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CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by President Albritton at 2:30 p.m. A quorum present—39:

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PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Rabbi Schneur Z. Oirechman, Chabad Lubavitch of the Panhandle, Tallahassee:

Almighty G-d, as we gather here in the State Senate to bring light to the people, we pray that you bestow your light upon the honorable President of the Senate, Ben Albritton, and our distinguished Senators.

The Senators dedicate their time and make great sacrifices to serve the people of our Sunshine State. Bless them and their families with wisdom, peace of mind, good health, and prosperity. May they be blessed in their collective effort of light overcoming darkness, and may your blessings shine in their lives as we all stand together to defy antisemitism, evil, and darkness with light.

G-d, today let us remember the Noahide Code, your Seven Universal Laws for all Mankind, which guides us to believe and trust in one G-d and respect the sanctity of innocent life.

We just celebrated the Jewish holiday of Purim last Friday, celebrating the survival of the Jews in the face of ancient genocide. Let us see your face behind the mask of life, always directing events and always protecting the good from the lawless Hamans and immoral Amaleks of every day and age.

We pray that today, good will emerge victorious once again, and that we all come away from Purim knowing that you are here now as you were there then.

May we take inspiration from the life and legacy of Rabbi Menachem M. Schneersohn, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, of righteous memory. The Rebbe taught us that our world is ours to change for the better, one good deed at a time in preparation for the redemption. Let our efforts here, today and every day, be blessed with the power and victory needed to finally usher in that era of eternal world peace and goodness, with the coming of Moshiach, speedily in our days. Amen.

PLEDGE

Senate Pages, Harper Branaman of High Springs; David Fine of Melbourne Beach, son of Senator Fine; and Victoria Mitrovic of Largo, led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

The President recognized Dr. Bruce Rankin of DeLand, sponsored by Senator Wright, as the doctor of the day. Dr. Rankin specializes in family medicine.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

At the request of Senator Berman—

By Senator Berman—

SR 228—A resolution recognizing August 2025 as “Amblyopia Awareness Month” in Florida.

WHEREAS, amblyopia is the most common cause of vision loss in children, and

WHEREAS, amblyopia can cause permanent vision loss if not detected and treated early in life, and

WHEREAS, the detection of amblyopia and other vision-threatening disorders, including retinoblastoma tumors, cataracts, and strabismus, in early childhood increases the chances of successful treatment, especially when the disorder is detected before a child reaches 5 years of age, and

WHEREAS, many forms of amblyopia are difficult to detect and can be identified only through proper screening techniques, and

WHEREAS, the sooner children are identified as having amblyopia or any other vision-threatening disorder, the sooner treatment can commence, and

WHEREAS, millions of children in the United States are left with permanent vision loss due to undetected amblyopia and other childhood vision disorders that, if detected with proper screening, could have been successfully treated, and

WHEREAS, less than 20 percent of preschool children are currently screened for vision problems, despite the fact that such screening is a service covered by many health insurance plans and health maintenance organizations, and

WHEREAS, parents should be encouraged to have their children screened for vision problems before admission to preschool, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Society of Ophthalmology and the For Eye Care Foundation, Inc., believe that it is of paramount importance to promote statewide preschool vision screening, with the goal of testing all children between 3 and 5 years of age, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That August 2025 is recognized as “Amblyopia Awareness Month” in Florida.

—was introduced, read, and adopted by publication.

At the request of Senator Fine—

By Senator Fine—

SR 1684—A resolution condemning Students for Justice in Palestine for its support of foreign terrorist organizations and antisemitic actions.

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2023, the Jihadist terrorist organizations Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad carried out a secretive, barbaric attack on unarmed, innocent civilians in Israel, and

WHEREAS, in that attack, over 1,000 Israelis, Americans, and other nationals were murdered, more than 3,000 were wounded, and over 250 Israelis and Americans were taken hostage, and

WHEREAS, following the attacks in Israel, Students for Justice in Palestine planned and organized a series of demonstrations on college campuses around America, and

WHEREAS, Students for Justice in Palestine released a toolkit for these demonstrations, stating that “Palestinian students in exile are PART of this movement, not in solidarity with this movement...This is a moment of mobilization,” and

WHEREAS, some of the demonstrations turned violent and were declared riots and unlawful occupations, and

WHEREAS, Jewish students on American college campuses became the targets of violence and antisemitic persecution during and after the riots and demonstrations, and

WHEREAS, the demonstrations, in effect, provide material support to Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad, two organizations officially designated as Foreign Terrorist Organizations by the United States Department of State, and

WHEREAS, in response to Students for Justice in Palestine identifying themselves as part of the terrorist attack, the State University System of Florida issued a memorandum on October 24, 2023, deactivating student chapters within state universities and citing s. 775.33(3), Florida Statutes, which provides that it is a felony in this state to provide material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization, and

WHEREAS, Students for Justice in Palestine has denied that Hamas is a terrorist organization, characterizing it instead as a “social organization” focused on resistance and stating that “liberating colonized land is a real process and requires confrontation by any means necessary,” and

WHEREAS, Senan Shaqdeh, identified as a “former member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) Mountain Brigade,” is one of the self-identified founders of Students for Justice in Palestine, and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2024, the PFLP posted a public statement of support for students involved in pro-terrorist protests on college campuses in which they expressed support for Students for Justice in Palestine by name, and

WHEREAS, the Canada-based charity Samidoun has been designated by the United States Treasury Department as a “sham charity that serves as an international fundraiser for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine terrorist organization,” and

WHEREAS, the designated PFLP charity Samidoun publicly described Students for Justice in Palestine as their “comrades and colleagues,” and

WHEREAS, according to a May 3, 2024, *Wall Street Journal* article, pro-terrorist and antisemitic campus protestors were trained for months by members of Samidoun and Students for Justice in Palestine, and

WHEREAS, the Students for Justice in Palestine organization has been described as being “founded and controlled by American Muslims for Palestine (AMP),” and

WHEREAS, Students for Justice in Palestine co-founder Hatem Bazian is also the co-founder of American Muslims for Palestine (AMP), and

WHEREAS, AMP is currently under investigation by the Virginia Attorney General for violations of state charity laws, and

WHEREAS, AMP has been credibly accused in civil court of serving as the alter ego of the Islamic Association for Palestine, a designated Hamas charity, and

WHEREAS, both AMP and Students for Justice in Palestine are currently being sued by victims of the October 7, 2023, terrorist attack over allegations of serving as a public relations firm for Hamas, and

WHEREAS, during a search of the home of two Students for Justice in Palestine leaders in Virginia, police allegedly uncovered Hamas and Hezbollah flags, firearms and ammunition, foreign passports, and documents calling for “Death to America,” and

WHEREAS, Students for Justice in Palestine has promoted and supported the discriminatory movement looking to boycott, divest, and sanction Israel, actions that this Legislature has prohibited and condemned through laws and resolutions, and

WHEREAS, despite an order from the State University System of Florida, the University of Florida and the University of South Florida have failed to remove the organization from their campuses following the dismissal of *Students for Justice in Palestine at the University of Florida v. Raymond Rodrigues*, and

WHEREAS, a number of universities nationwide have suspended the Students for Justice in Palestine chapters on their campuses, including, but not limited to, Brandeis University, Brown University, Columbia University, George Mason University, George Washington University, Rowan University, Rutgers-New Brunswick University, Tufts University, the University of California-Los Angeles, the University of Georgia, the University of Michigan, and the University of Vermont, and

WHEREAS, Students for Justice in Palestine promotes an anti-semitic ideology and supports terrorist organizations that advocate for violence and hatred against others, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That the Senate of the State of Florida condemns the organization Students for Justice in Palestine as an anti-American, antisemitic, and racist organization that has no place in American life and urges all Florida colleges and universities to remove Students for Justice in Palestine from their campuses.

—was introduced, read, and adopted by publication.

At the request of Senator Osgood—

By Senator Osgood—

SR 1854—A resolution honoring Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, on the occasion of its Florida State Leadership Conference and recognizing the organization’s advocacy for the Extraordinary Power of S.H.E. — the Social, Health, and Economic Justice Initiative.

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, founded January 16, 1920, at Howard University, has upheld the principles of scholar-

ship, service, sisterhood, and finer womanhood for more than a century, advancing civic engagement and advocacy that strengthen families and communities, and

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, is an organization of college women organized as a sister group to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, that bind themselves together to promote “the cause of education by encouraging the highest standards of scholarship through scientific, literary, cultural, and educational programs; promoting charitable projects on college campuses and within the community; fostering the spirit of sisterly love; and promoting the ideal of finer womanhood,” and

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity comprise the only constitutionally bound, brother-and-sister black Greek-letter organization, and

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority’s Florida State Leadership Conference serves as a vital platform for leadership development, community engagement, and legislative advocacy, empowering members to enact meaningful changes through policy and service that promotes overall community advancement, and

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority members have been relentless in demonstrating a strong commitment to community service, and through their Zetas Helping Other People Excel (Z-HOPE) initiative, they have organized and executed more than 150,000 programs, reaching and positively impacting more than 5 million individuals, and

WHEREAS, the sorority’s financial commitment of more than \$8 million to the Extraordinary Power of S.H.E., the Social, Health, and Economic Justice initiative, is a testament to the members’ dedication to advancing social justice by advocating for voting rights, criminal justice reform, sensible and responsible firearms legislation, and equitable education policies; promoting health equity through affordable health care, improved maternal health, Medicaid expansion, mental health access, and preventive care in marginalized communities; and ensuring economic justice by supporting fair wages, workforce development, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship, and

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority has a long-standing national partnership with the March of Dimes, a collaboration that has contributed significantly to the fight against maternal and infant health disparities through improved access to prenatal care, policies that better protect mothers and babies, and increased awareness about black maternal health, and

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority proudly honors the remarkable contributions of one of its members, Jennifer “Jennie” Joseph, whose visionary work as a midwife, her recognition as the 2022 Time Magazine Woman of the Year, and her advocacy for maternal health have been instrumental in reducing maternal and infant mortality rates, particularly among black and marginalized communities in Florida and beyond, and

WHEREAS, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority collaborates to actively support local, state, and national legislation that aligns with its S.H.E. initiative, with Zetas working alongside state legislators, advocacy groups, and national partners to champion policies that promote equity and justice for marginalized communities, ensuring impactful advocacy and community empowerment, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That the Senate honors the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Florida State Leadership Conference, Incorporated, and recognizes the organization’s advocacy for the Extraordinary Power of S.H.E. — the Social, Health, and Economic Justice Initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Leadership, Dr. Stacie N.C. Grant, International President and CEO; the Florida State Director, Bridgette Howard; and the Social Action Coordinators, Dr. Trina Sanders and Paulette Bartlett, as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

—was introduced, read, and adopted by publication.

At the request of Senator Simon—

By Senator Simon—

SR 1858—A resolution commending Florida State University for its achievements as a national leader in academic and research excellence and designating March 19, 2025, as FSU Day at the Capitol.

WHEREAS, the Tallahassee campus of Florida State University (FSU) was founded in 1851 as the West Florida Seminary and is the oldest continuous site of higher education in Florida, and

WHEREAS, FSU has been recognized as a preeminent university by the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, FSU has reached a historic milestone, earning its highest academic ranking ever at No. 10 in Niche’s report of Top Public Universities in America, and has been recognized by Princeton Review as the No. 1 public university for student satisfaction, and

WHEREAS, FSU is recognized as a national leader in student success, with a first-year student retention rate of 96 percent and a 4-year graduation rate of 76 percent, placing FSU in the top 10 among all public universities in the nation in both categories, and

WHEREAS, FSU’s research expenditures have reached an all-time high of \$460.7 million as the university paves the way for world-changing discoveries and launches bold new initiatives, such as FSU Health and the Institute for Pediatric Rare Diseases, which make a difference in people’s lives and contribute to the economies of our state and nation, and

WHEREAS, FSU is the headquarters of the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, the only national laboratory in Florida and home to the most powerful magnets in the world, which generates \$709 million in economic output and supports 4,550 jobs, and

WHEREAS, FSU offers undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, and professional degrees in 272 programs within 17 colleges, taught by a faculty of 2,760, which has included members of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and six Nobel Laureates, and has a student-faculty ratio of 17-to-1, meaning that more than 65 percent of FSU’s classes have fewer than 20 students, and

WHEREAS, FSU’s 2024-2025 freshman class is one of the brightest in the university’s history, with students coming from all 67 Florida counties, all 50 states, and 48 countries and entering FSU with an average GPA of 4.3, SAT score of 1350, and ACT score of 30, and 76 percent of whom were among the top 10 percent of their high school class, and

WHEREAS, FSU is ranked 10th in the nation for study abroad enrollment and has a rich history of supporting learning and scholarship programs around the world, with exceptional study centers in London, Florence, and Valencia and a branch campus in the Republic of Panama, which provide transformative educational experiences to thousands of students across nearly every academic discipline offered at FSU, and

WHEREAS, FSU shares a special relationship with the Seminole Tribe of Florida which is built on respect, trust, and collaboration and which celebrates the tribe’s rich history and culture while supporting educational opportunities and initiatives that strengthen this enduring partnership, and

WHEREAS, FSU boasts a network of more than 400,000 alumni who are making a difference in their communities across Florida and around the world and demonstrating the university’s commitment to producing graduates who lead and serve, and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the FSU baseball team reached the College World Series for the 24th time, the women’s soccer team won its 11th Atlantic Coast Conference championship, and, in the annual Director’s Cup standings, which measure the overall strength of athletic programs, the Seminoles ranked 12th in the nation — FSU’s highest ranking in 5 years, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That the Florida Senate hereby designates March 19, 2025, as FSU Day in Florida in recognition of Florida State University’s contribution as an outstanding institution of higher education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to Richard McCullough, Ph.D., the 16th President of Florida State University, as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

—was introduced, read, and adopted by publication.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Senator Simon recognized Peter Collins, Chair of Florida State University’s Board of Trustees; Vivian de las Cuevas-Diaz, Vice Chair of Florida State University’s Board of Trustees; Richard McCullough, President of Florida State University; Clay Ingram, Chief Legislative Affairs Officer and former Representative; and Lina Rojas, Legislative Manager for Governmental Relations, who were present in the gallery in support of SR 1858 recognizing March 19, 2025, as FSU Day at the Capitol. Senator Simon also thanked the late football coach, Bobby Bowden, for his many contributions both on and off the field over his years of service.

