

# The Florida Senate 1980-82







## Welcome to the Senate!

It is a pleasure for me as President, and on behalf of the other thirty-nine members, to welcome you to the Florida Senate.

This booklet outlines the important role of the Senate in your government and explains some of the basic functions of the legislative process. The names and addresses of all senators, biographical sketches and other pertinent material are included for your information.

We are proud of the Florida Senate and Legislature. It has been declared "Number One" or "The Best" by official visitors from more than half the legislatures of other states as well as delegates from nearly a dozen foreign countries.

That's important, but our goal is to be "Number One" with and for you, the Florida citizen.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W.D. Childers".

W.D. Childers  
President

## The Senate's unique heritage

**W**hen 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 seventeen 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 that first session that Territorial Governor Richard Keith Call addressed the Senate and the House of Representatives in joint session.

Since those beginning days, the Senate has evolved into a highly organized, smoothly functioning legislative body that meets annually for sixty days to conduct the people's business. There is now a year-round staff to conduct vital research and a series of monthly committee meetings to prepare for legislative sessions.

The size of the Senate has varied throughout its history, starting with seventeen members in 1839 and growing gradually to thirty-eight members in 1925. When the rural and urban interests were fighting for control of the Legislature during the "Pork Chop" era of the 1950s and 60s, the Senate expanded to forty-eight members. Finally, in order to provide equal representation, the 1968 Constitution required that the Senate establish no more than forty senatorial districts, with each senator representing an equal number of citizens.

Not only has the size of the Senate varied, but its role has changed since its early days. Before 1913, the Legislature elected Florida's United States senators. Although this responsibility gave the Legislature more power, it also led to a number of heated political battles. In a particularly bitter battle in 1891, a majority of the state Senate fled across the state line to the piney woods of southern Georgia so the sergeant at arms could not force them to return to the Capitol for another round of balloting. History still remembers those senators as the "babes in the woods." It eventually took 85 ballots over seven weeks to select a U.S. senator—and then the Governor appointed someone else.

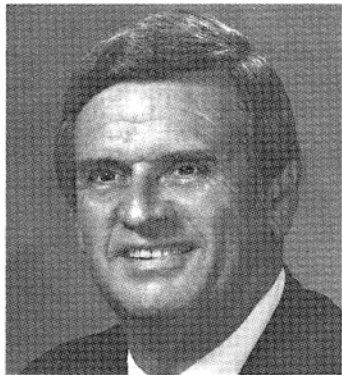


**W.D. CHILDERS**  
President of the Senate

The Senate has occasionally been the home of great oratory and quick wit when senators are trying to persuade their colleagues to support or reject proposed legislation. When the Senate was about to legalize pari-mutuel gambling in 1931 and use the tax revenue for school improvements, one senator rose to oppose the bill and decry the use of "tainted money" from race tracks to educate the children of the state. A supporter of the plan calmly rose to respond that "The only thing wrong with this money is that it just 'taint enough."

**W**hile members of the other branches of the government devote full-time to 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. Their occupations range from attorney to teacher to insurance agent to professional numismatist. The average senator is 47 years old, is married and has children. Thirty-one of the senators have college degrees, and thirty held another public office before they were elected to the Senate. Not surprisingly in a state which has grown tremendously in the past decade, twenty-four senators were born in a state other than Florida.

One senator has described the Senate as "an accurate reflection, a random cross section and cross sample of the people of Florida—blemishes and all." In a 1978 speech, Senator Kenneth H. MacKay noted that "We have broad differences: differences of opinion, differences of priorities, and differences of values. These differences are an accurate reflection of the broad differences among our constituencies today."



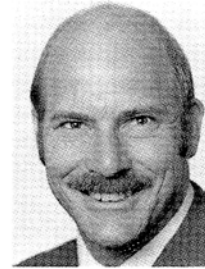
**CURTIS PETERSON**  
President Pro Tempore

Oftentimes, service in the Senate is a stepping stone to higher office. Thirteen of Florida's thirty-eight governors served in the Senate before they became the state's chief executive. Many of Florida's United States senators and representatives and several Cabinet members and judges also served in the Senate during their career. Today, the governor, one U.S. senator, three congressional representatives, and three of the six Cabinet members served in the Senate before moving up to their present office.

The Senate is often referred to as the upper house of Florida's Legislature since many of its members "graduate" to the Senate from the House of Representatives. Florida's Legislature, like most others in our country, is patterned after the British Parliament, which has an "upper" and a "lower" house. The Senate leans heavily upon tradition.

**Y**ou will observe many of the traditional customs and formalities that give the Senate its unique heritage if you watch the senators in action. But the traditions are tempered with progressive improvements that help make Florida's Legislature one of the most functional lawmaking bodies in the nation. The emphasis now is on planning for Florida's future by promoting the general welfare of the citizens while guarding the public interest. It is these tasks in which you will find your senators involved today.

## Members of the Senate



**Dick Anderson**  
Democrat, District 40

Insurance executive **born** February 10, 1946 in Midland, MI. Moved to Florida in 1967 **education** University of Colorado, B.S., 1967 **wife** Joy Chiles of Washington, D.C. **children** Christopher and Blake **affiliations** Advisory Board of Big Brothers and Big Sisters; Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce; South Miami Kendall Area Chamber of Commerce; Coconut Grove Jaycees; founder and charter member of Miami Ski Club; director of Doral Eastern Open; director of American Cancer Society **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1978 **highlights** All-American defensive back, 1967; Ernie Davis Memorial Award of outstanding play in the Coaches All-American Game; AFL Rookie of the Year, 1968; NFL Superstars competition, 1974; president of NFL Players Association, 1976-77; Dolphin player representative, 1975; Mike Douglas NFLPA Golf Tournament, 1977; named to Colorado Sports Hall of Fame, February, 1980 **church** Presbyterian **recreation** snow skiing, golfing, football and reading **addresses** (district) 7855 S.W. 104th Street, Suite 240, Miami 33156 (Tallahassee) 210 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 305/595-7828 (Tallahassee) 904/488-2105.



**Dempsey J. Barron**  
Democrat, District 3  
Dean of the Senate

Attorney, businessman and rancher **born** March 5, 1922 in Andalusia, AL. Moved to Florida in 1924 **education** Florida State University, B.S.; University of Florida, J.D. **wife** Louverne Hall of Graceville **children** Steve and Stuart **affiliations** American, Florida, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit and Bay County Bar Associations **legislative service** House of Representatives, 1956-60; elected to the Senate in 1960 and reelected subsequently; President Pro Tempore, 1967-68; President, 1974-76; Dean of the Senate and Dean of the Legislature **highlights** "Most Effective Member of the Senate," 1974, 1975, 1977 and 1980, "Most Effective in Committee," 1972, "Most Effective in Debate," 1971 and 1979 (Allen Morris Awards); Constitution Revision Commission, 1977-78; Florida March of Dimes Award, 1976; Tampa Bay Good Government Award, 1975-76; Florida Academy of Family Physicians Freedom Heritage Award, 1976; Florida Jaycees Good Government Award, 1966; president of House of Representatives Freshman Club, 1957 **military service** U.S. Navy, Pacific and European theaters during World War II **recreation** hunting and fishing **addresses** (district) P.O. Box 1638, Panama City 32401 (Tallahassee) 205 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 904/785-7454 (Tallahassee) 904/488-0316.



**Malcolm E. Beard**  
Democrat, District 22

State Senator **born** February 21, 1919 in Moultrie, GA. Moved to Florida in 1924 **education** University of Tampa **wife** Mary Ellen Moreau of Oak Hill, WV **children** Thomas M. Beard and Barbara Mullins **affiliations** past president of Florida Sheriffs Association; past president of Justices of the Peace and Constables Association; past president of FBI National Academy Associates of Florida; past president of Boys Clubs of Tampa; past state director of National Sheriffs Association; board of directors: Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Girls Club of Tampa, and Gulf Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America; board of directors and general chairman of Hillsborough County Scout-O-Rama, 1968; Egypt Temple Shrine Honor Patrol **legislative service** House of Representatives, 1978-80; elected to the Senate, March 25, 1980 **other public service** Constable of Hillsborough County, 1957-65; sheriff of Hillsborough County, 1965-78; State Commission on Human Relations, 1969-72; Governor's Commission on Standards and Goals, 1974-75; Advisory Committee, Supreme Court on Plea Bargaining, Sentencing and Bail on Appeal, 1975; Governor's Task Force on



Correctional System, 1975; mutual aid coordinator of Interagency Law Enforcement Planning Council, Region V, 1971-73 **highlights** Governor's Medal, 1967; Tampa Jaycees Award for Good Government, 1967-68; Hillsborough County Bar Association Liberty Bell Award, 1968; Sertoma International Freedom Award, 1969; Optimist International, Florida District, Law Enforcement Award, 1974; Black Community Professional Award, 1975; National Conference of Christians and Jews Silver Medallion Award, 1977 **military service** U.S. Navy, World War II, 1942-45 **church** First Christian, Deacon **recreation** hunting and fishing **addresses** (district) P.O. Box 16516, Temple Terrace 33687 (Tallahassee) 242 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 813/988-4922 (Tallahassee) 904/488-1730.



**Joe Carlucci**  
**Democrat, District 8**

General Lines Insurance Agent **born** January 5, 1929 in New York, N.Y. Moved to Florida in 1945 **education** Florida State University; University of Miami Law School; Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity; manager of 1947-48 FSU football teams **wife** Louise Moore of Jacksonville **children** Matthew F. and Michael Trower **affiliations** director of Fraternal Order of Police Associates; director of Citizens Against Pornography; Commissioner of American Bicentennial Commission of Jacksonville; Jacksonville Life Underwriters Association; National Rifle Association; National Wildlife Federation; Metropolitan Criminal Justice Advisory Committee; Donkey Club; Jacksonville Area Chamber of

Commerce, Committee of 100; past cubmaster and past troop committee chairman, Boy Scouts of America; past chairman of the Board, Jacksonville Art Museum; past president of Bolles School Dad's Club **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1978 **other public service** City of Jacksonville Councilman at Large, 1968-78 **highlights** Jacksonville Jaycees "Most Outstanding Governmental Leader Award," 1979; Richard P. Daniel Award as "Distinguished Councilman of the Year," 1968-69, 1971-72; Claude J. Yates award as "Outstanding Councilman of the Year," 1969; WAK award for "Most Outstanding in Governmental Service;" Fraternal Order of Police award for dedicated service and personal concern for law enforcement in your community; Scout Master's Key; Scouters Award **church** Assembly of God **recreation** fishing, hunting and cooking **addresses** (district) 3733 University Boulevard, West, Suite 117, Jacksonville 32217 (Tallahassee) 212 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 904/733-8888 (Tallahassee) 904/488-7446.



**Donnell C. "Don" Childers**  
**Democrat, District 28**

Insurance agent; board member, Citizens Bank, West Palm Beach **born** March 3, 1932 in Skipperville, AL. Moved to Florida in 1960 **education** Troy State University, B.S., 1960 **wife** Kay Bess of Miami **children** Lisa, Don, Jr. and Timothy **affiliations** past treasurer and board member of Christian Manors, Inc. (Senior Citizens Home in West Palm Beach); past member of Boy Scouts of America **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1974, reelected subsequently; chairman of Select Subcommittee on Division of Youth Services, 1975; vice chairman of Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation; National Conference of State Legislatures, State-Federal Relations Assembly,

Committee on Human Resources, 1977; chairman of Administrative Procedures Committee, 1979 **other public service** past member of Executive Democratic Committee, Palm Beach County; present member of Local Democratic Clubs, Palm Beach County; Florida Delegate, Democratic National Convention, 1972; Florida Delegate, Democratic National Mini-Convention, Kansas City, Missouri, 1974; Florida Crime Prevention Commission Advisory Council; member of State Board of Education Task Force on Migrant Education, 1979; member of Primary Education (PREP) Council, 1979-81 **highlights** Florida Personnel and Guidance Association Outstanding Legislator Award; Palm Beach County Classroom Teacher's Association plaque for Services to Public Education; Florida Wildlife Federation, Special Service Award; Palm Beach County School Board, Certificate of Appreciation for Advancing Education **military service** U.S. Air Force **church** Baptist **recreation** fishing, hunting and football **addresses** (district) 2700 Forest Hill Boulevard, West Palm Beach 33406 (Tallahassee) 318 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 305/964-6464 (Tallahassee) 904/488-7364.



**W. D. Childers**  
**Democrat, District 1**  
**President of the Senate**

Businessman **born** November 25, 1933 in Okaloosa County **education** Florida State University, B.S., 1955 **wife** Ruth A. Johnson of Wakeeney, KS **children** Gail, Jeanna, Karen and Marvel **affiliations** Lions Club; Farm Bureau; PTA; director of Escambia Blood Bank, Inc.; Ferry Pass Lodge 348 **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1970, reelected subsequently **highlights** "Most Effective in Debate," 1975, 1976 and 1980, "Most Effective in Committee," 1978 and runner-up in 1979, "Most Effective Member of the Senate," 1979 (Allen Morris Awards); Florida Credit Union League, Inc., "Outstanding Legislative Service Award," 1973-79; Legislator of the Year for Outstanding Service to Vision Care in the State of Florida, 1975; Unified Sportsmen Service Award, 1977-79; Associated Builders and Contractors of Florida, Inc., "Legislator of the Year Award," 1980; Jaycees Good Government Award, 1980; Kiwanis Club 59th Annual Civic Award, 1981; Florida Blue Key Honorary Membership, 1981; Pensacola Civitan Club 1980 citation for Outstanding Civic Service in the Promotion of Good Citizenship, 1981; taught high school science and mathematics in Santa Rosa county before going into private business **church** Baptist **recreation** fishing, hunting and camping **addresses** (district) 2869 Michigan Avenue, Pensacola 32506 (Tallahassee) The Capitol, Suite 409, 32301 **telephones** (district) 904/453-1241 (Tallahassee) 904/488-5176.



