 21, 1948 in Tallahassee **education** Florida A&M University, B.S., 1970, Student Government, basketball and track; Florida State University, M.S.P.A., 1973 **wife** Delores J. Brooks of Tallahassee **children** Alfred J. III and Shani A. **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 2000; House of Representatives, 1982-2000 **religious affiliation** Episcopal **recreation** basketball, reading, gardening

**addresses** (Tallahassee) 210 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephone** 850/487-5004.



**Kendrick B. Meek**  
**Democrat, District 36**  
**Democratic Whip**

Development Representative for Wackenhut Corporation **born** September 6, 1966 in Miami **education** Florida A&M University, B.S., 1989; Co-founder: Florida A&M University College Young Democrats, 1986; statewide president, College Young Democrats, 1987-1988; Omega Psi Phi; Florida Highway Patrol Academy, Law Enforcement Standards, 1989 **wife** Leslie Dixon of Brooklyn, New York **children** Lauren and Kendrick B. Jr. **legislative service** elected to the Senate in

1998; Democratic Whip, 2000-2002; House of Representatives, 1994-1998 **historical** Carrie P. Meek, mother, Florida House of Representatives, 1979-1982; Florida Senate, 1982-1992; U.S. Congress, 1993-present **religious affiliation** Baptist **recreation** fishing, hunting, scouting **addresses** (district) 18441 N.W. 2nd Avenue, Suite 520, Miami 33169 (Tallahassee) 213 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 305/655-3671 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5116.



**Tom Lee**  
**Republican, District 23**

Vice President, Sabal Homes of Florida, Inc. **born** January 21, 1962 in San Antonio, Texas. Moved to Florida in 1969 **education** Hillsborough Community College, A.A., 1982; University of Tampa, B.S., Business, 1984 **wife** Amy Carey of Brandon **child** Regan **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1996; reelected subsequently **religious affiliation** Catholic **recreation** golf, travel **addresses** (district) P.O. Box 2743, Brandon 33509; 1421 Oakfield Drive, Brandon 33511 (Tallahassee) 405 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street,

32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 813/744-8683 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5072.



**Lesley (Les) Miller, Jr.**  
**Democrat, District 21**

Executive, Tampa General Hospital **born** April 21, 1951 in Tampa **education** University of South Florida, B.A., 1978, President of Student Government, student member, Florida Board of Regents, President of Black Student Union, Kappa Alpha Psi **wife** Gwendolyn M. (Gwen) Martin of Tampa **children** Le'Jean M. and Lesley J. III **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 2000; House of Representatives, 1992-2000 **military service** U.S. Air Force, 1971-1974 **religious affiliation** Baptist **recreation** reading, singing, traveling

**addresses** (district) P.O. Box 5993, Tampa 33675-5993; 2109 Palm Avenue, Suite 302, Tampa 33605-3620 (Tallahassee) 218 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 813/272-2831 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5059.



**Richard Mitchell**  
**Democrat, District 4**  
**Democratic Whip**

Executive Director, Comprehensive Community Services, Inc. **born** May 23, 1956 in Jasper **education** Florida State University, B.S., English and Speech Communications, 1979; Sigma Alpha Epsilon **wife** Debra Rogers of Hahira, Georgia **children** Savannah, Kylie and Jessica **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1998; Democratic Whip, 2000-2002 **military service** Officer, Jet Pilot, U.S. Navy; Commander, U.S. Naval Reserves **religious affiliation** Baptist **recreation** hunting, fishing and

jogging **addresses** (district) Virgie Cone Center, 406 10th Avenue N.W., Jasper 32052 (Tallahassee) 205 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 904/719-2733, 888/329-6784 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5017.



**Bill Posey**  
**Republican, District 15**

Realtor **born** December 18, 1947 in Washington, D.C. Moved to Florida in 1956 **education** Brevard Community College, A.A., 1969 **wife** Katie Ingram of Rockledge **children** Pam and Cathi; grandchildren: Billy Carson, Clarke Carson and Katie Householder **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 2000; House of Representatives, 1992-2000 **religious affiliation** Methodist **recreation** stock-car racing, coaching youth athletics **addresses** (district) 1802 South Fiske Boulevard, Suite 108, Rockledge 32955-3007 (Tallahassee) 326 Senate

Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 407/636-5693 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5053.



**Durell Peaden, Jr.**  
**Republican, District 1**

Physician, General Practice (retired) **born** August 24, 1945 in DeFuniak Springs **education** Tulane University, B.A., 1968; Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara, M.D., 1973; Jones School of Law at Faulkner University, J.D., 1987 **wife** Nancy Green of DeFuniak Springs **children** Durell III (Trey), Tyler and Taylen **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 2000; House of Representatives, 1994-2000 **historical** John Wilkinson, cousin, Legislative Council House, Santa Rosa, 1844, and House, Santa Rosa, 1848-1850 and 1860; John Wilkinson, Jr.,

cousin, House, Santa Rosa, 1885, and Senate, District 1, 1889; A.J. Peaden, cousin, House, Santa Rosa, 1905, 1907, 1909; R.W. Peaden, cousin, House, District 2, 1972-1976; John W. Kennedy, grandfather, Chair, Okaloosa County Commission **religious affiliation** Methodist **addresses** (district) 598 North Ferdon Boulevard, Crestview 32536-2753; 744 E. Burgess Road, Unit E-103, Pensacola 32504 (Tallahassee) 306 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 904/689-0556, 850/475-5556 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5000.



**Ken Pruitt**  
**Republican, District 27**

Real Estate; State Certified Water Well Contractor **born** January 24, 1957 in Miami **education** Indian River Community College, Water and Wastewater Treatment Certification, 1984; University of Florida, TREEO Center, Water Distribution Certification, 1987 **wife** Aileen Kelly **children** Kenneth Jr., Steven, Ashley, Michelle and Mark **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 2000; House of Representatives, 1990-2000 **religious affiliation** Disciples of Christ **recreation** Civil War history **addresses** (district) 2400 S.E. Midport Road, Suite

110, Port St. Lucie 34952-4806 (Tallahassee) 318 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 561/335-8000 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5088.



**Tom Rossin**  
**Democrat, District 35**  
**Democratic Leader**

Attorney, Banking Consultant **born** August 29, 1933 in New York, New York. Moved to Florida in 1958 **education** Columbia University, B.S., 1957; University of Miami, J.D., 1965 **wife** Joyce Thornton of Colquitt, Georgia **children** Thomas, Jr., Allen and Michael Rossin; stepchildren: Robert Jr., Sam, Andrew and Sandi Bouchlas **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1994; reelected subsequently; Democratic Leader, 2000-2002 **religious affiliation** Protestant **recreation** tennis and skiing

**addresses** (district) 503 Royal Palm Beach Boulevard, Royal Palm Beach 33411; Lee County Courthouse, 2120 Main Street, #206, Ft. Myers 33901 (Tallahassee) 200 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 561/753-2537, 941/338-2646 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5356.



**Burt L. Saunders**  
**Republican, District 25**

Attorney, of Counsel, Woodward, Pires, & Lombardo, P.A. **born** November 7, 1948 in Hampton, Virginia. Moved to Florida in 1978 **education** University of South Florida, B.A., Physics, 1969-1972; William and Mary Law School, J.D., Law Review, 1972-1975; University of Miami Law School, LL.M., Ocean and Coastal Law, 1978-1979 **wife** Dr. Lillian Love of Whaleyville, Maryland **children** Frank, Jonathan and Matthew **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1998; reelected subsequently; House of Representatives, 1994-1998

**religious affiliation** Jewish **recreation** back packing, snow skiing and hiking **addresses** (district) 3301 E. Tamiami Trail, Administration Building, Suite 304, Naples 34112; 1039 S.E. 9th Place, Suite 120, Cape Coral 33990-3095 (Tallahassee) 322 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 941/417-6220 or 941/338-2777 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5124.



**Debby P. Sanderson**  
**Republican, District 31**

Legislator **born** September 28, 1941 in Stratford, Connecticut. Moved to Florida in 1958 **education** Broward Community College; Florida Atlantic University **husband** Dr. Pete Sanderson of Fort Lauderdale **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 2000; House of Representatives, 1982-2000; Freshman Minority Leader, 1982-1984 **religious affiliation** Protestant **recreation** politics, sketching, travel, art, music **addresses** (district) Suite 401, 4800 N.E. 20th Terrace, Fort Lauderdale 33308-4572 (Tallahassee) 312 Senate Office Building 404

South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 954/958-5500 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5100.