INTRODUCTION OF FORMER SENATORS

The President recognized former Senator Denise Grimsley who was present in the chamber.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR

SB 36—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; amending ss. 11.2421, 11.2422, 11.2424, and 11.2425, F.S.; adopting the Florida Statutes 2025 and designating the portions thereof that are to constitute the official law of the state; providing that the Florida Statutes 2025 shall be effective immediately upon publication; providing that general laws enacted during the 2024 regular session and prior thereto and not included in the Florida Statutes are repealed; providing that general laws enacted after the 2024 regular session are not repealed by this adoption act; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Passidomo, by two-thirds vote, **SB 36** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—38

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| Collins | McClain | Yarborough |
| Davis | Osgood | |

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Leek

SB 38—A reviser’s bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; amending ss. 16.59, 400.9935, 409.91212, 440.105, 440.1051, 440.12, 552.113, 624.115, 624.521, 626.016, 626.989, 626.9891, 626.9893, 626.9894, 626.9896, 626.99278, 627.351, 627.711, 627.736, 627.7401, 631.156, 633.114, 633.126, 641.30, 791.013, 817.234, 843.08, and 932.7055, F.S., to conform to section 63 of chapter 2024-140, Laws

of Florida, which directs the Division of Law Revision to prepare a reviser’s bill for the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature to change the term “Division of Investigative and Forensic Services” to “Division of Criminal Investigations” wherever it appears in the Florida Statutes; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Passidomo, by two-thirds vote, **SB 38** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—39

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| Davis | McClain | Yarborough |

Nays—None

SB 40—A reviser’s bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; repealing ss. 161.101(22), 161.551, 220.193, 259.10521, 288.0655(7), 331.3101(5)(d), 381.933, 570.441(4), 570.83, 717.123(3), and 1002.334, F.S., and amending ss. 212.20, 320.06, 402.57, and 443.131, F.S., to delete provisions which have become inoperative by noncurrent repeal or expiration and, pursuant to s. 11.242(5)(b) and (i), F.S., may be omitted from the 2024 Florida Statutes only through a reviser’s bill duly enacted by the Legislature; amending ss. 213.053, 220.02, 220.13, 377.703, 571.26, and 571.265, F.S., to conform to the changes by this act; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Passidomo, by two-thirds vote, **SB 40** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—39

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| Mr. President | DiCeglie | Osgood |
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| Davis | McClain | Yarborough |

Nays—None

SB 42—A reviser’s bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Statutes; amending ss. 17.69, 30.61, 39.5035, 39.822, 39.8296, 50.051, 119.071, 121.051, 121.71, 154.506, 159.8053, 159.811, 175.032, 177.073, 193.703, 196.011, 196.1978, 215.55871, 280.051, 282.709, 284.51, 286.0113, 288.102, 288.987, 316.0083, 319.30, 320.08058, 322.27, 322.76, 330.41, 337.195, 341.302, 365.172, 373.250, 393.12, 394.468, 395.901, 397.68141, 403.031, 403.086, 403.121, 408.051, 409.909, 409.988, 420.606, 420.6241, 456.0145, 456.4501, 459.0075, 465.022, 466.016, 466.028, 466.0281, 493.6127, 516.15, 516.38, 517.131, 550.0351, 553.8991, 581.189, 605.0115, 607.0149, 624.27, 624.307, 624.413, 624.4213, 624.424, 624.470, 626.878, 627.410, 629.121, 648.25, 655.0591, 683.06, 709.2209, 715.105, 717.101, 717.1201, 718.111,

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—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Passidomo, by two-thirds vote, **SB 42** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—37

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| Mr. President | Fine | Passidomo |
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Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Bradley

CS for SB 50—A bill to be entitled An act relating to nature-based methods for improving coastal resilience; amending s. 380.0933, F.S.; requiring the Florida Flood Hub for Applied Research and Innovation at the University of South Florida College of Marine Science to develop design guidelines and standards for green and gray infrastructure and models for conceptual designs of green infrastructure and green-gray infrastructure; creating s. 380.0938, F.S.; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules for nature-based methods for coastal resilience; providing requirements for such rules; requiring the department, in consultation with the Division of Insurance Agent and Agency Services of the Department of Financial Services, to conduct a statewide feasibility study regarding the value of nature-based methods being used for a specified purpose; requiring the department to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pursuant to Rule 7.1, there being no objection, consideration of the following late-filed amendment was allowed:

Senator Garcia moved the following amendment which was adopted:

Amendment 1 (384900) (with title amendment)—Delete lines 46-60 and insert:

Section 1. Present paragraphs (c) through (i) of subsection (2) of section 380.0933, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (e) through (k), respectively, new paragraphs (c) and (d) are added to that subsection, and subsections (1) and (4) of that section are amended, to read:

380.0933 Florida Flood Hub for Applied Research and Innovation.—

(1) The Florida Flood Hub for Applied Research and Innovation is established within the University of South Florida ~~College of Marine~~

~~Science~~ to coordinate efforts between the academic and research institutions of the state. The University of South Florida ~~College of Marine Science or its successor entity~~ will serve as the lead institution and engage other academic and research institutions, private partners, and financial sponsors to coordinate efforts to support applied research and innovation to address the flooding and sea level rise challenges of the state.

(2) The hub shall, at a minimum:

(c) *Develop design guidelines and standards for optimal combinations of green and gray infrastructure to address sea level rise and the impact of storm surges.*

(d) *Model the effects, including flood risk reduction and socio-economic benefits, of conceptual designs of green infrastructure and hybrid green-gray infrastructure, and the integration of green natural systems into gray infrastructure systems, on this state’s coastal resilience.*

(4) The hub shall be led by ~~employ~~ an executive director who is appointed by and reports to the President of the University of South Florida, or the president’s designee.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 4-9 and insert: specifying that the Florida Flood Hub for Applied Research and Innovation is established within the University of South Florida, rather than within the University of South Florida College of Marine Science; requiring the hub to develop design guidelines and standards for optimal combinations of green and gray infrastructure and to model the effects of conceptual designs of certain green and gray infrastructure; providing for the appointment of an executive director to lead the hub; creating s. 380.0938,

On motion by Senator Garcia, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 50**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, ordered engrossed, and then certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—39

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Nays—None

Consideration of **CS for SB 108** and **CS for SB 110** was deferred.

CS for CS for SB 116—A bill to be entitled An act relating to veterans; amending s. 265.003, F.S.; revising the maximum number of nominees for the Florida Veterans’ Hall of Fame submitted by the Florida Veterans’ Hall of Fame Council to the Department of Veterans’ Affairs for submission to the Governor and the Cabinet; amending s. 292.05, F.S.; requiring the Department of Veterans’ Affairs to conduct a study that includes a survey evaluating the extent to which specified persons are aware of certain existing programs or services; requiring that such survey also include specified recommendations; requiring that a certain report include additional actions taken by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs and other information and recommendations as the department determines are necessary; requiring that a specified report include an evaluation of the health literacy of veterans in this state and recommendations on how to increase knowledge of programs and services available to such veterans; requiring the department to ensure coordination to the greatest extent possible with the United States

Department of Defense for a specified purpose; authorizing the Department of Veterans' Affairs to engage county and city veteran service officers for assistance; amending s. 292.115, F.S.; revising the purpose of the Veteran Suicide Prevention Training Pilot Program to include specialized mental health training; requiring individuals electing to participate in the pilot program to be trained to identify indicators of mental health conditions; requiring the department to contract with an organization developing and implementing veteran-relevant and evidence-based mental health assistance training; amending s. 295.124, F.S.; revising a reference to the United States Code; amending s. 295.21, F.S.; requiring Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., to advise the Department of Veterans' Affairs on specified problems or needs of certain military personnel and their spouses; amending s. 295.22, F.S.; revising the collaborators of the Veterans Employment and Training Services Program to include a specified direct-support organization; amending s. 296.43, F.S.; requiring the Department of Veterans' Affairs to develop a plan to establish adult day health care facilities across this state to serve veterans and their families; requiring that such plans include specified information; requiring the department to provide a specified report to the Legislature by a specified date; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; authorizing the use of a specified percentage of proceeds from the sale of a specified specialty license plate for the promotion and administrative costs of the plate; providing appropriations; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Burgess, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for SB 116** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—39

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| Mr. President | DiCeglie | Osgood |
| Arrington | Fine | Passidomo |
| Avila | Gaetz | Pizzo |
| Berman | Garcia | Polsky |
| Bernard | Grall | Rodriguez |
| Boyd | Gruters | Rouson |
| Bradley | Harrell | Sharief |
| Brodeur | Hooper | Simon |
| Burgess | Ingoglia | Smith |
| Burton | Jones | Truenow |
| Calatayud | Leek | Trumbull |
| Collins | Martin | Wright |
| Davis | McClain | Yarborough |

Nays—None

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The President recognized General James Hartsell, Executive Director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, who was present in the gallery in support of CS for CS for SB 116, dealing with Veterans, by Senator Burgess. General Hartsell graciously loaned his gavel to the President to use as he presided over today's session.

SB 118—A bill to be entitled An act relating to regulation of presidential libraries; creating s. 257.51, F.S.; providing legislative findings; preempting to the state all regulatory authority over the establishment, maintenance, activities, and operations of presidential libraries; deferring such regulatory authority to the Federal Government; defining the term "presidential library"; prohibiting counties, municipalities, or other political subdivisions from enacting or enforcing any ordinance, resolution, rule, or other measure regarding presidential libraries unless authorized by federal law; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Brodeur, by two-thirds vote, **SB 118** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—36

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| Mr. President | Boyd | Burton |
| Arrington | Bradley | Calatayud |
| Avila | Brodeur | Collins |
| Bernard | Burgess | Davis |

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| DiCeglie | Ingoglia | Rodriguez |
| Fine | Jones | Rouson |
| Gaetz | Leek | Sharief |
| Garcia | Martin | Simon |
| Grall | McClain | Truenow |
| Gruters | Osgood | Trumbull |
| Harrell | Passidomo | Wright |
| Hooper | Pizzo | Yarborough |

Nays—3

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| Berman | Polsky | Smith |
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CS for SB 126—A bill to be entitled An act relating to prescription hearing aids; amending ss. 468.1265 and 484.054, F.S.; authorizing the distribution of prescription hearing aids through the mail to patients 18 years of age or older before a scheduled telehealth appointment with a Florida-licensed audiologist or hearing aid specialist, respectively, if certain requirements are met; authorizing the sale of prescription hearing aids through the mail to patients 18 years of age or older who have been fitted for such hearing aids by a licensed audiologist or licensed hearing aid specialist, respectively; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Bradley, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 126** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—39

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| Mr. President | DiCeglie | Osgood |
| Arrington | Fine | Passidomo |
| Avila | Gaetz | Pizzo |
| Berman | Garcia | Polsky |
| Bernard | Grall | Rodriguez |
| Boyd | Gruters | Rouson |
| Bradley | Harrell | Sharief |
| Brodeur | Hooper | Simon |
| Burgess | Ingoglia | Smith |
| Burton | Jones | Truenow |
| Calatayud | Leek | Trumbull |
| Collins | Martin | Wright |
| Davis | McClain | Yarborough |

Nays—None

CS for SB 150—A bill to be entitled An act relating to abandoning restrained animals during natural disasters; providing a short title; amending s. 828.13, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting the abandonment of an animal that is restrained outside during a natural disaster; providing criminal penalties; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Gaetz moved the following amendment which was adopted:

Amendment 1 (376058) (with title amendment)—Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. *This act may be cited as "Trooper's Law."*

Section 2. Section 828.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

828.13 Confinement of animals without sufficient food, water, or exercise; abandonment of animals.—

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Abandon" means to forsake an animal entirely or to neglect or refuse to provide or perform the legal obligations for care and support of an animal by its owner.

(b) "Natural disaster" means a situation in which a hurricane, tropical storm, or tornado warning has been issued for a municipality or a

county by the National Weather Service, or the municipality or county is under a mandatory or voluntary evacuation order.

(c)(b) "Owner" includes any owner, custodian, or other person in charge of an animal.

(d) "Restrain" means to attach a dog to a stationary object or trolley system by way of a chain, rope, tether, leash, cable, or other device.

(2) Whoever:

(a) Impounds or confines any animal in any place and fails to supply the animal during such confinement with a sufficient quantity of good and wholesome food and water,

(b) Keeps any animals in any enclosure without wholesome exercise and change of air, or

(c) Abandons to die any animal that is maimed, sick, infirm, or diseased,

~~commits is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both imprisonment and a fine.~~

(3) Any person who is the owner or possessor, or has charge or custody, of any animal who abandons such animal to suffer injury or malnutrition or abandons any animal in a street, road, or public place without providing for the care, sustenance, protection, and shelter of such animal ~~commits is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by both imprisonment and a fine.~~

(4) Any person who restrains a dog outside during a natural disaster and thereafter abandons the dog commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both.

Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2025.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert: A bill to be entitled An act relating to abandoning restrained dogs during natural disasters; providing a short title; amending s. 828.13, F.S.; defining the terms "natural disaster" and "restrain"; providing criminal penalties for restraining a dog outside during a natural disaster and thereafter abandoning the dog; providing an effective date.

On motion by Senator Gaetz, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 150**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, ordered engrossed, and then certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—39

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| Mr. President | DiCeglie | Osgood |
| Arrington | Fine | Passidomo |
| Avila | Gaetz | Pizzo |
| Berman | Garcia | Polsky |
| Bernard | Grall | Rodriguez |
| Boyd | Gruters | Rouson |
| Bradley | Harrell | Sharief |
| Brodeur | Hooper | Simon |
| Burgess | Ingoglia | Smith |
| Burton | Jones | Truenow |
| Calatayud | Leek | Trumbull |
| Collins | Martin | Wright |
| Davis | McClain | Yarborough |

Nays—None

Consideration of **CS for SB 160** was deferred.

SB 294—A bill to be entitled An act relating to collaborative pharmacy practice for chronic health conditions; amending s. 465.1865, F.S.;

revising the definition of the term "chronic health condition" to exclude specified heart conditions for purposes of collaborative pharmacy practice for chronic health conditions; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Harrell, by two-thirds vote, **SB 294** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—38

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| Mr. President | DiCeglie | Passidomo |
| Arrington | Fine | Pizzo |
| Avila | Gaetz | Polsky |
| Berman | Garcia | Rodriguez |
| Bernard | Grall | Rouson |
| Boyd | Harrell | Sharief |
| Bradley | Hooper | Simon |
| Brodeur | Ingoglia | Smith |
| Burgess | Jones | Truenow |
| Burton | Leek | Trumbull |
| Calatayud | Martin | Wright |
| Collins | McClain | Yarborough |
| Davis | Osgood | |

Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Gruters

SM 314—A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to impel the National Guard Bureau to examine the present allocations of the Florida National Guard and allow an increase in its force structure.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Wright, **SM 314** was adopted and certified to the House.

CS for CS for SB 322—A bill to be entitled An act relating to property rights; amending s. 82.036, F.S.; specifying a requirement for a complaint to remove an unauthorized person from residential real property; correcting a cross-reference in the complaint; creating s. 82.037, F.S.; authorizing a property owner or his or her authorized agent to request the sheriff in the county in which the owner's commercial real property is located to immediately remove persons unlawfully occupying the owner's commercial real property if specified conditions are met; requiring such owners or agents to submit a specified completed and verified complaint; specifying requirements for the complaint; specifying requirements for the sheriff upon receipt of the complaint; authorizing the sheriff to arrest an unauthorized person for legal cause; providing that sheriffs are entitled to a specified fee for service of the notice to vacate immediately; authorizing the owner or agent to request that the sheriff stand by while the owner or agent takes possession of the commercial real property; authorizing the sheriff to charge a reasonable hourly rate; providing that the sheriff is not liable to any party for the loss or destruction of, or damage to, certain personal property; providing that the property owner or agent is not liable to any party for the loss or destruction of, or damage to, personal property unless it was wrongfully removed; providing civil remedies; providing construction; amending s. 689.03, F.S.; making technical changes; amending s. 806.13, F.S.; prohibiting a person from unlawfully detaining or occupying or trespassing upon commercial real property and intentionally causing a specified amount of damage; providing criminal penalties; amending s. 817.0311, F.S.; prohibiting listing or advertising for sale, or renting or leasing, real property under certain circumstances; providing criminal penalties; reenacting ss. 775.0837(1)(c) and 895.02(8)(a), F.S., relating to habitual misdemeanor offenders and definitions, respectively, to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 806.13 and 817.0311, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Rodriguez, by two-thirds vote, **CS for CS for SB 322** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

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| Mr. President | DiCeglie | Osgood |
| Arrington | Fine | Passidomo |
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| Bradley | Harrell | Sharief |
| Brodeur | Hooper | Simon |
| Burgess | Ingoglia | Smith |
| Burton | Jones | Truenow |
| Calatayud | Leek | Trumbull |
| Collins | Martin | Wright |
| Davis | McClain | Yarborough |

Nays—None

CS for SB 348—A bill to be entitled An act relating to ethics; creating s. 112.3131, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting candidates, elected public officers, appointed public officers, and public employees from knowingly misrepresenting their Armed Forces of the United States service records, awards, or qualifications or wearing any uniform, medal, or insignia that they are not authorized to wear; providing applicability; providing civil penalties; providing construction; amending s. 112.317, F.S.; specifying when certain penalties imposed by the Commission on Ethics are considered delinquent; requiring the Attorney General to attempt to determine whether an individual owing certain penalties is a current public officer or public employee; requiring the Attorney General to notify the Chief Financial Officer or the governing body of a county, municipality, school district, or special district of the total amount of any such penalty owed by a current public officer or public employee; requiring the Chief Financial Officer or the governing body to begin withholding portions of any salary-related payment that would otherwise be paid to the officer or employee; requiring that the withheld payments be remitted to the commission until the penalty is satisfied; authorizing the Chief Financial Officer or the governing body to retain a portion of each retained payment for administrative costs; authorizing the Attorney General to refer certain unpaid fines to a collection agency; authorizing the collection agency to use any lawful collection method; authorizing the Attorney General to collect an unpaid fine within a specified period after issuance of the civil penalty or restitution penalty; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Gaetz, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 348** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