**Edgar M. Dunn, Jr.**  
**Democrat, District 10**

Attorney **born** February 14, 1939 in Daytona Beach **education** University of Florida, B.A., 1962; University of Florida Law Center, J.D., 1967 **wife** Margaret McCurry of Daytona Beach **children** Wesley, Kathleen, Christine and Julie **affiliations** Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce; Florida Bar; American Bar Association; University of Florida Law Center Council; Civic League of Halifax Area; Knights of Columbus; American Legion; American Judicature Society **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1974, reelected subsequently **other public service** General Counsel to Governor Reubin Askew, 1971-73; Governor's Council on Criminal Justice, 1973-74; Florida

Delegate to National Council on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals, 1973; Assistant State Attorney for 7th Judicial Circuit, 1970 and 1973; Assistant City Attorney, City Prosecutor for Daytona Beach, 1969; Volusia County Charter and Study Commission, 1969-70 **highlights** runner-up as "Most Effective in Debate," 1979 and 1978 (Allen Morris Awards); Daytona Beach Jaycees "Good Government Award," 1977; runner-up as "Most Valuable Member of the Senate," 1976 (*St. Petersburg Times* Award); Florida Academy of Trial Lawyers "Outstanding Legislative Contribution Award," 1976; Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association "Furtherance of Justice Award," 1973; "Meritorious Service Award" for civilian service in the U.S. National Guard, 1972; Assistant State Attorney, 1970 and 1973; Daytona Beach Jaycees "Outstanding Young Man of the Year Award," 1970; Daytona Beach Civitan Club "Man of the Year Award," 1970; Daytona Beach Knights of Columbus "Man of the Year Award," 1970; Florida Personnel and Guidance Association "Outstanding Legislator Award;" Palm Beach County Classroom Teacher's Federation "Services to Public Education" plaque; Palm Beach County School Board "Certificate of Appreciation for Advancing Education" **military service** U.S. Army, infantry and counter-intelligence, captain **church** Catholic **recreation** fishing, photography, racquetball, football and hunting **addresses** (district) P.O. Drawer 2600, Daytona Beach 32015 (Tallahassee) 214 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 904/258-1776 (Tallahassee) 904/488-4490.





**Pat Frank**  
Democrat, District 23

Legislator **born** November 12, 1929 in Cleveland, OH. Moved to Florida in 1936 **education** University of Florida, B.S./B.A., 1951; Georgetown University School of Law; Hall of Fame; Mortar Board **husband** Richard Harlan Frank **children** Stacy, Hillary and Courtney **affiliations** Athena Society; past director of Hillsborough County Bar Auxiliary; Florida Network; Georgetown University Alumni Association for Central Florida; Tampa Bay Committee on Foreign Affairs; Chi Omega Sorority; past legislative chairman for Florida Association for Gifted Education; past director of the League of Women Voters; past president of Gorrie Elementary PTA; past first vice president of the

Hillsborough County Council PTA; past vice president of St. Andrews Episcopal Churchwomen **legislative service** House of Representatives, 1976–78; elected to the Senate in 1978, reelected subsequently **other public service** Hillsborough County School Board, 1972–76, chairman, 1975–76; member of Advisory Council, Health and Rehabilitative Services, District VI; member of Florida Phosphate Land Reclamation Study Commission; member of Legislative Advisory Council, Southern Regional Education Board; Special Ambassador for the United States to the Independence of St. Vincent's Island, 1979 **highlights** "Most Effective First-Term Member of the House," 1978 (Allen Morris Award); runner-up as "Most Valuable Member of the House," 1978 (*St. Petersburg Times* Award); TIGER Award, from FEA-United, AFT, 1977, 1978 and 1979; selected by House leaders as the most promising freshman legislator of the 1977 legislative session; FTP-NEA "Friends of Education Award," 1977; "Outstanding Service Award" for Adult Education in Hillsborough County, 1974; Hillsborough County CTA "Educational Leadership Award," 1973; honorary member of Delta Kappa Gamma (women educators' honor society); honorary life member of the Florida Congress of Parents and Teachers, awarded by the Hillsborough County Council of PTA, 1976; Gorrie School Bell Award; former staff member, U.S. Capitol; business economist, Department of Justice; first woman admitted to Georgetown University Law School; Kappa Delta Pi "Educator of the Year Award," 1979; Tampa Jaycee's "Good Government Award," 1979 **church** Episcopal **recreation** music and needlepoint **addresses** (district) P.O. Box 638, Tampa 33601 (Tallahassee) 304 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 813/272-6614 (Tallahassee) 904/488-4929.



**Jack D. Gordon**  
Democrat, District 35

Savings and loan executive **born** June 3, 1922 in Detroit, MI. Moved to Florida in 1940 **education** University of Michigan, B.A., 1942, Phi Epsilon Pi **wife** Barbara Yaffey of Miami Beach **children** Andrew, Deborah and Jonathan **affiliations** member of National Governing Council; American Jewish Congress; past president of South Florida Division, American Friends of Hebrew University; chairman of South Florida Committee, 1973 Israel Economic Conference; former director of National Association of Better Business Bureaus; former director of National Council of Senior Citizens; former state chairman of Concerned Democrats of Florida; honorary member

of United Steelworkers of America **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1972, reelected subsequently **other public service** Dade County Board of Public Instruction, 1961–69; chairman of Miami Beach Tourist Development Authority, 1971–72; chairman and member of Miami Beach Housing Authority, 1949–56; Dade County Community Relations Board, 1972; Dade County Economic Opportunity Program Board, 1964–67; Governor's Commission on Quality Education in Florida, 1966; U.S. Advisory Panel on Teacher Training, 1968–71; U.S. Advisory Committee on State Departments of Education, 1965–70; housing finance consultant to U.S. State Department in Latin America and Africa, 1959–1971; housing finance consultant to United Nations Technical Assistance Program, 1963–70 **highlights** Veterans of Foreign Wars Americanism Award; Dade County Classroom Teachers Association School Bell Award; First Unitarian Church Living Religion Award; Miami Beach Taxpayers Association Outstanding Citizens Award; Costa Rican National Institute of Housing citation for encouraging savings and home ownership; American Civil Liberties Union Stanley Milledge Award, 1973; "Most Effective in Committee," 1976, runner-up as "Most Effective in Debate," 1980 (Allen Morris Awards); Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year, 1975; Florida International University Distinguished Service Award, 1978; TIGER Award, 1978–79; Nelson Poynter Civil Liberties Award, 1979 **military service** U.S. Army, combat infantryman **church** Jewish **recreation** walking **addresses** (district) 1701 Meridian Avenue, Miami Beach 33139 (Tallahassee) 316 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 305/674-6608 (Tallahassee) 904/488-3497.



**Mary R. Grizzle**  
Republican, District 20

Businesswoman **born** August 19, 1921 in Lawrence County, OH. Moved to Florida in 1950 **education** Portsmouth Interstate Business College **husband** Ben F. Grizzle **children** Henry, Polley, Lorena, Mary Alice, Betty and Jeanne **affiliations** past president of Anona PTA; Altrusa Club; Woman's Club; National Society of Arts & Letters; League of Women Voters; Largo Business and Professional Women; past chairman of Florida Commission on Status of Women; Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels; past president of Florida Federation of Republican Women, 1965–69; Clearwater Woman's Club; National Order of Women Legislators; honorary member of Alpha Phi Chapter,

Delta Kappa Gamma **legislative service** House of Representatives, 1963–78; elected to the Senate in 1978 **other public service** former town commissioner; former member of Pinellas County Planning Council **highlights** Largo Business and Professional Woman's Club's "Outstanding Woman of the Year" for civic participation, 1966; listed in *Personalities in the South* and *Who's Who in American Women*; co-authored and published *Thimbleful of History*; named by *St. Petersburg Times* as "One of Ten Outstanding Women in 1966"; chairman of Pinellas Legislative Delegation, 1964–66; "Friend for Life" of Suncoast Girl Scout Council, 1973; Pinellas Planning Council Service Award, 1974; Florida Association of Community Colleges Legislative Service Award, 1974; Pinellas Juvenile Welfare Board legislative award for "Outstanding Service to Children," 1976; House Minority Leader Pro Tempore, 1974–78; chairman of Pinellas Delegation, 1979; Florida Rehabilitation Association's Achievement Award for Outstanding Service to the Handicapped, 1979; named honorary lifetime member of Pinellas County School Food Services for dedication to the School Food Program, 1979; Largo Junior Women's Club award, "Woman of the Year," 1980 **church** Episcopal **addresses** (district) 2601 Jewel Road, Suite C, Belleair Bluffs 33540 (Tallahassee) 340 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 813/584-8465 (Tallahassee) 904/488-4739.



**Mattox S. Hair**  
Democrat, District 9

Attorney **born** January 18, 1938 in Coral Gables; reared in Live Oak **education** Florida State University, B.S., 1960; student body, vice president and president; president of Kappa Alpha fraternity; FSU Gold Key; FSU Hall of Fame; permanent class president and outstanding senior man, 1960; *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*; University of Florida, J.D., 1964; Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity **wife** Betty Winstead of Jacksonville **affiliations** Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Jacksonville chapter; Jacksonville Bar Association; Florida Bar Association; American Bar Association; Chamber of Commerce; Sons of American Legion; Rotary Club of Jacksonville

**legislative service** House of Representatives, 1972–74; elected to the Senate in 1974, reelected subsequently **highlights** Jacksonville Jaycees "Good Government Award," 1974; "J. Turner Butler Outstanding Member of the Duval Delegation Award," 1977 and 1979; assistant attorney general, 1964–65; legislative aide, 1957 and 1959 sessions **military service** U.S. Army, first lieutenant; Florida National Guard, captain **church** Baptist **recreation** tennis and hunting **addresses** (district) P.O. Box 447, Jacksonville 32201 (Tallahassee) 240 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 904/359-6408 (Tallahassee) 904/488-8404.



**Warren S. Henderson**  
Republican, District 25

Professional numismatist and investments **born** November 14, 1927 in Exeter, NH. Moved to Florida in 1955 **education** Denison University, B.A., 1951; Phi Delta Theta **wife** Polly Schurr of Cleveland, OH **children** Warren C., Susan and Wendy **affiliations** B.P.O. Elks, past exalted ruler; Order of DeMolay, Legion of Honor; Masons, Venice Lodge 301 F&AM, York Rite-Trinity Commandery 16 K.T.; Miami Conclave Red Cross of Constantine; Scottish Rite—Tampa Consistory, Royal Order of Scotland; AAONM Shrine, Egypt Temple; American Legion; past president of Venice Area Chamber of Commerce; past director of Sarasota Chamber of Commerce; chairman of



United Fund; life member of South Sarasota County Memorial Hospital Association; life member of American Numismatic Association; Florida Historical Society; Sarasota County Historical Society; International Oceanographic Foundation; National Wildlife Federation; National Audubon Society; Izaak Walton League; Florida Conservancy; Save Our Bays Association; Florida Bicentennial Commission, 1972-73; Florida Energy Commission, 1973; vice president and trustee of Conservation 70s; Advisory Council on Environmental Education, 1973-76 **legislative service** Elected to the Senate in 1963; House of Representatives, 1966; reelected to the Senate in 1967 and subsequently **other public service** Sarasota County Planning and Zoning Commission, 1956-57; member and chairman of Sarasota County Commission, 1960-63; chairman of Manatee-Sarasota Airport Authority; chairman of Sarasota County Water and Navigation Control Authority, 1960-63; chairman of Sarasota County Civil Defense Council, 1960-63; vice chairman of West Coast Inland Navigation District, 1960-63; steering committee for Project Manasota 88; advisory council for Sarasota County Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center; state co-chairman of March of Dimes, 1971; U.S. Assay Commission, 1972 and 1976 **highlights** Outstanding Conservationist in Sarasota County, 1968; Governor's Award as "Outstanding Legislator in Conservation," 1969; runner-up as "Most Valuable Member of the Senate," 1970 (Allen Morris and St. Petersburg Times Awards); Senate Republican Leader, 1970-72; Sarasota County award for water resources conservation, 1972; FSDA "Senator of the Year," 1973; Florida Podiatry Award, 1975; Denison University Distinguished Alumni Award, 1976; Florida Pediatric Society commendation, 1976; "Most Effective in Committee," 1979 (Allen Morris Award); Florida League of Anglers DSA, 1979; Florida Sierra Club Legislative Award, 1979 **military service** U.S. Navy **church** Presbyterian **recreation** hunting and fishing **addresses** (district) 2002 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota 33577 (Tallahassee) 308 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 813/953-2338 (Tallahassee) 904/488-5941.



**John A. Hill**  
Democrat, District 33

Magram, Hill & Associates, Inc., insurance consultants; R&H Electric, Inc., electrical contractors **born** May 20, 1931 in Miami **education** Miami Dade Junior College **wife** Vivian Carlson of Miami **children** John, Allen and Kathy **affiliations** past member and president of Local Union 359, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; past member and assistant business manager of System Council U-4, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; Hialeah-Miami Springs Chamber of Commerce, director, 1974-75; Spotlite Club of Hialeah, second vice president, 1972-74; Hialeah Optimist Club; Rotary Club of Miami Lakes, president, 1972-73; Mahi Temple

AAONMS; Scottish Rite, Valley of Miami, Orient of Florida; Order of Eastern Star, Allapattah Chapter 194; National Association of Life Underwriters; the Tree of Italy **legislative service** House of Representatives, 1974-78; House Majority Leader, 1976-78; elected to the Senate in 1978, reelected subsequently **highlights** New York Life Top Club Centurion Award; National Sales Achievement Award from the National Association of Life Underwriters; Florida Education Association's Outstanding Freshman Legislator, 1975; George Groome Award as Outstanding Freshman Legislator from the Rotary Club; Hialeah Spotlite Club's Edward A. Wallace Award as "Outstanding Freshman Legislator," 1975; Kiwanis Distinguished Service Award, 1975; received the key to Dade County for economic development service to the county; City of Hialeah Appreciation Award, 1976; Teacher in Government Education Award, 1978; Florida Podiatry Association, Legislator of the Year Award, 1980 **military service** U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, 1950-63, master sergeant **church** Presbyterian **recreation** golf, racquetball and swimming **addresses** (district) 1140 West 50th Street, Suite 203, Hialeah 33012 (Tallahassee) 300 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 305/558-6780 (Tallahassee) 904/488-2355.



**Dan Jenkins**  
Democrat, District 7

Educator, Jenkins Land & Development **born** October 16, 1940 in Los Angeles, CA. Moved to Florida in 1959 **education** Tennessee Temple University, B.S., 1972; California State University, M.A., 1973; Luther Rice, Ed.D., 1975 **wife** Molly Sharp of Decatur, AL **children** Heather and Danny, Jr. **affiliations** Northside Businessmen's Club; University Club **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1980 **church** Southern Baptist **recreation** golf, tennis and chess **addresses** (district) 3860 San Jose Park Drive, Jacksonville 32217 (Tallahassee) 230 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 904/737-1407 (Tallahassee) 904/488-5165.



