The Florida Senate
1984-86
The Florida Senate

The Florida Senate is made up of 40 members, each from a single district representing about 300,000 Florida citizens.

They are elected for four year terms and may be elected for more than one term.

The 1984 Senate membership includes 31 men and 9 women. There are 31 Democrats and 9 Republicans whose professions or occupations include law, medicine, banking, business, agriculture and industry. The average senator is 46 years old, is married and has children. Thirty-one of the senators have college degrees and twenty-eight have held other public offices before they were elected to the Senate. Twenty-three senators served in the House of Representatives prior to their election to the Senate. Others have served in various capacities of local governments.

The Senate is presided over by a President elected by the members of the Senate for a two year term. Other officers of the Senate, also elected for a two year term, include the President Pro Tempore who assists the President and carries out duties assigned by him and presides in his absence; the Secretary and the Sergeant at Arms who are not members of the Senate but serve all members of the Senate under the direction of the President.

The President for the 1984-86 term is Senator Harry A. Johnston, II, a ten year veteran in the Senate and an attorney from West Palm Beach. The President Pro Tempore is Senator Betty Castor, a four year veteran of the Senate and an educator from Tampa.

Additional information on these officers and members of the Senate is contained on the following pages of this booklet.

The booklet also further outlines and describes the Senate and its operation and its relationship to the other House of the Legislature and the other two branches of Florida government.

The purpose of the booklet is to help you better understand your Senate and government, its members and operation, and its role of service to you, the citizens of the State of Florida.

Message from the President

Dear Fellow Citizens:

This booklet is presented to you by the Florida Senate to familiarize you with its membership, organization, operation and role in the governance of our State.

On behalf of all 40 members of the Senate, I urge you to be an active participant in your government. The interest and concern of citizens in their government is the cornerstone of a working democracy.

Feel free to communicate to me, and the other Senators, your thoughts, needs and inquiries. We are here to serve you.

Sincerely,

Harry A. Johnston, II
President of the Senate
Dear Fellow Floridian,

I would like to welcome you to Tallahassee and to the Florida Senate. I am proud to represent you as the first woman to serve as President Pro Tempore of the Florida Senate.

As you are aware, the rest of the nation is discovering what we already know. Florida is a great place to live. In the last twenty years there have been dramatic changes in our state. Our population has doubled; our state university system has almost tripled. Our community college enrollment is over six times what it was twenty years ago.

Planning for this growth is our state government's greatest challenge. The Florida Senate is committed to developing laws designed to meet this challenge so that the quality of life that has made our state so attractive can be maintained.

I am glad that you have demonstrated your interest in state government by visiting our Capitol. I hope that you will continue to contribute to your Legislature by communicating with your Senator.

Sincerely,

Betty Castor
President Pro Tempore
The Florida Senate Seating Chart
THE FLORIDA SENATE 1984-1986

District | Senator            | District | Senator            |
---------|---------------------|----------|---------------------|
1        | W.D. Childers (D)   | 21       | Castor (D)          |
2        | Thomas (D)          | 22       | Beard (R)           |
3        | Barron (D)          | 23       | Frank (D)           |
4        | Thurman (D)         | 24       | Neal (D)            |
5        | Grant (D)           | 25       | Johnson (R)         |
6        | Kirkpatrick (D)     | 26       | Johnston (D)        |
7        | Girardeau (D)       | 27       | Myers (R)           |
8        | Carlucci (D)        | 28       | D. Childers (D)     |
9        | Hair (D)            | 29       | Weinstein (D)       |
10       | Dunn (D)            | 30       | McPherson (D)       |
11       | Langley (R)         | 31       | Scott (R)           |
12       | Peterson (D)        | 32       | Jenne (D)           |
13       | Crawford (D)        | 33       | Hill (D)            |
14       | Stuart (D)          | 34       | Gersten (D)         |
15       | Jennings (R)        | 35       | Gordon (D)          |
16       | Deratany (R)        | 36       | Meek (D)            |
17       | Vogt (D)            | 37       | Margolis (D)        |
18       | Malchon (D)         | 38       | Mann (D)            |
19       | Kiser (R)           | 39       | Plummer (D)         |
20       | Grizzle (R)         | 40       | Fox (D)             |