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| Mr. President | DiCeglie | Osgood |
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| Brodeur | Hooper | Simon |
| Burgess | Ingoglia | Smith |
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| Calatayud | Leek | Trumbull |
| Collins | Martin | Wright |
| Davis | McClain | Yarborough |

Nays—None

CS for SB 7012—A bill to be entitled An act relating to child welfare; amending s. 39.524, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Families to maintain copies of certain assessments and tools used to assess children for certain placement; requiring the department to maintain certain data in a specified format; amending s. 402.402, F.S.; requiring the department to develop a child protective investigator and case manager recruitment program for a specified purpose; specifying

requirements for the program; specifying duties of the department under the program, to be completed in collaboration with community-based care lead agencies; authorizing the department to adopt rules to implement the program; amending s. 409.996, F.S.; subject to an appropriation and beginning on a specified date, requiring the department to develop a 4-year pilot program for treatment foster care; requiring the department to implement the pilot program by a specified date; requiring the department to implement and operate the pilot program and coordinate with community-based care lead agencies for specified purposes; requiring community-based care lead agencies to work with the department in recruiting licensed providers and identifying eligible participants in the program; limiting participation in the pilot program to children meeting specified criteria; requiring the department to identify two judicial circuits determined to have the greatest need for implementation of such a program; requiring the department to arrange for an independent evaluation of the pilot program to make specified determinations; requiring the department to establish certain minimum standards for the pilot program; requiring the department, by a specified date, to submit a final report to the Governor and the Legislature which includes specified evaluations, findings, and recommendations; requiring the department to convene a case management workforce workgroup by a specified date; providing for membership of the workgroup; specifying duties of the workgroup, to be completed in collaboration with the Florida Institute for Child Welfare; providing for meetings of the workgroup; providing for the operation of the workgroup until a specified date; requiring the workgroup to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing requirements for the report; requiring the department to contract for a detailed study of certain services for child victims of commercial sexual exploitation; requiring that the study be completed by a specified date; providing requirements for the study; providing appropriations; providing effective dates.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Grall, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 7012** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

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| Brodeur | Hooper | Simon |
| Burgess | Ingoglia | Smith |
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| Calatayud | Leek | Trumbull |
| Collins | Martin | Wright |
| Davis | McClain | Yarborough |

Nays—None

CS for SB 108—A bill to be entitled An act relating to administrative procedures; amending s. 120.52, F.S.; defining the term “technical change”; amending s. 120.54, F.S.; requiring agencies to publish a certain notice of intended agency action within a specified timeframe; deleting a provision related to the timeframe within which rules are required to be drafted and formally proposed; prohibiting materials from being incorporated by reference for certain rules reviewed after a specified date unless certain conditions are met; prohibiting rules proposed after a specified date from having materials incorporated by reference unless certain conditions are met; requiring agencies to use specific coding if they are updating or making changes to certain documents incorporated by reference; requiring that certain notices of rule development include incorporated documents; revising the notices required to be issued by agencies before the adoption, amendment, or repeal of certain rules; requiring that such notices be published in the Florida Administrative Register within a specified timeframe; requiring that specified information be available for public inspection; requiring that materials incorporated by reference be made available in a specified manner; requiring that certain notices be delivered electronically to all persons who made requests for such notice; requiring agencies to

publish a notice of correction for certain changes within a specified timeframe; providing that notices of correction do not affect certain timeframes; requiring that technical changes be published as notices of correction; requiring agencies to provide copies of any offered regulatory alternatives to the Administrative Procedures Committee before the agency files a rule for adoption; requiring that certain materials incorporated by reference be made available in a specified manner; requiring that certain rules be withdrawn if not ratified within the legislative session immediately following the filing for adoption; providing that agencies are authorized to initiate rulemaking, or required to initiate rulemaking under a specified circumstance, within a specified timeframe of the adjournment of such legislative session; reducing the number of certified copies of a proposed rule that must be electronically filed with the Department of State; authorizing agencies to adopt emergency rules under specified conditions; requiring that specified information be published in the first available issue of the Florida Administrative Register and provided to the Administrative Procedures Committee; providing that if a proposed rule is not ratified within a specified timeframe, the emergency rule expires; requiring that the proposed rule be withdrawn in accordance with a specified provision; requiring that notices of renewal for emergency rules be published in the Florida Administrative Register before expiration of the existing emergency rule; requiring that such notices contain specified information; requiring that a note be added to a certain history note for certain emergency rules; requiring that emergency rules be published in the Florida Administrative Code; authorizing agencies to adopt emergency rules that supersede other emergency rules; requiring that the reason for such superseding rules be stated in accordance with specified provisions; authorizing agencies to make technical changes to emergency rules within a specified timeframe; requiring that such changes be published in the Florida Administrative Register as a notice of correction; authorizing agencies to repeal emergency rules by providing a certain notice in the Florida Administrative Register; requiring agencies to provide specified petitions to the committee within a specified timeframe after receipt; requiring agencies to provide a certain notification to the committee within a specified timeframe; reenacting and amending s. 120.541, F.S.; providing that a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative submitted after a notice of change is made in good faith only if the proposal contains certain statements; requiring agencies to provide a copy of such proposals and responses thereto to the committee within specified timeframes; prohibiting agencies from filing a rule for adoption unless such documents are provided to the committee; requiring agencies to notify the committee within a specified timeframe that a rule has been submitted for legislative ratification; providing that if a proposed rule is not ratified within a specified timeframe, the agency must withdraw such rule and the agency may initiate rulemaking again, or must initiate rulemaking again under a specified condition; creating s. 120.5435, F.S.; requiring agencies, by a specified date and in coordination with the committee, to review specified rules adopted before a specified date; defining the term “rule”; requiring agencies to include a list of existing rules and a schedule of rules they plan to review each year in a certain regulatory plan; authorizing agencies to amend such schedules under specified circumstances but requiring that at least a specified percentage of an agency’s rules be reviewed each year until completion of all reviews; requiring agencies to make specified determinations during rule review; providing that certain determinations are not subject to challenge as a proposed rule; requiring agencies to submit a certain report to the Legislature annually by a specified date; requiring agencies to take one of certain specified actions during rule reviews by a specified date; providing requirements for the agencies in connection with each of the specified actions; requiring the committee to examine agencies’ rule review submissions; authorizing the committee to request certain information from such agencies; requiring that such review occur within a specified timeframe under specified conditions; requiring the committee to issue a certain certification upon completion of examinations; specifying circumstances under which rule review is considered completed; requiring the department to publish a certain notice in the Florida Administrative Register; requiring the department to adopt rules before a specified date; providing for future review and repeal; amending s. 120.55, F.S.; revising the contents of the Florida Administrative Code to conform to changes made by the act; requiring, after a specified date, that any material incorporated by reference be filed in a specified electronic format with the department; requiring that the Florida Administrative Register contain a certain list; requiring that the department prescribe coding for certain documents incorporated by reference; amending s. 120.74, F.S.; requiring that regulatory plans submitted by agencies

include certain schedules for rule review and certain desired updates to such plans; requiring agencies to take certain actions if the agencies have not completed reviewing a rule; requiring agencies to include information regarding the prior year’s licensing practices in their regulatory plan; requiring Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to submit a consolidated report of the agency licensing data; requiring the Department of State to publish a hyperlink to the licensing data reports; deleting provisions related to deadlines for rule development; deleting deadlines for publishing proposed rules; deleting provisions requiring agencies to file certain certifications with the committee; authorizing agencies to correct a regulatory plan to conclude affected rulemaking proceedings by identifying certain rules; revising the timeframes within which agencies must publish certain notices; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Grall, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 108** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—39

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| Mr. President | DiCeglie | Osgood |
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| Davis | McClain | Yarborough |

Nays—None

CS for SB 160—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public accountancy; amending s. 473.301, F.S.; making a technical change regarding the purpose of ch. 473, F.S.; amending s. 473.302, F.S.; deleting the definition of the term “Uniform Accountancy Act”; amending s. 473.3035, F.S.; authorizing the Board of Accountancy to contract with certain corporations not for profit for the performance of certain duties assigned to the Division of Certified Public Accounting of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; amending s. 473.306, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; making a technical change; amending s. 473.308, F.S.; revising the education and work experience requirements for a certified public accountant license; directing the board to prescribe specified coursework for licensure; revising requirements for licensure by endorsement; revising requirements for licensure of international applicants; deleting obsolete language; amending s. 473.312, F.S.; revising requirements for the approval of providers who administer continuing education on ethics for certified public accountants; requiring the board to give preference to certain providers; amending s. 473.3141, F.S.; revising requirements for certified public accountants licensed in another state or a territory of the United States to practice in this state without obtaining a license; reenacting s. 473.311(1)(b), F.S., relating to renewal of license, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 473.312, F.S., in references thereto; providing effective dates.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Gruters moved the following amendment which was adopted:

Amendment 1 (664608) (with title amendment)—Delete lines 68-75 and insert:
are shall be provided by the Division of Certified Public Accounting. The board may, by majority vote, delegate a duty or duties to the appropriate division within the department *or competitively procure contracted services pursuant to part I of chapter 287 for the performance of such duties, except for investigative services. All such contracted services must be fulfilled by corporations organized under chapter 617.* The

board may, by majority vote, rescind any such delegation of duties or contracted services at any time.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 7-11 and insert: authorizing the Board of Accountancy to competitively procure contracted services with certain corporations not for profit for the performance of certain duties assigned to the Division of Certified Public Accounting of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation; authorizing the board to rescind such contracted services at any time by a majority vote; amending s.

On motion by Senator Gruters, by two-thirds vote, CS for SB 160, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, ordered engrossed, and then certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

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| Mr. President | DiCeglie | Osgood |
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| Calatayud | Leek | Trumbull |
| Collins | Martin | Wright |
| Davis | McClain | Yarborough |

Nays—None

CS for SB 110—A bill to be entitled An act relating to rural communities; reenacting and amending s. 20.60, F.S.; revising the list of divisions and offices within the Department of Commerce to conform to changes made by the act; revising the annual program reports that must be included in the annual report of the Department of Commerce; amending s. 163.3168, F.S.; requiring the state land planning agency to give preference for technical assistance funding to local governments located in a rural area of opportunity; requiring the agency to consult with the Office of Rural Prosperity when awarding certain funding; amending s. 201.15, F.S.; requiring that a certain sum be paid to the credit of the State Transportation Trust Fund for the exclusive use of the Florida Arterial Road Modernization Program; amending s. 202.18, F.S.; redirecting the transfer of certain communication services tax revenue; amending s. 212.20, F.S.; revising the distribution of sales and use tax revenue to include a transfer to fiscally constrained counties; amending s. 215.971, F.S.; providing construction regarding agreements funded with federal or state assistance; requiring the agency to expedite payment requests from a county, municipality, or rural area of opportunity for a specified purpose; requiring each state agency to report to the Office of Rural Prosperity by a certain date with a summary of certain information; requiring the office to summarize the information it receives for its annual report; amending s. 218.67, F.S.; revising the conditions required for a county to be considered a fiscally constrained county; authorizing eligible counties to receive a distribution of sales and use tax revenue; revising the sources that the Department of Revenue must use to determine the amount distributed to fiscally constrained counties; revising the factors for allocation of the distribution of revenue to fiscally constrained counties; requiring that the computation and amount distributed be calculated based on a specified rounding algorithm; authorizing specified uses for the revenue; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 288.0001, F.S.; requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research and the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) to prepare a report for a specified purpose; specifying requirements for the report; providing that the Office of Economic and Demographic Research and OPPAGA must be provided with all data necessary to complete the rural communities or areas report upon request; authorizing the Office of Economic and Demographic Research and OPPAGA to collaborate on all data collection and analysis; requiring the Office of

Economic and Demographic Research and OPPAGA to submit the report to the Legislature by a specified date; providing additional requirements for the report; providing for expiration; amending s. 288.001, F.S.; requiring the Florida Small Business Development Center Network to use certain funds appropriated for a specified purpose; authorizing the network to dedicate funds to facilitate certain events; amending s. 288.007, F.S.; revising which local governments and economic development organizations seeking to recruit businesses are required to submit a specified report; creating s. 288.013, F.S.; providing legislative findings; creating the Office of Rural Prosperity within the Department of Commerce; requiring the Governor to appoint a director, subject to confirmation by the Senate; providing that the director reports to and serves at the pleasure of the secretary of the department; providing the duties of the office; requiring the office to establish by a specified date a certain number of regional rural community liaison centers across this state for a specified purpose; providing the powers, duties, and functions of the liaison centers; requiring the liaison centers, to the extent possible, to coordinate with certain entities; requiring the liaison centers to engage with the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI); requiring at least one staff member of a liaison center to attend the monthly meetings in person or by means of electronic communication; requiring the director of the office to submit an annual report to the Administration Commission in the Executive Office of the Governor; specifying requirements for the annual report; requiring that the annual report also be submitted to the Legislature by a specified date and published on the office's website; requiring the director of the office to attend the next Administration Commission meeting to present detailed information from the annual report; requiring OPPAGA to review the effectiveness of the office by a certain date annually until a specified date; requiring OPPAGA to review the office at specified intervals; requiring such reviews to include certain information to be considered by the Legislature; requiring that such reports be submitted to the Legislature; requiring OPPAGA to review certain strategies from other states; requiring OPPAGA to submit to the Legislature its findings at certain intervals; creating s. 288.014, F.S.; providing legislative findings; requiring the Office of Rural Prosperity to administer the Renaissance Grants Program to provide block grants to eligible communities; requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to certify to the Office of Rural Prosperity certain information by a specified date; defining the term "growth-impeded"; requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to certify annually that a county remains growth-impeded until such county has positive population growth for a specified amount of time; providing that such county, after 3 consecutive years of population growth, is eligible to participate in the program for 1 additional year; requiring a county eligible for the program to enter into an agreement with the Office of Rural Prosperity in order to receive the block grant; giving such counties broad authority to design their specific plans; prohibiting the Office of Rural Prosperity from determining how such counties implement the block grant; requiring regional rural community liaison center staff to provide assistance, upon request; requiring participating counties to report annually to the Office of Rural Prosperity with certain information; providing that a participating county receives a specified amount from funds appropriated to the program; requiring participating counties to make all attempts to limit the amount spent on administrative costs; authorizing participating counties to contribute other funds for block grant purposes; requiring participating counties to hire a renaissance coordinator; providing that funds from the block grant may be used to hire the renaissance coordinator; providing the responsibilities of the renaissance coordinator; requiring the regional rural community liaison center staff to provide assistance and training to the renaissance coordinator, upon request; requiring participating counties to design a plan to make targeted investments to achieve population growth and increase economic vitality; providing requirements for such plans; requiring participating counties to develop intergovernmental agreements with certain entities in order to implement the plan; requiring the Auditor General to conduct an operational audit every 2 years for a specified purpose; requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to provide an annual report on a specified date of renaissance block grant recipients by county; providing requirements for the annual report; requiring that the report be submitted to the Legislature; prohibiting funds appropriated for the program from being subject to reversion; providing for an expiration of the section; creating s. 288.0175,