**Kenneth C. "Ken" Jenne**  
Democrat, District 32

Attorney **born** December 1, 1946 in New Haven, CT. Moved to Florida in 1954 **education** Palm Beach Junior College, A.A., 1966; Florida Atlantic University, B.A., 1968; Florida State University College of Law, J.D., 1972; Phi Rho Pi (national speech fraternity); Omicron Delta Kappa; Phi Alpha Delta; student body president of Palm Beach Junior College and Florida Atlantic University **wife** Caroline Maslanka of St. Petersburg Beach **child** Evan Boyd **affiliations** The Florida Bar; American Bar Association; American Adjudicature Society; former member of National District Attorneys Association; former member of Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association; director of Multiple Sclerosis Society; director of Broward County Red Cross; director of Salvation Army of Broward County; former director of YMCA of Greater Hollywood; Broward Industrial Board; director of Broward County Committee for Child Advocacy; director of Broward County Mental Health Association; former member of Broward County Mental Health Board; Florida Economic Advisory Council; former member of HRS District X Advisory Board; director of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Broward County; former chairman of Broward Area Transportation Study **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1978 **other public service** legislative assistant to the chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Crimes; Assistant State Attorney, Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, 1972-74; executive director of Broward County Charter Commission, 1974; Broward County Commissioner, 1975-78, chairman, 1976-78 **highlights** named "Outstanding Young Man of the Year" by the Broward County Jaycees and by the Plantation Jaycees **military service** (U.S. Army Reserve, sergeant **church** Episcopal **addresses** (district) 2620 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 211, Hollywood 33020 (Tallahassee) 248 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 305/923-8300 (Tallahassee) 904/488-3520.



**Toni Jennings**  
Republican, District 15

Realtor and mortgage broker; secretary-treasurer of Jack Jennings & Sons, general contractors **born** May 17, 1949 in Orlando **education** Wesleyan College, B.A., 1971; Rollins College; Phi Kappa Phi; Kappa Delta Epsilon; Mortar Board; Honor Court **affiliations** Orlando-Winter Park Board of Realtors; Associated Builders & Contractors; Central Florida Builders Exchange; Young Republicans; Republican Women's Club of Winter Park; Winter Park Federated Republican Women's Club; Council of 1000; American Association of University Women; Senior Citizens Advisory Council-SeaWorld **legislative service** House of Representatives, 1976-80; elected to the Senate in 1980 **highlights** Orlando Chamber of Commerce Central City Committee, Outstanding Woman in Government, 1977; Florida delegate to the International Woman's Conference, 1977; Associated Builders and Contractors of Florida, Legislator of the Year, 1978; Meritorious Service, Florida Federation of Humane Societies, 1979; special commendation, Florida Restaurant Association, 1979; outstanding service, Homebuilders Association of mid-Florida, 1980; Florida League of Cities Prominent Personality of the Month Award; chairman, Orange County Legislative Delegation, 1980 **historical** Jack Jennings, father, chairman of Orange County School Board; General Edward Martin, great uncle, Governor of Pennsylvania; Charles H. Jennings, great grandfather, member of Virginia Legislature **church** Episcopal **recreation** bicycling **addresses** (district) 1032 Wilfred Drive, Orlando 32803 (Tallahassee) 330 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 305/898-1861 (Tallahassee) 904/488-5730.





**Harry A. Johnston, II**  
Democrat, District 26

Attorney **born** December 2, 1931 in West Palm Beach **education** Virginia Military Institute, B.A., 1953; University of Florida, LL.B., 1958 **wife** Mary Otley of Montclair, NJ **children** Victoria Leigh and Rebecca Anne **affiliations** Rotary Club; director of Norton Art Gallery; director of Girl Scouts of America; American, Florida and Palm Beach County Bar Associations **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1974, reelected subsequently **other public service** former member of Planning Board of West Palm Beach; former member of Library Board; Assistant County Attorney of Palm Beach County; attorney for Palm Beach County Area Planning Board **highlights** president of Palm Beach County Bar Association, 1968; president of West Palm Beach Rotary Club, 1970; president of Palm Beach County United Fund, 1972; runner-up as "Most Valuable Member of the Senate," 1978 (*St. Petersburg Times* Award); TIGER Award, 1978-79; runner-up as "Most Effective in Committee," 1980 (Allen Morris Award) **military service** U.S. Army, Armor Division, 1953-55 **church** Presbyterian **recreation** handball, tennis, swimming and fishing **addresses** (district) P.O. Drawer M, West Palm Beach 33402 (Tallahassee) 336 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 305/659-6600 (Tallahassee) 904/488-8856.



**George Kirkpatrick**  
Democrat, District 6

Home builder **born** December 24, 1938 in Gainesville **education** Davidson College, B.S., 1962; Sigma Chi **wife** Monika Godzewski of West Berlin, Germany **children** Catherine Grace and George Grier, III **affiliations** president, vice president, secretary-treasurer of Home Builders Association of Gainesville; vice president and director of Florida Home Builders Association; Governor's Housing Conference, 1979; director of National Home Builders Association; Sigma Lambda Chi; president of Santa Fe Community College Endowment Corporation; vice president for Economic Development and director of the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce; chairman of Gainesville Committee of 100; co-founder of Leadership Gainesville; Gator Boosters Scholarship Club; vice president of Gainesville Jaycees; director of United Fund; vice chairman of Gainesville Drug Control Foundation; director of YMCA; chairman of Area Boy Scouts Fund Drive; Cousteau Society; Unified Sportsmen of Florida; Ducks Unlimited; Florida Fox Hunters Association; Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Alachua County Farm Bureau; life member of Sigma Chi; Florida State Chamber of Commerce; National Association of Small Businessmen; American Legion Post 16 **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1980 **other public service** founding member of Alachua County Research and Development Authority; Alachua County Housing Task Force; vice chairman of Regional Utility Board Economic Development Committee **highlights** nominee for Florida Home Builder of the Year, 1979; co-author of *Alachua County Econometric Forecasting Model* **military service** U.S. Army, first lieutenant, Police Corps, West Berlin, 1962-64 **church** Presbyterian **recreation** hunting, fishing and travel **addresses** (district) 1338 N.W. 13th Street, Gainesville 32601 (Tallahassee) 334 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 904/377-3800 (Tallahassee) 904/488-5890.



**Richard H. Langley**  
Republican, District 11

Attorney; citrus grower and real estate **born** February 22, 1937 in Lakeland **education** University of Florida, B.S.A., 1960, J.D., 1964 **wife** Sheila Mooney of Clermont **children** DeeDee, Rick, Stephanie, Jacky, Randy, Ronnie and Ryan **affiliations** Lions Club; Lake County Bar Association; Florida Bar; Cattlemen's Association; Citrus Mutual **legislative service** House of Representatives, 1972-78; Minority Whip, 1976-78; elected to the Senate in 1980 **other public service** City Attorney; City Judge; Assistant Public Defender; Lake County School Board, 1968-72, chairman, 1970-72 **highlights** first elected Republican in Lake County; first Republican School Board Chairman in Lake County **military service** U.S. Army, Korea, 1955-57 **church** Baptist **recreation** water sports, tennis, golf, snow skiing and flying **addresses** (district) P.O. Box 697, Clermont 32711 (Tallahassee) 228 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 904/394-6000 (Tallahassee) 904/488-5024.



**Tom Lewis**  
Republican, District 27

Real estate and investments **born** October 26, 1924 in Philadelphia, PA. Moved to Florida in 1952 **education** Palm Beach Junior College; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; University of Florida **wife** Marian Louise Vastine of Middletown, PA **children** Michele Lewis Bowman, Thomas F., III and Nancy Lewis Taynton **affiliations** Shriner; Northern Palm Beaches Exchange Club; Izaak Walton League of America; National and Florida Associations of Realtors; North Palm Beach County Board of Realtors; American Chapter International Real Estate Federation; Real Estate Aviation Council; Farm and Land Broker; founding member and board of directors of Forum Club of Palm Beach County; Economic Council of Palm Beach County; North Palm Beach and West Palm Beach Chambers of Commerce **legislative service** House of Representatives, 1972-80; Minority Floor Leader, 1978-80; chairman of Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation, 1976 and 1979; elected to the Senate in 1980 **other public service** mayor/councilman of North Palm Beach, seven years **highlights** Jaycee Distinguished Service Award; NAHB Elmer Hedrick Award, Outstanding Citizen of Palm Beach County, 1973; NECA Award for Beneficial Service for Maintaining Quality of Life in Florida, 1974; Lions Industries for the Blind of Florida Appreciation Award, 1974; Palm Beach County School Board Appreciation Award for Advancing Public Education, 1976; Florida Association of Realtors, Legislator of the Year, 1977; Palm Beach County Association for Retarded Citizens, Legislator of the Year, 1977; TIGER Award, Outstanding Service to Education, 1977; Florida Wildlife Federation Outstanding Legislator Award, 1977; Florida Chiropractic Association, D.I. Rainey Legislative Award for Outstanding Service, 1979; Northern Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce Community Appreciation Award, 1980 **military service** U.S. Air Force, World War II and Korean Conflict **church** Methodist **recreation** flying and golf **addresses** (district) 721 U.S. Highway No. 1, North Palm Beach 33408 (Tallahassee) 224 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 305/844-6524 (Tallahassee) 904/488-6472.



**Gwen Margolis**  
Democrat, District 37

Realtor, appraiser and developer **born** October 4, 1934 in Philadelphia, PA. Moved to Florida in 1960 **education** Temple University, 1952-54; University of Tampa and Dade Junior College, special real estate and appraisal courses **children** Edward, Ira, Karen and Robin **affiliations** director of North Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce; Business and Professional Women's Association; board of directors of Tropical Florida Girl Scouts; executive committee and former vice president of Florida Anti-Defamation League; Dade County Women's Democratic Club; Adlai Stevenson Democratic Women's Club; Democratic Club of North Dade; League of Women Voters; past chairperson of North Dade Women's Political Caucus, 1972-73; Miami Board of Realtors; South Florida Planning & Zoning Association; National Order of Women Legislators **legislative service** House of Representatives, 1974-80; Dade Delegation chairperson, 1978-79; elected to the Senate in 1980 **other public service** Advisory Council on Intergovernmental Relations (A<sup>2</sup>IR); vice chairman of North Miami Beach Human Relations Board, 1973; vice chairman of North Miami Board of Adjustment, 1972-73; Governor Graham's Tax Study Commission, 1979 **highlights** *Who's Who of American Women*; *Who's Who of Women of the World*; *Who's Who in Commerce and Industry*; City of Hope Humanitarian of the Year, 1974 and 1979; Voters and Taxpayers League, Woman of the Year, 1976; Business and Professional Women, Outstanding Woman in Politics, 1974; FEA-United TIGER Award, 1979; North Miami Chamber of Commerce, Person of the Year, 1980; Woman's Council of Realtors, Woman of the Year, 1980; Women in Communications, Community Headliner Award, 1980 **church** Jewish **addresses** (district) 1451 N.E. 162nd Street, North Miami Beach 33162 (Tallahassee) 328 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 305/949-4541 (Tallahassee) 904/488-8862.





**Clark Maxwell, Jr.**  
Republican, District 16

Management consultant **born** August 21, 1934 in St. Petersburg **education** Florida Southern College, B.S., 1956; Pi Kappa Alpha **wife** Diane Oettinger of Lakeland **children** Clark, Judy and Marcia **affiliations** advisory committee of Florida School Labor Relations Service; district vice president and legislative chairman of Florida School Boards Association, 1972-74; Chamber of Commerce; South Brevard Men's Republican Club; Young Republicans of South Brevard **legislative service** House of Representatives, 1974-78; elected to the Senate in 1978 **other public service** Brevard County School Board, 1966-74, chairman 1967-73 **highlights** "Most Outstanding First-Term Member of the Senate," 1979-80 (Allen Morris Award); Florida Association of Community Colleges, "Representative of the Year," 1978, "Senator of the Year," 1979, Legislative Service Award, 1980; Florida School Boards Association "67 Award" for outstanding work for youth and education, 1975-80; Florida Association of School Administrators, "Outstanding Legislator," 1978; FEA-United TIGER Award, 1975 and 1976; Dade County Professional Educators "Golden Apple Award" **military service** U.S. Army, Hawaii **church** Methodist **recreation** golf, fishing, scuba diving and tennis **addresses** (district) P.O. Drawer 1539, Melbourne 32901 (Tallahassee) 258 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 305/724-6666 (Tallahassee) 904/488-7831.



**David H. "Dave" McClain**  
Republican, District 21

Attorney with McClain & Walkley **born** June 4, 1933 in Macon, GA. Moved to Florida in 1956 **education** Duke University, B.A., 1957; George Washington University, M.A., 1961; Stetson College of Law, LL.B., 1961; Beta Theta Pi; Delta Theta Phi **child** Mrs. Van (Linda) Wheeler **affiliations** American, Florida and Hillsborough County Bar Associations; Mason; Shriner; Sertoman, Interbay Chapter; Tampa Historical Society; Tampa Torch Club **legislative service** elected to the Senate in May, 1970, reelected subsequently **other public service** Board of Public Relations and Convention Facilities for the City of Tampa, 1964-70, vice chairman, 1969-70; Florida Law Revision Council; past chairman of Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, Hillsborough County Bar Association, 1969; Florida Bar Constitution Committee, 1970 and 1972; Florida Bar Attorneys' Fees Committee, 1975-76; Hillsborough County Republican Executive Committee, legal advisor, 1969-70; elected Hillsborough County Republican State Committeeman in 1974, reelected in 1976; elected assistant treasurer of Republican Party of Florida in 1974, reelected in 1976; Supreme Court Appellate Review Committee, 1975 **highlights** Scottish Rite Fellowship to George Washington University from Tampa Consistory, 1958; Board of Public Relations and Convention Facilities "Outstanding Leadership and Service Award," 1970; Tampa Jaycees "Good Government Award," 1971; Independent Insurance Agents of Greater Tampa "Outstanding Leadership Award" for landmark safety legislation, 1972; Greater Tampa Citizens Safety Council "Green Cross Award" for outstanding service to accident prevention, 1972; Florida Audio-Video News Network "Most Valuable Republican Freshman Senator" award, 1972; nominated as "Most Effective Senator in Committee," 1970; Tampa Historical Society "D.B. McKay Award," for dedication to Florida history, 1973; Tampa Bay Committee for Good Government "Spessard L. Holland Memorial Award," 1975; "Second Most Effective in Debate," 1976 (Allen Morris Award); Hillsborough County's first annual "Right to Life Award," 1978; Florida Right to Life "Pro Life Award," 1976 and 1978; Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce Community Leadership Award, 1977 **historical** Joseph A. McClain, Jr., father, served in the Florida Senate from 1967 until his death in March, 1970 **military service** U.S. Army, First Infantry Division **church** Protestant **recreation** automobile racing, reading and sports spectating **addresses** (district) 800 West Platt Street, Suite 1, Tampa 33606 (Tallahassee) 312 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 813/256-2821 (Tallahassee) 904/488-7455.