(D) - Denotes Democrat  
(R) - Denotes Republican
Florida and Senate Symbols

Senate Seal

Senate Coat of Arms

Capitol Rotunda

State Flag

State Seal

Members of the Senate

Dempsey J. Barron
Democrat, District 3
Dean of the Senate

Attorney, businessman and rancher born March 5, 1922 in Andalusia, AL. Moved to Florida in 1924 education Florida State University, B.S.; University of Florida, J.D. wife Louverne Hall of Graceville children Steve and Stuart affiliations American, Florida, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit and Bay County Bar Associations legislative service House of Representatives, 1956-60; elected to the Senate in 1960, reelected subsequently: President Pro Tempore, 1967-68; President, 1974-76; Dean of the Senate and Dean of the Legislature highlights president of House of Representatives Freshman Club, 1957; Florida Jaycees Good Government Award, 1966; “Most Effective in Debate,” 1971 and 1979, "Most Effective in Committee," 1972, "Most Effective Member of the Senate," 1974, 1975, 1977, 1980 and 1982 (Allen Morris Awards); Tampa Bay Good Government Award, 1975-79; Florida March of Dimes Award, 1976; Florida Academy of Family Physicians Freedom Heritage Award, 1976; Constitution Revision Commission, 1977-78; Unified Sportsmen of Florida Legislator of the Year Award, 1980 and 1982. "Most Valuable Member of the Senate," 1982 (St. Petersburg Times Award); Florida Realtors’ Legislative of the Year, 1983; American Judicature Society Award of Merit, 1984 military service U.S. Navy, Pacific and European theaters during World War II recreation hunting and fishing addresses (district) P.O. Box 1638, Panama City 32401 (Tallahassee) 205 Senate Office Building, 32301 telephones (district) 904/785-7484 (Tallahassee) 904/487-5009.

Malcolm E. Beard
Republican, District 22

Joe Carluci  
Democrat, District 8


Donnell C. “Don” Childers  
Democrat, District 28

Insurance executive; bank advisory board member born March 3, 1932 in Skipperville, AL. Moved to Florida in 1960 education Troy State University, B.S, 1960 wife Kay Bess of Miami children Lisa, Don, Jr., and Timothy affilliations Committee for the Needs of Children, Bureau of Missing Children, Inc.; Palm Beach County Traffic Safety Project Committee; Redi Nurse Advisory Board; Sterling Christian Corporation Boys Home; past treasurer and board member of Christian Minors, Inc. (Senior Citizens Home in West Palm Beach); past member of Boy Scouts of America legislative service elected to the Senate in 1974, reelected subsequently; chairman of Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation, 1982 other public service past member of Executive Democratic Committee, Palm Beach County; member of local Democratic Clubs, Palm Beach County, Florida Delegate, Democratic National Convention, 1972; Florida Delegate, Democratic National Mini-Convention, Kansas City, MO, 1974; chairman of Select Subcommittee on Division of Youth Services, 1975; National Conference of State Legislatures, State-Federal Relations Assembly, Committee on Human Resources, 1977; Florida Crime Prevention Commission Advisory Council; member of State Board of Education Task Force on Migrant Education, 1978; Interstate Migrant Education Council; Public Health Unit Subcouncil; chairman of Administrative Procedures Committee, 1978; member of Primary Education (PREP) Council, 1979-81; Health and Rehabilitation Services Committee, chairman, 1981-84 highlights Florida Personnel and Guidance Association Outstanding Legislator Award; Palm Beach County Classroom Teachers Association plaque for Services to Public Education; Florida Wildlife Federation, Special Service Award; Palm Beach County School Board, Certificate of Appreciation for Advancing Education; Florida PTA “Appreciation Award for Outstanding Contribution to PTA and Children of Florida” military service U.S. Air Force, 1944-46, unemployed (district) 2101 South Military Trail, Suite B, West Palm Beach 33415 (Tallahassee) 336 Senate Office Building, 32301 telephones (district) 305/964-6464 (Tallahassee) 904/487-5091.