F.S.; creating the Public Infrastructure Smart Technology Grant Program within the Office of Rural Prosperity; defining terms; requiring the office to contract with one or more smart technology lead organizations to administer a grant program for a specified purpose; providing the criteria for such contracts; requiring that projects funded by the grant program be included in the office's annual report; amending s. 288.018, F.S.; requiring the office, rather than the Department of Commerce, to establish a grant program to provide funding for regional economic development organizations; revising who may apply for such grants; providing that a grant award may not exceed a certain amount in a year; providing exceptions to a provision that the department may expend a certain amount for a certain purpose; amending s. 288.019, F.S.; revising the program criteria and procedures that agencies and organizations of REDI are required to review; revising the list of impacts each REDI agency and organization must consider in its review; requiring REDI agencies and organizations to develop a proposal for modifications which minimizes the financial and resource impacts to a rural community; requiring that ranking of evaluation criteria and scoring procedures be used only when ranking is a component of the program; requiring that match requirements be waived or reduced for rural communities; providing that donations of land may be treated as in-kind matches; requiring each agency and organization that applies for or receives federal funding to request federal approval to waive or reduce the financial match requirements, if any, for projects in rural communities; requiring that proposals be submitted to the office, rather than the department; requiring each REDI agency and organization to modify rules or policies as necessary to reflect the finalized proposal; requiring that information about authorized waivers be included on the office's online rural resource directory; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 288.021, F.S.; requiring, when practicable, the economic development liaison to serve as the agency representative for REDI; amending s. 288.065, F.S.; defining the term "unit of local government"; requiring the office to include in its annual report certain information about the Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Fund; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 288.0655, F.S.; revising the list of grants that may be awarded by the office; deleting the authorization for local match requirements to be waived for a catalyst site; revising the list of departments the office must consult with to certify applicants; requiring the office to include certain information about the Rural Infrastructure Trust Fund in its annual report; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 288.0656, F.S.; providing legislative findings; providing that REDI is created within the Office of Rural Prosperity, rather than the department; deleting the definitions of the terms "catalyst project" and "catalyst site"; requiring that an alternate for each designated deputy secretary be a deputy secretary or higher-level staff person; requiring that the names of such alternates be reported to the director of the office; requiring at least one rural liaison to participate in REDI meetings; requiring REDI to meet at least each month; deleting a provision that a rural area of opportunity may designate catalyst projects; requiring REDI to submit a certain report to the office, rather than to the department; specifying requirements for such report; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s. 288.06561, F.S., relating to reduction or waiver of financial match requirements; amending s. 288.0657, F.S.; requiring the office, rather than the department, to provide grants to assist rural communities; providing that such grants may be used for specified purposes; requiring the rural liaison to assist those applying for such grants; providing that marketing grants may include certain funding; amending s. 288.1226, F.S.; revising required components of the 4-year marketing plan of the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation; repealing s. 288.12266, F.S., relating to the Targeted Marketing Assistance Program; amending s. 288.9961, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "underserved"; requiring the office to consult with regional rural community liaison centers on development of a certain strategic plan; requiring rural liaisons to assist rural communities with providing feedback in applying for federal grants for broadband Internet services; requiring the office to submit reports with specified information to the Governor and the Legislature within certain timeframes; repealing s. 290.06561, F.S., relating to designation of rural enterprise zones as catalyst sites; amending s. 319.32, F.S.; revising the disposition of fees collected for certain title certificates; amending s. 334.044, F.S.; revising the powers and duties of the Department of Transportation; amending s. 339.0801, F.S.; revising

the allocation of funds received in the State Transportation Trust Fund; amending s. 339.2816, F.S.; requiring, rather than authorizing, that certain funds received from the State Transportation Trust Fund be used for the Small County Road Assistance Program; requiring the department to use other additional revenues for the Small County Road Assistance Program; providing an exception from the prohibition against funding capacity improvements on county roads; amending s. 339.2817, F.S.; revising the criteria that the Department of Transportation must consider for evaluating projects for County Incentive Grant Program assistance; authorizing a county located either wholly or partially within the Everglades Agricultural Area to request a specified percent of project costs for eligible projects; amending s. 339.2818, F.S.; deleting a provision that the funds allocated under the Small County Outreach Program are in addition to the Small County Road Assistance Program; deleting a provision that a local government within the Everglades Agricultural Area, the Peace River Basin, or the Suwannee River Basin may compete for additional funding; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; making a technical change; amending s. 339.68, F.S.; providing legislative findings; creating the Florida Arterial Road Modernization Program within the Department of Commerce; defining the term "rural community"; requiring the department to allocate from the State Transportation Trust Fund a minimum sum in each fiscal year to fund the program; providing that such funding is in addition to any other funding provided to the program; providing criteria the department must use to prioritize projects for funding under the program; requiring the department to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; requiring that such report be submitted every 2 years thereafter; providing the criteria for such report; requiring the Department of Transportation to allocate additional funds to implement the Small County Road Assistance Program and amend the tentative work program for a specified number of fiscal years; requiring the department to submit a budget amendment before the adoption of the work program; requiring the department to allocate sufficient funds to implement the Florida Arterial Road Modernization Program; requiring the department to amend the current tentative work program for a specified number of fiscal years to include the program's projects; requiring the department to submit a budget amendment before the implementation of the program; requiring that the revenue increases in the State Transportation Trust Fund which are derived from the act be used to fund the work program; amending s. 381.402, F.S.; revising eligibility requirements for the Florida Reimbursement Assistance for Medical Education Program; revising the proof required to make payments for participation in the program; creating s. 381.403, F.S.; providing legislative findings; creating the Rural Access to Primary and Preventive Care Grant Program within the Department of Health for a specified purpose; defining terms; requiring the department to award grants under the program to physicians, physician assistants, and autonomous advanced practice registered nurses intending to open new practices or practice locations in qualifying rural areas; specifying eligibility criteria for the grants; requiring the department, by a specified date, to create an application process for applying for grants under the program; specifying requirements for the application and application process; authorizing the department, subject to specific appropriation, to award grants under the program; specifying limitations on the awarding of grants; specifying expenses for which grant funds are authorized and prohibited; requiring the department to enter into a contract with each grant recipient; specifying requirements for the contracts; authorizing the department to adopt rules; requiring the department, beginning on a specified date and annually thereafter, to provide a report containing specified information to the Governor and the Legislature; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the program; creating s. 381.9856, F.S.; creating the Stroke, Cardiac, and Obstetric Response and Education Grant Program within the Department of Health; specifying the purpose of the program; defining terms; requiring the department to award grants under the program to certain entities meeting specified criteria; requiring the department to give priority to certain applicants; limiting individual grants to a specified amount per year; requiring grant recipients to submit quarterly reports to the department; requiring the department to monitor program implementation and outcomes; requiring the department to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing construction; providing for future legislative review and

repeal of the program; amending s. 395.6061, F.S.; providing that rural hospital capital grant improvement program funding may be awarded to rural hospitals to establish mobile care units and telehealth kiosks for specified purposes; defining terms; amending s. 420.9073, F.S.; revising the calculation of guaranteed amounts distributed from the Local Government Housing Trust Fund; reenacting and amending s. 420.9075, F.S.; authorizing a certain percentage of the funds made available in each county and eligible municipality from the local housing distribution to be used to preserve multifamily affordable rental housing; specifying what such funds may be used for; providing an expiration; amending s. 1001.451, F.S.; revising the services required to be provided by regional consortium service organizations when such services are found to be necessary and appropriate by such organizations' boards of directors; revising the allocation that certain regional consortium service organizations are eligible to receive from the General Appropriations Act; requiring each regional consortium service organization to submit an annual report to the Department of Education; requiring that unexpended amounts in certain funds be carried forward; requiring each regional consortium service organization to provide quarterly financial reports to member districts; requiring member districts to designate a district to serve as a fiscal agent for certain purposes; providing for compensation of the fiscal agent district; requiring regional consortium service organizations to retain all funds received from grants or contracted services to cover indirect or administrative costs associated with the provision of such services; requiring the regional consortium service organization board of directors to determine products and services provided by the organization; requiring a regional consortium service organization board of directors to recommend the establishment of positions and appointments to a fiscal agent district; requiring that personnel be employed under specified personnel policies; authorizing the regional consortium service organization board of directors to recommend a salary schedule for personnel; authorizing regional consortium service organizations to purchase or lease property and facilities essential to their operations; providing for the distribution of revenue if a regional consortium service organization is dissolved; deleting a provision requiring applications for incentive grants; authorizing regional consortium service organization boards of directors to contract to provide services to nonmember districts; requiring that a fund balance be established for specified purposes; deleting a requirement for the use of certain funds; authorizing a regional consortium service organization to administer a specified program; creating s. 1001.4511, F.S.; creating the Regional Consortia Service Organization Supplemental Services Program; providing the purpose of the program; authorizing funds to be used for specified purposes; requiring each regional consortium service organization to report the distribution of funds annually to the Legislature; providing for the carryforward of funds; providing appropriations; creating s. 1009.635, F.S.; establishing the Rural Incentive for Professional Educators Program within the Department of Education; requiring the program to provide financial assistance for the repayment of student loans to eligible participants who establish permanent residency and employment in rural communities; providing that eligible participants may receive up to a certain amount in total student loan repayment assistance over a certain timeframe; requiring the department to verify certain information of participants in the program before it disburses awards; providing that the program is administered through the Office of Student Financial Assistance within the department; requiring the department to develop procedures and monitor compliance; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules by a certain date; amending s. 1013.62, F.S.; revising the calculation methodology to determine the amount of revenue that a school district must distribute to each eligible charter school; amending s. 1013.64, F.S.; revising conditions under which a school district may receive funding on an approved construction project; providing appropriations for specified purposes; amending ss. 163.3187, 212.205, 257.191, 257.193, 265.283, 288.11621, 288.11631, 443.191, 571.26, and 571.265, F.S.; conforming cross-references and provisions to changes made by the act; reenacting s. 288.9935(8), F.S., relating to the Microfinance Guarantee Program, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 20.60, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting ss. 125.0104(5)(c), 193.624(3), 196.182(2), 218.12(1), 218.125(1), 218.135(1), 218.136(1), 252.35(2)(cc), 288.102(4), 403.064(16)(g), 589.08(2) and (3), and 1011.62(1)(f), F.S., relating to authorized uses of tourist development tax; applicability of assessments of renewable energy source devices;

application of exemptions of renewable energy source devices; appropriations to offset reductions in ad valorem tax revenue in fiscally constrained counties; offset for tax loss associated with certain constitutional amendments affecting fiscally constrained counties; offset for tax loss associated with reductions in value of certain citrus fruit packing and processing equipment; offset for ad valorem revenue loss affecting fiscally constrained counties; Division of Emergency Management powers; one-to-one match requirement under the Supply Chain Innovation Grant Program; applicability of provisions related to reuse of reclaimed water; land acquisition restrictions; and funds for operation of schools, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 218.67, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 403.0741(6)(c), F.S., relating to grease waste removal and disposal, to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 218.67 and 339.2818, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 163.3177(7)(e), F.S., relating to required and optional elements of comprehensive plans and studies and surveys, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 288.0656, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 288.9962(7)(a), F.S., relating to the Broadband Opportunity Program, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 288.9961, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 215.211(1), F.S., relating to service charges and elimination or reduction for specified proceeds, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 319.32, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 339.66(5) and (6), F.S., relating to upgrades of arterial highways with controlled access facilities, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 339.68, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 420.9072(4) and (6), 420.9076(7)(b), and 420.9079(2), F.S., relating to the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program, adoption of affordable housing incentive strategies and committees, and the Local Government Housing Trust Fund, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 420.9073, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Simon moved the following amendment:

Amendment 1 (934848) (with title amendment)—Delete lines 2208-2351 and insert:

(6) *Beginning in the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the department shall give priority to a county located either wholly or partially within the Everglades Agricultural Area as defined in s. 373.4592(15) which, notwithstanding subsection (4), requests 100 percent of the project costs for an eligible project that meets the criteria established in paragraph (3)(e). Requests under this subsection are limited to \$15 million annually. This subsection expires July 1, 2031.*

Section 31. Subsections (1), (2), (3), (6), (7), and (8) of section 339.2818, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

339.2818 Small County Outreach Program.—

(1) There is created within the department of ~~Transportation~~ the Small County Outreach Program. The purpose of this program is to assist small county governments in repairing or rehabilitating county bridges, paving unpaved roads, addressing road-related drainage improvements, resurfacing or reconstructing county roads, or constructing capacity or safety improvements to county roads.

(2) For the purposes of this section, the term “small county” means any county that has a population of 200,000 or less as determined by the most recent official population census determination estimate pursuant to s. 186.901.

~~(3) Funds allocated under this program, pursuant to s. 4, ch. 2000-257, Laws of Florida, are in addition to any funds provided pursuant to s. 339.2816, for the Small County Road Assistance Program.~~

(5)(6) Funds paid into the State Transportation Trust Fund pursuant to ss. 201.15, 320.072, and 339.0801 ~~s. 201.15~~ for the purposes of the Small County Outreach Program are hereby annually appropriated for expenditure to support the Small County Outreach Program.

(6)(7) Subject to a specific appropriation in addition to funds annually appropriated for projects under this section, a municipality within a rural area of opportunity or a rural area of opportunity community designated under s. 288.0656(7)(a) may compete for the addi-

tional project funding using the criteria listed in subsection (3) (4) at up to 100 percent of project costs, excluding capacity improvement projects.

~~(8) Subject to a specific appropriation in addition to funds appropriated for projects under this section, a local government either wholly or partially within the Everglades Agricultural Area as defined in s. 373.4592(15), the Peace River Basin, or the Suwannee River Basin may compete for additional funding using the criteria listed in paragraph (4)(c) at up to 100 percent of project costs on state or county roads used primarily as farm to market connections between rural agricultural areas and market distribution centers, excluding capacity improvement projects.~~

Section 32. Section 339.68, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

(Substantial rewording of section.)

See s. 339.68, F.S., for present text.)

339.68 *Florida Arterial Road Modernization Program.—*

(1) *The Legislature finds that increasing demands continue to be placed on rural arterial roads in this state by a fast-growing economy, continued population growth, and increased tourism. Investment in the rural arterial roads of this state is needed to maintain the safety, mobility, reliability, and resiliency of the transportation system in order to support the movement of people, goods, and commodities; to enhance economic prosperity and competitiveness; and to enrich the quality of life of the rural communities and the environment of this state.*

(2) *The Florida Arterial Road Modernization Program is created within the department to make capacity and safety improvements to two-lane arterial roads located in rural communities. For purposes of this section, the term “rural community” has the same meaning as provided in s. 288.0656.*

(3) *Beginning in the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the department shall allocate from the State Transportation Trust Fund a minimum of \$50 million in each fiscal year for purposes of funding the program. This funding is in addition to any other funding provided to the program by any other law.*

(4) *The department shall use the following criteria to prioritize projects for funding under the program:*

(a) *Whether the road has documented safety concerns or requires additional safety and design improvements. This may be evidenced by the number of fatalities or crashes per vehicle mile traveled.*

(b) *Whether the road has or is projected to have a significant amount of truck tractor traffic as determined by the department. For purposes of this paragraph, the term “truck tractor” has the same meaning as in s. 320.01(11).*

(c) *Whether the road is used to transport agricultural products and commodities from the farm to the market or other sale or distribution point.*

(d) *Whether the road is used to transport goods to or from warehouses, distribution centers, or intermodal logistics centers as defined in s. 311.101(2).*

(e) *Whether the road is used as an evacuation route.*

(f) *Whether the physical condition of the road meets department standards.*

(g) *Whether the road currently has, or is projected to have within the next 5 years, a level of service of D, E, or F.*

(h) *Any other criteria related to the impact of a project on the public road system or on the state or local economy as determined by the department.*

(5) *By January 1, 2027, and every 2 years thereafter, the department shall submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report regarding the use and condition of arterial roads located in rural communities, which report must include the following:*

(a) *A map of roads located in rural communities which are designated as arterial roads.*

(b) *A needs assessment that must include, but is not limited to, consideration of infrastructure improvements to improve capacity on arterial roads in rural communities.*

(c) *A synopsis of the department’s project prioritization process.*

(d) *An estimate of the local and state economic impact of improving capacity on arterial roads in rural communities.*

(e) *A listing of the arterial roads and the associated improvements to be included in the program and a schedule or timeline for the inclusion of such projects in the work program.*

Section 33. (1) *The Department of Transportation shall allocate the additional funds provided by this act to implement the Small County Road Assistance Program as created by s. 339.2816, Florida Statutes, and amend the current tentative work program for the 2025-2026 through 2031-2032 fiscal years to include additional projects. In addition, before adoption of the work program, the department shall submit a budget amendment pursuant to s. 339.135(7), Florida Statutes, requesting budget authority necessary to implement the additional projects.*

(2) *The department shall allocate sufficient funds to implement the Florida Arterial Road Modernization Program, develop a plan to expend the revenues as specified in s. 339.68, Florida Statutes, and, before its adoption, amend the current tentative work program for the 2025-2026 through 2031-2032 fiscal years to include the program’s projects. In addition, before adoption of the work program, the department shall submit a budget amendment pursuant to s. 339.135(7), Florida Statutes, requesting budget authority necessary to implement the program as specified in s. 339.68, Florida Statutes.*

(3) *Notwithstanding any other law, the increase in revenue to the State Transportation Trust Fund derived from the amendments to ss. 201.15 and 319.32, Florida Statutes, made by this act and deposited into the trust fund pursuant to ss. 201.15 and 339.0801, Florida Statutes, shall be used by the department to fund the programs as specified in this section.*

Section 34. Paragraph (h) is added to subsection (2) of section 381.402, Florida Statutes, and paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of that section is amended, to read:

381.402 *Florida Reimbursement Assistance for Medical Education Program.—*

(2) *The following licensed or certified health care practitioners are eligible to participate in the program:*

(h) *Medical doctors or doctors of osteopathic medicine who are board certified or board eligible in emergency medicine and employed by or*

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 268-271 and insert: *assistance; requiring the department to give priority to counties located either wholly or partially within the Everglades Agricultural Area and which request a specified percentage of project costs for eligible projects; specifying a limitation on such requests; providing for future expiration; amending s. 339.2818, F.S.;*

Pursuant to Rule 7.1, there being no objection, consideration of the following late-filed amendment was allowed:

Senator Simon moved the following amendment to **Amendment 1 (934848)** which was adopted:

Amendment 1A (735864)—Delete line 69 and insert: *improvements to two-lane arterial roads or connect existing arterial roads located in rural*

Amendment 1 (934848), as amended, was adopted.