**Robert W. "Bob" McKnight**  
Democrat, District 38

Real estate investments, management and development **born** May 11, 1944 in Port Chester, NY. Moved to Florida in 1948 **education** Florida Southern College, B.S., 1966; Florida State University, M.B.A., 1967; president of Omicron Delta Kappa; Pi Kappa Alpha; Delta Sigma Pi; Beta Gamma Sigma; president of sophomore, junior and senior classes; Supreme Court Justice; listed in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities* **wife** Susan Williams of Huntsville, AL **children** Michelle Elizabeth and Robert Joel **affiliations** board of directors of Mental Health Association, 1972-79; executive vice president of Young Democrats of Dade County, 1973; board member of Coral Gables Jaycees, 1971; Tiger Bay Political Club; South Dade and Coral Gables Chambers of Commerce; trustee of New World Center / Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce; South Bayfront Democratic Association; University of Miami Sea Grant Program; Florida International University Drinking Water Research Center Advisory Board **legislative service** House of Representatives, 1974-78; elected to the Senate in 1978 **other public service** Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, 1972-74; Governor's Task Force on Corrections, 1976-78; Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services Health Program Office, Emergency Medical Services Committee; Resource Recovery Council of Florida; Florida Health Coordinating Council; Mental Retardation District 11 Committee on Evaluation of Policies and Procedures; chairman of 15th Congressional District, Dade County Democratic Campaign Committee, 1976 **highlights** listed in the 1972 edition of *Outstanding Young Men in America*; recipient of Coral Gables Jaycees Leadership Award, 1972; runner-up as "Most Effective First-Term Member of the House of Representatives," 1974-75 (Allen Morris Award); South Dade Board of Realtors Legislative Award, 1976; Coral Gables Jaycees, "Good Government Award," 1977; Florida Audubon Society's Legislative Award, 1977, 1978 and 1979; Florida Epilepsy Foundation Outstanding Legislator Award, 1977; Florida Association of Retarded Citizens Outstanding Legislator Award, 1977 and 1978; Tropical Audubon Society, Conservation Award for Government Services, 1979; Little Havana Kiwanis Club Legislative Appreciation Award, 1979; Florida Chamber of Commerce Legislative Award, 1979; Dade County Mental Health Association Distinguished Service Award, 1979 and 1980; "Helping Hand Award," Variety Children's Hospital, 1980; named as one of the "Five Outstanding Young Men in Florida," Florida Jaycees, 1980; Florida Council for Community Mental Health Legislative Award, 1980; runner-up as "Most Outstanding First-Term Member of the Senate," 1979-80 (Allen Morris Award) **military service** U.S. Army, 1968-70, officer, Korea; U.S. Army Commendation Medal; Distinguished Military Graduate, ROTC; American Legion, Post 98 **church** Church of Christ **recreation** boating, swimming and fishing **addresses** (district) 1440 Brickell Avenue, Miami 33131 (Tallahassee) 200 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 305/358-3764 (Tallahassee) 904/488-1928.



**Patrick K. "Pat" Neal**  
Democrat, District 24

Real estate developer **born** March 4, 1949 in Des Moines, IA. Moved to Florida in 1969 **education** University of Pennsylvania; Wharton School of Finance, B.S., 1971; National Merit Scholar; soccer and rugby **wife** Charlene Lovingood of Sarasota **affiliations** National, Florida and Manatee County Boards of Realtors; president of Neal Communities, Inc.; trustee, New College, University of South Florida; trustee, L.W. Blake Memorial Hospital, Bradenton; National Association of Homebuilders; Gulf Coast Building Exchange; Florida Farm Bureau; Florida Cattleman's Association; Manatee County Mental Health Association; U.S. Army Reserve Officers Association; Bradenton Kiwanis Club **legislative service** House of Representatives, 1974-78; elected to the Senate in 1978 **other public service** treasurer of Manatee County Democratic Committee, 1973; alternate to Democratic National Convention, 1976; Governor's Special Advisory Committee on Transportation, 1976 **military service** U.S. Army Reserve, 1969-75, transportation corps officer **church** Catholic **addresses** (district) P.O. Box 89, Bradenton 33506 (Tallahassee) 204 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 813/747-0000 (Tallahassee) 904/488-8455.





**Curtis Peterson**  
Democrat, District 12  
President Pro Tempore

Nurseryman and registered landscape architect **born** August 23, 1922 in Lakeland **education** George Washington University; Florida Southern College; Sigma Nu **wife** Ethel Schultz of Chicago, IL **children** Curtis III and Peter **affiliations** past president of Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association; American Association of Nurserymen; director and past president of Agribusiness Institute of Florida; past president of Agricultural Tax Council; past chairman of Florida Agricultural Advisory Council; Lakeland Chamber of Commerce; Optimist; director of Polk County Association for

Retarded Citizens; SHARE Council; director of Florida Sheriffs' Girls Villa; Polk County Democratic Executive Committee; Education Commission of the States **legislative service** elected to the Senate, 1972, reelected subsequently **highlights** "Most Effective in Committee," 1977 and 1980 (Allen Morris Awards); Florida Citrus Mutual Outstanding Service Award, 1977; Florida School Boards Association "Outstanding Service Award," 1978; Florida Association Distributive Education Teachers Appreciation Award, 1978; Polk Educational Media Association Outstanding Service Award, 1978; Florida Association of Community Colleges Legislative Service Award, 1978; Gamma Sigma Delta Merit Award, 1976; Florida Farm Bureau Legislator of the Year, 1976; Florida Agricultural Advisory Council Distinguished Service Award, 1961-72; Florida Association for Retarded Children "Senator of the Year," 1974; Polk County Association for Retarded Children Outstanding Service Award, 1974; Florida Nurseryman of the Year, 1962; Scouter Award, 1961 **historical** J. Hardin Peterson, uncle, was U.S. Congressman from Florida for 18 years; E.J. Etheredge, cousin, from DeSoto County, was elected to the Florida House in 1921, and to Florida Senate District 27 in 1923, 1925 and 1927; David Godfrey Harmon Geiger, great-grandfather, from Lafayette County, was elected to the Florida House in 1907; David Clayton Geiger, great uncle, from Lafayette County, was elected to the Florida House in 1923 and 1933 **military service** U.S. Coast Guard, World War II convoy duty in Atlantic and Caribbean **church** Baptist **recreation** travel, hiking and reading **addresses** (district) P.O. Box 180, Eaton Park 33840 (Tallahassee) 405 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 813/665-5545 (Tallahassee) 904/488-6260.



**Van B. Poole**  
Republican, District 30  
Minority Leader Pro Tempore

Insurance executive **born** July 5, 1935 in Jackson, TN. Moved to Florida in 1963 **education** Memphis State University, B.S., 1958; Kappa Sigma; additional courses in management supervision, labor relations and marketing management **wife** Donna Maggert of Fort Walton Beach **children** Cynthia Lynne, Kimberly Anne, Mark Devereaux and Katherine Kelley **affiliations** past program director and past program chairman of Hollywood Chamber of Commerce; past president of Hollywood Kiwanis Club; past director of South Broward YMCA; Knights of Columbus; Hollywood Committee of 100;

Hollywood and Broward County Life Underwriters; former member of Topeekeegee Yugnee Park Board; honorary advisor of Freedom Foundation of Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, Broward Chapter; Fort Lauderdale Jaycees **legislative service** House of Representatives, 1970-78; chairman of Broward County Delegation, 1972-73; Minority Whip, 1974-76; elected to the Senate in 1978 **other public service** former member of South Broward Hospital Planning Committee; President's Committee on Americans for Winning the Peace; alternate delegate, Republican Convention, 1976; White House Advance Man, Ford Administration **highlights** selected Outstanding New Jaycee for State of Tennessee in 1961; honorable mention as Outstanding New Jaycee for United States Jaycees in 1961; FEA-United's TIGER Outstanding Legislator of the Year Award, 1975; nominated for *St. Petersburg Times* Award, "Most Valuable Legislator in the House," 1975; School Board of Broward County certificate of appreciation for legislative efforts in education; FEA-United's TIGER Certificate of Excellence, 1976; Florida Administrative and Supervisory Association's certificate for contribution to education for youth of Florida; Fort Lauderdale Jaycees "Good Government Award," 1978 **military service** U.S. Army Reserve, 1953-61 **church** Catholic **recreation** swimming, football, tennis, scuba diving, golf, flying and American history **addresses** (district) Suite 417, Bayview Building, 1040 Bayview Drive, Fort Lauderdale 33304 (Tallahassee) 254 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 305/561-4574 (Tallahassee) 904/488-6720.



**Gerald S. "Jerry" Rehm**  
Republican, District 19

Business executive, real estate and manufacturing **born** March 10, 1927 in West Palm Beach **education** U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, B.S., 1948; Hofstra College, M.B.A. Program; cadet officer; dance orchestra **wife** Frances M. Smeja of Great Neck, NY **children** Gregory, Pamela and Scott **affiliations** Executive director of Eckerd Foundation, 1968-80; trustee, Eckerd College; chairman of Florida Council on Economic Education, 1980; Southeastern Council of Foundations; Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; trustee, Mease Manor; Pinellas Area Council BSA; president of Aluminum Association of Florida, 1975; past president of Dunedin Kiwanis, 1962

**legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1980 **other public service** City of Dunedin Commissioner, 1963-65, and mayor, 1965-72; Pinellas County Republican Executive Committee **highlights** led in the acquisition of Caladesi Island for use as a state park, 1967; Mr. Delightful Dunedin, 1970; Jaycee Citizen of the Year, 1969; Sertoma Service to Mankind Award, 1969; VFW Citation of Service **military service** U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, 1945-48; U.S. Naval Reserve, 1948-55 **church** Catholic **recreation** boating and carpentry **addresses** (district) 315 Main Street, Dunedin 33528 (Tallahassee) 234 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 813/733-2437 (Tallahassee) 904/488-4693.



**Richard "Dick" Renick**  
Democrat, District 39

Television director, film director and cinematographer **born** October 14, 1930 in Crestwood, NY. Moved to Florida in 1940 **education** University of Miami **wife** Valerie Phillips **children** Deborah K. and Karen V. **affiliations** American Legion; VFW; *La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux*; Elks; Moose; Third Degree Knights of Columbus; past vice president of North Miami Jaycees; past director of Miami Bayside Kiwanis Club; Lions Club; Miami Showmen's Association; Emerald Society **legislative service** House of Representatives, November, 1966-March, 1967, and 1968-72; Senate, 1974-78, reelected 1980 **other public service** Bicentennial Commission **highlights** Traveled

around the world filming and directing television documentary films behind the Iron Curtain in the Soviet Union, Poland, East Germany, Hungary and Czechoslovakia **military service** U.S. Navy, three years, with two years of sea duty in Pacific during Korean War **church** Catholic **recreation** fishing, cooking and photography **addresses** (district) 305 North Krome Avenue, Homestead 33030 (Tallahassee) 324 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 305/247-0119 (Tallahassee) 904/488-8274.



**James A. Scott**  
Republican, District 31  
Minority Leader

Attorney **born** January 14, 1942 in Pikeville, KY. Moved to Florida in 1965 **education** University of Kentucky, B.A., 1963, J.D., 1965; Sigma Nu; Phi Alpha Delta; debate and discussion team **wife** Janice Ann Suskey of Miami **children** Frank and Stacy Ann **affiliations** Florida, Kentucky and American Bar Associations; chairman of legislation committee of Broward Bar Association; Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce; Broward Minutemen Bicentennial Committee; American Arbitration Association; board of Governors, Nova University of Coral Springs; University of Kentucky Law Alumni Association;

Ducks Unlimited; Hundred Club of Broward **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1976; reelected subsequently; Minority Floor Leader, 1978-80 **other public service** Associate Municipal Judge in Deerfield Beach, 1972; Broward legislative delegation attorney, 1972-74; prosecutor in Deerfield Beach, 1973-76; director and treasurer of Legal Aid Service of Broward, 1974-76 **highlights** "Most Effective First-Term Member," 1978 (Allen Morris Award); Florida Realtors for Private Property Rights "Legislator of the Year," 1978 **military service** U.S. Coast Guard, 1965-68 **church** Presbyterian **recreation** golf, hunting and riding **addresses** (district) 2000 East Oakland Park Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale 33306 (Tallahassee) 348 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 305/566-8600 (Tallahassee) 904/488-3975.





**Sherrill "Pete" Skinner**  
Democrat, District 5  
Majority leader

Agri-business **born** November 12, 1942 in McAlpin **education** University of Florida, B.A., 1973 **wife** Marcia Tucker of Spokane, WA **children** Christopher and Jason **affiliations** American Legion; Elks; Masons; Quarterback Club; Branford Sportsman Club **legislative service** House of Representatives, 1974-76; elected to the Senate in 1976; reelected subsequently **highlights** U.S. Peace Corps in India, 1966-68; Foreign Service Reserve in the Caribbean, 1970-72 **military service** U.S. Marine Corps **church** Protestant **recreation** hunting, fishing, camping, chess and reading

**addresses** (district) Executive Park, Suite D-1, 302 South Marion Street, Lake City 32055 (Tallahassee) 313 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephone** (district) 904/752-0055 (Tallahassee) 904/488-1369.



**Paul B. Steinberg**  
Democrat, District 36

Attorney **born** March 21, 1940 in Brooklyn, NY. Moved to Florida in 1957 **education** University of Miami, B.B.A., 1961, *cum laude*; Stetson University College of Law, J.D., 1963; Phi Kappa Phi; Moot Court award winner; editor of University of Miami Business School newspaper; debate team **wife** Sandra J. Schwartz of Miami Beach **children** Lisa Lee, Richard Lawrence and Samantha Lynn **affiliations** past president of Miami Beach Jaycees; past president of B'nai B'rith Sports Lodge; director for Stetson Lawyers Association; former resident legal council of Junior Chamber International; former director of Miami Beach Taxpayers Association; trustee for Myasthenia Gravis, Inc.; justice

of Phi Alpha Delta, Miami Alumni Chapter; Washington, D.C., Florida and Dade County Bar Associations **legislative service** House of Representatives, 1972-78; elected to the Senate in 1978; chairman of Dade Delegation, 1979-80; **other public service** past chairman of City of Miami Beach Beautification Committee **highlights** recommended to the City of Miami Beach that it form a beautification committee; while serving as chairman, the committee won national awards in 1967, 1968 and 1969 for city beautification; recipient of "Golden Apple Award" in 1971 from Dade County Education Association for outstanding service to education; "Outstanding Young Man of America" award, 1967; Junior Chamber International Senator No. 8470; Voters, Inc., Distinguished Service Award, 1972; United Teachers of Dade County Legislative Service Award; appointed by Governor Askew to Florida Council of International Development for 1972 and to the Resource Recovery Council in 1974; Metropolitan Dade County Board of County Commissioners, certificate of appreciation for outstanding legislative service, 1974 and 1976; Florida Audubon Society Legislative Award, 1978; Florida Association of Community Colleges, United Teachers of Dade TIGER COPE Award, 1979; Florida Art Association, Education Award, 1979; Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, award for outstanding legislative contributions to justice administration, 1979; Miami Beach Dental Society, Government Leadership Award, 1979; Gold Coast Chamber of Commerce, "Man of the Year," 1980; Dade County League of Cities, "Advocatus Primus" award, 1980; listed in: *Who's Who in Government*, *Who's Who in American Law*, *Who's Who in America*, and *Community Leaders and Noteworthy Americans*; nominated in 1976 for *St. Petersburg Times* Award, "Most Valuable Member of the House" **military service** U.S. Coast Guard, active 1963, reserve, 1964-71, 3rd class petty officer **church** Jewish **recreation** tennis, golf, marine and tropical fish collecting and coin collecting **addresses** (district) 505 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach 33139 (Tallahassee) 342 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 305/538-2344 (Tallahassee) 904/488-3276.



