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CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by President Gardiner at 10:00 a.m. A quorum present—36:

Mr. President	Diaz de la Portilla	Margolis
Abruzzo	Evers	Montford
Altman	Gaetz	Negron
Bean	Galvano	Richter
Benacquisto	Gibson	Ring
Bradley	Grimsley	Sachs
Brandes	Hays	Simmons
Braynon	Hukill	Simpson
Bullard	Hutson	Sobel
Clemens	Joyner	Soto
Dean	Latvala	Stargel
Detert	Legg	Thompson

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Senator Montford:

Gracious Father, we come to you today knowing it is incumbent upon this body to lead this state. It is an awesome responsibility. There might never have been a time when the people of Florida and this country need a reminder of what civil leadership, service, and solidarity for the common good look like. We come to you for guidance, for patience, and for humbleness to provide that example to your people.

I ask of you today that we each have the strength and the wisdom to speak for our constituents, and for understanding and compassion when our colleagues speak for theirs, even in opposition.

The last few weeks have been challenging. Help us to clear our minds and have a strong heart. Help us to use the strength you have graced us with. Help us to understand and recognize our weaknesses and act accordingly. We ask that you reach into our hearts and touch our souls so that we can clear our minds of anything that will keep us from serving you and the people of Florida.

Father, grant us the perspective to remember that not far from the doors of these chambers and around our great state: children are hungry, elderly are sick, and families are suffering. Let us remember your teaching to care for the least of these. We all know the duties of our office, but Lord please help us to remember our most basic responsibility placed upon us from you: that, Dear Lord, is to care for our neighbors.

Lord, we ask for your special blessings and care for those men and women in our armed forces who risk their lives to protect the freedoms granted by the democracy we take part in here today. We ask a special blessing on their families who will miss them at dinner tonight and especially for their children who eagerly await their return.

In your name we pray, and for all of God's people to say, "Amen."

PLEDGE

Senator Soto led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

BILLS ON THIRD READING

CS for SJR 2-C—A joint resolution of apportionment; providing definitions; apportioning the senatorial districts of the state in accordance with the United States Decennial Census of 2010 (plan S040S9124); providing for the inclusion of omitted areas; providing contiguity for areas specified for inclusion in one senatorial district which are noncontiguous; specifying that the apportioned districts constitute the senatorial districts of the state; providing for severability of invalid portions; providing for application beginning in 2016.

—as amended October 27, was read the third time by title.

On motion by Senator Galvano, **CS for SJR 2-C**, as amended, was passed and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—22

Mr. President	Gaetz	Legg
Altman	Galvano	Negron
Bean	Garcia	Richter
Benacquisto	Grimsley	Simmons
Bradley	Hays	Simpson
Brandes	Hukill	Stargel
Diaz de la Portilla	Hutson	
Flores	Lee	

Nays—18

Abruzzo	Evers	Ring
Braynon	Gibson	Sachs
Bullard	Joyner	Smith
Clemens	Latvala	Sobel
Dean	Margolis	Soto
Detert	Montford	Thompson

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Pursuant to Rule 8.11, Senator Gaetz rose for a point of personal privilege.

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

The Journal of October 27 was corrected and approved.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Senator Simmons, the Senate adjourned at 11:25 a.m. for the purpose of holding committee meetings and conducting other Senate business to reconvene at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, November 5 or upon call of the President.