**Jim Sebesta**  
**Republican, District 20**

Real Estate/Broker/Developer **born** August 24, 1935 in Pontiac, Illinois. Moved to Florida in 1959 **education** Loyola University (Chicago), B.Sc.; DePaul University, M.B.A. **wife** Jean **children** Jim, Anne Comber, Steve, Mike, Bob and John **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1998; vice chairman, Energy and Transportation Committee, National Conference of State Legislatures **military service** U.S. Navy Reserve (8 years) **religious affiliation** Catholic **recreation** family time, fishing and golf **addresses** (district) Gateway Corporate Center,

9887 4th Street North, Suite 319, St. Petersburg 33702; Hillsborough County: 813/221-6044, (Tallahassee) 324 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 727/563-0377, 727/217-7088 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5075.



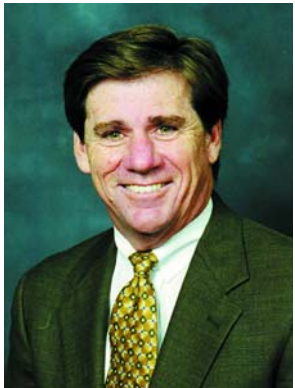
**Ronald A. Silver**  
**Democrat, District 38**  
**Dean of the Legislature**

Attorney **born** June 25, 1943 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Moved to Florida in 1958 **education** University of Miami, B.A., 1965; University of Miami, School of Law, J.D., 1968: Student Bar Association Senator, Phi Alpha Delta **wife** Irene Huth of Savannah, Georgia **children** Elayne and Joel **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1992; reelected subsequently: Majority (Democratic) Leader, 1994; House of Representatives, 1978-1992; House Majority Whip, 1984-1986; House Majority Leader, 1986-1988; House Floor Leader for Governor, 1990-1992 **religious affiliation** Jewish **recreation** softball, tennis and basketball **addresses** (district) 12000 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 411, North Miami 33181 (Tallahassee) 400 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 305/893-0488 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5121.



**Donald C. (Don) Sullivan, M.D.**  
**Republican, District 22**

Orthopedic Surgeon **born** June 10, 1936 in Chicago, Illinois. Moved to Florida in 1972 **education** Northwestern University, B.S., 1958; Roosevelt University; Baylor University, M.D., 1962 **children** Mary, Patrick, and Andrew **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1992; reelected subsequently **military service** U.S. Air Force, orthopedic surgeon, 1967-1969 **religious affiliation** Catholic **recreation** hunting and private pilot **addresses** (district) 4020 Park Street North, Suite 204, St. Petersburg 33709 (Tallahassee) 408 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 727/893-9657 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5065.



**Rod Smith**  
**Democrat, District 5**

Attorney **born** November 15, 1949 in Southwest City, Missouri. Moved to Florida in 1954 **education** University of Tulsa, B.A., Political Science, 1971; University of Florida, College of Law, J.D., with honors, 1974 **wife** DeeDee Cain of Alachua **children** Alison, Jesse and Dylan **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 2000 **religious affiliation** Baptist **recreation** golfing, fishing, hunting **addresses** (district) 2727 N.W. 43rd Street, Suite 2A, Gainesville 32606 (Tallahassee) 220 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 352/375-3555 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5020.



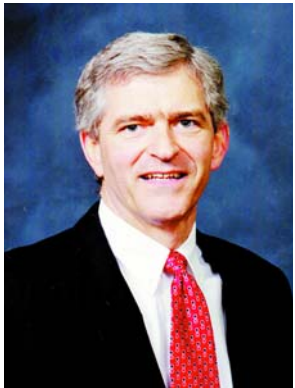
**J. Alex Villalobos**  
**Republican, District 37**

Attorney **born** November 2, 1963 in Miami **education** University of Miami, B.A., 1985; Florida State University, J.D., 1988 **wife** Barbara **child** Katharine **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 2000; House of Representatives, 1992-2000; Cuban-American Caucus Chair, 1995-1996, Vice Chair 1993-1994 **religious affiliation** Catholic **recreation** Tae Kwon Do, fishing, hunting, skiing **addresses** (district) 2350 Coral Way, Suite 202-A, Miami 33145-3500 (Tallahassee) 305 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 305/222-4160 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5130.



**Debbie Wasserman Schultz**  
**Democrat, District 32**

Legislator **born** September 27, 1966 in Forest Hills, New York. Moved to Florida in 1984 **education** University of Florida, B.A., Political Science, 1988, Student Senate President, Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honorary, National Residence Hall Honorary; M.A., Political Science, 1990, Graduate Student Council President, Graduate Assistants United; Graduate Assistant to Senator Lawton Chiles, Certificate in Political Campaigning, Graduate Program **husband** Steve Schultz of Boston, Massachusetts **children** Rebecca and Jake **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 2000; House of Representatives, 1992-2000 **historical** Youngest woman ever elected to the Florida Legislature **religious affiliation** Jewish **recreation** bowling, politics, old houses, animals **addresses** (district) 10100 Pines Boulevard., Building B, 2nd Floor, Pembroke Pines 33026-3900 (Tallahassee) 226 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 954/704-2934 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5103.



**Daniel Webster**  
**Republican, District 12**

Owner, Webster Air Conditioning and Heating, Inc. **born** April 27, 1949 in Charleston, West Virginia. Moved to Florida in 1956 **education** Georgia Tech, B.S.E.E., 1971, Tau Kappa Epsilon **wife** Sandy Jordan of Orlando **children** David Lee, Brent Alan, Jordan Daniel, Elizabeth Anne, John Elliott and Victoria Suzanna **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1998; House of Representatives, 1980-1998; Minority Floor Leader, 1982-1984; Minority Whip, 1988-1990; Republican Leader Pro Tempore, 1992-1994; Republican Leader, 1994-1996; Speaker of the House of Representatives, 1996-1998; **religious affiliation** Baptist **addresses** (district) 315 S. Dillard Street, Winter Garden 34787 (Tallahassee) 316 Senate Office Building 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephones** (district) 407/656-0066 (Tallahassee) 850/487-5047.

## Secretary of the Senate

At its organization session every two years, the Senate elects a Secretary of the Senate pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Florida. This non-member constitutional officer keeps all Senate records and authenticates each act and resolution passed by the Senate. She also publishes the journal and the calendar and supervises Legal Research and Drafting, which drafts proposed legislation.

Other operations within the Secretary's Office include: bill and amendment preparation and filing, duplication and distribution of documents, recording of actions taken by the Senate, and the performance of support services for the Senate. Special chamber computer programs, such as the vote system and the Chamber Automation System, are designed and operated by the Secretary's Office.

As liaison to the Office of Legislative Information Technology Services, the Secretary serves as the Senate coordinator for the development and maintenance of computer applications used by Senate staff as well as for investment in and allocation of hardware and software resources. Senate information included in the Legislature's Online Sunshine homepage is maintained by the Secretary's Office.

The Secretary speaks to various visiting civic and student groups during the year. The Office of the Senate Secretary hosts numerous mock sessions throughout each year. Staff and facilities are provided for the YMCA Youth Legislature, Boys State, Girls State, the Silver-Haired Legislature, and others.



**Faye W. Blanton**  
**Secretary of the Senate**

**born** November 9, 1946 in Tallahassee **education** Jones Business College, Jacksonville, 1967 **husband** Edwin F. (Ed) Blanton of St. Petersburg **children** Wade, Doug and Laurel McDaniel; Garrett and Travis Blanton; grandchildren: Zachary Gillis; Davis McDaniel; Megan and Garrett Blanton, Jr. **legislative service** elected Secretary of the Florida Senate, November 19, 1996; reelected subsequently; has worked continuously with the Florida Senate since 1970; currently serves on the Executive Committee of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries of the National Conference of State Legislatures and is a frequent lecturer on legislative process and facilitator for mock sessions for civic, student, international and private groups **religious affiliation** Baptist **recreation** gardening, walking and reading **address** Suite 405, The Capitol 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephone** 850/487-5270.

# Sergeant at Arms

The President appoints a Sergeant at Arms who attends the Senate during its sessions; maintains order under the direction of the President; executes the commands of and serves Senate process as directed by the President of the Senate and by the Senate; has charge of all property of the Senate to the extent as is delegated to the Sergeant at Arms by the President; has general charge of the security of the Chamber, committee rooms, and gallery of the Senate and maintains order therein in cooperation with the Division of Capitol Police; and has general supervision of the doorkeepers and maintenance staff.