W. D. Childers  
Democrat, District 1


Robert B. “Bob” Crawford  
Democrat, District 13

Owner of real estate and securities investment firm; property management—ranch, citrus and commercial born January 28, 1948 in Bartow education University of Miami; Delta Sigma Rho, national forensic honorary wife Nancy Sue Canwall of Bartow children Robert Bruce, IV and Kristin Nicole affilliations past state director of Jaycees; Kiwanis; past vice president of Young Democrats of Polk County; Polk County Criminal Justice Task Force; board of directors, Polk County Coalition for Children & Youth; member, board of directors, Winter Haven Hospital Foundation Board; campaign chairman, Division 10 of the American Heart Association which includes Polk, Hardee and Highlands Counties legislative service House of Representatives, 1978-82; elected to the Senate in 1982; reelected subsequently other public service administrative assistant to Attorney General, 1975-76 church Baptist recreation tennis and boating addresses (district) P.O. Box 9445, Winter Haven 33883 (Tallahassee) 318 Senate Office Building, 32301 telephones (district) 613/299-6798 (Tallahassee) 904/487-5044.

Timothy D. “Tim” Deratany  
Republican, District 16

Businessman born October 19, 1939 in Detroit, MI. Moved to Florida in 1947 education Brevard Community College wife Andrea Green of Indianlantic children Brooke M. and Todd C. affilliations Chamber of Commerce; Lions Club; Civilian-Military Community Relations Council; Community School Advisory Board, chairman, 1978; Brevard Republican Council of 100 legislative service House of Representatives 1978-84; elected to Senate, April 10, 1984 other public service Councilman, 1969-71; Brevard County Beach Erosion Advisory Committee, 1970-78, Mayor, Indialantic, 1977-79; Brevard League of Civic Leagues, President, 1974; Florida League of Cities, Legislative Committee, 1975; Melbourne/Indianlantic Causeway Beautification Committee, Chairman, 1976-78 highlights Brevard League of Municipalities, life time honorary membership church Congregational recreation tennis, swimming and fishing addresses (district) 1300 Pinerose Drive, Indian Harbour Beach 32937 (Tallahassee) 336 Senate Office Building, 32301 telephones (district) 305/777-0032 (Tallahassee) 904/487-5053.
Edgar M. Dunn, Jr.
Democrat, District 10


Robertta Fox
Democrat, District 40


Pat Collier Frank
(Mrs. Richard Harlan)
Democrat, District 23

Legislator and business economist born November 12, 1929 in Cleveland, OH. Moved to Florida in 1936 education University of Florida, B.S.,B.A., 1951; Georgetown University School of Law; Hall of Fame; Mortar Board husband Richard Harlan Frank children Stacey, Hillary and Courtney affiliations Athena Society; Tampa Bay Committee on Foreign Relations; Chi Omega Sorority; Tampa Y (YMCA-YWCA); Florida Women Network legislative service House of Representatives, 1976-78; elected to the Senate in 1978, reelected subsequently other public service Hillsborough County School Board, 1972-76, chairman, 1975-76; Region VI Health and Rehabilitative Services Advisory Council; acting chairman of Region VIII Drug Advisory Council; Florida phosphate Land Reclamation Study Committee; Special Ambassador for the United States to the Independence of St. Vincent’s Island, 1979; member of Southern Regional Education Board; National Committee of Advanced Leadership Program Services [ALPS]; Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Task Force; Joint Executive and Legislative Task Force for Teacher Quality Improvement; Governor’s Commission on Secondary Schools; Assessment Policy Committee of the National Assessment of Educational Progress, 1982-86; National Science Foundation Task Group on Governments of the National Science Board Commission on Precollege Education in Mathematics, Science and Technology, 1982-84 highlights selected by House leaders as the most promising freshman legislator of the 1977 legislative session; N.E.A.-FTP “Friends of Education Award,” 1977; officer of the first class admitting women to the University of Florida; TIGER Award, 1977, 1978, 1979 and 1981; first woman to receive award as “Most Effective First Term Member of the House,” 1977 (Allen Morris Award); runner-up as “Most Valuable Member of the House,” 1978 (St. Petersburg Times Award); honorary member of Delta Kappa Gamma [Women Educators Honor Society]; honorary life member of the Hillsborough County Council of PTAs; first woman admitted to Georgetown University Law School; Kappa Delta Pi; Educator of the Year award “Good Government Award,” 1979; Florida “NOW” Award,” 1979; “Florida Council of Handicapped Organizations Award,” 1980; Women in Communications “Athena Award,” 1980; Florida Association of School Administrators “Gavel of Authority Award,” 1981; Phi Delta Kappa “Appreciation for Contributions to Education Award,” 1981; Florida Association District
Instructional Materials Administrators “Appreciation Award,” 1981; National Society to Prevent Blindness “People of Vision Award,” 1981; “Outstanding Service to Vocational Education Award,” 1982; City of Tampa, Office of Community Relations Human Rights Award, 1983; Zonta Club “Woman of the Year,” 1984; Florida State Museum Award for Conserving Florida’s Fossil Heritage, 1984; Science and Mineral Club Award for support of Florida’s Paleontology Heritage, 1984; Florida Grape Growers’ Award, 1984; Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church Humanitarian Service Award, 1984; National Federation of Business and Professional Women’s Clubs Woman of Achievement Award, 1984 church Episcopal recreation music and needlepoint addresses (district) 238 E. Davis Blvd., Suite C, Tampa 33606 (Tallahassee) 32301 telephones (district) 613/373-6614 (Tallahassee) 904/467-5076.