**J.W. "Bill" Stevens**  
Republican, District 29

Real estate, insurance and governmental consultant **born** December 12, 1917, in New Castle, PA. Moved to Florida in 1924 **education** Wittenburg University, 1936-38; Nova University, Public Affairs Degree, 1978 **wife** Jeanne Freeburger of Baltimore, MD **children** Barbara and Lynn **affiliations** American Legion, Thomas P. Johnston Post 222; past master of Seminole Masonic Lodge; past master of J. Dewey Hawkins Lodge; Florida Grand Lodge, Grand Junior Steward; Florida Masons, District Deputy Grand Master, 1967, 27th Masonic District; Mahi Shrine; Elks Lodge 1517, BPOE **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1980 **other public service** National Highway

Safety Advisory Committee, President Nixon's appointee, 1972-76; National Motor Vehicle Safety Advisory Council, President Ford's appointee, 1976-78; Oakland Park City Commissioner, 1947-56, Mayor, 1956-62, Municipal Judge, 1956-58; Broward County Commissioner, 1962-78, chairman, 1967-68; member of Florida Electoral College, 1956; National Association of County Officers, 1962-78, board of directors, 12 years; Blue Ribbon Transportation Committee, Governor Askew's appointee, 1975; Intergovernmental Policy Committee, 1978; National Association of County Officers Transportation Steering Committee, 1978; president of State Association of County Commissioners, 16 years on board of directors, chairman of Transportation Committee, 1966-78; South Florida Regional Planning Council, chairman, 1978; Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization, chairman, 1978 **military service** U.S. Army, captain, 77th Infantry Division **church** Episcopal **recreation** golf **addresses** (district) 3300 University Drive, Suite 601, Coral Springs 33065 (Tallahassee) 356 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 305/752-1120 (Tallahassee) 904/488-6049.



**George Stuart, Jr.**  
Democrat, District 14

Office products retailer **born** January 13, 1946 in Orlando **education** University of Florida, B.A., 1968; Harvard University Graduate School of Business, M.B.A., 1970; Sigma Chi **wife** Elisabeth Hixon of Pensacola **children** Ann Elisabeth and Kathryn Knowles **affiliations** Kiwanis Club; Boy's Club; trustee of Palm Beach Atlantic College; Young President Organization; National Office Products Association; Southeastern Regional Office Machine Dealers Association (SEROMDA), president, 1979-80 **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1978 **other public service** Orlando City Council, 6 years; Florida Resource Recovery Council, 3 years; East Central Florida

Regional Planning Council **military service** U.S. Army **church** Baptist **recreation** horses and golf **addresses** (district) P.O. Box 1188, Orlando 32802 (Tallahassee) 246 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 305/843-2666 (Tallahassee) 904/488-9199.



**Pat Thomas**  
Democrat, District 4

Owner of general insurance agency, mortgage broker **born** November 21, 1933 in Quincy **education** University of Florida, B.S.A., 1957; Florida Blue Key; president of Alpha Gamma Rho; president of Senior Class **wife** Mary Ann Jolley of Naples **children** Anne Jolley and John Pat **affiliations** Mason; Rotary Club; Shrine; Chamber of Commerce; National and Gadsden County Associations of Insurance Agents; American Legion; Elks; Florida Farm Bureau **legislative service** House of Representatives, 1972-74; elected to the Senate in 1974, reelected subsequently **other public service** state chairman of Democratic Executive Committee of Florida, 1966-70;

Democratic National Convention, chairman of Florida Delegation, 1968 **highlights** "Most Outstanding First-Term Member," 1976 (Allen Morris Award); "One of Florida's Five Outstanding Young Men," 1967; National Junior Chamber of Commerce nominee as "Outstanding Young Man of America," 1967; Legion of Honor recipient; Order of DeMolay; Florida Realtors award for protection of private property rights, 1977; Florida Association of Community Colleges Service Award, 1978 **military service** U.S. Army, Korea **church** Presbyterian **recreation** hunting, boating and fishing **address** 222 Senate Office Building, Tallahassee 32301 **telephone** (Tallahassee) 904/488-4021.





**Thomas J. "Tom" Tobiassen**  
Republican, District 2

Mechanical engineer **born** November 21, 1931 in Omaha, NE. Moved to Florida in 1961 **education** Ohio State University, B.M.E., 1959; graduate study at University of Florida Extension; Sigma Chi; varsity baseball **children** Tommy J., Jr. and Todd J. **affiliations** Registered Professional Engineer in Florida; past president of Monsanto Employees Recreation Association; Pensacola Chamber of Commerce; den leader for Webelos Scouts; Pensacola Little Theatre; Varsity "O" of Ohio State University; vice president of Escambia Bay Boys Club; Northwest Florida Environmental Health Task Force; Navy League; vice chairman of Florida Metric Council; director of Heart Association;

Region III director of Florida Wildlife Federation; Northwest Florida Sportfishing Association; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 706; American Legion Post 33; state director and vice president of Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; Advisory Committee on Child Abuse; Northwest Florida Bowhunters; Pensacola Runners Association; Northwest Florida Track Club **legislative service** House of Representatives, 1968-74; elected to the Senate in 1974, reelected subsequently **highlights** runner-up as "Most Effective First-Term Member," 1976 (Allen Morris Award); God in Government Award; Unified Sportsmen of Florida Legislator of the Year Award; Florida Conservative Union Award; Pilot Club Boss of the Year Award, 1980 **military service** U.S. Army, service in Japan and Korea **church** Lutheran **recreation** running, hunting, sailing, sports and stamp collecting **addresses** (district) P.O. Box 2356, Pensacola 32503 (Tallahassee) 218 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 904/433-0577 (Tallahassee) 904/488-2853.



**Alan Trask**  
Democrat, District 13

Real estate and insurance **born** June 26, 1933 in Bartow **education** University of Florida; Florida Southern College; Kappa Alpha **wife** Jan Colee of Orlando **children** Bill, Jane, Don and Ken Trask; Pam, Chris and Paul Colee **affiliations** Florida Citrus Mutual; honorary director and past president of Polk County Farm Bureau; past director of Florida Farm Bureau Federation; past president of Fort Meade Lions Club; executive board of Gulf Ridge Council for Boy Scouts of America; past director of Property Owners League; Polk County Heart Fund Association; director of WEDU Educational Television **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1968, reelected subsequently;

President Pro Tempore, 1975-76 **other public service** Polk County Commission, 1963-68, chairman in 1965 and 1967; secretary-treasurer of State Association of County Commissioners; Polk County committeeman for Farmers Home Administration; member of Governor Ferris Bryant's Citrus Advisory Committee **highlights** Dairy Farmers, Inc., "Legislative Leadership Award," 1977; Florida Farm Bureau Federation "Outstanding Service Award," 1977, 1978 and 1979; Florida Citrus Mutual "Outstanding Service Award," 1977; Florida Chiropractic Association, Inc. "Legislative Award, 1976; "Governor's Award for the Arts," 1973; Junior Chamber of Commerce award as "One of America's Outstanding Young Men," 1965; Junior Chamber of Commerce award as "Polk County's Outstanding Young Farmer," 1957 and 1958; Boy's State, 1950; Florida Agricultural Research Institute "Outstanding Florida Legislator," 1979; Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association "Outstanding Service Award," 1979; Florida Wildlife Federation "Outstanding Conservation Legislator," 1980; FLAGPAC "Agriculturist of the Decade," 1970-79 **church** Protestant **recreation** hunting and fishing **addresses** (district) P.O. Drawer 9269, Winter Haven 33880 (Tallahassee) 252 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 813/299-5656 (Tallahassee) 904/488-1978.



**John W. Vogt**  
Democrat, District 17

Registered professional engineer in Florida, New York and Maryland **born** December 28, 1936 in Lake Wales **education** University of Florida, B.C.E., 1961; graduate work at the University of South Florida and Rutgers University; president of Alpha Tau Omega 1960 **wife** Tonie Fernandez of Miami **children** D'Anna, Suzanne, Leeanne, Lisa and Vicki **affiliations** Chamber of Commerce; Florida Engineering Society; March of Dimes; Boy Scouts of America Advisory Council; Cocoa Kiwanis; Missile Space and Range Pioneers, Inc. **legislative service** elected to the Senate in 1972, reelected subsequently **other public service** Advisory Board of Brevard Association of Children with

Learning Disabilities; president of Central Brevard Democratic Men's Club, 1972; engineering advisory councils of University of Florida and University of Central Florida; technical advisory committee of Florida Solar Energy Center; visiting committee, Department of Environmental Engineering Sciences, University of Florida; advisory board of Seminole Community College Community Instructional Services **highlights** chairman of Brevard County Legislative Delegation, 1975-77; chairman of Osceola County Legislative Delegation, 1972-80; chairman of Seminole County Legislative Delegation, 1974-76; Florida Council of Handicapped Organizations Award of Recognition for Outstanding Service, 1980; Florida Civitan Clubs Good Citizenship in Government Award, 1980; Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers Outstanding Civic Contributions by a Consulting Engineer, 1980; Variety Children's Hospital "Helping Hand Award," 1979; Florida Wildlife Federation and the National Wildlife Federation Conservation Legislator of the Year, 1979; Titusville Knights of Columbus Distinguished Legislative Service Award, 1979; Florida Association for Retarded Citizens "Senator of the Year," 1979 and 1975; Florida Audubon Society Legislative Award, 1980 and 1978; Florida Sierra Club Legislative Award, 1979; Florida Association of Community Colleges "Legislative Service Award," 1976, 1977 and 1978; Brevard Cancer Society Outstanding Legislator Award, 1978; Florida Epilepsy Foundation Legislative Leadership Award, 1977; National Foundation March of Dimes "Distinguished Voluntary Leadership" award, 1977; Florida Chapter of the Acoustical Society of America Environmental Award, 1976; Florida Federation of Humane Societies Humanitarian Award, 1976; *Pensacola Journal's* "Outstanding Freshman Senator," 1973; Outstanding Florida Young Democrat, 1973; Jaycees "Good Government Award," 1973-74; Engineer of the Year, 1973 **historical** Dr. Daniel A. Vogt, great-great-uncle of Ocala, was a member of Florida House of Representatives from Marion County, 1856-1861; Albertus Vogt, grandfather, discovered phosphate near Dunnellon in 1880s; old family residence still in existence at Vogt Springs near Dunnellon **church** Catholic **recreation** tennis and hunting **addresses** (district) 3500 North Atlantic Avenue, Cocoa Beach 32931 (Tallahassee) 236 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 305/783-9618 (Tallahassee) 904/488-6473.



**John T. Ware**  
Republican, District 18

Attorney **born** November 14, 1931 in Chattanooga, TN. Moved to Florida in 1932 **education** St. Leo College Preparatory; University of Florida; Florida State University, B.S., 1957; Stetson College of Law, J.D., 1961; American Jurisprudence Award in Municipal Government Law, 1961; president of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity and the Interfraternity Council at FSU; Delta Theta Phi **wife** Doris E. Gregory of Lake Worth **children** G. Scott, Stacey E., Sheryl M., Sheila M. and Steve E. **affiliations** St. Petersburg and Florida Bar Associations; Florida Academy of Trial Lawyers Association; past vice president of St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce **legislative service**

House of Representatives, 1964-70; elected to the Senate in 1970, reelected subsequently; Republican Floor Leader, 1973-74; Minority Leader, 1975-76 and 1978-80 **highlights** "Most Effective in Debate," 1974 and runner-up as "Most Effective Member of the Senate," 1980 (Allen Morris Awards) **military service** U.S. Navy, aviation, Korean service **church** Catholic **recreation** flying, hunting and fishing **addresses** (district) 55 Fifth Street, South, St. Petersburg 33701 (Tallahassee) 346 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 813/898-6767 (Tallahassee) 904/488-9638.





**Sherman S. Winn**  
Democrat, District 34

Business executive **born** February 18, 1923 in New York, NY. Moved to Florida in 1956 **education** Brooklyn College **wife** Roslyn Workman of Mt. Vernon, NY **children** Stephen, Susan, Patti Lee and Jacqueline (Mrs. Harvey) Ehrlich **affiliations** Advisory Boards of Florida State University, Florida International University and public administration advisory committee of Biscayne College; Florida Diabetes Advisory Council; past president of Bal Harbour Resort Association; executive director of Sunny Isles Resort Association; Greater Miami and Florida Restaurant Associations; board of trustees of North Dade Children's Center; life member of Disabled American Veterans; American Legion; Fraternal Order of Police; Elks; Moose; National Society of State Legislators **legislative service** House of Representatives, 1970-72; elected to the Senate in 1972; reelected subsequently; President Pro Tempore, 1976-78 **other public service** mayor, City of North Miami, 1965-69 **highlights** founder of Sherman S. Winn Scholarship Fund; recipient of House-Senate concurrent resolution for outstanding service to higher education in Florida; Florida State University First Distinguished Service Award; Central Baptist Church of Miami award for contribution toward brotherhood in community; North Miami Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award; Junior Chamber of Commerce Good Government Award; "Outstanding Man of the Year of Dade County," 1972; United Cerebral Palsy "Humanitarian Service" award; City of Hope "Life Humanitarian," 1978; North Miami "Favorite Son" award, 1980; appointed to U.S. Department of Commerce Travel Advisory Board, 1980-82 **military service** U.S. Army, World War II **church** Jewish **recreation** golf and fishing **addresses** (district) 111 N.W. 183rd Street, Suite 104, Miami 33169 (Tallahassee) 322 Senate Office Building, 32301 **telephones** (district) 305/651-4040 (Tallahassee) 904/488-1832.

