

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

APPROPRIATIONS
Senator Lee, Chair
Senator Benacquisto, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 1, 2016
TIME: 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
PLACE: Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

MEMBERS: Senator Lee, Chair; Senator Benacquisto, Vice Chair; Senators Altman, Flores, Gaetz, Galvano, Garcia, Grimsley, Hays, Hukill, Joyner, Latvala, Margolis, Montford, Negron, Richter, Ring, Simmons, and Smith

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	CS/CS/SB 324 Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities / Finance and Tax / Legg (Similar CS/H 347)	Utility Projects; Creating the "Utility Cost Containment Bond Act"; authorizing certain local governmental entities to finance the costs of a utility project by issuing utility cost containment bonds upon application by a local agency; authorizing an authority to issue utility cost containment bonds for specified purposes related to utility projects; requiring the local agency or its publicly owned utility to collect the utility project charge, etc. CU 01/12/2016 Favorable FT 02/08/2016 Fav/CS CU 02/23/2016 Fav/CS AP 03/01/2016 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 19 Nays 0
2	CS/SB 440 Criminal Justice / Abruzzo (Similar CS/H 217)	Care for Retired Law Enforcement Dogs; Citing this act as the "Care for Retired Law Enforcement Dogs Program Act"; creating the Care for Retired Law Enforcement Dogs Program within the Department of Law Enforcement; requiring the department to contract with a corporation not for profit to administer and manage the program; placing an annual cap on the amount of funds available for the care of an eligible retired law enforcement dog, etc. CJ 11/17/2015 Fav/CS ACJ 01/13/2016 Favorable AP 03/01/2016 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 19 Nays 0

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3	CS/CS/SB 488 Finance and Tax / Community Affairs / Flores (Similar CS/H 277, Compare CS/HJR 275, Linked CS/SJR 492)	County and Municipality Homestead Tax Exemption; Revising the homestead tax exemption that may be adopted by a county or municipality by ordinance for the assessed value of property with a just value less than \$250,000 which is owned by persons age 65 or older who meet certain residence and income requirements; specifying that just value shall be determined in the first tax year that the owner applies and is eligible for the exemption; providing for a refund of overpaid taxes in prior years, etc. CA 11/17/2015 Fav/CS FT 01/25/2016 Fav/CS AP 03/01/2016 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 17 Nays 0
4	CS/SJR 492 Finance and Tax / Flores (Identical CS/HJR 275, Compare CS/H 277, Linked CS/CS/S 488)	Homestead Tax Exemption; Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to revise the homestead tax exemption that may be granted by counties or municipalities, if authorized by general law, for the assessed value of property with a just value less than \$250,000 and owned by persons age 65 or older who meet certain residence and income requirements to specify that just value shall be determined in the first tax year that the owner applies and is eligible for the exemption and to provide retroactive applicability and an effective date, etc. CA 11/17/2015 Favorable FT 01/25/2016 Fav/CS AP 03/01/2016 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 17 Nays 0
5	CS/CS/SB 534 Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities / Environmental Preservation and Conservation / Hays (Similar CS/CS/CS/H 491)	Water and Wastewater; Creating a provision requiring the Division of Bond Finance of the State Board of Administration to review the allocation of private activity bonds to determine the availability of additional allocation and reallocation of bonds for water and wastewater infrastructure projects; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to require or request that the Florida Water Pollution Control Financing Corporation make loans, grants, and deposits to for-profit, privately owned, or investor-owned water systems, etc. EP 11/18/2015 Fav/CS CU 01/12/2016 Fav/CS AP 03/01/2016 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 19 Nays 0

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6	CS/SB 668 Judiciary / Stargel (Compare CS/H 455, H 553, CS/S 250)	Family Law; Requiring a court to consider certain alimony factors and make specific written findings of fact under certain circumstances; requiring a court to make specified findings before ruling on a request for alimony; revising the factors that are used to determine the best interests of a child; prohibiting a court from changing the duration of alimony; requiring that a child support award be adjusted to reduce the combined alimony and child support award under certain circumstances, etc. JU 02/09/2016 Not Considered JU 02/16/2016 Fav/CS ACJ 02/24/2016 Favorable AP 03/01/2016 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 13 Nays 6
With subcommittee recommendation – Criminal and Civil Justice			
7	CS/SB 670 Children, Families, and Elder Affairs / Gaetz (Similar H 715)	Child Protection Teams; Revising the definition of the term “officer, employee, or agent,” as it applies to immunity from personal liability in certain actions, to include licensed physicians who are medical directors for or members of a child protection team, in certain circumstances, etc. CF 01/14/2016 Fav/CS JU 02/16/2016 Favorable AP 03/01/2016 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 11 Nays 7
8	SB 746 Negron / Sachs (Compare CS/CS/H 427)	Vessel Registrations; Reducing vessel registration fees for recreational vessels equipped with certain position indicating and locating beacons; providing criteria for such reduction; clarifying county optional registration fees, etc. TR 12/03/2015 Favorable ATD 01/13/2016 Favorable AP 03/01/2016 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 18 Nays 0
With subcommittee recommendation – Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development			
A proposed committee substitute for the following bill (CS/SB 760) is available:			