Joseph M. “Joe” Gersten
Democrat, District 34

Attorney born July 19, 1947 in Miami education Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan; 1969 New York University, B.S.; 1976 University of Maryland, M.A.; 1972; University of Miami School of Law, J.D., 1975 affiliations Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce; National Conference of State Legislators; board member of Coconut Grove Carees; American ORT Federation; Tropical Audubon Society; Florida Bar Association; board member of American Jewish Committee legislative service House of Representatives. 1974-81; elected to the Senate, November 3, 1981, reelected subsequently highlights extensive travel throughout Europe, Russia, Central Asia, India and the Orient; Florida/National Wildlife Federation’s “Conservation Legislator of the Year Award,” 1979; Florida House of Representatives “Citizen of the Year Award,” 1981; 1984 historical J.N. Morris, grandfather, was judge of the Circuit Court, 11th Judicial Circuit (Dade County); Louie Bandel, great-uncle, was State Racing Commission chairman and Dade County Court Judge; Joseph J. Gersten, father, is judge of the Circuit Court 11th Judicial Circuit (Dade County), former chairman of Board of Bar Examiners, and Miami Municipal Court Judge; David M. Gersten, brother, is judge of the Circuit Court 11th Judicial Circuit (Dade County), former Dade County Court Judge. Recreation sailing and photography addresses (district) 2303 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Coral Gables 33134 (Tallahassee) 240 Senate Office Building, 32301 telephones (district) 305/466-1830 (Tallahassee) 904/467-9109.

AFL-CIO’s “Outstanding Senator Award,” 1984 historical J.N. Morris, grandfather, was judge of the Circuit Court, 11th Judicial Circuit (Dade County); Louie Bandel, great-uncle, was State Racing Commission chairman and Dade County Court Judge; Joseph J. Gersten, father, is judge of the Circuit Court 11th Judicial Circuit (Dade County), former chairman of Board of Bar Examiners, and Miami Municipal Court Judge; David M. Gersten, brother, is judge of the Circuit Court 11th Judicial Circuit (Dade County), former Dade County Court Judge. Recreation sailing and photography addresses (district) 2303 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Coral Gables 33134 (Tallahassee) 240 Senate Office Building, 32301 telephones (district) 305/466-1830 (Tallahassee) 904/467-9109.

Arnett E. Girardeau, D.D.S.
Democrat, District 7


Jack D. Gordon
Democrat, District 35

Real estate developer and financial consultant born June 3, 1922 in Detroit, MI. Moved to Florida in 1940 education University of Michigan, B.A., 1942; Phi Epsilon Pi children Andrew, Deborah and Jonathan affiliations member of National Governing Council of American Legion; past president of South Florida Division, American Friends of Hebrew University; former director of National Association of Better Business Bureaus; former director of National Council of Senior Citizens; former state chairman of Concerned Democrats of Florida; honorary member of United Steelworkers of America legislative delegation, elected to the Senate in 1972, reelected subsequently; President Pro Tempore, 1982-84 other public service chairman and member of Miami Beach Housing Authority, 1949-56; housing finance consultant to U.S. State Department in Latin America and Africa, 1959-71; Dade County Board of Public Instruction, 1961-69; housing finance consultant to United Nations Technical Assistance Program, 1963-70; Dade County Economic Opportunity Program Board, 1964-67; U.S. Advisory Committee on State Departments of Education, 1965-70; Governor’s Commission on Quality Education in Florida, 1966; U.S. Advisory Panel on Teacher Training, 1968-71; chairman of Miami Beach Tourist Development Authority, 1971-72; Dade County Board of Reference, 1972 highlights Who’s Who in America, Veterans of Foreign Wars Americanism Award; Dade County Classroom Teachers Association School Bell Award; First Unitarian Church Living Religion Award; Miami Beach Taxpayers Association Outstanding Citizens Award; Costa Rican National Institute of Housing citation for encouraging savings and home ownership; American Civil Liberties Union Stanley Millett Award, 1973; Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year, 1975; “Most Effective in Committee,” 1976, runner-up as “Most Effective in Debate,” 1980-81, runner-up as “Most Effective Member of the Senate,” 1981; “Most Effective in Debate,” 1983-84 (Allen Morris Awards); Florida International University
Distinguished Service Award, 1978; TIGER Award, 1978-79; Nelson Poynter Civil Liberties Award, 1978; Dade County National Organization for Women Gwendolyn S. Cherry Award, 1979; National Council of Jewish Women Hannah G. Solomon Award, 1980; FIU Distinguished Visiting Lecturer, Political Science, 1982-present. military service U.S. Army, combat infantryman church Jewish recreation walking addresses (district) 2555 Collins Avenue, Suite 405, Miami Beach 33140 (Tallahassee) 308 Senate Office Building, 32301 telephones (district) 305/531-7297 (Tallahassee) 904/487-5112.