## Elected non-member officers

At its organization session every two years, the Senate elects a Secretary of the Senate and a Sergeant at Arms. These two officers are not members of the Senate, but they work closely with the senators and with committee staffs.

The Secretary of the Senate keeps all Senate records and authenticates each act and joint resolution passed by the Senate. The Secretary also publishes the journal and the calendar. He supervises Legal Research and Drafting, which drafts proposed legislation.

The Sergeant at Arms maintains order in the chamber, in the gallery, and in committee rooms. He is in charge of property acquisition and is responsible for the maintenance of all Senate property.



**Joe Brown**  
Secretary of the Senate

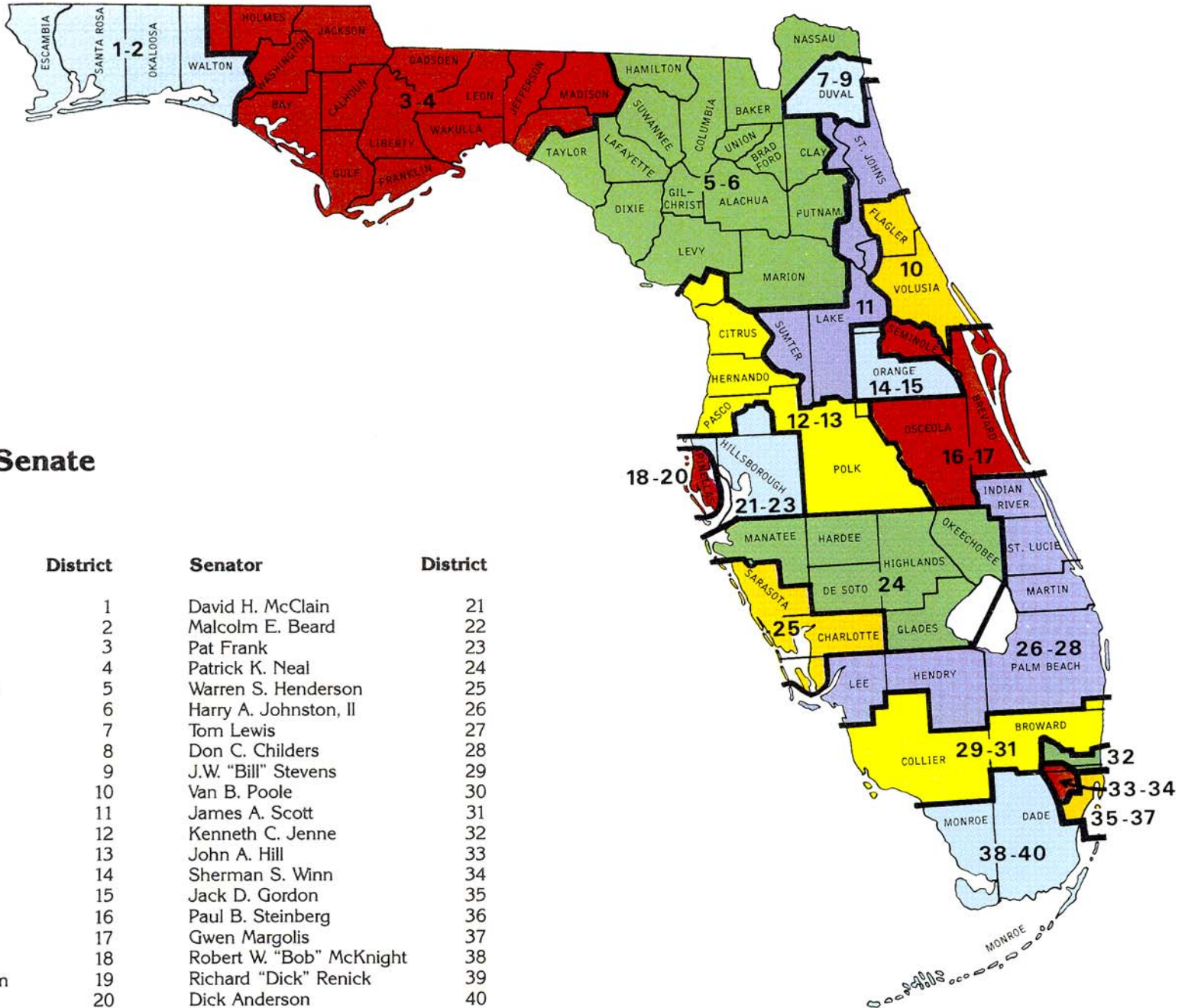
**born** July 15, 1932 in Columbus, GA. Moved to Florida 1932 **education** University of Florida, B.S.J., 1958, and graduate studies; Florida State University, 1972-73; Florida A&M University, 1973; student publications; student government; Sigma Delta Chi; Alpha Gamma Rho **wife** Terrell Taft of Winter Park **children** Joe, Charles and Julie **affiliations** executive committee of National Conference of State Legislatures; president of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries; advisor and/or counselor, Boys State, Girls State, YMCA Youth Legislature and Silver Haired Legislature; state board, YMCA; past officer in American Legion, Elks, Sigma Delta Chi, Jaycees, Kiwanis, Boy Scouts, University of Florida Alumni Association; Florida Blue Key honorary **other public service** Hotel and Restaurant Commissioner, 1969; Deputy Beverage Director, 1967-68; State Tourist Director, 1967; executive assistant to the Commissioner of Agriculture, 1961-67; University of Florida faculty, 1960-61 **highlights** staff director of Senate Governmental Operations Committee, 1971-72; director of management and staff of the Senate, 1973-74; elected Secretary of the Senate, April 2, 1974, reelected subsequently **military service** U.S. Air Force, Korea; U.S. Coast Guard Reserve **church** Methodist **recreation** hunting, fishing, camping and cooking **address** The Capitol, Suite 404, Tallahassee 32301 **telephone** 904/488-1621.



**John D. Melton**  
Sergeant at Arms

**born** August 23, 1917 in Henderson, KY. Moved to Florida in 1945 **education** Baxter Seminary, Baxter, Tennessee **wife** Alice Winchester of Tallahassee **children** Dwight, Gene, Phil and John, Jr. **affiliations** past president, past director and past chairman of President's Advisory Committee, Tallahassee Kiwanis Club; Shrine, 32 degree Scottish Rite Mason, ambassador to Morocco Temple, Riverside Lodge F&AM 266, Tallahassee Shrine Club; Tallahassee Elks Lodge 937; parliamentarian and past regional chairman of National Legislative Services and Security Association of National Legislative Conference; honorary member of New York City Police Department **highlights** thirteen years as administrative assistant to the sheriff of Leon County; two years as executive assistant to the Senate Judiciary Committee; one year as executive assistant to the Sergeant at Arms; appointed acting Sergeant at Arms on November 1, 1971; elected Sergeant at Arms on December 7, 1971, and reelected subsequently **church** Baptist **recreation** fishing and reading **address** The Capitol, Suite 403, Tallahassee 32301 **telephone** 904/488-1383.





## The Florida Senate 1980-1982

Senator	District	Senator	District
W.D. Childers	1	David H. McClain	21
Tom Tobiassen	2	Malcolm E. Beard	22
Dempsey J. Barron	3	Pat Frank	23
Pat Thomas	4	Patrick K. Neal	24
Sherrill "Pete" Skinner	5	Warren S. Henderson	25
George Kirkpatrick	6	Harry A. Johnston, II	26
Dan Jenkins	7	Tom Lewis	27
Joe Carlucci	8	Don C. Childers	28
Mattox Hair	9	J.W. "Bill" Stevens	29
Edgar M. Dunn, Jr.	10	Van B. Poole	30
Richard H. Langley	11	James A. Scott	31
Curtis Peterson	12	Kenneth C. Jenne	32
Alan Trask	13	John A. Hill	33
George Stuart, Jr.	14	Sherman S. Winn	34
Toni Jennings	15	Jack D. Gordon	35
Clark Maxwell, Jr.	16	Paul B. Steinberg	36
John W. Vogt	17	Gwen Margolis	37
John T. Ware	18	Robert W. "Bob" McKnight	38
Gerald S. "Jerry" Rehm	19	Richard "Dick" Renick	39
Mary R. Grizzle	20	Dick Anderson	40



## The Senate chamber

**F**requently before a session of the Senate convenes, senators and their aides can be seen scurrying "to the floor" or "to the chamber." They're headed for the futuristic circular chamber (*cover photo*) where the senators debate the merits of proposed legislation. This is the fourth chamber used since the first session of the Senate was called to order in 1839. In 1978, the senators held their first session in the chamber that you see today.

As you sit in the gallery observing the Senate in session, your attention will probably first be 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 frequently calls on other members to preside while he works out the details of legislative proposals. If the President wishes to debate an issue before the Senate, he will vacate the chair and speak from his regular desk on the floor. The portraits hanging below the gallery commemorate past Presidents of the Senate.

Just above the President, recessed into the ebony walls, is the screen for the video projection system which displays the text of proposed amendments as they are offered in debate. The display system is also used to welcome groups of visitors watching from the gallery. In the booth on the left side of the screen, computer operators record the Senate's actions into the legislative information network. The booth on the right houses the sound system, and if you look closely you'll see the operators turning on the microphones as the President recognizes each new speaker.

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, as are members of the House of Representatives. He or she is "the senator from the thirty-fifth," for example, but never "the gentleman or lady from the thirty-fifth." During debate, the members are always formally addressed as "senator," not by their given names.

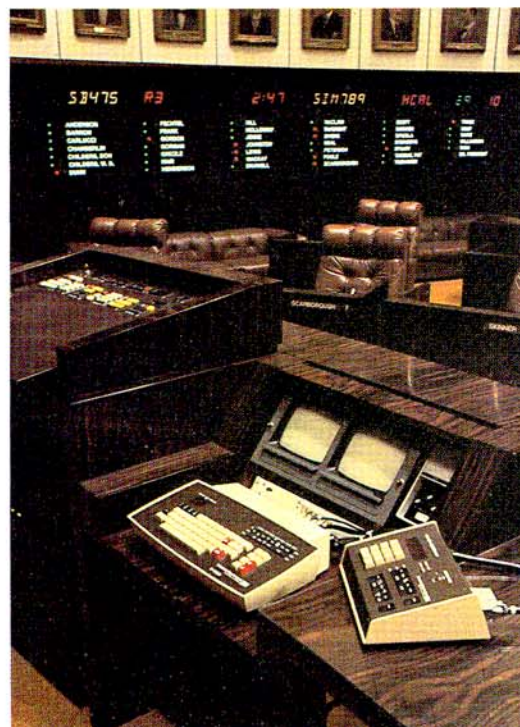
**I**n front of the President's rostrum is the Senate "desk," which is staffed by the Secretary of the Senate. Legislative business is not properly before the Senate until it is "on the desk." Clerks at this desk record Senate actions for publication in the journal, the official record of all Senate proceedings. The video system and the voting boards are also operated from this desk (*photo at right*). A senator who wishes to "approach the well" to make a speech on a particularly important matter 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" votes. (The yellow lights you see by some names aren't caution lights or indications that a senator can't decide how to vote. They're signals that the senator wants a "page" to deliver a message or retrieve a file from his office, and you can be sure that one of the blue-blazered messengers will be at the senator's desk shortly.) The voting boards also display the number of the bill or amendment being debated and the status of similar legislation in the House. Electronic voting was first used in the Senate in 1966, and now nearly all votes are recorded electronically, except for the few occasions when a senator demands that the yeas and nays be taken by voice vote.

The seating arrangement in the chamber is determined by the number of a senator's district. Senators from odd-numbered districts sit on the President's left, and those representing even-numbered districts sit on the right. (*The seating chart on the next page shows each senator's desk.*) The only exception to this tradition allows the chairman of the Committee on Rules and Calendar to sit in the first seat to the President's left in the front row. He's the one you'll see on his feet directing the flow of legislative traffic and advising the President on the rules.

**A**t one time, the chamber desk was a member's only desk. His secretary sat beside him in the chamber, frequently even during sessions. Often a senator would interrupt a letter he was dictating to rise and speak on a bill, then return to his correspondence after he had his say. 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 a few 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.

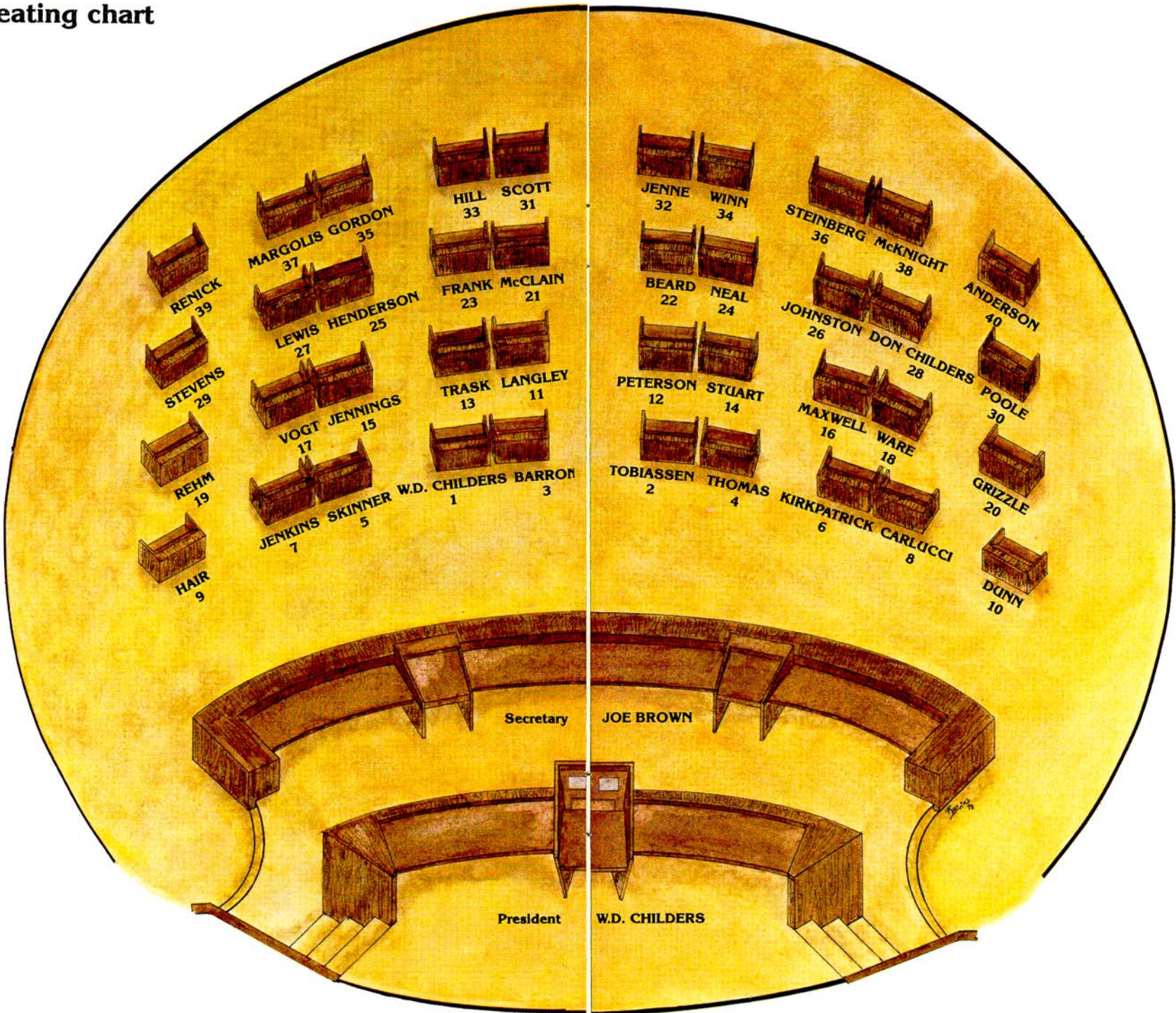
In the room at the right rear of the chamber, attorneys draft "floor amendments" to bills being debated. The caucus room at the left rear is frequently used for quick conferences of senators, often with their colleagues from the House of Representatives. Just over the main entrance is the press gallery, where the scribes of Florida's press corps record history. The remainder of the gallery is open to the public at all sessions, except that a portion of the gallery is usually reserved for senators' families and other special guests.