On motion by Senator Simon, by two-thirds vote, **CS for SB 110**, as amended, was read the third time by title, passed, ordered engrossed, and then certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—39

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| Mr. President | DiCeglie | Osgood |
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| Boyd | Gruters | Rouson |
| Bradley | Harrell | Sharief |
| Brodeur | Hooper | Simon |
| Burgess | Ingoglia | Smith |
| Burton | Jones | Truenow |
| Calatayud | Leek | Trumbull |
| Collins | Martin | Wright |
| Davis | McClain | Yarborough |

Nays—None

MOTIONS

On motion by Senator Passidomo, by two-thirds vote, all bills passed this day were ordered immediately certified to the House.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

At the request of Senator Jones, the Senate observed a moment of silence in memory of Surfside's former Chief of Police, John Healy, who passed away this day.

BILLS ON SPECIAL ORDERS

Pursuant to Rule 4.17(1), the Rules Chair, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader submit the following bills to be placed on the Special Order Calendar for Wednesday, March 19, 2025: SB 36, SB 38, SB 40, SB 42, CS for SB 50, CS for SB 108, CS for SB 110, CS for CS for SB 116, SB 118, CS for SB 126, CS for SB 150, CS for SB 160, SB 294, SM 314, CS for CS for SB 322, CS for SB 348, CS for SB 7012.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Passidomo, Rules Chair
Jim Boyd, Majority Leader
Jason W. B. Pizzo, Minority Leader

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government recommends the following pass: SB 388

The Committee on Finance and Tax recommends the following pass: SB 182

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends the following pass: SJR 1756

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the original reference.

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends the following pass: SB 1298

The bill was referred to the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government under the original reference.

The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs recommends the following pass: SB 1286

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends the following pass: SB 1252

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends the following pass: SB 776; SB 984; SB 1268; SB 1654; SB 1774

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice under the original reference.

The Committee on Health Policy recommends the following pass: SB 1060; SB 1370

The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security recommends the following pass: SB 1464

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services under the original reference.

The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 recommends the following pass: SB 1102; SB 1382

The bills were referred to the Appropriations Committee on Pre-K - 12 Education under the original reference.

The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security recommends the following pass: SB 1516

The bill was referred to the Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development under the original reference.

The Committee on Ethics and Elections recommends the following pass: SJR 802

The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following pass: SB 14; SB 20

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends the following pass: SB 638; SB 960

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Community Affairs under the original reference.

The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 recommends the following pass: SB 1374

The Committee on Health Policy recommends the following pass: SB 1546

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice under the original reference.

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends the following pass: SB 1710

The bill was referred to the Committee on Education Post-secondary under the original reference.

The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following pass: SB 8

The bill was referred to the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 under the original reference.

The Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government recommends the following pass: CS for SB 164

The Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice recommends the following pass: SB 472

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Fiscal Policy under the original reference.

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends the following pass: SB 1640

The Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security recommends the following pass: SB 684

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability under the original reference.

The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following pass: SB 22

The bill was referred to the Committee on Health Policy under the original reference.

The Committee on Ethics and Elections recommends the following pass: SJR 536

The bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary under the original reference.

The Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government recommends the following pass: CS for SB 56; CS for SB 86

The Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice recommends the following pass: SB 878

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends the following pass: CS for SB 480; SM 1488

The Committee on Health Policy recommends the following pass: CS for SB 944

The Committee on Judiciary recommends the following pass: SB 316

The bills contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Rules under the original reference.

The Committee on Rules recommends the following pass: CS for CS for SB 262; CS for SB 280; SB 402; SB 7000; SB 7004; SB 7006

The bills were placed on the Calendar.

The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 1212; SB 1612; SB 1656; SB 1658; SB 1740

The Committee on Judiciary recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 26

The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government under the original reference.

The Committee on Judiciary recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 10

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice under the original reference.

The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 1736

The Committee on Education Postsecondary recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 1356

The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services under the original reference.

The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 364; SB 430; SB 1122; SB 1402

The bills with committee substitute attached were referred to the Appropriations Committee on Pre-K - 12 Education under the original reference.

The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 140

The Committee on Judiciary recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 362

The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Community Affairs under the original reference.

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 1400

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice under the original reference.

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 1172

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Finance and Tax under the original reference.

The Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 772

The bill with committee substitute attached was referred to the Committee on Health Policy under the original reference.

The Committee on Banking and Insurance recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 1184

The Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 894

The Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 922; SB 1666; SB 1776

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 420; SB 784

The Committee on Ethics and Elections recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 982

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 1678

The bills with committee substitute attached contained in the foregoing reports were referred to the Committee on Judiciary under the original reference.

The Committee on Community Affairs recommends committee substitutes for the following: SB 1118; SB 1134

The bills with committee substitute attached were referred to the Committee on Regulated Industries under the original reference.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES RELATING TO EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends that the Senate confirm the following appointments made by the Chief Financial Officer:

| <i>Office and Appointment</i> | <i>For Term Ending</i> |
|---|----------------------------|
| Board of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services | |
| Appointees: Chapman, David H. | 09/30/2027 |
| Clark, Andrew D. | 09/30/2027 |
| Clay, Sanjena V. | 09/30/2027 |
| Jensen, Christian E., Jr. | 09/30/2027 |
| Quinn, William | 09/30/2025 |

The Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability recommends that the Senate confirm the following appointment made by the Governor:

| <i>Office and Appointment</i> | <i>For Term Ending</i> |
|---|----------------------------|
| Florida Commission on Community Service | |
| Appointee: Turnbull, Heather L. | 09/14/2028 |

The Committee on Regulated Industries recommends that the Senate confirm the following appointments made by the Governor:

| <i>Office and Appointment</i> | <i>For Term Ending</i> |
|---|----------------------------|
| Board of Architecture and Interior Design | |
| Appointees: Clary, Charles W. III | 10/31/2025 |
| Frank, Beverly L. | 10/31/2027 |
| Jones, Peter W. | 10/31/2027 |
| Barbers' Board | |
| Appointee: Carroll, John | 10/31/2025 |
| Florida Building Commission | |
| Appointee: Garra, John Norman | 11/21/2027 |
| Construction Industry Licensing Board | |
| Appointees: Kobie, Fred | 10/31/2028 |
| Zettle, Brian | 10/31/2027 |
| Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board | |
| Appointees: Bassett, Douglas Pope | 10/31/2027 |
| Echarri, Rafael | 10/31/2025 |
| Gonzalez, Gilbert Timothy | 10/31/2026 |
| Lombardo, Robert D. | 10/31/2026 |
| McElroy, Kevin D. II | 10/31/2026 |
| Smith, Donald L., Jr. | 10/31/2027 |
| Tibbs, Clarence Kelley | 10/31/2027 |
| Board of Professional Engineers | |
| Appointees: Gonzalez, James | 10/31/2027 |
| Pistorino, John Charles | 10/31/2027 |
| Ramsey, Denise Marie | 10/31/2027 |
| Shah, Pankaj | 10/31/2028 |
| Shrader, Brock | 10/31/2025 |

Office and Appointment

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| Florida Public Service Commission | | <i>For Term Ending</i> |
| Appointee: La Rosa, Michael | | 01/01/2029 |

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| Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board | | |
| Appointees: Griffin, Franklin | | 10/31/2027 |
| Jones, Nicole R. | | 10/31/2027 |
| Patel, Prakash | | 10/31/2028 |

The Committee on Criminal Justice recommends that the Senate confirm the following appointment made by the Governor and Cabinet:

| <i>Office and Appointment</i> | <i>For Term Ending</i> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Florida Commission on Offender Review | |
| Appointee: Whitworth, Susan Michelle | 06/30/2030 |

The appointments were referred to the Committee on Ethics and Elections under the original reference.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF BILLS

FIRST READING

Senate Bills 7000-7018—Previously introduced.

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability—

SB 7020—A bill to be entitled An act relating to a review under the Open Government Sunset Review Act; amending s. 119.0725, F.S., which provides exemptions from public records requirements for agency cybersecurity information held by a state agency and exemptions from public meetings requirements for portions of meetings which would reveal confidential and exempt information; revising the date of the scheduled repeal of such exemptions; amending s. 282.318, F.S., which provides exemptions from public records and public meetings requirements for portions of risk assessments, evaluations, external audits, and other reports of a state agency's cybersecurity program for the data, information, and information technology resources of that state agency which are held by a state agency and for portions of a public meeting which would reveal such confidential and exempt records; extending the date of the scheduled repeal of such exemptions; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Rules.

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability—

SB 7022—A bill to be entitled An act relating to retirement; amending s. 121.053, F.S.; authorizing an officer, except while serving as a legislator, to remain in elective office and receive accumulated DROP proceeds after the officer attains a certain age; providing that, upon termination, the officer receives accumulated DROP proceeds including interest earned in accordance with a specified provision; amending s. 121.091, F.S.; requiring the Division of Retirement or the State Board of Administration, as appropriate, to take steps to recoup from the elected officer any DROP proceeds distributed in accordance with a specified provision, under specified circumstances; amending s. 121.71, F.S.; revising required employer retirement contribution rates for each membership class and subclass of the Florida Retirement System; providing a declaration of important state interest; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES

FIRST READING

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Pizzo—

CS for SB 10—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Sidney Holmes; providing an appropriation to compensate Mr. Holmes for being wrongfully incarcerated for 34 years; directing the Chief Financial Officer to draw a warrant payable directly to Mr. Holmes; providing for the waiver of certain tuition and fees for Mr. Holmes; declaring that the Legislature does not waive certain defenses or increase the state's limits of liability with respect to the act; prohibiting funds awarded under the act to Mr. Holmes from being used or paid for attorney or lobbying fees; prohibiting Mr. Holmes from submitting a compensation application under certain provisions upon his receipt of payment under the act; providing that certain benefits are void upon specified findings; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Gruters—

CS for SB 26—A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Kristen and Lia McIntosh; providing an appropriation to compensate Kristen and Lia McIntosh for injuries and damages sustained as a result of the negligence of an employee of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing a limitation on the payment of compensation and attorney fees; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12; and Senator Gaetz—

CS for SB 140—A bill to be entitled An act relating to charter schools; amending s. 1002.33, F.S.; revising which persons or entities may apply for a conversion charter school; requiring a college or state university to provide a written notice of denial for denying an application for a conversion charter school; revising eligible students who may receive an enrollment preference; authorizing a municipality to apply for a charter that it may designate as a job engine charter under certain conditions; providing the purpose of a job engine charter school; providing requirements for a job engine charter; prohibiting a district school board from charging a rental or leasing fee for a conversion school; requiring a municipality to negotiate certain rental or leasing fees; prohibiting certain property from being removed; amending s. 1011.801, F.S.; revising entities that are included in the Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive Grant Program to include charter schools; requiring the State Board of Education to consider applications from a job engine charter school for rulemaking purposes; amending s. 1013.15, F.S.; requiring a district school board to approve a 5-year plan before occupying purchased or acquired real property; requiring a school board to dispose of real property in certain areas of the district if enrollment in those areas has declined in the preceding 5-year period; requiring that surplus real property be given priority for conversion for specified purposes; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senators Osgood and Garcia—

CS for SB 362—A bill to be entitled An act relating to reusable tenant screening reports; creating s. 83.471, F.S.; defining terms; authorizing a landlord to accept reusable tenant screening reports and require a specified statement; prohibiting a landlord from charging certain fees to an applicant using a reusable tenant screening report; providing construction; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12; and Senator Osgood—

CS for SB 364—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys; transferring, renumbering, and amending s. 16.615, F.S.; establishing the council within Florida Memorial University, rather than the Department of Legal Affairs; requiring Florida Memorial University, rather than the Office of the Attorney General, to provide staff and administrative support to the council; providing that the council's meeting times are approved by the president of Florida Memorial University, rather than the Attorney General; providing that members of the council may be reimbursed for

certain expenses by Florida Memorial University, rather than the Department of Legal Affairs; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senator Yarborough—

CS for SB 420—A bill to be entitled An act relating to official actions of local governments; creating ss. 125.595 and 166.04971, F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting counties and municipalities, respectively, from funding or promoting or taking official action as it relates to diversity, equity, and inclusion; prohibiting counties and municipalities, respectively, from expending funds for diversity, equity, and inclusion offices or for diversity, equity, and inclusion officers; providing that certain ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, programs, and policies are void; providing that a county commissioner, a member of the governing body of a municipality, or any other county or municipal official who violates certain provisions commits misfeasance or malfeasance in office; authorizing a cause of action against counties and municipalities, respectively, under certain circumstances; providing construction and applicability; creating s. 287.139, F.S.; requiring potential recipients of county and municipal contracts and grants to make a certain certification to the county or municipality before being awarded such contract or grant; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12; and Senators Simon and Burgess—

CS for SB 430—A bill to be entitled An act relating to cardiac emergencies; amending s. 1003.453, F.S.; revising requirements for instruction on cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator; creating s. 1003.457, F.S.; requiring each public school to develop a cardiac emergency response plan (CERP); requiring school officials to work with local emergency service providers to integrate the CERP into emergency responder protocols; requiring public schools, including charter schools, to have at least one operational automated external defibrillator on school grounds by a specified date; providing requirements for the placement and maintenance of the defibrillators; requiring that certain school staff receive specified training as determined by the CERP; providing immunity from liability for school employees and volunteers under the Good Samaritan Act and the Cardiac Arrest Survival Act; providing construction; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12; and Senator Calatayud—

CS for SB 772—A bill to be entitled An act relating to diabetes management in schools; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; defining terms; authorizing a school district or public school to acquire and maintain a supply of undesignated glucagon; requiring that undesignated glucagon be stored in a secure location that is immediately accessible; authorizing a school district or public school to enter into arrangements with a manufacturer or supplier to obtain glucagon free of charge or at a fair market or reduced price; authorizing a school district or public school to accept donated or transferred glucagon that meets certain requirements; authorizing a school district or public school to obtain monetary donations or apply for grants to purchase glucagon; authorizing a school district or public school to request a prescription for glucagon from a county health department; authorizing a licensed health care practitioner to prescribe glucagon in the name of a school district or public school; authorizing a licensed pharmacist to dispense glucagon pursuant to such prescription; requiring a participating school to make available undesignated glucagon to be administered as ordered in a student's diabetes medical management plan or health care practitioner's orders; requiring an employee to call for emergency assistance and provide parental notification after the administration of glucagon; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules; providing certain persons and entities with immunity from civil and criminal liability under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senator Ingoglia—