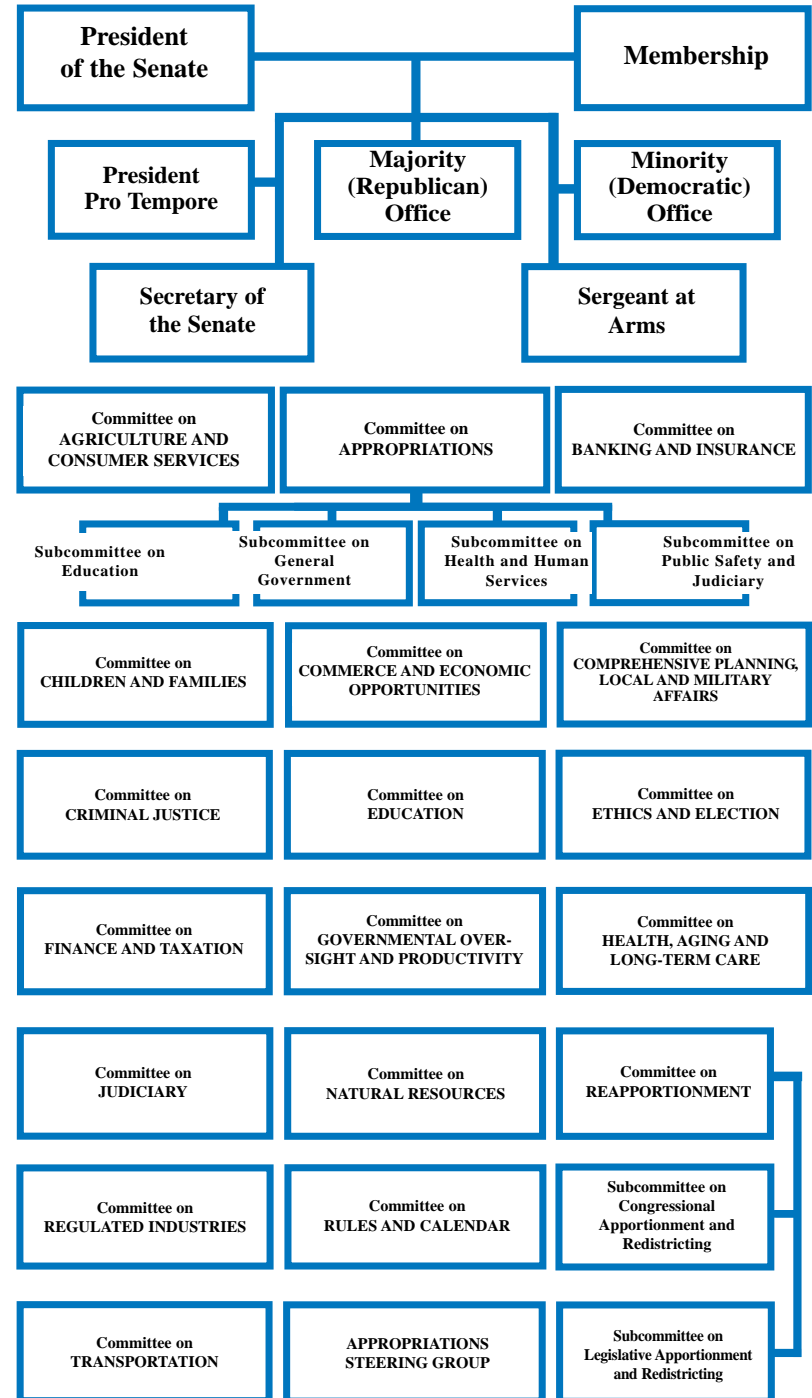


**Donald Severance**  
**Senate Sergeant at Arms**

**born** September 24, 1954 in Live Oak **education** Suwanee High School; Tallahassee Community College; Lively Criminal Justice Training Academy: class president, 1990-1991 **wife** Sherry Gregg of DeFuniak Springs **child** Chelsey **legislative service** appointed Sergeant at Arms, 1999; regional chairman, 1997-1999, 3rd Trustee, 1999-present of the National Legislative Services and Security Association of the National Conference of State Legislatures **military service** Florida National Guard, 22 years **religious affiliation** Advent

**Christian recreation** hunting, fishing and walking **address** Suite 403, The Capitol 404 South Monroe Street, 32399-1100 **telephone** 850/487-5224.

# SENATE ORGANIZATION



# THE FLORIDA SENATE

## 2000-2002

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Winter Garden



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King (R)  
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Constantine (R)  
District 9  
Altamonte Springs



Cowin (R)  
District 11  
Leesburg



Crist (R)  
District 13  
Tampa



Dawson (D)  
District 30  
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District 20  
St. Petersburg



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District 17  
Bartow



Latvala (R)  
District 19  
Palm Harbor



Miller (D)  
District 21  
Tampa



Saunders (R)  
District 25  
Naples



Jones (D)  
District 40  
Miami



Silver (D)  
District 38  
North Miami



Meek (D)  
District 36  
Miami



Diaz de la Portilla (R)  
District 34  
Miami



Wasserman Schultz (D)  
District 32  
Pembroke Pines



Geller (D)  
District 29  
Hallandale Beach



Sanderson (R)  
District 31  
Ft. Lauderdale



Campbell (D)  
District 33  
Ft. Lauderdale



Villalobos (R)  
District 37  
Miami



Garcia (R)  
District 39  
Hialeah



Faye W. Blanton

SERGEANT AT ARMS



Donald Severance



## CONTACTING YOUR SENATOR

Your Senator is interested in hearing your opinions concerning the issues on which he or she will vote. This section will provide you with guidelines on how to approach legislators and how best to express your ideas so that they will be read, or listened to, and understood.

Most people communicate with their Senator by letter (increasingly by email), but you can also try to speak directly with him or her by telephone or even in person. No matter which method you choose, the same guidelines apply:

- Know your subject matter well, and have data to back up your point of view.
- Inform yourself about the full name and address of your Senator and about the positions he or she has taken on the issues that concern you.
- Do not use form letters; instead, if you are working from a form letter, rewrite the essential points in your own words.
- If you represent others from your community, formally or even informally, indicate that to the Senator.
- Be brief and to-the-point in your presentation. Attach supporting data or documents and refer to them in your cover letter.
- Be courteous.
- Be completely fair in your presentation of the facts.
- If you are interested in a specific bill, refer to that bill by its number. You can find out this information by accessing Online Sunshine or by calling the Division of Legislative Information Services at 1-800-342-1827. Note that Senate Bills use even numbers and House Bills use odd numbers.
- Always provide your address (street and/or email) and your telephone number so that your Senator or his or her staff assistants can contact you for further data or discussion.
- If you are going to meet personally with your Senator, prepare carefully for the meeting and be on time. If he or she asks you for more information than you have brought with you, be prompt in responding to the request.

You can build an effective relationship with your Senator on a series of issues and make considerable contributions to the process of creating public policy. Your Senator will be grateful for your participation.

## COMMITTEE TESTIMONY

You may want to keep track of your bills as they proceed through the legislative process. To find out which committees your bills have been assigned to, access Online Sunshine, contact your Senator's office, or call the Division of Legislative Information Services (1-800-342-1827).

You may have an opportunity to appear before a committee that is hearing the bill by contacting the committee as soon as the bill has been referred to the committee. The committee's chairman controls his or her committee's agenda and schedules the bills.

If your bill is scheduled for a public hearing, keep these guidelines in mind:

- When signing up to testify on a bill, the committee may require you to present written testimony for distribution to committee members and staff. Written testimony should be submitted to the appropriate office at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled committee hearing.
- Generally, each committee chairman follows the order of the bills listed on the agenda.
- Prepare your oral testimony in advance and be brief unless asked to elaborate.
- Be specific and to the point regarding the bill you are testifying on.
- Be prepared to answer questions from committee members on your testimony or on the position you have taken on each bill. If you do not know the answer to a question, just say so.



# SENATE PAGE PROGRAM

You can be a part of history! The Senate Page Program gives Florida students the rare opportunity to observe and participate in the legislative process.

During regular sessions of the Legislature, participating students come to Tallahassee for one week to work in the Senate Chamber, distribute materials, and deliver messages to Senators and staff. Each Senator may sponsor four pages (ages 15-18). Senators may also submit applications for alternate pages, who serve on an as-needed basis.