Bill Grant
Democrat, District 5

Bunker born February 21, 1943 in Lake City education Florida State University, B.S., marketing, 1963, president of class; Gold Key Honorary, Circus, officer of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, FSU Senate; University of Florida; American Institute of Banking children John and Carter affiliations past president of Jaycees, Rotary, and Chamber of Commerce; president of Florida 4-H Foundation; chairman of Madison County Development Authority; past president of Independent Bankers of Florida; board of directors of Independent Bankers America; past board member of Florida Bankers Association; board of directors and president of Bank of Madison County; vice chairman, board of directors of Lafayette County State Bank; state representative of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors; board of directors and district vice president of Florida Forestry Association legislative service elected to the Senate in 1982, reelected subsequently other public service Sunday school teacher; past chairman of Deacons of First Baptist Church of Madison; treasurer of Salvation Army; Gideons International highlights Florida Association of School Administrators "Gavel of Authority Award," 1983; Florida Coalition for Education of Exceptional Students "Most Outstanding Legislator Award," 1983; Alliance of North Florida Educational Employees "Outstanding Leadership Award," 1983; Florida Farm Bureau "Most Outstanding Freshman Legislator Award," 1983; Florida Veterinary Medicine Association "Layman of the Year Award," 1983; Association of Home Economics Educators "Outstanding Service Award," 1983; Florida Association of Extension Professionals "Most Valuable Legislator Award," 1984; Florida Association of Home Health Agencies "Outstanding Leadership Award," 1984; North Central Florida Regional Planning Council "Legislative Service Award," 1984; Florida School Boards Association, Inc. "90" Award for Excellence in Education Legislation, 1984; Florida Association of Community Colleges Legislative Service Award, 1984; Florida Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Distinguished Service Award, 1984; Florida State University College of Business Alumni Association's "Outstanding Alumnus Award," 1984 historical John H. Grant, Hall of Great-Grandfathers, served in Florida House of Representatives from Suwannee County 1902-04, 1904-06 church Baptist recreation baseball fishing, reading and writing address 224 Senate Office Building, Tallahassee 32301 telephone 904/487-5017.

