

HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

Date: April 29, 1998
Bill Subject: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Prepared By: Senate Committee on Agriculture

I. Amendments Contained in Message

House Amendment 1 -- 104313 (body with title)

House Amendment 2 -- 935633 (body with title)

House Amendment 3 -- 842659 (body with title)

House Amendment 4 -- 581253 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message**House Amendment 1**

The amendment leaves in statute the regulatory provisions of the state meat inspection program. The program was relinquished to the federal government (USDA) by the 1997 legislature.

House Amendment 2

The amendment provides for funding of the Citrus Budwood Registration Program to be taken from other departmental funds if the federal government determines the program can not be funded from the Citrus Inspection Trust Fund.

House Amendment 3

The amendment requires that the owner of any shopping cart with a registered name or mark that is found on public property must be notified of its recovery. It also requires that the owner of a shopping cart found on public property can not be charged fees, fines or costs for a shopping cart found on public property unless it was removed from the premises or parking area of the establishment by the owner of the cart, or an employee acting on behalf of the owner, and the fee, fine, or cost is approved by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

House Amendment 4

The amendment provides for nonresidential farm buildings on a farm to be exempt from the Florida Building Code and any county or municipal building code. A definition is provided for

purposes of this section “nonresidential farm building” means any building or structure located on a farm that is not used as a residential dwelling.