Sponsoring Senators give an application to the students they wish to sponsor. Senators submit completed applications by February 1 of each year. The Office of the Senate President schedules each page for one week of service during the upcoming session.

Pages receive a minimum-wage stipend for participating in the program. Students are expected to provide their own transportation, housing, and meals while in Tallahassee.

During each week of session, pages discuss the legislative process and participate in a “mock session.” Students act as Senators, debating and voting on bills. Other educational opportunities and Capitol tours are planned during session.



# PRESIDENTS OF THE SENATE

| Session   | President                | Session   | President            |
|---|--------------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| <i>Territorial</i>  |                          | 1929      | Jesse J. Parrish     |
| 1839-1840   | John Warren              | 1931      | Patrick C. Whitaker  |
| 1841  | William P. Duval         | 1933      | Truman G. Futch      |
| 1842  | William H. Brockenbrough | 1935      | William C. Hodges    |
| 1843-1844   | George Walker            | 1937      | D. Stuart Gillis     |
| <i>Statehood</i>  |                          | 1939      | J. Turner Butler     |
| 1845  | James A. Berthelot       | 1941      | John R. Beacham      |
| 1846  | Dennitt H. Mays          | 1943      | Philip D. Beall      |
| 1847  | Daniel G. McLean         | 1945      | Walter W. Rose       |
| 1848  | Erasmus D. Tracy         | 1947-1948 | S. Dilworth Clarke   |
| 1850-1852   | Robert J. Floyd          | 1949      | Newman C. Brackin    |
| 1854-1855   | Hamlin V. Snell          | 1951      | Wallace E. Sturgis   |
| 1856  | Philip Dell              | 1953      | Charley E. Johns     |
| 1858-1859   | John Finlayson           | 1955-1956 | W. Turner Davis      |
| 1860-1861   | Thomas Jefferson Eppes   | 1957      | William A. Shands    |
| 1862-1863   | Enoch J. Vann            | 1959      | Dewey M. Johnson     |
| 1864  | Abraham K. Allison       | 1961      | W. Randolph Hodges   |
|   |                          | 1962-1963 | F. Wilson Carraway   |
| <i>From 1865 through 1887 the Lt. Governor served as President.</i> |                          | 1965      | James E. Connor      |
|   |                          | 1967      | Verle A. Pope        |
| 1889*   | Patrick Houstoun         | 1968-1970 | John E. Mathews, Jr. |
| 1889  | Joseph B. Wall           | 1970-1972 | Jerry Thomas         |
| 1891  | Jefferson B. Browne      | 1972-1974 | Mallory E. Horne     |
| 1893  | William H. Reynolds      | 1974**    | Louis de la Parte    |
| 1895  | Frederick T. Myers       | 1974-1976 | Dempsey J. Barron    |
| 1897  | Charles J. Perrenot      | 1976-1978 | Lew Brantley         |
| 1899  | Frank Adams              | 1978-1980 | Philip D. Lewis      |
| 1901  | Thomas Palmer            | 1980-1982 | W. D. Childers       |
| 1903  | Frank Adams              | 1982-1984 | Curtis Peterson      |
| 1905  | Park M. Trammell         | 1984-1986 | Harry A. Johnston II |
| 1907  | William H. Harris        | 1986-1988 | John W. Vogt         |
| 1909  | Frederick M. Hudson      | 1988-1990 | Bob Crawford         |
| 1911-1912   | Frederick P. Cone        | 1990-1992 | Gwen Margolis        |
| 1913  | Herbert J. Drane         | 1992-1993 | Ander Crenshaw       |
| 1915  | Charles E. Davis         | 1993-1994 | Pat Thomas           |
| 1917-1918   | John B. Johnson          | 1994-1996 | James A. Scott       |
| 1919  | James E. Calkins         | 1996-1998 | Toni Jennings        |
| 1921  | William A. MacWilliams   | 1998-2000 | Toni Jennings        |
| 1923  | Theo T. Turnbull         | 2000-2002 | John M. McKay        |
| 1925  | John S. Taylor           |           |                      |
| 1927  | Samuel W. Anderson       |           |                      |

\*Extraordinary Session

\*\*As President Pro Tempore, served as Acting President from July 1, 1974 when President Horne resigned until November 6, 1974

# THE SENATE CHAMBER

The Senate Chamber, also known as the “floor,” is the room on the fourth floor of the Capitol where Senators debate the merits of proposed legislation. The current Chamber is the fourth used since the first session of the Senate was called to order in 1839. The first session held in this chamber occurred in 1978.

On the floor above the Chamber is the gallery. Citizens may sit in the gallery to observe the Senate in session. From the gallery, attention is drawn to the rostrum where the President is presiding.

The President occupies the “chair,” pacing the flow of legislation, deciding who will speak, and ruling on parliamentary disputes. The President may call on other Senators to preside while he or she works out the details of legislative proposals.



President McKay addressing the Florida Senate.

The portraits hanging below the gallery commemorate past Presidents of the Senate. After each President’s term, a portrait is painted and hung in this area. The portraits are arranged in chronological order with the most recent one on the presiding officer’s right. Each time the newest one is added, the oldest one is taken down and moved to the Historic Capitol, keeping 100 years of past Presidents on display in the “new” chamber. The chamber automation system, designed to display amendments and information on bills, allows Senators the flexibility of accessing legislative information from their Tallahassee offices and in the Senate Chamber on their laptop computers.

In front of the President’s rostrum is the Secretary’s “desk,” which is staffed by the Secretary of the Senate. Legislative business is not properly before the Senate until it is “on the desk.” Clerks at this desk read the bills and amendments before the body and record Senate actions. These actions are published in the Journal, the official record of Senate proceedings. A Senator who wishes to “approach the well” to make a speech speaks from one of the reading podiums at the Secretary’s desk.

Voting boards on each side of the chamber record a member’s green “yea” or red “nay” vote. (The amber lights you see next to some names indicate that the Senator wants a “page” to deliver a message or retrieve a file from his or her office.) The voting boards also display the number of the bill or amendment being debated and other information related to the proceedings. Electronic voting was first used in the Senate in 1966, and now nearly all votes are recorded electronically.

The seating arrangement in the chamber is determined by the President. At one time, the chamber desk was a member’s only desk. Members’ secretaries sat beside them in the chamber, even during sessions. Now adequate office space is provided for the Senators and their staff; telephones at each chamber desk provide direct communication with the staff. Today, only members of the Senate and designated staff members are allowed in the chamber while the Senate is in session. Certain present and past state officials and guests invited by the President may also enter the chamber during a session. All men in the chamber must wear coats and ties.