Mary R. Grizzle
Republican, District 20

Housewife born August 19, 1921 in Lawrence County, OH. Moved to Florida in 1950 education Portsmouth, Ohio, Interstate Business College husband Ben F. Grizzle (deceased); Charles H. Pearson of St. Petersburg children Henry, Polley, Lorenia, Mary Alice, Betty and Jeannie affiliations past president of Anona PTA; Altrusa Club; Woman's Club; League of Women Voters; Large Business and Professional Women; past chairman of Florida Commission on Status of Women; Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels; president of Florida Federation of Republican Women, 1965-69; Clearwater Woman's Club; National Order of Women Legislators; honorary member of Alpha Phi Chapter, Delta Kappa Epsilon legislative service House of Representatives 1963-78; chairman of Pinellas Legislative Delegation, 1964-66; House Minority Leader Pro Tempore, 1974-78; elected to the Senate in 1978, reelected subsequently; chairman of Pinellas Legislative Delegation, 1979-80 other public service former town commissioner; former member of Pinellas County Planning Commission highlights Large Business and Professional Woman's Club's "Outstanding Woman of the Year" for civic participation, 1966; listed in Personnèlities In the South and Who's Who in American Women; co-authored and published Thimbleful of History; named by St. Petersburg Times as "One of Ten Outstanding Women in 1966"; "Friend for Life" of Suncoast Girl Scout Council, 1973; Pinellas Planning Council Service Award, 1974; Florida Association of Community Colleges Legislative Service Award, 1974 and 1977; Pinellas Juvenile Welfare Board legislative award for "Outstanding Service to Children," 1976; Pinellas County Classroom Teachers Association Outstanding Service to Education, 1979; Florida Rehabilitation Association's Achievement Award for Outstanding Service to the Handicapped, 1979; named honorary lifetime member of Pinellas County School Food Services for dedication to the School Food Program, 1979; FTP-NEA "Friend of Education Award," 1979 and 1984; Large Junior Women's Club award, "Woman of the Year," 1980; Outstanding Elected Official, Republican Club of Greater Seminole, 1980; Clearwater BPW, "Career Woman of the Year," 1981; honorary degree, Associate of Arts for College and Community Service, St. Petersburg Junior College, 1982; Florida League of Hospitals "Outstanding Legislator," 1982; Special Honor - St. Petersburg Junior College "Mary R. Grizzle Dental Hygiene Program," 1982; Soroptimist International, Women Honoring Women award for government, 1984 church Episcopal addresses (district) 2601 Jewel Road, Suite C, Belleair Bluffs 33755 (Tallahassee) 540 Senate Office Building, 32301 telephones (district) 853/594-6465 (Tallahassee) 904/487-5065.

Mattox S. Hair
Democrat, District 9

Attorney born January 18, 1938 in Coral Gables; reared in Live Oak education Florida State University, B.S., 1960; student body vice president and president; president of Kappa Alpha fraternity; FSU Gold Key; FSU Hall of Fame; permanent class president and outstanding senior man, 1960; Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities University of Florida, J.D., 1964; Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity wife Betty Winstead of Jacksonville affiliations Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Jacksonville chapter; American, Florida and Jacksonville Bar Associations; Chamber of Commerce; Sons of American Legion; Rotary Club of Jacksonville legislative service House of Representatives, 1972-74; elected to the Senate in 1974, reelected subsequently highlights legislative aide, 1957 and 1959 sessions; assistant attorney general, 1964-65; Jacksonville Jaycees "Good Government Award," 1974; "J. Turner Butler Outstanding Member of the Duval Delegation Award," 1977 and 1979; military service U.S. Army, first lieutenant; Florida National Guard, captain church Baptist recreation racquetball and hunting addresses (district) 3591 Atlantic Boulevard, Suite 2, Jacksonville 32207 (Tallahassee) 322 Senate Office Building, 32301 telephones (district) 904/359-6408 (Tallahassee) 904/487-5009.

John A. Hill
Democrat, District 33

Insurance executive born May 20, 1931 in Miami education Miami Dade Junior College wife Vivian Carson of Miami children John, Allen and Kathy affiliations past member and president of Local Union 328 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; past member and assistant business manager of System Council U-4, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; Hialeah-Miami Springs Chamber of Commerce, director, 1974-76; Spotlite Club of Hialeah, second vice president, 1972-74; Hialeah Optimist Club; Rotary Club of Miami Lakes, president, 1972-73; Mahi Temple AAOMNS; Scottish Rite, Valley of Miami, Orient of Florida; Order of Eastern Star, Alappattah Chapter 194; National Association of Life Underwriters; the Tree of Italy legislative service House of Representatives, 1974-76; House Majority Leader, 1976-78; elected to the Senate in 1978, reelected subsequently highlights New York Life Top Club Centurion Award; National Sales Achievement Award from the National Association of Life Underwriters; Florida Education
Association's Outstanding Freshman Legislator, 1975; George Groome Award as Outstanding Freshman Legislator from the Rotary Club, Hialeah Spotlite Club's Edward A. Wallace Award as "Outstanding Freshman Legislator," 1975; Kiwanis Distinguished Service Award, 1975; received the key to Dade County for economic development service to the county; City of Hialeah Appreciation Award, 1978; Teacher in Government Education Award, 1978; Florida Podiatry Association Legislator of the Year Award, 1980; Sickle Cell Foundation Award, 1981; received key to City of Hialeah, 1981; Appreciation Award from PBA for participation in establishing Police Memorial, Firefighters Award, 1982; Award of Appreciation from Latin Builders Association, 1982; High Noon Optimist Award of Florida, 1982; Grand Jury Labor Award, 1982; Apprenticeship Council appreciation, 1982; military service U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, 1958-63, master sergeant church Presbyterian recreation golf, racquetball and swimming addresses (district) 11 West 50th Street, Suite 202, Hialeah 33012 [Tallahassee] 216 Senate Office Building, 32301 telephones [district] 305/958-6780 [Tallahassee] 904/487-5106.

