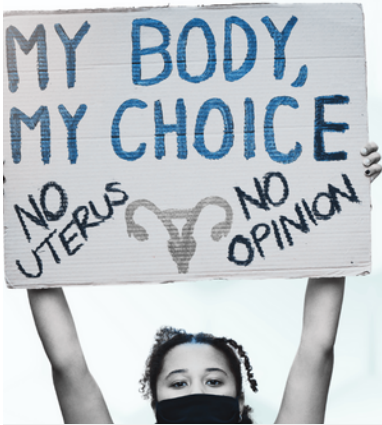




FLORIDA SENATE DEMOCRATS

WEEKS 3 & 4: STANDING UP FOR WORKERS



Roe v Wade



On January 22, 1973, Roe v. Wade gave women the federal right to an abortion.

Almost 50 years later, an extremist Supreme Court reversed that decision.

Several of the Senate's fighters for reproductive access shared their own statements on the anniversary - here's a few of them:

"As we observe the repeal of Roe v. Wade, we can agonize or organize."

Senator Geraldine Thompson

"While our reproductive rights and freedoms are no longer federally assured, across the country, the tides have turned."

Leader Lauren Book

"The more they continue to take away our rights, the more we will fight back and we will win."

Senator Tina Polsky

WORKER WOES

BANNING EXTREME HEAT PROTECTION LAWS

FLORIDA'S SUMMER HEAT WAS RECORD BREAKING AND DEADLY - BUT WITH SB 1492, REPUBLICAN LAWMAKERS ARE DOING AWAY WITH ANY REGULATIONS FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MEANT TO PROTECT WORKERS FROM THE HEAT'S DEADLY EFFECTS.



"I see these workers - construction, agriculture, everywhere - how hard they work. They're not asking anything different. Just a break and a fair chance."

Senator Victor Torres

CHILD LABOR PROTECTION ROLLBACKS

YEARS OF CHILD LABOR PROTECTION LAWS ARE BEING UNDONE - AND WHILE SB 1596 IS BEING SOLD AS SMALL CHANGES TO CHILD LABOR LAW, THE REALITY IS THAT KIDS CAN ALREADY WORK TODAY, WITH GUARDRAILS THAT PROTECT THEM.

AFTER YEARS OF PASSING BAD POLICIES THAT HAVE DRIVEN OUR WORKFORCE OUT OF THE STATE, USING CHILDREN AS CHEAP LABOR IS NOT THE ANSWER.

"It seems to be a small change but it's the hours that are most concerning...the sleep that the kids can't catch up is going to be a huge factor in getting good grades."

Senator Linda Stewart



WOKE WARS

ONCE AGAIN, FLORIDA REPUBLICANS ARE FOCUSING ON DISTRACTION POLITICS.

CONFEDERATE MONUMENTS

SB 1122 PREVENTS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM RELOCATING, REMOVING OR DESTROYING CONFEDERATE MONUMENTS TO "PRESERVE OUR HISTORY" - THE SIDE OF THE CIVIL WAR THAT LOST AND CONTINUED TO HOLD HATE AND VIOLENCE IN THEIR HEARTS.

"They were meant to degrade Black people...to show them in bronze and iron, that they were lesser."

Senator Tracie Davis



STOP "WOKE" TEACHER TRAINING BILL

SB 1372 IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE GOVERNOR'S ANTI-"WOKE" AGENDA DISTRACTING FROM REAL ISSUES THAT WILL HELP RETAIN TEACHERS, KEEP STUDENTS IN CLASS AND INCREASE STUDENT PERFORMANCE.



"Aren't y'all tired... we are sitting here wasting time when we could be up here doing amazing work."

Senator Shevrin Jones

WORDS OF WISDOM

SENATOR ROSALIND OSGOOD GAVE A POWERFUL SPEECH ABOUT HER OWN EXPERIENCE WITH HOMELESSNESS WHEN DEBATING SB 1530, WHICH WOULD BAN COUNTIES FROM ALLOWING SLEEPING OR CAMPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.



HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE PEOPLE. AND THEY'RE HOMELESS FOR VARIOUS REASONS.

I HAVE EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS.

