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The Ausley Update — Legislative Update —

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Dear Constituent and Friend,

Week three of the annual Legislative Session is in the books. By now I hope you know that broadband expansion is my top priority, so I am excited to report that SB 1560, our Broadband for All bill passed unanimously through its first committee this week. While the past year has been so challenging for so many, it has also helped to shine a light on serious issues like how important high speed internet is for school, for work and for health care.

Far too many Floridians do not have access because of pricing, speed, or a complete lack of connectivity. Finally, there seems to be a real appetite for addressing this issue once and for all. SB 1560 includes both rural and urban strategies, and positions Florida to take advantage of a renewed federal emphasis on broadband for all.



While we had a short floor session this week, most of the week's work was spent in committees. This process helps to vet and work out details of legislation. In the Senate Agriculture committee we are looking closely at the issue of food insecurity. This week we passed SB 1768 which will improve the overall condition of agriculture and nutrition in our state by placing preference on Florida



Grown products. This will support our farmers while helping food pantries, schools and churches meet the growing need for food assistance. I have long been a volunteer and supporter of Second Harvest of the Big Bend, and I have seen firsthand how great the need is -- especially during pandemics and hurricanes.

Next week in committees we will begin vetting the 2021-22 budget.

I will also be meeting with our Members of Congress to discuss how the recently passed federal stimulus package will impact our state budget and local communities. I have been working hard to support the priorities many of you have shared are important to Senate District 3.



I encourage you to contact me if you have positions on any legislation or wish to share your concerns, questions or need assistance with a state agency at Ausley.Loranne.web@flsenate.gov or 850-487-5003. Let's talk!

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2021 SESSION DATES

March 2, 2021: Regular Session convenes

April 30, 2021: 60th day – last day of Regular Session

AUSLEY's HIGHLIGHTS

Really enjoyed taking part in the 26th Annual Camp Gordon Johnston Parade. Thank you to all the veterans that have answered the call to serve and those continuing to serve! Great job, Carrabelle!!





Camp Gordon Johnston



VETERAN'S PARADE

SATURDAY 10:45 am MARCH 13

Motorcycle riders, WWII veteran grand marshals, military vehicles, community groups, Shriners, beauty queens, antique cars and more!



Remember, if you have a company, event or person that should be highlighted as part of our newsletter please share them by emailing me at ausley.loranne.web@flsenate.gov.

It is an honor and pleasure to serve you in the Florida Senate!

Sincerely,

Loranne Ausley

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