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9	CS/SB 760 Agriculture / Bean (Similar CS/CS/CS/H 153)	Healthy Food Financing Initiative; Directing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to establish a Healthy Food Financing Initiative program to provide specified financing to construct, rehabilitate, or expand independent grocery stores and supermarkets in underserved communities in low-income and moderate-income communities; authorizing the department to contract with a third-party administrator, etc. AG 01/11/2016 Fav/CS AGG 01/26/2016 Fav/CS AP 03/01/2016 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 18 Nays 0
With subcommittee recommendation – General Government			
10	CS/SB 766 Finance and Tax / Flores (Compare CS/CS/H 499, CS/S 1324)	Ad Valorem Taxation; Specifying deadlines for value adjustment boards to hear petitions and issue the second tax roll certification; requiring a property appraiser to provide a specified notice to nonhomestead residential property owners who were determined to not be entitled for a certain property assessment limitation; specifying procedures for filing petitions to the value adjustment board; extending the dates for certain counties to hold public hearings and certify non-ad valorem assessment rolls, etc. CA 01/11/2016 Favorable FT 02/16/2016 Fav/CS AP 03/01/2016 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 18 Nays 0
A proposed committee substitute for the following bill (CS/SB 936) is available:			
11	CS/SB 936 Criminal Justice / Ring (Compare CS/CS/H 1043)	Criminal Justice System Interviews of Persons with Autism, an Autism Spectrum Disorder, or a Related Developmental Disability; Citing this act as the "The Wes Kleinert Fair Interview Act"; encouraging the use of certain state-of-the-art digital devices for the purposes of identification and notification; requiring that certain professionals with experience in treating, teaching, or assisting persons with autism, an autism spectrum disorder, or a related developmental disability be present during an interview of a person with autism, an autism spectrum disorder, or a related developmental disability conducted by specified persons unless extenuating circumstances exist, etc. CJ 02/01/2016 Fav/CS ACJ 02/11/2016 Not Considered ACJ 02/17/2016 Fav/CS AP 03/01/2016 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 17 Nays 0
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A proposed committee substitute for the following bill (SB 1106) is available:			
12	SB 1106 Flores (Compare CS/CS/CS/H 1383, H 1385, Linked CS/CS/S 1094)	Limited Purpose International Trust Company Representative Offices; Providing applicability of state banking laws to limited purpose international trust company representative offices; exempting a limited purpose international trust company representative office from licensing requirements; exempting applications for registration of limited purpose international trust company representative offices from certain provisions of ch. 120, F.S.; specifying permissible and prohibited activities by a limited purpose international trust company representative office and by certain employees, etc. BI 01/26/2016 Favorable AGG 02/24/2016 Fav/CS AP 03/01/2016 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 16 Nays 0
With subcommittee recommendation – General Government			
13	CS/SJR 1194 Finance and Tax / Negron (Similar CS/HJR 1009)	Tax Exemption for Senior, Totally Permanently Disabled First Responders; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to authorize a first responder, who is age 65 or older and totally permanently disabled as a result of an injury sustained in the line of duty, to receive relief from ad valorem taxes assessed on homestead property, if authorized by general law, and to provide an effective date, etc. CA 01/19/2016 Favorable FT 02/08/2016 Fav/CS AP 03/01/2016 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 18 Nays 0
14	CS/SB 1248 Banking and Insurance / Diaz de la Portilla (Compare H 177, CS/CS/H 671)	Prohibited Insurance Practices; Adding entities and persons that may not adjust a claim on behalf of an insured unless licensed and compliant as a public adjuster; prohibiting a person or entity from certain actions relating to the referral of certain business related to certain repair, mitigation, and restoration services; authorizing the Department of Financial Services to seek a cease and desist order and administrative fines for certain violations, etc. BI 02/16/2016 Fav/CS AGG 02/24/2016 Favorable AP 03/01/2016 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 18 Nays 0
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A proposed committee substitute for the following bill (CS/SB 1250) is available:

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15	CS/SB 1250 Children, Families, and Elder Affairs / Latvala (Similar CS/H 977, Compare H 423, S 210, S 428, CS/CS/CS/S 676)	Behavioral Health Workforce; Expanding the categories of persons who may prescribe brand name drugs under the prescription drug program when medically necessary; authorizing procedures for recommending admission of a patient to a treatment facility; limiting the authority to prescribe a controlled substance in a pain-management clinic only to a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, F.S.; specifying acts that constitute grounds for denial of a license or for disciplinary action against an advanced registered nurse practitioner, etc. CF 02/10/2016 Fav/CS AHS 02/24/2016 Fav/CS AP 03/01/2016 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 17 Nays 0
With subcommittee recommendation – Health and Human Services			
16	CS/CS/SB 1262 Finance and Tax / Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security / Simpson (Similar CS/CS/CS/H 1133, Compare CS/S 92)	Emergency Management; Providing that out-of-state businesses and employees who enter the state in response to a disaster or an emergency are excluded from certain registration and licensing requirements and taxes; revising the source of the principal for the Recovery Fund administered by Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc., etc. MS 02/01/2016 Fav/CS FT 02/16/2016 Fav/CS AP 03/01/2016 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 19 Nays 0
17	CS/SB 1310 Agriculture / Hutson (Compare CS/CS/H 749, CS/CS/H 7007, CS/CS/S 1010)	Agriculture; Providing sole authority to regulate the burning of agricultural crops on certain lands to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; revising the period during which certain agricultural lands in eradication or quarantine programs continue to be classified as such; preempting regulatory authority over commercial feed and feedstuff to the department, etc. AG 01/19/2016 Fav/CS AGG 02/17/2016 Favorable AP 03/01/2016 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 18 Nays 0
With subcommittee recommendation – General Government			

A proposed committee substitute for the following bill (SB 1316) is available:

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18	SB 1316 Grimsley (Similar H 1061, Compare H 1063, Linked CS/S 1306)	Nurse Licensure Compact; Creating the Nurse Licensure Compact; providing for the recognition of nursing licenses in party states; providing requirements for obtaining and retaining a multistate license; providing the effect of the act on a current licensee; requiring all party states to participate in a coordinated licensure information system; providing for the development of the system, reporting procedures, and the exchange of certain information between party states; establishing the Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators; requiring the Florida Center for Nursing to analyze and make future projections of the supply and demand for nurses, etc. HP 02/09/2016 Favorable AHS 02/17/2016 Fav/CS AP 03/01/2016 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 17 Nays 0
With subcommittee recommendation – Health and Human Services			
19	CS/SB 1360 Education Pre-K - 12 / Gaetz (Compare CS/CS/S 524, CS/CS/S 686, CS/S 1166)	Student Assessments; Authorizing a district school board to choose to implement certain rigorous alternative assessment options by a certain school year; requiring each school district to annually notify students and parents of standard high school diploma requirements by a specified date; requiring a classroom teacher's performance evaluation to be based on the performance of certain students, etc. ED 01/27/2016 Fav/CS AED 02/11/2016 Favorable AP 03/01/2016 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 18 Nays 0
With subcommittee recommendation – Education			
A proposed committee substitute for the following bill (CS/SB 1392) is available:			
20	CS/SB 1392 Transportation / Brandes (Compare CS/H 1119, H 7027, CS/CS/H 7061, CS/CS/S 756, CS/CS/S 1394, S 1552, S 2502)	Transportation; Revising the circumstances under which the Department of Transportation is authorized to direct the removal of certain traffic control devices; providing exceptions to the prohibition against certain television-type receiving equipment in vehicles; revising provisions relating to required equipment and operation of autonomous vehicles, etc. TR 01/27/2016 Fav/CS ATD 02/17/2016 Fav/CS AP 03/01/2016 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 18 Nays 0
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A proposed committee substitute for the following bill (SB 1418) is available:			
21	SB 1418 Simmons (Compare S 2502)	Supplemental Academic Instruction; Requiring supplemental academic instruction categorical funds and research-based reading instruction allocation funds to be used by a school district that has one or more of the lowest-performing elementary schools for additional intensive reading instruction at the school during the summer program in addition to instruction during the school year, etc. ED 01/27/2016 Favorable AED 02/17/2016 Fav/CS AP 03/01/2016 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 18 Nays 0
With subcommittee recommendation – Education			
22	CS/SB 1462 Education Pre-K - 12 / Latvala (Similar CS/H 1147)	Character-development Instruction; Requiring character education programs to provide certain instruction to students in grades 9-12, etc. ED 02/02/2016 Fav/CS AED 02/17/2016 Temporarily Postponed AED 02/24/2016 Favorable AP 03/01/2016 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 19 Nays 0
With subcommittee recommendation – Education			
23	SB 1662 Bradley (Similar CS/H 1333)	Sexual Offenders; Revising the criteria for a felony offense for which an offender is designated as a sexual predator; revising the criteria for loitering or prowling by certain offenders; modifying the list of offenses for which a sexual offender or sexual predator must be considered by the department for removal from registration requirements; revising the information that the Department of Law Enforcement is required to provide about a sexual offender upon his or her release from incarceration, etc. CJ 02/08/2016 Not Considered CJ 02/16/2016 Favorable ACJ 02/24/2016 Favorable AP 03/01/2016 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 16 Nays 0
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24	SB 7018 Children, Families, and Elder Affairs (Compare CS/CS/H 599)	Child Welfare; Extending court jurisdiction to age 22 for young adults with disabilities in foster care; providing conditions under which a child may be returned home with an in-home safety plan; requiring specified intervention services and supports; requiring every child placed in out-of-home care to be referred within a certain time for a comprehensive behavioral health assessment; requiring lead agencies to ensure the availability of a full array of family support services, etc. JU 12/01/2015 Favorable AHS 01/13/2016 Favorable AP 03/01/2016 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 19 Nays 0
With subcommittee recommendation – Health and Human Services			
A proposed committee substitute for the following bill (SB 7050) is available:			
25	SB 7050 Governmental Oversight and Accountability (Compare CS/CS/CS/H 1033, H 1035, CS/CS/H 1037, CS/S 624)	Information Technology Security; Revising the membership of the Technology Advisory Council to include a cybersecurity expert; requiring the council, in coordination with the Florida Center for Cybersecurity, to identify and recommend STEM training opportunities; providing for the establishment of computer security incident response teams within state agencies; revising entities directed to adopt a unified state plan for K-20 STEM education to include the Technology Advisory Council, etc. AGG 02/11/2016 Fav/CS AP 03/01/2016 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 17 Nays 0
With subcommittee recommendation – General Government			
26	SB 7072 Regulated Industries (Compare H 415, H 1199, CS/H 7109, H 7111, CS/S 402, S 412, Linked S 7074)	Gaming; Authorizing the Department of the Lottery to create a program that authorizes certain persons to purchase a ticket or game at a point-of-sale terminal; revising provisions for applications for pari-mutuel operating licenses; requiring injuries to racing greyhounds to be reported within a certain timeframe on a form adopted by the Division of Pari-mutuel Wagering; revising the facilities that may possess slot machines and conduct slot machine gaming; authorizing blackjack table games at certain pari-mutuel facilities, etc. AP 03/01/2016 Temporarily Postponed	Temporarily Postponed