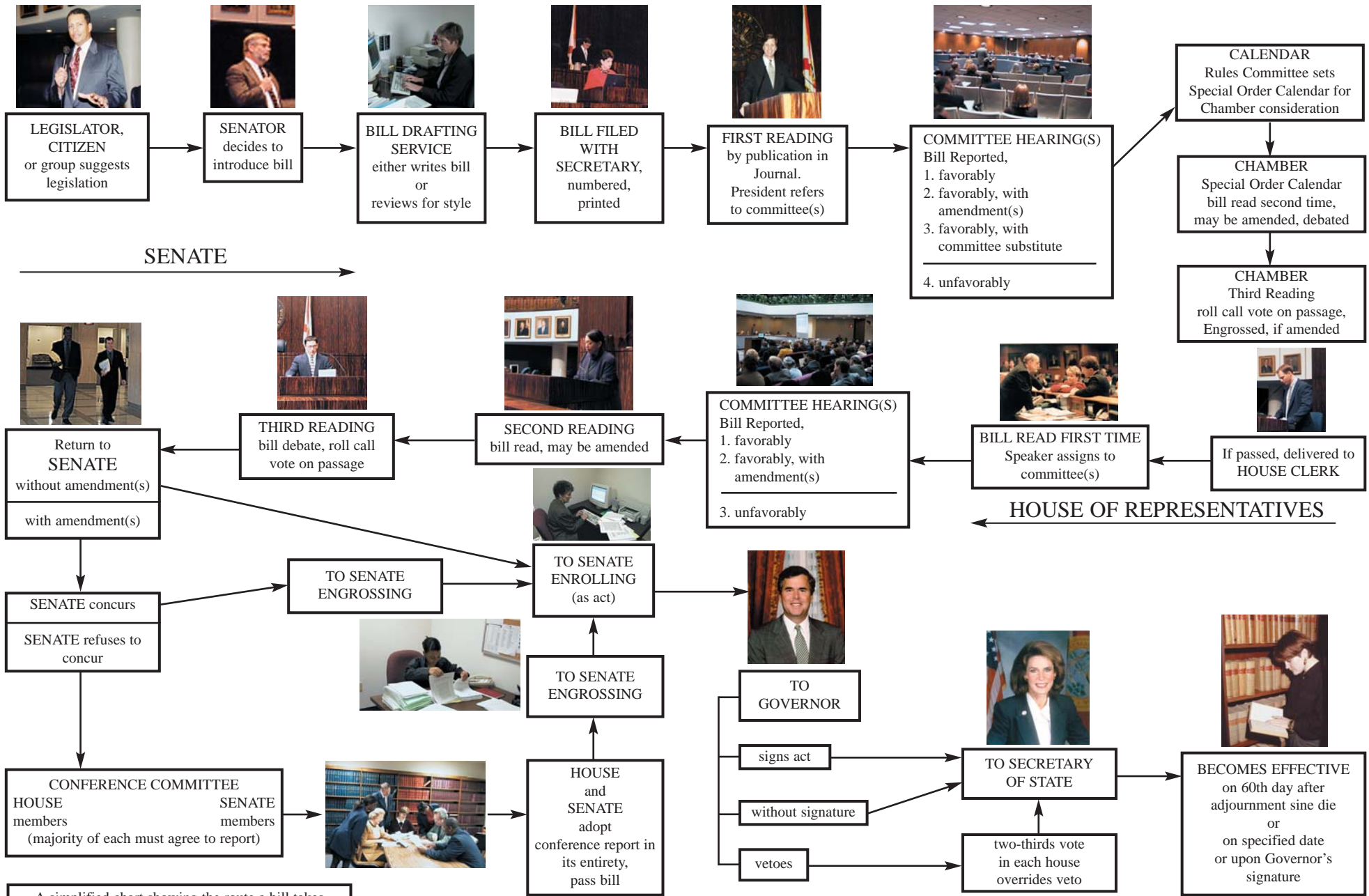
Senators are addressed by their district number when they are recognized to speak. Custom decrees that a Senator may not be addressed as a gentleman or lady. He or she is “the Senator from the fifth,” for example, but never “the gentleman or lady from the fifth.” During debate, the members are always formally addressed as “Senator,” not by their given names.

Just above the main entrance is the press gallery, where members of Florida’s press corps record Senate actions. The remainder of the gallery is open to the public at all sessions, except that a portion of the gallery is usually reserved for the Senators’ families and other sections are often reserved for visiting students.

Television cameras from the Florida Channel are positioned at the front and rear of the gallery to provide live, televised coverage of all Senate sessions. Each weekday evening during the session, the Sunshine Network, The Florida Channel, and Florida’s public television affiliates broadcast “Capitol Update,” a live half-hour news program explaining and analyzing each day’s most significant legislative developments. The broadcasts are funded by the Legislature, but all editorial content is determined by the group of professional journalists who produce the programs. Florida’s legislative telecasts were used as a model for a similar system installed in 1979 in the U.S. House of Representatives.



# HOW AN IDEA BECOMES A LAW



A simplified chart showing the route a bill takes through the Florida Legislature. Bills may originate in either house. This bill originated in the Senate.

# THREE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT

Florida's Constitution, in the traditional American pattern of "separation of powers," divides state government into three separate and independent branches. This division of powers creates a system of "checks and balances" ensuring that all three branches properly perform their constitutional duties in the administration of state affairs. Tallahassee is the seat of Florida's state government.



The Historic Capitol

## The Executive Branch

The Florida Constitution vests the supreme power of the state in the Governor and provides that he or she shall ensure that the laws are faithfully executed. It provides for a Lieutenant Governor to be elected in a joint candidacy with the Governor. The Lieutenant Governor works with the Governor and performs such duties pertaining to the office of the Governor as assigned by the Governor, or as otherwise provided by law. The Constitution also provides that the Governor shall be assisted by an elected Cabinet consisting of a Secretary of State, Attorney General, Comptroller, Treasurer, Commissioner of Agriculture, and a Commissioner of Education.

The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and members of the Cabinet are elected to four-year terms. They take office on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January following their election in November of non-presidential election years. The Governor may succeed himself or herself in office unless he or she has served more than six years in two consecutive terms. Cabinet members may not seek re-election if by the end of their current term they will have served in that office for eight consecutive years.



The Governor and the Cabinet. Seated: Secretary of State Katherine Harris, Governor Jeb Bush, Treasurer Tom Gallagher. Standing: Comptroller Robert F. Milligan, Attorney General Robert A. Butterworth, Commissioner of Education Charlie Crist, and Commissioner of Agriculture Terry Rhodes

## The Judicial Branch

The Judicial Branch interprets the law and applies the Constitution. Florida's court system consists of a series of circuit and county courts, district courts of appeal, and the state Supreme Court.

County courts preside over criminal trials of misdemeanors and some civil cases. They also have the power to issue warrants of arrest. There is one county court located in each of Florida's 67 counties. The number of judges in each county court varies with the population and caseload of the county. County judges are elected to four-year terms.

Circuit courts are located in each of Florida's twenty judicial circuits. Some circuits contain only one county, but most are multi-county. The circuit courts are at the top of the trial system, and they also hear limited appeals from county courts. Circuit judges are elected by the voters of the circuits to serve six-year terms.

The District Courts of Appeal are intermediate appellate courts that receive most of the appeals from trial courts. There are five judicial districts in Florida, with courts located in Tallahassee, Lakeland, Daytona Beach, West Palm Beach, and Miami. Appointed by the Governor to serve in each district court, these judges must be reconfirmed by the voters every six years.

The Supreme Court is at the top of Florida's court system and is the final state court of appeal. The Supreme Court determines the constitutionality of statutes, has the authority to issue advisory opinions to the Governor, and has administrative responsibilities over all lower courts. There are seven Supreme Court justices, each appointed by the Governor and retained by a popular vote every six years.



The Supreme Court. Back row: Justice R. Fred Lewis, Justice Harry Lee Anstead, Justice Barbara J. Pariente, Justice Peggy A. Quince. Front row: Justice Leander J. Shaw, Jr., Chief Justice Charles T. Wells and Justice Major B. Harding.



## The Legislative Branch



The Legislative Branch has exclusive law-making power and determines the general policies by which the problems of society are to be met. It may delegate limited rulemaking power to some executive agencies.



### Composition and organization.

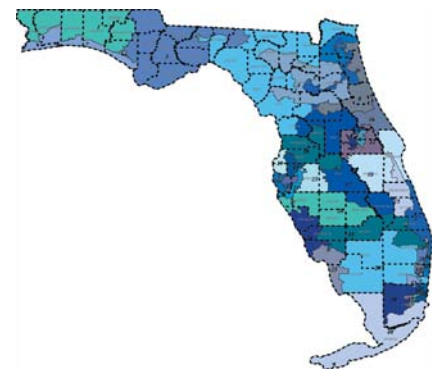
The Constitution of the State of Florida requires that members of the Legislature be elected at the general election in November of even-numbered years. Florida's Legislature is composed of two houses, the Senate and the House of Representatives. Each house is the sole judge of the qualifications and elections of its members and has the power to choose its own

officers and establish its own rules of procedure. All legislative sessions are open to the public, except when appointments or suspensions of public officials are considered in executive session. Either house of the Legislature may initiate legislation on any subject.

The State Constitution provides that the Legislature shall be apportioned into 30 to 40 senatorial districts, and 80 to 120 representative districts. The 1972 Legislature established 40 Senate districts and 120 House districts. Senators serve four-year terms and representatives serve two-year terms. While a legislator may be elected for more than one term, he or she may not seek reelection if at the end of his or her current term he or she has served for eight consecutive years.

### Reapportionment and Redistricting.

During the 2002 Regular Session, the Florida Legislature will determine how districts should be realigned to account for Florida's two new seats in the United States Congress and for uneven population growth during the past decade among Florida Senate and House of Representative districts. To facilitate public participation, the House and Senate jointly will host a series of public hearings at locations throughout the state during the late



summer and fall of 2001. These public hearings are a vital part of the reapportionment and redistricting process. The Senate and House of Representatives welcome input and involvement by all Floridians.



**Legislative sessions.** Two weeks after each general election, the Legislature convenes for the exclusive purpose of organization and election of officers. No legislation is considered during the organization session.