IF WE'RE GOING TO TAKE AN ISSUE AND GO DOWN THIS ROAD, WE HAVE TO TAKE THE TIME AND DO THE DUE DILIGENCE.

I HAVE NOT HEARD US TALK ABOUT TRYING TO DO SOMETHING TO GET TO THE ROOT CAUSE.

ON THE FLOOR

REPUBLICANS WANT TO HOLD A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF STATE LEGISLATURES TO CHANGE THE CONSTITUTION.

THERE ARE NO CLEAR RULES ABOUT HOLDING A CONVENTION - AND THERE'S A GROWING CONCERN THE ENTIRE U.S. CONSTITUTION COULD BE HELD HOSTAGE AND REWRITTEN.



“Once it’s convened, what would prevent a rewrite of the Constitution? Prohibiting protests in this country? Right to worship and have religious freedom? And right to privacy?”

Senator Geraldine Thompson

FLORIDA SENATE DEMOCRATS
2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION PRIORITIES

Florida Dreamin' :

strong

HOUSING

SB 348 INSURANCE REBATE PROGRAM FOR LOW-INCOME SENIORS

SB 1378 CONDO REFORM

SB 64 LANDLORDS AND TENANTS

SB 1244 KEEP FLORIDIANS HOUSED ACT

**CHILDREN &
SENIORS**

SB 556 SENIOR FRAUD PROTECTION

SB 1288 UNIVERSAL EARLY CHILD CARE PROGRAM

ENVIRONMENT

SB 36 WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING PLAN

SB 338 SAFE WATERWAYS ACT

healthy

**MEDICAID
EXPANSION**

SB 946 MEDICAID EXPANSION

SB 670 COVERAGE FOR MAMMOGRAMS AND SUPPLEMENTAL BREAST CANCER SCREENINGS

**PRO-CHOICE
PROTECTIONS**

SB 34 PROTECTION OF WOMEN

SB 254 PICKETING OR PROTESTING IN OR NEAR HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

SB 256 PREGNANCY SUPPORT AND WELLNESS SERVICES

MENTAL HEALTH

SB 164 MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGES

safe

**ADDRESSING
COMMUNITY
VIOLENCE**

SB 98 COMMUNITY VIOLENCE TASK FORCE

GUN CONTROL

SB 180 BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR BULLETS

SB 176 FIREARM STORAGE

free

EDUCATION

SB 1414 FREEDOM TO LEARN ACT

SB 344 REQUIRED INSTRUCTION IN THE HISTORY OF AFRICAN AMERICANS

HEALTH

SB 1404 HEALTH CARE FREEDOM ACT

VOTING RIGHTS

SB 1522 FLORIDA VOTING RIGHTS ACT

Florida Dreamin': HIGHLIGHTS

WE'RE HIGHLIGHTING SEVERAL OF OUR SESSION PRIORITIES:

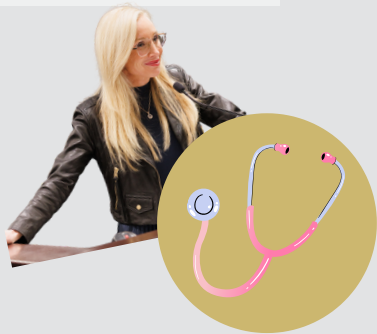
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SB 34 PROTECTION OF WOMEN

SB 254 PICKETING OR PROTESTING IN OR NEAR HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

SB 256 PREGNANCY SUPPORT AND WELLNESS SERVICES

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS ARE A HUMAN RIGHT - EVERY WOMAN SHOULD HAVE THE FREEDOM TO MAKE HER OWN HEALTH DECISIONS - THAT INCLUDES ABORTION. LEADER BOOK'S TRIO OF BILLS ENSURE THAT WOMEN AREN'T JAILED FOR GETTING AN ABORTION, THAT THEY HAVE PEACE OF MIND WHEN ENTERING AN ABORTION CLINIC, AND THAT CRISIS PREGNANCY CLINICS ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR SHARING MISLEADING INFORMATION.



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SB 98 COMMUNITY VIOLENCE TASK FORCE

PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES FROM GUN VIOLENCE
- GUN VIOLENCE HAS BEEN THE CAUSE OF MANY SENSELESS SHOOTINGS WITHIN THE STATE.