Television cameras from Florida Public Broadcasting are positioned at the front and rear of the gallery to televise all Senate sessions. Each weekday evening during the session, public television stations broadcast "Today in the Legislature," a one-hour program summarizing legislative action during the day. 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.



# Seating chart





**President**

**Majority Leader**

**Committee on RULES & CALENDAR**  
Senator Barron, *chairman*  
Senator Johnston, *vice chm.*  
Senator Scott, *Minority Leader*  
Senators Carlucci, D. Childers, Gordon, Hair, Henderson, Peterson, Poole, Renick, Thomas, Tobiasen, Trask, Vogt, Ware and Winn

**President Pro Tempore**

**Minority Office**

**Secretary of the Senate**

**Sergeant at Arms**

**Committee on AGRICULTURE**  
Senator Trask, *chairman*  
Senator Tobiasen, *vice chm.*  
Senators Frank, Kirkpatrick, Langley, Lewis, Peterson and Renick

**Committee on APPROPRIATIONS**  
Senator Gordon, *chairman*  
Senator Johnston, *vice chm.*  
Senators Carlucci, Dunn, Grizzle, Hair, Hill, Jenne, Kirkpatrick, Lewis, Margolis, Maxwell, McClain, McKnight, Neal, Peterson, Poole, Scott, Stuart, Thomas, Tobiasen, Trask and Vogt

**Subcommittee A**  
Senator Thomas, *chairman*  
Senator Scott, *vice chm.*  
Senators Carlucci, Grizzle, Jenne, Neal and Trask

**Subcommittee B**  
Senator Peterson, *chairman*  
Senator Maxwell, *vice chm.*  
Senators Carlucci, Kirkpatrick, Margolis, Poole and Tobiasen

**Subcommittee C**  
Senator McKnight, *chairman*  
Senator Vogt, *vice chm.*  
Senators Hair, Hill, Lewis, McClain and Stuart

**Committee on COMMERCE**  
Senator Anderson, *chairman*  
Senator Barron, *vice chm.*  
Senators D. Childers, Hair, Henderson, McClain, Peterson, Scott, Thomas, Tobiasen, Trask, Vogt, Ware and Winn

**Committee on CORRECTIONS, PROBATION AND PAROLE**  
Senator Carlucci, *chairman*  
Senator Hill, *vice chm.*  
Senators Grizzle, Johnston, Kirkpatrick, Maxwell and Rehm

**Committee on ECONOMIC, COMMUNITY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
Senator Steinberg, *chairman*  
Senator Dunn, *vice chm.*  
Senators Grizzle, Johnston, McKnight and Stevens

**Committee on EDUCATION**  
Senator Frank, *chairman*  
Senator Tobiasen, *vice chm.*  
Senators Gordon, Kirkpatrick, Margolis, Maxwell, Peterson, Poole, Rehm, Stuart and Winn

**Committee on EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**  
Senator Stuart, *chairman*  
Senator Neal, *vice chm.*  
Senators Lewis, Margolis and Renick

**Committee on FINANCE, TAXATION AND CLAIMS**  
Senator Johnston, *chairman*  
Senator Gordon, *vice chm.*  
Senators Anderson, Beard, D. Childers, Frank, Henderson, Jenkins, Jennings, Langley, Rehm, Renick, Steinberg, Stevens, Ware and Winn

**Committee on GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS**  
Senator Winn, *chairman*  
Senator Carlucci, *vice chm.*  
Senators Hair, Henderson, Jennings, Neal, Steinberg, Stuart and Ware

**Committee on HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES**  
Senator D. Childers, *chairman*  
Senator Vogt, *vice chm.*  
Senators Beard, Gordon, Hill, Jenne, McClain, McKnight, Rehm and Stevens

**Committee on JUDICIARY-CIVIL**  
Senator Hair, *chairman*  
Senator Ware, *vice chm.*  
Senators D. Childers, Hill, Jenne, Johnston, Langley and McClain

**Committee on JUDICIARY-CRIMINAL**  
Senator Jenne, *chairman*  
Senator Poole, *vice chm.*  
Senators Beard, Frank, Gordon and Langley

**Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION**  
Senator Vogt, *chairman*  
Senator McKnight, *vice chm.*  
Senators Anderson, Carlucci, Dunn, Grizzle, Henderson, Renick, Thomas and Trask

**Committee on PERSONNEL, RETIREMENT AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**  
Senator Dunn, *chairman*  
Senator Johnston, *vice chm.*  
Senators Grizzle, Jenkins, Margolis, Maxwell and Poole

**Committee on TRANSPORTATION**  
Senator Beard, *chairman*  
Senator Neal, *vice chm.*  
Senators Jenkins, Jennings, Lewis, Steinberg and Stevens



## Presidents of the Senate

Session	President	Session	President
1839–40	John Warren	1919	James E. Calkins
1841	William P. Duval	1921	William A. MacWilliams
1842	William H. Brockenbrough	1923	Theo. T. Turnbull
1843–44	George Walker	1925	John S. Taylor
1845	James A. Berthelot	1927	Samuel W. Anderson
1846	Dennitt H. Mays	1929	Jesse J. Parrish
1847	Daniel G. McLean	1931	Patrick C. Whitaker
1848	Erasmus D. Tracy	1933	Truman G. Futch
1850–52	Robert J. Floyd	1935	William C. Hodges
1854–55	Hamlin V. Snell	1937	D. Stuart Gillis
1856	Philip Dell	1939	J. Turner Butler
1858–59	John Finlayson	1941	John R. Beacham
1860–61	Thomas Jefferson Eppes	1943	Philip D. Beall
1862–63	Enoch J. Vann	1945	Walter W. Rose
1864	Abraham K. Allison	1947–48	S. Dilworth Clarke
		1949	Newman C. Brackin
		1951	Wallace E. Sturgis
		1953	Charley E. Johns
		1955–56	W. Turner Davis
		1957	William A. Shands
		1959	Dewey M. Johnson
		1961	W. Randolph Hodges
		1962–63	F. Wilson Carraway
		1965	James E. Connor
		1967	Verle A. Pope
		1969–70	John E. Mathews, Jr.
		1971–72	Jerry Thomas
		1973–74	Mallory E. Horne
		1974*	Louis de la Parte
		1975–76	Dempsey J. Barron
		1977–78	Lew Brantley
		1979–80	Philip D. Lewis
		1981–82	W.D. Childers

From 1865 through 1887 the Lt. Governor served as President.

\*Served as Acting President from July 1, 1974 when President Horne resigned until November 6, 1974.

## Members of the House of Representatives

Ralph H. Haben, Jr., Speaker

Barry Kutun, Speaker Pro Tempore

District	Member	District	Member
1	Grover C. Robinson, III, Pensacola	61	Dorothy E. Sample, St. Petersburg
2	Tom Patterson, Pensacola	62	Carl Carpenter, Jr., Plant City
3	Clyde H. Hagler, Pensacola	63	S.L. (Spud) Clements, Jr., Brandon
4	Bolley L. Johnson, Gulf Breeze	64	John A. Grant, Jr., Tampa
5	Kenneth E. Boles, Fort Walton	65	James S. Foster, Odessa
6	James G. Ward, Fort Walton Beach	66	H. Lee Moffitt, Tampa
7	Sam Mitchell, Vernon	67	Elvin L. Martinez, Tampa
8	Ron Johnson, Panama City	68	Richard S. Hodes, Tampa
9	Leonard J. Hall, Callaway	69	George H. Sheldon, Tampa
10	James Harold Thompson, Quincy	70	Helen Gordon Davis, Tampa
11	Don C. Price, Tallahassee	71	Ralph H. Haben, Jr., Palmetto
12	Herbert F. Morgan, Tallahassee	72	Lawrence F. Shackelford, Palmetto
13	Wayne Hollingsworth, Lake City	73	Thomas E. Danson, Jr., Sarasota
14	Gene Hodges, Cedar Key	74	Ted Ewing, Venice
15	George Crady, Yulee	75	Frederic H. Burrall, Port Charlotte
16	Arnett E. Girardeau, Jacksonville	76	Charles L. Nergard, Port St. Lucie
17	John Thomas, Jacksonville	77	William G. Myers, Hobe Sound
18	John W. Lewis, III, Jacksonville	78	Ray Liberti, West Palm Beach
19	Andrew E. Johnson, Jacksonville	79	Eleanor Weinstock, Palm Beach
20	Carl Ogden, Jacksonville	80	Jim Watt, Lake Park
21	Thomas L. Hazouri, Jacksonville	81	Reid Moore, Jr., Palm Beach
22	Steve Pajcic, Jacksonville	82	Bernard Kimmel, West Palm Beach
23	Fred Tygart, Jacksonville	83	Frank S. Messersmith, Lake Worth
24	William G. Bankhead, Jacksonville	84	Tom Bush, Fort Lauderdale
25	Frank Williams, Starke	85	Terence T. O'Malley, Lauderdale
26	Sidney Martin, Hawthorne	86	Linda C. Cox, Fort Lauderdale
27	Jon Mills, Gainesville	87	Robert M. Woodburn, Wilton Manors
28	Hamilton D. Upchurch, Elkton	88	Tom Gustafson, Fort Lauderdale
29	Tom C. Brown, Port Orange	89	Mary Ellen Hawkins, Naples
30	Samuel P. Bell, III, Ormond Beach	90	Franklin B. Mann, Fort Myers
31	T. K. Wetherell, Daytona Beach	91	H. Paul Nuckolls, Fort Myers
32	Chris Meffert, Ocala	92	Tom McPherson, Fort Lauderdale
33	Bob Hattaway, Altamonte Springs	93	Harold J. Dyer, Hollywood
34	Bobby Brantley, Longwood	94	Fred Lippman, Hollywood
35	Everett A. Kelly, Astatula	95	Walter C. Young, Pembroke Pines
36	Charles R. Smith, Brooksville	96	Lawrence J. Smith, Hollywood
37	Ronald R. Richmond, Holiday	97	David J. Lehman, Hollywood
38	Bruce McEwan, Orlando	98	Elaine Gordon, North Miami
39	Daniel Webster, Orlando	99	Barry Kutun, Miami Beach
40	Richard Crotty, Orlando	100	Virginia Rosen, North Miami
41	Fran Carlton, Orlando	101	Hal W. Spaet, Miami Beach
42	Thomas B. Drage, Jr., Orlando	102	Michael Friedman, Miami Beach
43	Dick J. Batchelor, Orlando	103	Ronald A. Silver, North Miami Beach
44	Jason Steele, Rockledge	104	William Ray Hodges, Hialeah
45	Winston W. Gardner, Jr., Titusville	105	Joe Lang Kershaw, Miami
46	Marilyn B. Evans-Jones, Melbourne	106	Carrie P. Meek, Miami
47	Tim Deratany, Indianalantic	107	A. M. (Tony) Fontana, Miami Lakes
48	R. Dale Patchett, Vero Beach	108	Robert Reynolds, Miami Lakes
49	Robert B. Crawford, Winter Haven	109	Joseph M. Gersten, South Miami
50	Beverly B. Burnsed, Lakeland	110	Roberta Fox, Miami
51	Gene Ready, Lakeland	111	Tom Gallagher, Coconut Grove
52	C. Fred Jones, Auburndale	112	Lawrence H. Plummer, Coconut Grove
53	Peter M. Dunbar, Crystal Beach	113	William E. Sadowski, Miami
54	S. Curtis Kiser, Palm Harbor	114	John Plummer, Miami
55	Jim Smith, Clearwater	115	Jim Brodie, Miami
56	Betty Easley, Largo	116	Dexter Lehtinen, Perrine
57	Dennis L. Jones, Treasure Island	117	Scott McPherson, Miami
58	George F. Hieber, II, St. Petersburg	118	Charlie Hall, Miami
59	Robert E. Melby, St. Petersburg	119	Lawrence R. Hawkins, Miami
60	T.M. (Tom) Woodruff, St. Petersburg	120	Joseph B. Allen, Jr., Key West



# Three Branches of Government

Florida's Constitution, in the traditional American pattern of "separation of powers," divides the governmental structure of the state into three separate and independent branches.

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 rule-making power to some executive agencies.

The Executive Branch, with the Governor as its chief, administers the laws made by the Legislature. The Cabinet—composed of the Secretary of State, Attorney General, Comptroller, Treasurer, Commissioner of Agriculture and Commissioner of Education—shares executive power and responsibilities with the Governor.

The Judicial Branch interprets the law and applies the Constitution. The judiciary also presides over trials, although certain limited administrative disputes may be decided by executive agencies when authorized by law.

This structural division, faithfully maintained, sets up a system of "checks and balances" to ensure that all three branches properly perform their constitutional duties in the administration of state affairs.

## The Legislative Branch

**Composition and organization** 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 sessions of the Senate when appointments or suspensions of public officials are considered; these sessions may be closed. Either house of the Legislature may initiate legislation on any subject.