CS for SB 784—A bill to be entitled An act relating to platting; amending s. 177.071, F.S.; requiring that plat or replat submittals be reviewed and approved administratively by a designee or designees of the appropriate local governing body; requiring such designee or de-

signees to review such plat or replat submittal for compliance within a specified timeframe; requiring that written comments be provided to the applicant if the plat or replat submittal fails to meet specified requirements; requiring that the plat or replat submittal be approved, approved with conditions, or denied within a specified timeframe; providing an exception; prohibiting certain entities from requesting or requiring an applicant to file a written extension of time; creating s. 177.1115, F.S.; requiring the appropriate governing body, within a specified timeframe after the recordation of the plat, to issue certain information; authorizing an applicant to engage a specified private provider under certain circumstances; requiring that such provider submit specified information to the governing body for verification; requiring the governing body to complete verification within a specified timeframe; requiring that the information submitted by the provider is deemed approved if the governing body fails to verify it within the specified timeframe; prohibiting the governing body from collecting an addressing fee under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Senator Rodriguez—

CS for SB 894—A bill to be entitled An act relating to faith-based activities in batterers' intervention programs; amending s. 741.325, F.S.; authorizing batterers' intervention programs to offer supplemental faith-based activities; prohibiting required participation in such activities; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senator Leek—

CS for SB 922—A bill to be entitled An act relating to employment agreements; creating part I of ch. 542, F.S., entitled "The Florida Antitrust Act of 1980"; creating part II of ch. 542, F.S., entitled "The Florida Trade Secret Protection Act"; creating s. 542.41, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 542.42, F.S.; providing legislative findings; creating s. 542.43, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 542.44, F.S.; providing applicability; providing that certain covered garden leave agreements are not a restraint of trade or an attempt to monopolize trade or commerce; providing notice requirements for covered garden leave agreements; providing that a covered employer may waive any portion of such notice requirements by providing a specified amount of advance written notice to the covered employee; providing that covered garden leave agreements do not affect other agreements; requiring a court to enter a preliminary injunction to stop covered employees, businesses, entities, or individuals if a breach of a covered garden leave agreement is alleged; authorizing the court to modify such an injunction if a covered employee, business, entity, or individual establishes certain information by clear and convincing evidence; requiring that certain information be provided to the court under seal; providing that a prevailing covered employer is entitled to recover all available monetary damages for all available claims; providing that a prevailing party is entitled to reasonable attorney fees and costs; authorizing a covered employer to reduce the salary or benefits of a covered employee if he or she engages in gross misconduct; providing that such a reduction is not a breach of the covered garden leave agreement; creating s. 542.45, F.S.; providing applicability; providing that certain covered noncompete agreements are not a restraint of trade or an attempt to monopolize trade or commerce; providing notice requirements for covered non-compete agreements; providing that covered noncompete agreements do not affect other agreements; requiring a court to enter a preliminary injunction to stop covered employees, businesses, entities, or individuals if a breach of a covered noncompete agreement is alleged; authorizing the court to modify such an injunction if a covered employee, business, entity, or individual establishes certain information by clear and convincing evidence; requiring that certain information be provided to the court under seal; providing that a prevailing covered employer is entitled to recover all available monetary damages for all available claims; providing that a prevailing party is entitled to reasonable attorney fees and costs; authorizing a covered employer to reduce the salary or benefits of a covered employee if he or she engages in gross misconduct; providing that such a reduction is not a breach of the covered noncompete agreement; providing construction regarding a restrictive covenant that does not meet the definition of a covered garden leave agreement or a covered noncompete agreement; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Ethics and Elections; and Senator Bernard—

CS for SB 982—A bill to be entitled An act relating to candidate qualifying; amending s. 99.061, F.S.; authorizing a candidate to pay the filing fee by a debit card linked to the candidate's campaign account; providing for standing for challenges to a candidate's qualification for nomination or election to office; providing procedures and requirements regarding such challenges; providing for immediate hearings in such challenges, subject to limitations; prohibiting a person from appearing on the ballot under certain circumstances; amending s. 106.11, F.S.; revising conditions under which debit cards are considered bank checks for purposes of certain campaign expenditures; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senator McClain—

CS for SB 1118—A bill to be entitled An act relating to land use and development regulations; amending s. 125.022, F.S.; prohibiting a county from requiring an applicant to take certain actions as a condition of processing a development permit or development order; amending s. 163.3162, F.S.; revising a statement of legislative purpose; deleting language authorizing the owner of an agricultural enclave to apply for a comprehensive plan amendment; authorizing such owner instead to apply for administrative approval of a development regardless of future land use designations or comprehensive plan conflicts under certain circumstances; deleting a certain presumption of urban sprawl; requiring that an application for administrative approval for certain parcels include certain concepts; requiring that an authorized development be treated as a conforming use; requiring administrative approval of such development within a specified timeframe if it complies with certain requirements; prohibiting a local government from enacting or enforcing certain regulations or laws; providing that the production of ethanol from certain products in a specified manner is not chemical manufacturing or chemical refining; providing retroactive applicability; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 163.3164, F.S.; revising the definition of the terms "agricultural enclave" and "compatibility"; amending s. 163.3167, F.S.; defining the term "land development regulation"; providing retroactive applicability; amending s. 163.3177, F.S.; prohibiting a comprehensive plan from making a certain mandate; prohibiting optional elements of a local comprehensive plan from containing certain policies; requiring the use of certain consistent data, where relevant, unless an applicant can make a certain justification; amending s. 163.31801, F.S.; defining the term "extraordinary circumstance"; amending s. 163.3184, F.S.; revising the expedited state review process for the adoption of comprehensive plan amendments; requiring a supermajority vote for the adoption of certain comprehensive plans and plan amendments; authorizing owners of property subject to a comprehensive plan amendment and persons applying for comprehensive plan amendments to file civil actions for relief in certain circumstances; providing requirements for such actions; authorizing such owners and applicants to use certain dispute resolution procedures; providing applicability; amending s. 163.3206, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "fuel terminal"; providing applicability of a prohibition on amending a comprehensive plan, a land use map, zoning districts, or land development regulations in a certain manner; amending s. 166.033, F.S.; prohibiting a municipality from requiring an applicant to take certain actions as a condition of processing a development permit or development order; amending s. 171.044, F.S.; providing that an exclusive method of voluntary annexation may not affect certain powers granted to a municipality; providing legislative intent; providing retroactive applicability; providing that an exclusive method of voluntary annexation which requires certain county approval is void; amending s. 171.062, F.S.; providing that a certain assumption of land use regulation of land annexed by a municipality is a power of the municipality as contemplated by the State Constitution; providing applicability; providing legislative intent; providing retroactive applicability; amending s. 177.071, F.S.; requiring an approving agency to administer plat submittals and take specified actions within a certain timeframe; authorizing an applicant to request final administrative review of a plat submittal under certain circumstances; requiring a governing body to grant final administrative approval of a plat at its next regularly scheduled meeting; providing an exception; requiring such governing body to grant final administrative approval of a resubmitted plat at its next regularly scheduled meeting; amending s. 720.301, F.S.; revising definitions; amending s. 720.302, F.S.; revising applicability of the Homeowners' Association Act;

amending s. 720.3086, F.S.; revising applicability of provisions requiring a certain financial report; creating part IV of ch. 720, F.S., entitled “Recreational Covenants”; creating s. 720.408, F.S.; defining terms; creating s. 720.409, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; providing applicability; providing construction; creating s. 720.41, F.S.; providing requirements for certain recreational covenants recorded on or after a certain date; requiring that a recreational covenant recorded before a certain date be amended or supplemented to comply with specified requirements; limiting the annual increases in amenity fees and amenity expenses in certain circumstances; prohibiting a recreational covenant from requiring an association to collect amenity dues beginning on a specified date; prohibiting the termination of a recreational covenant or right of a private amenity owner to suspend certain rights from affecting an owner or a tenant of a parcel in a certain manner; creating s. 720.411, F.S.; requiring a specified disclosure summary for contracts for the sale of certain parcels beginning on a specified date; requiring certain persons to supply the disclosure summary; requiring that certain contracts or agreements for sale incorporate the disclosure summary and include a specified statement after a specified date; authorizing a prospective purchaser to void a contract in a specified manner under certain circumstances; creating s. 720.412, F.S.; requiring a public amenity owner annually to make a certain financial report public and available for inspection in a certain manner within a certain timeframe; providing requirements for the financial report; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12; and Senator Burton—

CS for SB 1122—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Virtual School; amending s. 1002.37, F.S.; deleting provisions requiring the Florida Virtual School to give priority to certain students; requiring the Florida Virtual School to ensure that parents, in addition to students, are informed of specified information; providing that officers and employees are granted sovereign immunity in addition to the board of trustees; providing that the Florida Virtual School president and chief executive officer may call a meeting of the board of trustees; providing that the board of trustees may fund the education delivery system through supplemental funding in addition to the Florida Education Finance Program; requiring that certain funds be used to support the school’s mission; authorizing the Florida Virtual School to accrue supplemental revenue from direct-support organizations; providing that certain expenditures are contingent upon review and approval by the Florida Virtual School president and chief executive officer or authorized designees, rather than the executive director; removing the executive director’s authorization to override certain proposed expenditures; requiring, rather than authorizing, specified employees to be state employees for the purpose of being eligible to participate in the Florida Retirement System and to receive benefits; deleting a requirement for the board of trustees to establish priorities for the admission of students; authorizing the board of trustees to enter into contracts with other educational institutions and government agencies; deleting requirements for the board of trustees to establish performance and accountability measures and report performance of school district franchises to the Commissioner of Education; deleting certain requirements relating to an audit report submitted annually by the board of trustees to specified entities; requiring that international assessments offered by the school district be made available to all Florida Virtual School students; requiring that students have access to a test administrator; making technical changes; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senator Calatayud—

CS for SB 1134—A bill to be entitled An act relating to alternative plans review and inspections; amending s. 553.791, F.S.; revising and defining terms; requiring that a notice of private inspection services specify whether any scheduled inspection by a private provider will be conducted virtually or in person; authorizing a private provider to use an automated or software-based plans review system designed to make specific determinations; revising the requirements needed for an affidavit from a private provider regarding his or her plans review; requiring the local building official to issue the requested permit or provide written notice of noncompliance within a specified timeframe for permits related to single-trade plans reviews for single-family or two-family dwellings; reenacting ss. 177.073(4)(a), 468.621(1)(i) and (j), 471.033(1)(l), 481.225(1)(l), 553.79(11), and 553.80(7)(a), F.S., relating

to expedited approval of residential building permits before a final plat is recorded; disciplinary proceedings; disciplinary proceedings; disciplinary proceedings against registered architects; permits, applications, issuance, and inspections; and enforcement, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 553.791, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senator Jones—

CS for SB 1172—A bill to be entitled An act relating to preferences for veterans and military spouses; amending s. 295.07, F.S.; requiring the state and its political subdivisions to give preference in appointment and retention in positions of employment to the spouses of wartime veterans, veterans, members of any reserve component of the United States Armed Forces or the Florida National Guard, and certain active duty servicemembers; amending s. 295.187, F.S.; defining the term “veteran-owned or military spouse-owned business”; providing for contracting preferences for such businesses; amending s. 295.188, F.S.; authorizing private employers to adopt employment policies that give preference in hiring to current members of any reserve component of the United States Armed Forces or the Florida National Guard and their spouses and the spouses of active duty servicemembers serving in the United States Armed Forces; prohibiting members on active duty training from being eligible for such preference; creating s. 295.189, F.S.; providing a short title; providing definitions; requiring the Department of State to waive specified fees for certain businesses; providing eligibility requirements for the fee waivers; providing applicability; providing specified tax exemptions for certain businesses; requiring the Department of Revenue to develop procedures for such exemptions; providing that such exemptions apply for a specified period for certain businesses relocating to this state; establishing the Veteran and Military Spouse Entrepreneurship Program in consultation with the Department of Commerce; providing requirements for the program; requiring that certain businesses receive expedited processing for certain certifications; providing for rulemaking and interagency cooperation; providing reporting requirements; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senator DiCeglie—

CS for SB 1184—A bill to be entitled An act relating to residual market insurers; amending s. 626.913, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 626.914, F.S.; removing the definition of the term “diligent effort”; amending s. 626.916, F.S.; revising the conditions for insurance coverage to be eligible for export; providing a presumption that an insured is presumed to have been informed of the availability of other coverage under certain circumstances; amending ss. 627.4085, 627.701, 627.70131, 627.70132, 627.70152, and 627.952, F.S.; removing applicability and nonapplicability to surplus lines insurance of provisions relating to applications for insurance policies and annuity contracts; liability of insureds, coinsurance, and deductibles; insurers’ duty to acknowledge communications regarding claims and investigations; notice of property insurance claim; suits arising under a property insurance policy; and risk retention and purchasing group agents, respectively; creating ss. 626.9261, 626.9262, 626.9263, and 626.9264, F.S.; transferring to surplus lines insurance those provisions relating to liability of insureds and deductibles; insurers’ duty to acknowledge communications regarding residential property insurance claims and investigations; notice of property insurance claim; suits arising under a property insurance policy; creating s. 626.9265, F.S.; prohibiting policyholders from assigning post-loss insurance benefits under property insurance policies; creating s. 626.9266, F.S.; requiring settlements or verdicts against insureds as a condition precedent to the accrual or maintenance of causes of actions against liability insurers by persons who are not insureds; providing that insurers are parties for the purpose of recovering taxable costs and attorney fees under certain circumstances; authorizing insurers to insert specified contractual provisions in liability insurance policies; authorizing liability insurers to be joined as party defendants under certain circumstances; prohibiting insurers’ presence from being disclosed under certain circumstances; amending s. 626.931, F.S.; removing the requirement that certain surplus lines agents file a specified affidavit; amending s. 626.932, F.S.; conforming cross-references; revising the timeline of the surplus lines tax remittance by surplus lines agents to the Florida Surplus Lines Service Office; amending s. 627.351, F.S.; revising the requirements for licensed agents appointed by Citizens Property In-

insurance Corporation to write and renew certain insurance coverage; amending ss. 626.918, 626.9325, and 626.9541, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending ss. 626.935 and 627.715, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senators DiCeglie, Sharief, Calatayud, Bernard, Arrington, Pizzo, and Osgood—

CS for SB 1212—A bill to be entitled An act relating to firefighter health and safety; amending s. 633.506, F.S.; revising legislative intent; amending s. 633.508, F.S.; requiring the Division of State Fire Marshal within the Department of Financial Services to assist in decreasing the frequency and severity of fatalities; revising the division's authority to adopt rules; requiring the division to adopt rules; defining the term "readily available"; authorizing the division to recommend a phased approach in adopting certain rules related to firefighting gear; amending s. 633.520, F.S.; requiring the division to adopt rules relating to education on chemical hazards and toxic substances in protective gear and mental health best practices; amending ss. 633.522 and 633.526, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Education Postsecondary; and Senator Burton—

CS for SB 1356—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Institute for Pediatric Rare Diseases; creating s. 1004.4211, F.S.; establishing the Florida Institute for Pediatric Rare Diseases within the Florida State University College of Medicine; providing the goals of the institute; requiring the institute to establish and administer the Sunshine Genetics Pilot Program for a specified period; providing the purpose of the pilot program; providing institute responsibilities and duties relating to the pilot program; providing requirements for participation in the pilot program and data collection and release in the pilot program; defining the term "health care practitioner"; providing reporting requirements for the pilot program; establishing the Sunshine Genetics Consortium for specified purposes; requiring the consortium to be administered at the institute by an oversight board; providing for the membership and terms of the board; providing meeting and reporting requirements for the consortium; providing appropriations; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senator Calatayud—