Regular sessions of the Legislature begin on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March in odd-numbered years

and continue for 60 consecutive days, which may be extended by a three-fifths vote of each house. The Legislature may change its convening date in even-numbered years, but generally the date remains the same as in odd-numbered years, except once every 10 years when the Constitution requires the Legislature to reapportion the state's voting districts. Special sessions may be called by the Governor, or may be convened by joint proclamation of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Special sessions may not exceed 20 days, unless extended by a three-fifths vote of each house. Each "call" for a special session outlines the business to be considered. The Senate may resolve itself into executive session to consider appointment to or removal from public office, even when the House of Representatives is not meeting.

**Rules.** During the organization session, each house adopts its rules of procedure to be followed for the next two years. The rules provide for orderly proceedings and determine how each house will conduct its business.

**Committees.** A committee functions to study, research, and plan solutions to "people problems." The Senate and House rules provide for certain standing committees, special or select committees, and subcommittees. The presiding officers name the chairmen and members of all committees.



Bills are assigned to one or more committees for study. Committees may hold public hearings where committee members hear sponsoring legislators and others who are interested in the bill. The committee may vote to recommend the

bill favorably; favorably, with a committee substitute; unfavorably; or favorably with amendments to be considered when the bill is debated on the floor by the respective house.

When the Senate and House are unable to agree on the final content of a bill, it goes to a conference committee. This committee, composed of members of both houses, tries to resolve the differences between the Senate and House versions of a bill.

Other committees commonly used are joint committees, which are composed of members from each house, and select committees, which are usually appointed to make recommendations on special or unique problems.

**Lobbying.** A lobbyist is anyone who tries to influence legislation. Unless exempt, all persons who seek to influence legislation must register with the Division of Legislative Information Services before they begin lobbying. Every lobbyist must also state any direct business association or partnership with any current member of the Legislature and make periodic reports on moneys spent lobbying.



**Journals and Calendars.** The Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House each publish daily journals and calendars during the legislative session. Each journal details the proceedings on the floor, committee reports, and related actions of the previous day. The calendar is a schedule of business to be taken up that day and the next two days, including committee meetings and bills to be considered.

**Forms of legislation.** Legislative proposals may be in the form of bills, resolutions, concurrent resolutions, joint resolutions, or memorials. A bill is a proposed law, and it may be either a general bill or a local bill. A general bill would have a general impact within the state; a local bill would affect only a particular county, city, or town named in the bill. A majority vote is required to pass a bill unless otherwise provided in the Constitution. Companion bills are often used as a timesaving device. These are identical bills introduced in both houses, which allow simultaneous committee study in each body. The appropriations bill is one of the most important bills considered by the Legislature. This bill is the state's budget and it specifies the amount of money available to various state agencies during the next year. The appropriations bill follows the same course as other general bills, but because it is difficult to get both houses to agree on all items in the bill, a conference committee is usually appointed to resolve the differences.

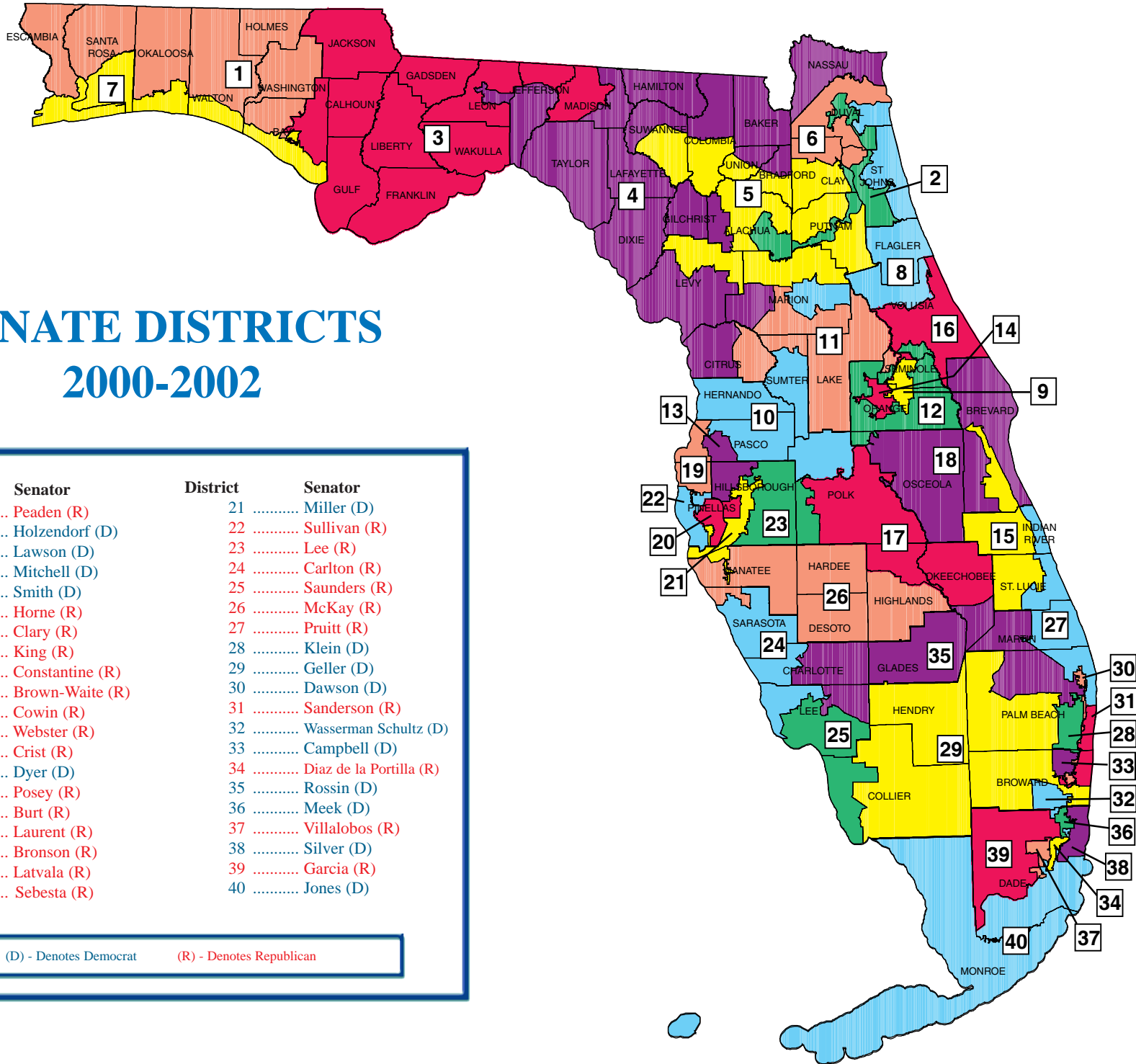




# SENATE DISTRICTS 2000-2002

| District | Senator               | District | Senator                       |
|----------|-----------------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| 1        | ..... Peaden (R)      | 21       | ..... Miller (D)              |
| 2        | ..... Holzendorf (D)  | 22       | ..... Sullivan (R)            |
| 3        | ..... Lawson (D)      | 23       | ..... Lee (R)                 |
| 4        | ..... Mitchell (D)    | 24       | ..... Carlton (R)             |
| 5        | ..... Smith (D)       | 25       | ..... Saunders (R)            |
| 6        | ..... Horne (R)       | 26       | ..... McKay (R)               |
| 7        | ..... Clary (R)       | 27       | ..... Pruitt (R)              |
| 8        | ..... King (R)        | 28       | ..... Klein (D)               |
| 9        | ..... Constantine (R) | 29       | ..... Geller (D)              |
| 10       | ..... Brown-Waite (R) | 30       | ..... Dawson (D)              |
| 11       | ..... Cowin (R)       | 31       | ..... Sanderson (R)           |
| 12       | ..... Webster (R)     | 32       | ..... Wasserman Schultz (D)   |
| 13       | ..... Crist (R)       | 33       | ..... Campbell (D)            |
| 14       | ..... Dyer (D)        | 34       | ..... Diaz de la Portilla (R) |
| 15       | ..... Posey (R)       | 35       | ..... Rossin (D)              |
| 16       | ..... Burt (R)        | 36       | ..... Meek (D)                |
| 17       | ..... Laurent (R)     | 37       | ..... Villalobos (R)          |
| 18       | ..... Bronson (R)     | 38       | ..... Silver (D)              |
| 19       | ..... Latvala (R)     | 39       | ..... Garcia (R)              |
| 20       | ..... Sebesta (R)     | 40       | ..... Jones (D)               |

(D) - Denotes Democrat      (R) - Denotes Republican



# GLOSSARY OF LEGISLATIVE TERMS

**Act.** A bill passed by the legislature.

**Adjourn.** To end a legislative session, a day's session, or a committee meeting.

**Adopt.** To vote to accept.

**Amendment.** A proposal to change the original terms of a bill.

**Bicameral.** Consisting of two houses. All states have bicameral legislatures except Nebraska, which has only one house (unicameral).