FOR YEARS, SENATOR JONES HAS BEEN FIGHTING TO REDUCE CRIME AND GUN VIOLENCE IN URBAN CORE NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES.

SB 98 WILL CREATE A TASK FORCE TO HELP THOSE COMMUNITIES - PUTTING CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM FAILURES AND THE CAUSE OF HIGH CRIME AND VIOLENCE RATES UNDER THE MICROSCOPE.



DEMOCRATIC BILLS ON THE MOVE

BILLS SPONSORED BY DEMOCRATS ARE MOVING
THROUGH THE PROCESS - HERE'S A FEW:

BREAST CANCER SCREENING COVERAGE BILL



ACCORDING TO THE GUARDIAN, UP TO 10,000 PEOPLE DIE OF BREAST CANCER EVERY YEAR DUE TO LATE DETECTION. EARLY BREAST CANCER DETECTION COULD SAVE A LOT OF LIVES BUT IT CAN BE COSTLY.

WITH SENATOR BERMAN'S BILL (SB 932) IT WOULD ELIMINATE OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS FOR SCREENINGS IN MEDICALLY NECESSARY CASES.

TUSKEGEE AIRMAN COMMEMORATION DAY



THE MONTH OF MARCH IS SIGNIFICANT TO THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN BECAUSE IT WAS THE MONTH WHEN THE FIRST CADETS RECEIVED THEIR WINGS.

SENATOR VICTOR TORRES'S BILL (SB 1312) WOULD DESIGNATE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN COMMEMORATION DAY AS A LEGAL HOLIDAY ON THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF MARCH.

AROUND THE CAPITOL

RIGHT TO Contraception ACT

SENATOR ROSALIND OSGOOD WANTS TO ENSURE FLORIDIANS HAVE ACCESS TO CONTRACEPTION AS REPUBLICAN LEGISLATURES WAGE WAR AGAINST REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM.



ON THE CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

Where: Supreme Court of Florida

When: Starting at 9:00 am

What: Justices will listen to legal challenges against several citizens ballot initiatives, including guaranteeing the right to an abortion and the legalization of recreational marijuana

BLACK HISTORY MUSEUM ROUNDTABLE

THE FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS HOSTED A ROUNDTABLE FEATURING SENATOR GERALDINE THOMPSON AND SENATOR BOBBY POWELL. THEY DISCUSSED THE FUTURE PLANS FOR THE FLORIDA BLACK HISTORY MUSEUM WITH MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE OVERSEEING THE PROJECT.



"Some of our history is powerful and some of it makes us uncomfortable - but we need to tell the truth."

Senator Geraldine Thompson

"I believe that its in us to write the vision so this changes the life of Black people and the people of Florida."

Senator Bobby Powell



MOMS DEMAND ACTION

SENATOR LORI BERMAN JOINED MOMS DEMAND ACTION AT A RALLY IN TALLAHASSEE WITH DEMOCRATIC LEADERS AND CONGRESSMAN MAXWELL FROST TO PROMOTE COMMON SENSE GUN BILLS TO REDUCE SENSELESS GUN VIOLENCE IN THE STATE.



"Every year we're bringing gun (safety) bills - and unfortunately what we see here in Tallahassee is people bringing bills going the opposite direction."

Senator Lori Berman





Puerto Rico DAY



PEOPLE ACROSS THE STATE CAME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE PUERTO RICO'S RICH CULTURE. SENATOR VICTOR TORRES HELPED HOST THE EVENT, SHOWCASING PUERTO RICAN FOOD, MUSIC AND GAMES.



quick facts about puerto rico

1. There are around 3.2 million people in Puerto Rico living on the island and close to 5 million Puerto Ricans living in the U.S.
2. Reggaeton music originated in Puerto Rico in the 1990s. Famous artists include Daddy Yankee, Wisin y Yandel, Don Omar, and Ivy Queen.
3. San Juan, Puerto Rico is one of the oldest cities in the western hemisphere.
4. The island has almost 300 miles of coastline and nearly the same number of beaches.
5. Puerto Rico has the largest shopping center in the Caribbean - Plaza Las Américas.





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