CS for SB 1400—A bill to be entitled An act relating to removal of altered sexual depictions posted without consent; providing a short title; amending s. 836.13, F.S.; defining the term "covered platform"; requiring covered platforms to establish a process by a specified date for removal of altered sexual depictions posted without the consent of the identifiable person; providing requirements for such process; requiring notice of such a process; providing immunity for good faith compliance; prohibiting unreasonable failure to comply; providing for penalties and remedies; providing exceptions; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Education Pre-K - 12; and Senator Yarborough—

CS for SB 1402—A bill to be entitled An act relating to students enrolled in dropout retrieval programs; amending s. 1002.45, F.S.; revising assessment and accountability requirements for a virtual instruction program provider; providing that a virtual instruction program provider operating exclusively as a dropout retrieval program is exempt from specified requirements; amending s. 1003.53, F.S.; providing that dropout retrieval programs serve a specified group of students; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senator Grall—

CS for SB 1612—A bill to be entitled An act relating to financial institutions; amending s. 655.047, F.S.; requiring state financial institutions to pay a semiannual assessment for specified time periods; requiring that the semiannual assessment be received by the Office of

Financial Regulation in a specified manner and by specified dates; amending s. 655.414, F.S.; authorizing the office to issue a specified certificate under certain circumstances; amending s. 657.002, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "equity"; amending s. 657.028, F.S.; authorizing elected officers, directors, or committee members of a credit union to be reimbursed for certain expenses; amending s. 657.043, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 658.235, F.S.; revising the timeframe for certain requirements by the directors of a proposed bank or trust company; amending s. 658.25, F.S.; revising the timeframe within which a bank or trust company corporation is required to open and conduct specified business; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senator Collins—

CS for SB 1656—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance regulations; amending s. 48.151, F.S.; providing that the Chief Financial Officer is the agent for service of process on health maintenance organizations; amending s. 252.63, F.S.; revising the content of a publication from the Commissioner of Insurance Regulation relating to orders applicable to insurance in areas under a state of emergency; creating s. 624.341, F.S.; providing legislative findings and intent; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to accept certain fingerprints; specifying procedures for fingerprinting; authorizing the Department of Law Enforcement to exchange certain records with the Office of Insurance Regulation; specifying that fingerprints may be submitted in accordance with certain rules; authorizing that the fingerprints be submitted through a third-party vendor authorized by the Department of Law Enforcement; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to conduct certain background checks; requiring that certain fingerprints be submitted and entered into a specified system; requiring the office to inform the Department of Law Enforcement of any person whose fingerprints no longer must be retained; specifying who bears the costs of fingerprint processing; specifying that certain criminal records be used by the office for certain purposes; amending s. 624.4085, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "life and health insurer"; amending s. 624.422, F.S.; providing that the appointment of the Chief Financial Officer for service of process applies to insurers withdrawing from and ceasing operations in this state until all insurers' liabilities in this state are extinguished; amending s. 624.424, F.S.; requiring certain authorized insurers to provide certain information to the office; revising the considerations of the office in determining whether a fee, commission, or other financial consideration is fair and reasonable; amending s. 624.45, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 624.610, F.S.; deleting certain provisions relating to credits allowed in specified reinsurance circumstances and relating to assuming insurers' accreditations; requiring filing fees from reinsurers requesting to operate in this state; deleting applicability provisions; amending s. 626.9651, F.S.; requiring the Office of Insurance Regulation and the Financial Services Commission to adopt rules on cybersecurity of certain insurance data; providing requirements for such rules; providing duties of the office; providing construction; amending s. 627.062, F.S.; prohibiting personal residential property insurers from submitting more than two use and file filings under certain circumstances; providing an exception; amending s. 627.0621, F.S.; requiring that certain rate filings with the office from residential property insurers include rate transparency reports; providing for acceptance or rejection by the office of such reports; providing requirements for such reports; requiring insurers to provide such reports to consumers; requiring the office to define terms used in such reports; requiring the office to establish and maintain a specified center on its website; providing requirements for the website; amending s. 627.0645, F.S.; revising requirements of rate filing with the office; amending s. 627.0651, F.S.; prohibiting motor vehicle insurers from submitting more than two use and file filings under certain circumstances; amending s. 627.4554, F.S.; requiring that certain forms be posted on the website of the Department of Financial Services, rather than the office; amending s. 627.6699, F.S.; deleting and revising definitions; deleting provisions relating to the creation of the Florida Small Employer Health Reinsurance Program; amending s. 627.711, F.S.; requiring the office to contract with a state university to design, operate, upgrade, and maintain a specified database; requiring property insurers to file certain policyholder forms in the database; requiring the commission to adopt rules; amending s. 627.7152, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to requirements for reporting and rulemaking regarding property insurance claims paid under assignment agreements; creating s.

627.9145, F.S.; providing reporting requirements for residential property insurers; requiring the commission to adopt rules; amending s. 627.915, F.S.; revising reporting requirements for private passenger automobile insurers; requiring the commission to adopt rules; providing requirements for such rules; deleting reporting requirement provisions for certain insurers; amending ss. 628.081 and 628.091, F.S.; deleting the requirement that domestic insurer incorporators execute articles of incorporation and file them with the office in triplicate; amending s. 628.111, F.S.; deleting the requirement that domestic insurers make copies of amendments to articles of incorporation in triplicate; amending s. 628.461, F.S.; specifying the method of sending notifications regarding transactions or proposed transactions of voting securities of stock insurers or controlling companies; revising the method of filing certain statements; amending s. 628.4615, F.S.; revising the method by which amendments to certain applications must be sent to specialty insurers; amending s. 628.717, F.S.; revising requirements for the office's responses upon receipt of articles of incorporation; amending s. 628.719, F.S.; revising the method by which mutual insurance holding companies show their adoption of article of incorporation amendments and deliver the amendments to the office; revising the requirements for the office's responses upon receipt of amendments; amending s. 628.910, F.S.; deleting the requirement that captive insurance company incorporators file articles of incorporation in triplicate; revising the office's responses upon receipt of captive insurance company articles of incorporation; amending s. 629.011, F.S.; revising definitions and defining terms; amending s. 629.071, F.S.; authorizing assessable and nonassessable reciprocal insurers, rather than domestic reciprocal insurers, to transact insurance if they maintain specified amounts of surplus funds; amending s. 629.081, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; creating s. 629.082, F.S.; providing that attorneys in fact of reciprocals are affiliates of the reciprocals for specified purposes; creating s. 629.1015, F.S.; requiring certain reciprocal insurers to provide the office with documentation supporting that fees, commissions, and other financial considerations and payments to affiliates are fair and reasonable; requiring the office to comply with certain provisions when making certain determinations; providing requirements for documentation of such fees; amending s. 629.121, F.S.; providing that certain bonds filed with the office as security are filed by attorneys in fact, rather than attorneys of domestic reciprocal insurers; increasing the bond amount; creating s. 629.162, F.S.; authorizing reciprocal insurers to require subscriber contributions; providing disclosure and reporting requirements for subscriber contributions; specifying that changes to subscriber contributions are subject to prior approval by the office; creating s. 629.163, F.S.; authorizing reciprocal insurers to establish subscriber savings accounts; specifying that moneys assigned to subscriber savings accounts are not considered distributions; providing that subscriber savings accounts are subject to certain requirements; creating s. 629.164, F.S.; authorizing reciprocal insurers to make distributions to subscribers from subscriber savings accounts under certain conditions; providing that the subscribers' advisory committee or the attorney in fact has authority to authorize distributions, subject to prior written approval by the office; authorizing reciprocal insurers, upon prior written approval, to return to subscribers certain unassigned funds; providing that such returns may not exceed a certain amount; prohibiting certain distribution discriminations; amending s. 629.171, F.S.; revising requirements for filing with the office annual statements by reciprocal insurers; amending s. 629.181, F.S.; replacing surplus deposits of subscribers with subscriber contributions; providing limits on subscriber contributions; amending s. 629.201, F.S.; requiring that each domestic reciprocal insurer have a subscribers' advisory committee; requiring that such committee be formed in compliance with specified laws; requiring that rules and amendments adopted by subscribers have prior approval by the office; revising subscribers' advisory committees' duties and membership; providing for election and terms; repealing s. 629.271, F.S., relating to distribution of savings; amending s. 629.291, F.S.; providing that forms filed with the office for plans to merge a reciprocal insurer with another reciprocal insurer or to convert a reciprocal insurer to a stock or mutual insurer are adopted by the commission rather than the office; amending s. 629.301, F.S.; specifying the manner in which impaired reciprocal insurers are proceeded against if they cannot make up deficiencies in assets; specifying the manner in which assessments are levied upon subscribers if reciprocal insurers are liquidated; providing that assessments are subject to specified limits; repealing ss. 629.401 and 629.520, F.S., relating to insurance exchange and the authority of a limited reciprocal insurer, respectively; creating s. 629.56, F.S.; requiring reciprocal insurers to maintain unearned premium reserves at

all times; amending s. 634.401, F.S.; revising provisions relating to coverage for accidental damage under a service warranty; creating s. 641.2012, F.S.; providing applicability of service of process provisions to health maintenance organizations; amending s. 641.26, F.S.; revising requirements for filing annual and quarterly reports by health maintenance organizations; creating s. 641.283, F.S.; providing applicability of administrative supervision and hazardous insurer condition provisions to health maintenance organizations; amending s. 651.011, F.S.; providing and revising definitions; amending s. 651.018, F.S.; providing duties for the office if certain conditions exist in continuing care facilities; amending s. 651.019, F.S.; requiring continuing care providers to provide to the office specified information on financing and intended use of proceeds under certain circumstances; creating s. 651.0212, F.S.; requiring or authorizing the office, depending on the circumstance, to deny or revoke, or in some cases to suspend, a provider's authority to engage in certain continuing care activities; amending s. 651.0215, F.S.; revising the timeframe for the office to examine and respond to consolidated applications for provisional certificates of authority and certificates of authority for providers of continuing care; deleting provisions relating to the duties of the office in responding to such applications; revising the requirements for when an application is deemed complete; amending s. 651.022, F.S.; revising requirements for provisional certificates of authority of providers of continuing care; deleting provisions relating to duties of the office in responding to such applications; revising the requirements for when an application is deemed complete; amending s. 651.023, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; revising the requirements for when an application is deemed complete; amending s. 651.024, F.S.; providing applicability of certain specialty insurer provisions and non-applicability of certain continuing care provider requirements to bondholders under certain circumstances; defining the term "consent rights"; providing applicability of such provisions to certain entities under certain circumstances; amending s. 651.0246, F.S.; revising requirements for applications for expansion of certificated continuing care facilities; deleting specified duties of the office in responding to such applications; revising the timeframe for the office to review such applications; amending s. 651.026, F.S.; revising requirements for annual reports filed by providers of continuing care; providing requirements for reports; amending s. 651.0261, F.S.; providing additional requirements for quarterly reports filed by continuing care facilities; amending s. 651.033, F.S.; requiring office approval before execution of an agreement for establishing an escrow account; defining the terms "emergency" and "business day"; specifying circumstances under which providers of continuing care may withdraw a specified percentage of the required minimum liquid reserve; revising the timeframe for the office to deny petitions for emergency withdrawals; providing duties of escrow agents; amending s. 651.034, F.S.; revising duties of the office relating to impaired continuing care providers; amending s. 651.035, F.S.; providing requirements for continuing care providers' minimum liquid reserve accounts in escrow; providing requirements for debt service reserve transfers from one financial institution or lender to another; revising and providing requirements for continuing care providers' operating reserves in escrow; revising the circumstances under which the office may order transfer of the minimum liquid reserve; amending s. 651.043, F.S.; revising circumstances under which certain notices of management changes must be provided to the office; amending s. 651.071, F.S.; providing that continuing care and continuing care at-home contracts must be treated with higher priority over all other claims in the event of receivership or liquidation proceedings against a provider; providing an exception; amending s. 651.085, F.S.; requiring designated resident representatives in continuing care facilities to perform their duties in good faith; requiring each continuing care facility to have its own designated resident representative; specifying the methods for notifications to designated resident representatives of certain meetings; creating s. 651.087, F.S.; specifying that providers who borrow from or pledge the personal funds of residents commit a misdemeanor; providing criminal penalties; amending s. 651.091, F.S.; requiring continuing care facilities to post notices of bankruptcy proceedings; providing requirements for such notices; requiring continuing care facilities to maintain certain records; requiring providers of continuing care to make certain records available for review and to deliver copies of specified disclosure statements; creating s. 651.104, F.S.; prohibiting persons from acting or holding themselves out as management companies for continuing care retirement communities without a certificate of authority; providing requirements for certificate of authority applications; prohibiting the office from issuing certificates of authority under certain circumstances; creating s. 651.1041, F.S.; pro-

viding applicability of specified insurer provisions to acquisitions of management companies; creating s. 651.1043, F.S.; providing requirements for management company annual and quarterly financial statements; requiring acquisition application filings under certain circumstances; requiring monthly statement filings under certain circumstances; providing fines for noncompliance; providing rulemaking authority; creating s. 651.1045, F.S.; providing grounds for the office to refuse, suspend, and revoke management company certificates of authority; providing that revocation of a management company's certificate of authority does not relieve a provider from specified obligations to residents and from annual statement filings and license fees; authorizing the office to seek enforcement actions; amending s. 651.105, F.S.; authorizing the office to examine the businesses of management companies and their parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates under certain circumstances; requiring the office to notify management companies of compliance deficiencies and to require corrective actions or plans; requiring management companies to respond to such notices; amending s. 651.1065, F.S.; prohibiting management companies from engaging in certain acts if delinquency proceedings have been or are to be initiated; providing penalties; amending s. 651.107, F.S.; requiring management companies to file annual statements and pay license fees during periods of certificate of authority suspension; providing for automatic reinstatement or revocation of certificates of authority; amending s. 651.108, F.S.; providing administrative fines for management companies for certain violations; creating s. 651.113, F.S.; authorizing the office to consider certain information in determining whether the continued operation of any provider transacting business in this state may be deemed to be in hazardous financial condition; requiring providers and facilities determined to be insolvent or in danger of insolvency to prepare a plan; requiring the provider or facility to prepare a specified plan; requiring that such plan be presented to the office within a specified timeframe; authorizing the office to issue an order requiring a provider or facility to engage in certain acts under certain circumstances; authorizing the office to issue immediate final orders requiring certain acts; providing construction; amending s. 651.114, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to continuing care facility trustees and lenders; creating s. 651.1165, F.S.; requiring the office to record notices of lien against continuing care facilities' properties; providing requirements for such liens; providing for lien foreclosures in civil actions; providing that such liens are preferred to all liens, mortgages, and other encumbrances upon the property and all unrecorded liens, mortgages, and other encumbrances; providing conditions for lien releases; amending ss. 624.307, 627.642, 627.6475, 627.657, and 627.66997, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing applicability dates; providing effective dates.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senator Collins—

CS for SB 1658—A bill to be entitled An act relating to public records; amending s. 627.711, F.S.; providing an exemption from public records requirements for certain data entered into the uniform mitigation verification inspection form database; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity; providing a contingent effective date.