**Bill.** A draft of a proposed law.

**Budget.** A bill that states how much money will be spent on government programs and services.

**Calendar.** List of bills awaiting action.

**Chairman.** A legislator who presides over a committee meeting or a session.

**Chamber.** Also known as the "floor," it is the room in which the Senate or the House of Representatives meets.

**Clerk of the House of Representatives.** The person designated by the House of Representatives to assist the members of the House in the detailed processes of enacting laws and to record that history.

**Committee.** A group of Senators or Representatives appointed by the presiding officer to consider an issue or question and to submit a report on its recommendations for action by the body that originated it.

**Constitution.** The written instrument embodying the fundamental principles of the state that establishes power and duties of the government and guarantees certain rights to the people.

**Constituent.** A citizen who resides in the district of a legislator.

**Convene.** To meet in formal legislative session.

**Debate.** To argue the merits of a bill, for and against.

**Decorum.** Appropriate behavior and conduct.

**District.** That area of the state represented by a legislator, determined on the basis of population.

**Gallery.** The seating area for visitors located above the chambers (on the fifth floor of the Capitol).

**Governor.** The highest ranking state official.

**Journal.** The official record of the proceedings of the Senate or the House of Representatives.

**Law.** The final product of the legislative process. It is the end result of the introduction of a bill, its passage by both houses, its approval by the Governor (or the overriding of his veto by the legislature), and its recording by the Secretary of State.

**Majority party.** The political party having greater than a majority of seats in a house.

**Minority party.** The political party having fewer than a majority of seats in a house.

**Motion.** A proposal, usually oral, made to the presiding officer and relating to procedure or action before a legislative body.

**Oath of Office.** An oath or vow taken by a public official prior to taking up his or her official duties.

**Order of Business.** The defined routine of procedure in the legislative body each day. It can be deviated from only by waiver of the rules.

**Passage.** Favorable action on a measure before the legislature.

**President of the Senate.** The presiding officer of the Senate. He or she is designated as President by the majority party in caucus and then elected by the full membership of the Senate for a term of two years.

**President Pro Tempore of the Senate.** Literally, president "for a time." He or she performs specified duties as prescribed by the Senate Rules or the Senate President.

**Quorum.** The number of members required for the conduct of business.

**Repeal.** The removal of a provision from the law.

**Roll call.** To determine a vote on a question by the taking of names in favor of and opposed to.

**Rules.** Provisions for the procedure, organization, officers, and committees of each house of the legislature.

**Secretary of the Senate.** The person elected by the Senate to assist Senate officers, members, and staff in the detailed processes of enacting laws and to record that history.

**Sergeant at Arms.** The person in each house who is responsible for the security of the legislative house and the maintenance of that house's property.

**Session.** The period during which the legislature meets.

**Sine die.** Refers to final adjournment of a legislative session. The term is sometimes used to denote the ceremony involving the dropping of white handkerchiefs which symbolizes the end of a regular session.

**Speaker of the House of Representatives.** The presiding officer of the House of Representatives. He or she is designated as Speaker by the majority party in caucus and then elected by the full membership of the House for a term of two years.

**Veto.** Return by the Governor to the legislature of a bill without his or her signature; the veto message from the Governor usually explains why he or she thinks the bill should not become a law.

**Vote.** A decision on a question, either affirmative or negative.

# FLORIDA IN THE 107<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS



Washington, D.C. is the seat of the nation's government. The names and addresses of Florida's representatives in the legislative branch may be found on a separate page in many Florida telephone directories.

Further information on each Member of Congress may be found at the official websites for The United States Senate ([www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)) and The United States House of Representatives ([www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)).



## United States Senate

The Senate is composed of 100 Members, two from each state, elected by the people pursuant to the 17th Amendment to the United States Constitution. A Senator must be at least 30 years of age, have been a citizen of the United States for nine years, and, when elected, be a resident of the state from which the Senator is chosen. The term of office is six years, and one-third of the total membership of the Senate is elected every second year. The terms of both Senators from a particular state are so arranged that they do not terminate at the same time. Of the two Senators from a state serving at the same time, the one who was elected first (or if both were elected at the same time, the one elected for a full term) is referred to as the "senior" Senator from that state. The other is referred to as the "junior" Senator. Senators Bob Graham and Bill Nelson represent Florida in Washington.



## United States House of Representatives

The House of Representatives is composed of 435 Members elected every two years from among the 50 states, apportioned according to their total populations. Today there is one representative for approximately every 621,000 residents, a much larger figure than the 30,000 residents the Constitution of the United States originally required for a Congressional district.

A Representative must be at least 25 years of age, have been a citizen of the United States for seven years, and, when elected, be a resident of the state in which the Representative is chosen.

In addition to the Representatives from each of the states, there is a Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and Delegates from the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. The Resident Commissioner and the Delegates have most of the prerogatives of Representatives, with the important exception of the right to vote on matters before the House.

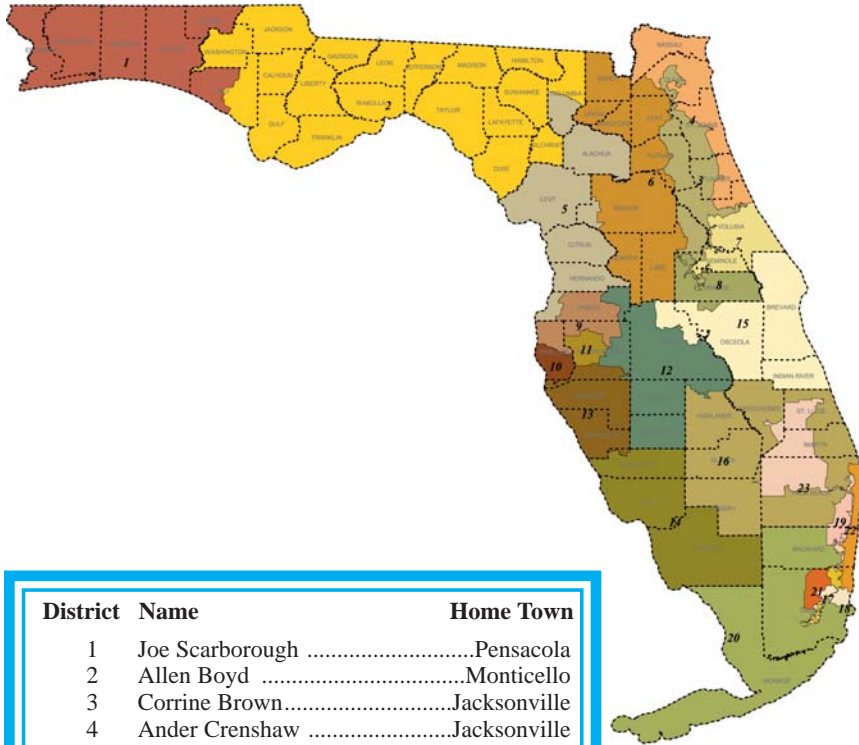
Under the provisions of Section 2 of the 20th Amendment to the United States Constitution, Congress must assemble at least once every year, at noon on the third day of January, unless by law it appoints a different day. A Congress lasts for two years, commencing in January of the year following the biennial election of Members, and is divided into two sessions.

Unlike some other parliamentary bodies, both the Senate and the House of Representatives have equal legislative functions and powers (except that only the House of Representatives may initiate revenue bills), and the designation of one as the "upper" House and the other as the "lower" House is not appropriate.

The United States Constitution authorizes each House to determine the rules of its proceedings. Pursuant to that authority, the House of Representatives adopts its rules on the opening day of each Congress. The Senate, which considers itself a continuing body, operates under standing rules that it amends from time to time.

