



Senator Wilton Simpson

Weekly Update

Senate District 18

January 28th – February 1st, 2013

Friends,



Hernando Co. delegation meeting in Brooksville, FL.

It was great to spend time back in the district before February's committee weeks begin on Monday. Last Monday I had the pleasure of joining Representative Schenck and Representative Smith to discuss issues and concerns from constituents and County Officials at our annual Hernando County Delegation meeting at the Hernando County courthouse in Brooksville. I was honored to be elected the new chairman of the delegation, and look forward to supporting

the Hernando County citizens and business community. This week I also toured Morton Plant North Bay Hospital in New Port Richey, where I learned of the crucial services they provide for residents in the region, and met the folks who make saving lives a reality every day.

On Friday I filed natural gas vehicle legislation that will jump start the implementation of natural gas motor fuel in Florida. I am very excited for what this bill will do for Florida's economy, while leading the charge to reduce air emissions.



Touring Morton Plant North Bay Hospital in New Port Richey, FL.

I would like to invite you to my webpage (<http://flsenate.gov/Senators/s18>) where you can sign up to get my media alerts in real time, see more details about the bills that I have filed, and track them to see how they progress through committees. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with your questions or concerns at: simpson.wilton.web@flsenate.gov.

Regards,
Wilton

Sen. Wilton Simpson & Rep. Lake Ray File Natural Gas Vehicle Legislation

On Friday, February 1st, Senator Wilton Simpson (R-Trilby) and Rep. Lake Ray (R-Jacksonville), filed Senate Bill 560 and House Bill 579, the Florida Natural Gas Vehicle Act. “The recent natural gas development across the United States has shown there are voluminous reserves of recoverable domestic natural gas. As a result, it’s become evident that natural gas powered vehicles provide a means to reduce overall cost to businesses and residents, spur the economy, create jobs and reduce air emissions, among other benefits,” said Senator Simpson. “This legislation will jump start the implementation of natural gas motor fuel in Florida and maximize its benefit through the implementation of a progressive tax structure and clearly outlined incentives.”

“Natural gas can play a significant role in Florida’s initiative to increase trade and transportation mobility as a readily available, less costly, domestic, and environmentally friendly motor fuel source. This clean and domestic fuel will also allow Florida to reduce its dependence on foreign oil,” said Rep. Ray. “Currently, there are 32 natural gas fueling stations in Florida, and a broad coalition of business interests have come together in support of this legislation.”

Florida Natural Gas Vehicle Coalition members:

J.J. Taylor Inc., Goldring Gulf Distributing, Beer Industry of Florida Inc., All in One Fuel, UPS, Champion Brands, Florida Natural Gas, Cone Distributing, Keystone, Lowe’s, Pensacola Energy, Rush Truck Centers, Florida Public Utilities, Florida City Gas, Trillium CNG, Clean Energy, Infinite Energy, U.S. Sugar, TECO/Peoples Gas, Verdek/Galileo, NoPetro, Tampa Truck Center, Okaloosa Gas District, Waste Pro, Freightliner

2013 Committee Week Schedule

February 2013 - Week of the 4th
February 2013 - Week of the 11th
February 2013 - Week of the 18th

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