The State Constitution as revised in 1968 provides that the Legislature shall be apportioned into not less than 30, nor more than 40, senatorial districts; and not less than 80, nor more than 120, representative districts. The Legislature met that mandate during the 1972 session when it established 40 Senate districts and 120 House districts. Senators serve four-year terms, and representatives serve two-year terms.

**Officers** The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House preside over their respective houses. The President Pro Tempore and the Speaker Pro Tempore preside in the absence of the President or the Speaker. The presiding officers are elected by their respective bodies and serve for two-year terms. Each house also elects other constitutional officers, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, from outside its membership. Among their responsibilities is the duty to keep clear and accurate records of the proceedings of each body. A Sergeant at Arms is elected by each house to assist the presiding officer in maintaining order and providing services. Each house also employs other personnel to provide necessary support services.

**Election and qualifications** The Constitution requires that members of the Legislature be elected at the general election in November of even-numbered years. Party candidates are nominated in party primary elections held prior to the general elections. Members of the Legislature must be at least 21 years old, electors and residents of the district they represent, and Florida residents for two years prior to election. No person may serve in the Legislature while employed by the federal or state government.

**Compensation** Legislators are paid \$12,000 annually. Like other state and local government employees, they are paid travel expenses when on official business and when in session. Each house also provides expense allowances for maintaining local offices to better serve the citizens of the district.

**Legislative sessions** Two weeks after each general election, the Legislature convenes for the exclusive purpose of organization and election of officers. Even though the officers are formally elected during this organization session, they have been designated previously. No legislation is considered during the organization session.

Regular sessions of the Legislature begin on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April in odd-numbered years and continue for sixty consecutive days (forty-four working days). While the Legislature may by law change its convening date in even-numbered years, the date is usually the same as in odd-numbered years.

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. Special sessions may not exceed twenty days, unless extended by a three-fifths vote of each house. Each "call" for a special session outlines the business to be considered, and matters "outside the purview" of the call cannot be taken up unless two-thirds of the members of each house consent. The Legislature may also be convened in extra session if three-fifths of the members of both houses agree. When in extra session, the Legislature may consider any subject as if convened in regular session, but an extra session is limited to thirty days. The President of the Senate may convene the Senate in special session to consider executive suspensions 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. Frequently, a legislator will move to "waive the rules" to speed the flow of business, but at least two-thirds of the members of the respective houses must agree before the rules can be waived.

**Committees** The traditional framework through which ideas and needs are converted into legislation is the committee system. The committee is the heart of the legislative process, functioning 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.

The formation of committees creates small groups of legislators who can give a bill closer study than would be possible in debate on the floor. Although each house, sitting as a committee of the whole, could consider in detail each proposed piece of legislation, smaller committees can perform the task more thoroughly and more efficiently. The committee system has been constantly strengthened by the employment of trained and expert staff who work year-round to retain continuity in research programs.

Bills are assigned to one or more committees for study. In this preliminary screening the committees may hold public hearings where committee members hear sponsoring legislators and others in the industry or profession, the governmental agency, or the general public, who are interested in the bill. The committee then votes to recommend the bill favorably, unfavorably, or favorably with amendments to be considered when the bill is debated on the floor.

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. The conference committee report must be approved by both houses.

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

The Joint Legislative Management Committee supervises services which can be shared by both houses, thereby affording better facilities at a reduced cost. The Legislative Auditing Committee, another joint Senate-House committee, employs an Auditor General who audits governmental agencies. These joint committees are composed of three members from each house.

**Lobbying** All persons who seek to influence legislation, except members of the Legislature or their aides, must register with the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House before they begin lobbying. Every lobbyist must also state any direct business association or partnership with any current member of the Legislature. The definition of a lobbyist includes everyone who tries to influence legislators, except persons who make a single appearance before a committee without receiving additional compensation.

**Enforcement of authority** Both houses of the Legislature have the power to compel witnesses to appear before the house or its committees. Either house may punish a non-member guilty of disorderly or contemptuous conduct in its presence. A fine of up to \$1000 or imprisonment not exceeding 90 days may be imposed. Each house may also punish its own members for contempt or for disorderly conduct. By a two-thirds vote, either house may expel a member. The Legislature, however, is the sole judge of its members and is the only body which can remove a member from office.

**Ethics** Rules adopted by the Senate and the House of Representatives establish a code of conduct for legislators and for legislative employees. The Senate rules provide: "Every senator shall conduct himself to justify the confidence placed in him by the people and, by personal example and admonition to colleagues, shall maintain the integrity and responsibility of his office." Senators are prohibited from using the influence of their offices to benefit themselves personally; they are required to disclose any personal interests in proposed legislation that would create a conflict of interest.

**Journals and calendars** The Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House publish a journal and a calendar daily during the legislative session. The 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, including committee meetings and bills to be considered.

The journal and the calendar are given to the legislators each morning before the session convenes, and are available to other interested parties. The calendar is of special significance to persons interested in the progress of particular bills, since it lists the order of bills scheduled for floor action and committee consideration.

A "special order" of bills to be considered "on the floor" is set each day by a subcommittee of the Rules and Calendar Committee.

**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 or town named in the bill. Prior to its introduction, a local bill must either be advertised in the area to be affected, or it must contain a provision to allow the voters in the area to accept or reject the measure if it is passed by the Legislature. A majority vote is required to pass a bill.

A resolution expresses the opinion of one house of the Legislature, whereas a concurrent resolution expresses the opinion of both houses. A joint resolution is usually a proposal to amend the State Constitution, to apportion the Legislature, to set the effective date of a vetoed bill when the veto is overridden, or to recess for more than seventy-two hours. Resolutions, concurrent resolutions, and joint resolutions are passed by a majority vote, except that a three-fifths vote of the members of both houses is required to pass a joint resolution that proposes an amendment to the State Constitution.

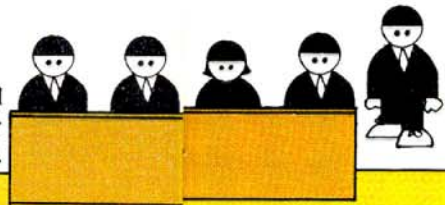
A memorial is a petition addressed to the President of the United States, the Congress, or some official agency of the federal government. It requests action or expresses the Legislature's collective viewpoint, and is passed by a majority vote.



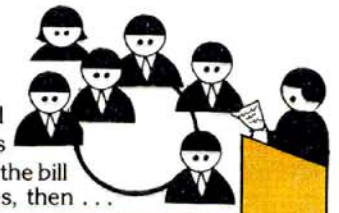
1. Need for legislation conceived; bill is prepared, numbered and introduced.



2. Committee hearings. Bill reported favorably or unfavorably.



3. Bill debated by full Senate, amendments considered. If the bill passes, then ...

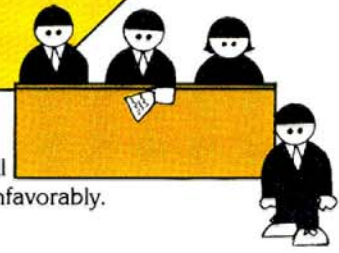


5. Bill debated by full House, amendments considered. If the bill passes, then ...



To House of Representatives

4. Committee hearings. Bill reported favorably or unfavorably.

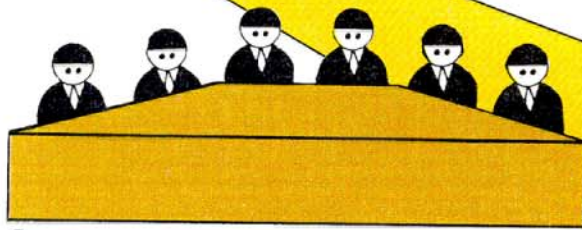


### How a bill becomes a law

Bills may be introduced by one or more

Senators or Representatives in their respective houses. When a Senate bill has been prepared, it is delivered to the Secretary of the Senate for introduction and is given a number. After receiving a number, the bill is read the first time by publication in the Journal. The President refers it to the appropriate committees, and the original copy is delivered to the chairman of the committee of first reference.

6. Conference committee. If the two houses cannot agree on a final bill, a conference committee works out a compromise.



7. To Governor for his approval or veto. If vetoed, 2/3 vote in each house overrides veto.





After a notice is published in the calendar, the committees meet in open session to hear debate on the bill, and vote to recommend it favorably or unfavorably to the entire Senate.

When the committee reports are received by the Secretary of the Senate, they are published in the journal. If the reports are favorable, the bill is placed on the calendar of bills available for second reading. It may then be read a second time, and is subject to amendment. If amended, the changes are incorporated into the bill and it is then returned to the floor as a bill available for third reading. When the bill is read a third time, general debate is allowed and a final vote is taken.

If the bill receives a favorable vote, it is delivered by messenger to the House of Representatives, where it works its way through House committees to the floor for action by the full House. If the House amends the bill, it must go back to the Senate. If the Senate does not approve of the House amendments, then the bill may go to a conference committee where a compromise version of the bill is agreed upon. When the bill is approved by both houses, in exactly the same form, the bill becomes an act. It is then enrolled as a part of the official records by the Secretary of the Senate and is certified to the Governor for his action.

An act becomes a law when signed by the Governor, or after the passage of a time specified in the Constitution it becomes law without his signature. Within the time set forth in the Constitution, the bill is subject to the Governor's veto. If the Governor disapproves of legislation, he must return the bill with his written objections to the house in which the bill originated. The veto may be overridden by a two-thirds vote of the members of each house, and the act thus becomes law, the Governor's veto to the contrary notwithstanding.

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. If favorably reported by committee, the companion bills advance in the same manner as other bills. When a House-passed companion bill reaches the Senate, it can be substituted for the Senate bill which is on the calendar.

The appropriations bill is one of the most important bills considered by the Legislature. This bill is the state's budget and it determines the amount of money available to various state agencies during the next two years. Biennial budgets are adopted in every odd-numbered 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.

**Impeachments** The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, members of the Cabinet, justices of the Supreme Court, and judges of the District Courts of Appeal and Circuit Courts may be removed from office only by impeachment. The House of Representatives has the sole power to impeach, that is, to bring charges. The Senate then tries all impeachments, with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court presiding. A two-thirds vote of the House of Representatives is required to impeach, and a two-thirds vote of the Senate is required to convict. If convicted, the officer is removed from office.

## The Executive Branch

The Florida Constitution vests the supreme executive power of the state in the Governor and provides that he 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 assigned to him by the Governor, or as otherwise provided by law. The Constitution also provides that the Governor shall be assisted by a Cabinet composed of an Attorney General, a Commissioner of Agriculture, a Commissioner of Education, a Comptroller, a Secretary of State, and a Treasurer.

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 in office unless he has served more than six years in two consecutive terms. Cabinet members are not limited in the number of terms they may serve. The salary of the Governor is \$60,498 per year, and the Lieutenant Governor and Cabinet officers receive \$49,748 annually.

To be eligible for election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or to a Cabinet post, a candidate must be a qualified voter, not less than thirty years old, and a resident of Florida for the preceding seven years. The Attorney General must also have been a member of The Florida Bar for the preceding five years.

The Constitution requires that the functions of the executive branch be divided into not more than twenty-five departments, exclusive of the departments established in the Constitution. Under the 1969 Reorganization Act, the Governor appoints the secretaries of seven departments, and appoints the members of boards that head three other departments. These appointments are subject to confirmation by the Senate. The Governor and certain members of the Cabinet form a board to head or supervise seven other departments.

### Powers of the Governor

In addition to his duties as chief executive officer of the state, the Governor is given the power to appoint many state and county officers not chosen by popular election and to fill vacancies in elective office. In some cases, the Senate is required to approve appointments made by the Governor. He may also suspend, for causes set forth in the Constitution, officers not liable to impeachment. Suspended officers may be removed, however, only with the consent of the Senate.

The Governor also has legislative duties. He calls the Legislature into session on special occasions, stating the purpose for which the session is called. He addresses the Legislature at each regular session, detailing conditions in the state and recommending action he feels the Legislature should take. The Governor must also approve all bills passed by the Legislature before they become law.



## The Judicial Branch

The Judicial Branch is the state's system of trial and appellate courts in which citizens may litigate their grievances. Florida's court system was completely revamped in 1972 when the voters adopted a new judicial article to the state Constitution. Since the revision of the judicial branch, Florida has one of the most progressive court systems in the nation. The revision abolished the state's fourteen different types of trial courts and created a series of circuit and county courts to conduct trials. Appeals from those trial courts may be taken to the District Courts of Appeal and, in certain cases, to the Florida Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court is at the top of Florida's court system; it is the final state court of appeal. The Supreme Court determines the constitutionality of statutes and has the authority to issue advisory opinions to the Governor. The Court also 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 District Courts of Appeal are the intermediate appellate tribunals to which most appeals from trial courts must go. There are four judicial districts in Florida, with courts located in Tallahassee, Lakeland, West Palm Beach, and Miami. Three or more judges appointed by the Governor sit on each district court. These judges must be reconfirmed by the voters every six years.

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 courts now handle several phases of trials most urgent to the citizens which formerly were vested in county courts, including probate, juvenile, and competency matters. Circuit judges are elected to six-year terms.

County courts preside over the criminal trials of misdemeanors and some civil cases. They also have the power to issue warrants of arrest and perform other specified functions, including the initial proceedings in all criminal cases. There is one county court located in each of Florida's sixty-seven counties. County judges are elected to four-year terms.

### Judicial commissions

Four other bodies work directly with the judiciary to ensure that the court system is continually strengthened. The Judicial Nominating Commission

recommends to the Governor appointments to judicial vacancies in the state. The Judicial Qualifications Commission investigates and recommends to the Supreme Court the removal of any justice or judge whose conduct demonstrates an unfitness to hold office. The Judicial Council studies the operation of the courts in Florida and recommends to the Legislature changes in the judicial system. The Judicial Administrative Commission provides administrative services and assistance to the various courts in the state.



## A panorama of art

To graphically illustrate Florida's beauty and diversity, the Senate has acquired more than two hundred original works of art which are displayed throughout Senate offices and corridors. Rather than acquiring a few large, expensive paintings, the senators chose to purchase art from many different Florida artists from every part of the state. The result is a cross-section of artistic techniques and a panorama of scenes depicting the vast resources that give Florida its unique character.

Many of the paintings hanging in Senate offices and reception areas were purchased from unheralded artists. Most of the artwork is relatively traditional and universal in appeal; it provides a good representation of the work of Florida artists.

At the entrance to the chamber gallery on the fifth floor, a large mural records the history of the state. This work by Renee Faure is a conglomeration of Florida's past,

present and future and is the only painting on display which was commissioned specifically for the Senate. In the corridor around the gallery, old photographs of historical value have been enlarged to document past decades. These photos are coupled with a series of educational graphics.

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