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27	SB 7074 Regulated Industries (Similar H 7111, Compare CS/H 7109, Linked S 7072)	Gaming Compact Between the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the State of Florida; Superseding the Gaming Compact; ratifying and approving a specified compact executed by the Governor and the Tribe contingent upon the adoption of a specified amendment to the compact; directing the Governor to cooperate with the Tribe in seeking approval of the amended compact from the United States Secretary of the Interior; expanding the games authorized to be conducted and the counties in which such games may be offered, etc. AP 03/01/2016 Temporarily Postponed	Temporarily Postponed
28	HB 7099, 2nd Eng. Finance and Tax Committee / Gaetz (Compare H 115, H 247, H 301, H 551, H 721, H 939, CS/H 1079, CS/S 98, S 116, CS/CS/S 698, CS/S 842, CS/S 844, CS/CS/S 1236, CS/S 1272, S 1488, S 7064)	Taxation; Revises certain documentary stamp tax provisions; specifies uses of community redevelopment agency redevelopment trust fund moneys for youth centers; revises provisions regarding payment of aerial photographs; expands exemptions & discounts from ad valorem taxes; revises excise taxes on certain aviation fuels; reduces tax on leasing of real property; authorizes credit of tax for certain resales; revises provisions regarding sales of certain aircraft; revises sales tax exemptions for a variety of entities & activities; adopts 2016 version of IRC; extends rehabilitation tax credits; extends renewable energy technology corporate income tax credits; revises due dates for partnership information & corporate tax returns; revises tax credits available for rehabilitation of certain drycleaning contaminated sites; specifies excise tax for cider made from pears; creates method of tax for certain alcoholic beverages & tobacco products; exempts certain items for specified periods from sales & use tax; provides finding of important state interest. AP 03/01/2016 Temporarily Postponed	Temporarily Postponed

Pending Reconsideration:**A proposed committee substitute** for the following bill (CS/SB 318) is available:

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29	CS/SB 318 Environmental Preservation and Conservation / Richter (Similar CS/H 191)	Regulation of Oil and Gas Resources; Preempting the regulation of all matters relating to the exploration, development, production, processing, storage, and transportation of oil and gas; requiring that a permit be obtained before the performance of a high- pressure well stimulation; requiring the Division of Water Resource Management to give consideration to and be guided by certain additional criteria when issuing permits, etc. EP 01/13/2016 Fav/CS AGG 01/25/2016 Fav/CS AP 02/25/2016 Pending reconsider (Unfavorable) AP 03/01/2016 Abandoned reconsider (Unfavorable)	Pending Motion to Reconsider Abandoned -- Final Vote: Unfavorable Yeas 9 Nays 10
With subcommittee recommendation – General Government			
Other Related Meeting Documents			