The chief function of Congress is the making of laws. In addition, the Senate has the function of advising and consenting to treaties and to certain nominations by the President. In the matter of impeachments, the House of Representatives

presents the charges - a function similar to that of a grand jury - and the Senate sits as a court to try the impeachment. Both Houses meet in joint session on the sixth day of January, unless by law they appoint a different day, following a presidential election, to count the electoral votes.



| District | Name                | Home Town          |
|----------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1        | Joe Scarborough     | Pensacola          |
| 2        | Allen Boyd          | Monticello         |
| 3        | Corrine Brown       | Jacksonville       |
| 4        | Ander Crenshaw      | Jacksonville       |
| 5        | Karen L. Thurman    | Dunnellon          |
| 6        | Cliff Stearns       | Ocala              |
| 7        | John L. Mica        | Winter Park        |
| 8        | Ric Keller          | Orlando            |
| 9        | Michael Bilirakis   | Tarpon Springs     |
| 10       | C. W. Bill Young    | Indian Rocks Beach |
| 11       | Jim Davis           | Tampa              |
| 12       | Adam H. Putnam      | Bartow             |
| 13       | Dan Miller          | Bradenton          |
| 14       | Porter J. Goss      | Sanibel            |
| 15       | Dave Weldon         | Palm Bay           |
| 16       | Mark Foley          | West Palm Beach    |
| 17       | Carrie P. Meek      | Miami              |
| 18       | Ileana Ros-Lehtinen | Miami              |
| 19       | Robert Wexler       | Boca Raton         |
| 20       | Peter Deutsch       | Ft. Lauderdale     |
| 21       | Lincoln Diaz-Balart | Miami              |
| 22       | E. Clay Shaw, Jr.   | Ft. Lauderdale     |
| 23       | Alcee L. Hastings   | Miramar            |

## We're on the Web . . . .



The Official Guide to the State of Florida Legislature  
(www.leg.state.fl.us)

A variety of legislative data can be accessed on this Internet site.

Enter a bill number and click the go button to view that bill's information

Click on a tab to view that category of information

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  - Members
  - Councils/Committees
  - Publications
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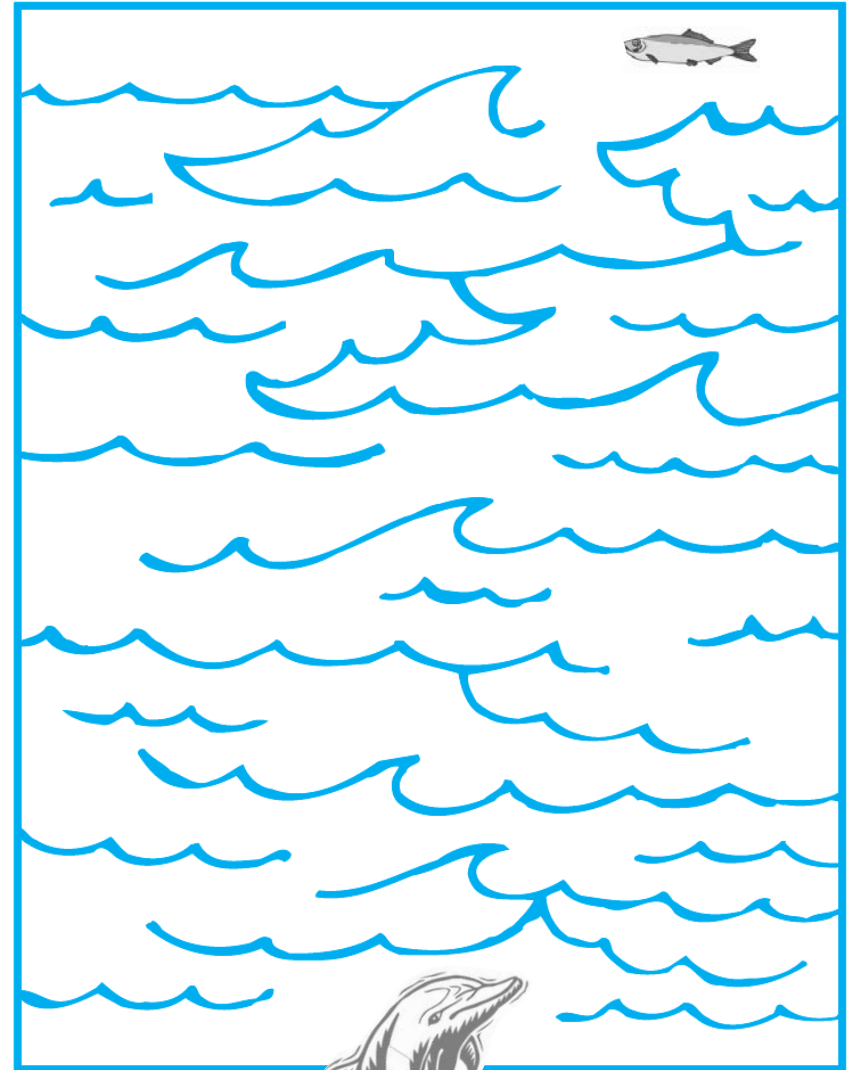
This Internet site introduces younger Floridians to the Florida Legislature. Designed to be educational, it appeals to children of all ages. This site is easily accessed (interface is not browser specific) and low-resolution graphics allow for ease of use. Online Sunshine for Kids is always under construction. Keep checking for new features.



## Games and Puzzles



The dolphin is the state saltwater mammal. You can help our dolphin find his lunch!





## Games and Puzzles

The power to make laws is vested in the **LEGISLATURE**. How many words can you make from this word? Some examples are late, gate, guest, and realist.

### Word Search

Search for these words important to Florida in the letters below. They may appear forward, backward, diagonally, up, or down in the puzzle. Find each word and draw a circle around it.

|             |              |         |          |
|-------------|--------------|---------|----------|
| Arts        | House        | Roads   | Tourism  |
| Ecosystem   | Orange juice | Schools | Voter    |
| Health care | Panther      | Senate  | Wildlife |

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| E | E | C | O | S | Y | S | T | E | M | E |
| R | S | A | J | R | A | K | O | F | C | S |
| A | L | Q | B | C | V | D | X | I | F | U |
| C | P | I | W | R | O | Q | U | L | P | O |
| H | A | R | T | S | T | J | G | D | W | H |
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| L | T | N | T | G | R | R | H | I | O | T |
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| H | R | M | S | I | R | U | O | T | D | E |
| O | T | U | M | S | L | O | O | H | C | S |

## Roll Call

The names of the members of the Florida Senate are in this puzzle. These names may appear forward, backward, diagonally, up, or down in the puzzle. Find each word and draw a circle around it.

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| A | U | I | Y | D | N | T | E | Q | N | N | O | S | W | A | L |
| R | B | S | E | V | O | M | C | K | A | Y | W | Q | J | F | A |
| W | K | J | S | C | T | W | Y | F | V | P | G | K | H | T | U |
| E | N | R | O | H | L | X | Z | M | I | E | T | B | S | X | R |
| B | I | E | P | H | R | K | L | R | L | A | Q | E | C | S | E |
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| T | L | L | E | H | C | T | I | M | U | E | G | M | C | L | T |
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| Bronson             | Holzendorf | Posey             |
| Brown-Waite         | Horne      | Pruitt            |
| Burt                | Jones      | Rossin            |
| Campbell            | King       | Sanderson         |
| Carlton             | Klein      | Saunders          |
| Clary               | Latvala    | Sebesta           |
| Constantine         | Laurent    | Silver            |
| Cowin               | Lawson     | Smith             |
| Crist               | Lee        | Sullivan          |
| Dawson              | McKay      | Villalobos        |
| Diaz de la Portilla | Meek       | Wasserman Schultz |
| Dyer                | Miller     | Webster           |
| Garcia              | Mitchell   |                   |
| Geller              | Peaden     |                   |

# OFFICIAL STATE DESIGNATIONS



Butterfly:  
*Zebra Longwing*



Beverage:  
*Citrus sinensis*  
(orange juice)



Wildflower:  
*Coreopsis*

Air fair: *Central Florida Air Fair*

Freshwater fish: *Florida largemouth bass*

Gem: *Moonstone*

Pageant: "*Indian River*"

Play: "*Cross and Sword*"

Reptile: *American alligator*

Rodeo: *Silver Spurs Rodeo*

Saltwater fish: *Atlantic sailfish*

Saltwater mammal: *Porpoise*

Stone: *Agatized coral*



Tree:  
*Sabal Palmetto palm*



Bird:  
*Mockingbird*



Animal:  
*Florida panther*



Marine mammal:  
*Manatee*



Shell:  
*Horse conch*



## About This Handbook

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Secretary of the Senate

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