By the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senator Grall—

CS for SB 1666—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Uniform Commercial Code; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision; creating part I of ch. 669, F.S., relating to controllable electronic records; creating s. 669.101, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 669.102, F.S.; defining terms; providing construction; creating s. 669.103, F.S.; providing construction; creating s. 669.104, F.S.; providing applicability; specifying when a purchaser of a controllable account or controllable payment intangible is a qualifying purchaser; specifying rights acquired relating to controllable electronic records; prohibiting actions from being asserted against qualifying purchasers under certain circumstances; specifying that filing a certain financial statement is not notice of a claim of a property right in a controllable electronic record; creating s. 669.105, F.S.; specifying when a person has control of a controllable electronic record; providing when a person's power relating to controllable electronic records is or is not exclusive; providing that a person who has control of a controllable electronic record is not required to acknowledge such control; specifying that a person that acknowledges control of a controllable electronic record does not owe any duty to the other person and is not required to confirm the acknowledgment to

any other person; creating s. 669.106, F.S.; authorizing account debtors on a controllable account or controllable payment intangible to discharge obligations under certain circumstances; providing requirements for such discharge; prohibiting account debtors from waiving or varying certain rights and options; providing construction; creating s. 669.107, F.S.; specifying the governing laws and jurisdictions relating to controllable electronic records; creating part II of ch. 669, F.S., relating to transitional provisions; creating s. 669.501, F.S.; providing a short title; creating s. 669.502, F.S.; defining terms; creating ss. 669.601 and 669.701, F.S.; providing saving clauses for certain transactions; providing applicability; providing construction; creating s. 669.702, F.S.; specifying requirements for perfecting security interests that are enforceable and perfected before a specified date; creating s. 669.703, F.S.; specifying requirements for security interests that were unperfected before a specified date; creating s. 669.704, F.S.; specifying the effectiveness of certain actions relating to security interests taken before a specified date; creating ss. 669.705 and 669.706, F.S.; providing priority for conflicting claims to collateral; amending s. 670.103, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "payment order"; amending s. 670.201, F.S.; revising authorizations and requirements relating to security procedures; amending s. 670.202, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which payment orders received by banks are effective as the order of a customer; making technical changes; amending s. 670.203, F.S.; revising rules that apply to payment orders that are not authorized orders of certain customers; amending ss. 670.207, 670.208, 670.21, and 670.211, F.S.; making technical changes; amending s. 670.305, F.S.; revising liability requirements relating to payment orders; creating part VI of ch. 670, F.S., relating to transitional provisions; creating s. 670.601, F.S.; providing applicability; amending s. 671.101, F.S.; making technical changes; amending s. 671.105, F.S.; revising applicability; amending s. 671.107, F.S.; making a technical change; amending s. 671.201, F.S.; revising definitions; defining terms; amending s. 671.211, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; creating part IV of ch. 671, F.S., relating to transitional provisions; creating s. 671.401, F.S.; providing applicability; amending s. 672.102, F.S.; revising applicability; amending s. 672.106, F.S.; defining the term "hybrid transaction"; making technical changes; amending ss. 672.201, 672.202, 672.203, and 672.205, F.S.; making technical changes; amending s. 672.209, F.S.; revising a prohibition on modifying or rescinding a signed agreement that excludes modification or rescission; creating part VIII of ch. 672, F.S., relating to transitional provisions; creating s. 672.801, F.S.; providing applicability; amending s. 673.1041, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "negotiable instrument"; amending s. 673.1051, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "issue"; amending s. 673.4011, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 673.6041, F.S.; specifying that the obligation of a party to pay a check is not discharged solely by destruction of the check in connection with a specified process; creating part VII of ch. 673, F.S., relating to transitional provisions; creating s. 673.702, F.S.; providing applicability; amending s. 675.104, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 675.116, F.S.; providing that a branch of a bank is considered to be located at the address indicated in the branch's undertaking or, if more than one address is indicated, the address from which the undertaking was issued; making technical changes; creating s. 675.119, F.S.; providing applicability; amending s. 677.102, F.S.; deleting definitions of the terms "record" and "sign"; amending s. 677.106, F.S.; specifying when a system satisfies certain requirements and a person has control of an electronic document of title; specifying when certain powers are or are not exclusive; providing that a person that has control of an electronic document or title does not need to acknowledge that it has control on behalf of another person; specifying that a person does not owe any duty to another person under certain circumstances; creating part VII of ch. 677, F.S., related to transitional provisions; creating s. 677.701, F.S.; providing applicability; amending s. 678.1021, F.S.; revising definitions; revising the applicability of definitions; amending s. 678.1031, F.S.; specifying that a controllable account, controllable electronic record, or controllable payment intangible is not a financial asset under certain circumstances; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 678.1061, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which purchasers have control of security entitlements; specifying that a person that has such control is not required to acknowledge such control on behalf of a purchaser; specifying that certain persons do not owe any duty to purchasers and are not required to confirm certain acknowledgment under certain circumstances; amending s. 678.1101, F.S.; providing applicability; amending s. 678.3031, F.S.; specifying that protected purchasers acquire interest in a security free of any adverse claim; creating part VI of ch. 678, F.S., relating to transitional provi-

sions; creating s. 678.601, F.S.; providing applicability; amending s. 679.1021, F.S.; defining terms; revising and deleting definitions; revising the applicability of definitions; amending s. 679.1041, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which a secured party has control of a deposit account; making a technical change; amending s. 679.1051, F.S.; revising when a person has control of electronic chattel paper; specifying when power of such control is or is not exclusive; creating s. 679.1052, F.S.; specifying when a person has control of electronic money; specifying when power of such control is or is not exclusive; creating s. 679.1053, F.S.; specifying when a person has control of controllable electronic records, controllable accounts, or controllable payment intangibles; creating s. 679.1054, F.S.; providing that specified persons with certain control are not required to acknowledge such control; specifying that such persons do not owe any duty to certain persons and are not required to confirm acknowledgment to any other person; amending s. 679.2031, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which a security interest is enforceable against a debtor and third parties; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 679.2041, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which a security interest does not attach under a term constituting an after-acquired property clause; amending s. 679.2071, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 679.2081, F.S.; revising duties relating to secured parties having control of collateral; amending s. 679.209, F.S.; revising duties relating to secured parties if an account debtor has been notified of an assignment; revising cross-references; amending s. 679.210, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 679.3011, F.S.; revising requirements relating to laws governing perfection and priority of security interests; revising a cross-reference; amending s. 679.3041, F.S.; specifying that the local law of a bank's jurisdiction governs even if a transaction does not bear any relation to the bank's jurisdiction; amending s. 679.3051, F.S.; revising applicability; creating s. 679.3062, F.S.; specifying which laws govern the perfection and priority of security interests in chattel paper; creating s. 679.3063, F.S.; specifying which laws govern the perfection and priority of security interests in controllable accounts, controllable electronic records, and controllable payment intangibles; amending s. 679.3101, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which the filing of a financing statement is not necessary to perfect a security interest; amending s. 679.3121, F.S.; providing requirements for perfecting a security interest in controllable accounts, controllable electronic records, and controllable payment intangibles; amending s. 679.3131, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 679.3141, F.S.; revising requirements for perfection by control; creating s. 679.3152, F.S.; providing requirements for perfecting a security interest in chattel paper by possession and control; amending s. 679.3161, F.S.; revising requirements relating to maintaining perfection of security interests following a change in governing law; revising cross-references; amending s. 679.3171, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which persons take free of a security interest or agricultural lien; amending s. 679.323, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which a buyer or lessee of goods takes free of a security interest or leasehold; amending s. 679.324, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; creating s. 679.3251, F.S.; specifying that certain security interests in controllable accounts, controllable electronic records, or controllable payment intangibles have priority over conflicting security interests; amending s. 679.330, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which purchasers of chattel paper have priority over certain security interests in the chattel paper; revising applicability; making a technical change; amending s. 679.331, F.S.; revising construction; amending s. 679.332, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which a transferee takes money or funds free of a security interest; amending ss. 679.341 and 679.4041, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 679.4061, F.S.; defining the term "promissory note"; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; revising applicability; amending s. 679.4081, F.S.; defining the term "promissory note"; amending ss. 679.509, 679.513, 679.601, and 679.604, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 679.605, F.S.; specifying when a secured party owes a duty to a person based on the party's status as a secured party; amending ss. 679.608 and 679.611, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; making technical changes; amending s. 679.613, F.S.; revising the form for notification of the disposition of collateral; providing requirements relating to such form; amending s. 679.614, F.S.; revising form requirements for notice of a plan to sell property; providing requirements relating to such form; amending ss. 679.615, 679.616, 679.619, 679.620, 679.621, 679.624, and 679.625, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 679.628, F.S.; providing applicability; creating part

IX of ch. 679, F.S., relating to transitional provisions; creating ss. 679.901 and 679.902, F.S.; providing construction; amending s. 680.1021, F.S.; revising applicability; amending s. 680.1031, F.S.; defining the term "hybrid lease"; conforming cross-references; amending ss. 680.1071, 680.201, 680.202, 680.203, 680.205, and 680.208, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; creating part VI of ch. 680, F.S., relating to transitional provisions; creating s. 680.601, F.S.; providing applicability; amending ss. 55.205, 319.27, 328.0015, 517.061, 559.9232, 563.022, and 668.50, F.S.; conforming cross-references; reenacting ss. 655.55(1) and (2) and 685.101(2), F.S., relating to law applicable to deposits in and contracts relating to extensions of credit by a deposit or lending institution located in this state and choice of law, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 671.105, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 90.953(1), 673.1061(1), (3), and (4), and 673.1151(2), F.S., relating to admissibility of duplicates, unconditional promise or order, and incomplete instruments, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 673.1041, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 673.6051(2), F.S., relating to discharge of indorsers and accommodation parties, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 673.6041, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 673.1031(2), F.S., relating to definitions, to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 673.1041 and 673.1051, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 675.103(1)(j), F.S., relating to definitions, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 675.104, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 679.3061(2), F.S., relating to law governing perfection and priority of security interests in letter-of-credit rights, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 675.116, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting ss. 672.103(3) and 674.104(3), F.S., relating to definitions and index of definitions, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 677.106, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 678.5101(3) and 679.1061(1), F.S., relating to rights of purchaser of security entitlement from entitlement holder and control of investment property, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 678.1061, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting ss. 674.2101(3), 675.1181(2), and 679.1101, F.S., relating to security interest of collecting bank in items, accompanying documents, and proceeds; security interest of issuer or nominated person; and security interests arising under ch. 672, F.S., or ch. 680, F.S., respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 679.2031, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 679.709(2), F.S., relating to priority, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 679.2031, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 679.602(2), F.S., relating to waiver and variance of rights and duties, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 679.210, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 679.329(2), F.S., relating to priority of security interests in deposit account and priority of security interests in letter-of-credit right, respectively, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 679.3141, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 679.320(3), F.S., relating to buyer of goods, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 679.3161, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 727.109(8)(b), F.S., relating to power of the court, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 679.3171, F.S., in a reference thereto; reenacting s. 680.307(3), F.S., relating to priority of liens arising by attachment or levy on, security interests in, and other claims to goods, to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 679.3171 and 679.323, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 679.328(2), (5), and (7), F.S., relating to priority of security interests in investment property, to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 678.1061, 679.3131, 679.3141, and 679.323, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 679.327(1) and (2), F.S., relating to priority of security interests in deposit account, to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 679.1041 and 679.3141, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 679.1091(4), F.S., relating to scope, to incorporate the amendments made to ss. 679.2031 and 679.4041, F.S., in references thereto; reenacting s. 679.626(3), F.S., relating to action in which deficiency or surplus is in issue, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 679.628, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability; and Senators Leek, Martin, and Ingoglia—

CS for SB 1678—A bill to be entitled An act relating to entities that boycott Israel; amending s. 215.4725, F.S.; defining terms; revising definitions; requiring the public fund to make its best efforts to identify certain institutions, organizations, agencies, governments, and other entities in which the public fund has direct or indirect holdings; requiring the public fund to compile and make available the Scrutinized Companies or Other Entities that Boycott Israel List; requiring the public fund to quarterly update and make publicly available such list;

revising the procedures the public fund must follow for assembling companies or other entities on such list; requiring the public fund to file a certain report with each member of the Board of Trustees of the State Board of Administration and with the Legislature which includes such list; requiring the public fund to file a certain report with a summary of correspondence between other entities and the public fund; requiring that specified actions be adopted and incorporated into a certain statement; amending s. 265.286, F.S.; requiring applicants to sign a certification form attesting that they comply with specified anti-discrimination laws and will not engage in antisemitic discrimination or antisemitic speech in conjunction with the program or project for which their grant is awarded; disqualifying for a specified timeframe grant applicants that engage in boycotts, antisemitic discrimination, or antisemitic speech; requiring recipients found to have engaged in boycotts or antisemitic discrimination in violation of their certification to pay a specified penalty; authorizing individuals to file a written complaint to the Attorney General for not pursuing a cause of action within a specified timeframe; requiring the Attorney General to provide a written response within a specified timeframe; amending s. 287.135, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “awarding body”; revising the contract values that prohibit a company or other entity from being eligible to bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew a contract with an agency or local governmental entity; requiring agencies and local governmental entities that enter into or renew a contract to include a specific termination provision; authorizing agencies and local governmental entities to bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew a contract for goods and services with other entities that boycott Israel under specified circumstances; requiring other entities to submit a certain certification at the same time as they submit a bid or proposal or enter into or renew a contract with an agency or local governmental entity; authorizing civil actions against companies and other entities under specified conditions; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and Senator Grall—

CS for SB 1736—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insulin administration by direct-support professionals and relatives; amending s. 393.063, F.S.; defining the term “direct-support professional”; creating s. 393.504, F.S.; authorizing direct-support professionals and relatives of clients in group home facilities for individuals with developmental disabilities to administer insulin as prescribed to the client if specified conditions are met; providing group home facilities, direct-support professionals, and relatives of clients with immunity from civil liability for damages and civil and criminal penalties under certain circumstances; providing that the administration of insulin includes sliding scale insulin therapy; amending s. 393.506, F.S.; authorizing unlicensed direct service providers who meet certain requirements to administer and supervise the self-administration of insulin and epinephrine by certain methods; amending s. 1002.394, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senators Ingolia and Sharief—

CS for SB 1740—A bill to be entitled An act relating to insurance; amending s. 215.5586, F.S.; revising legislative intent; specifying that hurricane mitigation grants funded through the My Safe Florida Home Program may be awarded only under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Financial Services to require that certain mitigation improvements be made as a condition of reimbursing a homeowner approved for a grant; amending ss. 624.407 and 624.408, F.S.; revising the surplus required for certain insurers applying for their original certificates of authority and to maintain their certificates of authority,

respectively; amending s. 624.4073, F.S.; specifying prohibitions for persons who were officers or directors of an insolvent insurer, attorneys in fact of a reciprocal insurer, or officers or directors of an attorney in fact of a reciprocal insurer; providing applicability; requiring the Office of Insurance Regulation to prohibit insurers or reciprocal insurers from paying any compensation to certain persons for certain violations until a specified time; amending s. 627.062, F.S.; prohibiting the office from requesting an insurer waive a deemed approval for residential property insurance rate filing under certain circumstances; prohibiting the office from issuing a notice of intent to disapprove a residential property insurance rate filing under certain circumstances; creating s. 627.4263, F.S.; defining terms; requiring that insurers’ decisions to deny claims be made by qualified human professionals; specifying the duties of qualified human professionals; requiring an insurer to maintain certain records; prohibiting using artificial intelligence, machine learning systems, or algorithms as the sole basis for determining whether to deny a claim; requiring insurers to include certain information in denial communications to claimants; requiring that certain insurers detail certain information in its claims handling manual; authorizing the office to conduct market conduct examinations and investigations under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

By the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; and Senator McClain—

CS for SB 1776—A bill to be entitled An act relating to employment rights; amending s. 112.3187, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “independent contractor”; amending s. 448.101, F.S.; revising the definitions of the terms “appropriate governmental agency” and “retaliatory personnel action”; defining the term “of the employer”; amending s. 448.102, F.S.; revising the prohibitions against retaliatory personnel action against an employee by his or her employer; providing construction; amending s. 448.103, F.S.; providing that an employee may not recover in an action against an employer for a retaliatory personnel action unless the employee can prove certain claims by clear and convincing evidence; providing that an employee has the burden of proof if the employer proffers certain grounds for the retaliatory action; amending s. 448.104, F.S.; requiring, rather than authorizing, a court to award reasonable attorney fees and costs to the prevailing party for retaliatory personnel actions; amending s. 448.105, F.S.; providing that if an employee has another available statutory remedy for conduct that would otherwise violate the act, then the remedies under the other statute preclude a claim under the act; reenacting s. 448.111(2), F.S., relating to evidentiary standards for actions of a business during an emergency, to incorporate the amendment made to s. 448.103, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing an effective date.

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

The Journals of March 12 and March 18 were corrected and approved.

CO-INTRODUCERS

Senators Collins—CS for SB 86; Davis—SB 1486; Hooper—CS for SB 280; Martin—SB 1408; Polsky—SB 1582; Smith—SB 1582

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Senator Passidomo, the Senate adjourned at 4:34 p.m. for the purpose of holding committee meetings and conducting other Senate business to reconvene at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 27 or upon call of the President.

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