Kenneth C. “Ken” Jenne
Democrat, District 32

Attorney born December 1, 1946, in New Haven, CT. Moved to Florida in 1956 education Palm Beach Junior College, A.A., 1966; Florida Atlantic University, B.A., 1968; Florida State University College of Law, J.D., 1972; Fort Lauderdale College, Doctor of Humane Letters (Honorary), 1978 wife Caroline Mislanka of St. Petersburg Beach children Evan Boyd and Sarah Elizabeth Anne affiliations American and Florida Bar Associations; American Judicature Society legislative service elected to the Senate in 1978; reelected subsequently; chairman of Broward County Legislative Delegation, 1979-80; other public service Assistant State Attorney, 17th Judicial Circuit, Broward County, 1972-74; executive director of Broward County Charter Commission, 1974; Broward County Commission, 1975-78, chairman, 1976; Governor's Council on Organized Crime; Florida High Technology and Industry Council; Columbus Hemispheric Trade Commission; Attorney General's Committee on Money Laundering; Corrections Overcrowding Task Force; Sentencing Guidelines Committee; Savings and Loan Advisory Council; former member of HRD X Advisory Board; former member of Florida Economic Advisory Council; former chairman of Broward Area Transportation Study highlights Broward County Jaycees, Outstanding Young Man of the Year; Plantation Jaycees, Outstanding Young Man of the Year; Hollywood Civic Club, Citizen of the Year; Human Service Advocates of Broward County, Legislator of the Year, 1982; “Most Effective Member of the Senate,” 1984 (Allen Morris Award) military service U.S. Army Reserve, sergeant church Episcopal addresses (district) 1926 Tyler Street, Hollywood 33020 [Tallahassee] 248 Senate Office Building, 32301 telephones [district] 305/925-4455 [Tallahassee] 904/487-5103.

Toni Jennings
Republican, District 15

Republican Leader Pro Tempore

Secretary-treasurer of family general contracting firm; realtor and mortgage broker born May 17, 1949 in Orlando education Wesleyan College, B.A., 1971; Rollins College; Phi Kappa Phi; Kappa Delta Epsilon; Mortar Board; Honor Court affiliations Orlando-Winter Park Board of Realtors; Associated Builders & Contractors; Central Florida Builders Exchange; Republican Women’s Club of Winter Park; Winter Park Republican Women’s Federated Club; Senior Citizens Advisory Council; Sea World; Delta Kappa Gamma Society; International legislative service House of Representatives, 1979-80; elected to the Senate in 1980, reelected subsequently; chairman, Orange County Legislative Delegation, 1990-92; Republican Leader Pro Tempore, 1982-84; Republican Leader, 1984 highlights Orlando Chamber of Commerce Central City Committee, Outstanding Woman in Government, 1977; International Women’s Year Conference, Florida delegate, 1977; Associated Builders and Contractors of Florida, Legislator of the Year, 1978; Florida Federation of Humane Societies, Meritorious Service, 1978; Florida Restaurant Association Special Commendation, 1979; Homebuilders Association of Mid-Florida, Outstanding Service, 1980; Florida League of Cities Prominent Personality of the Month, June 1980; Orange County Young Republican Club, Legislator of the Year, 1980-81; Outstanding Young Women in America, 1980-82; Wesleyan College, Distinguished Alumni Award, 1981; Woman for Responsible Legislation, Freedom Award for Excellence in State Government, 1982; Florida Shoulder Association Award for Commitment to Support of Effective Law Enforcement, 1985; Missing Children Help Center, Tampa Chapter, Outstanding Efforts for the “Voice of the Missing Child,” May 1983; Retail Grocers Association of Florida, Outstanding Service to the Florida Food Industry and its Customers, October 1983; Florida Chiropractic Association, D.J. Rainey Legislative Award for Outstanding Contribution to Quality Health Care for the Citizens of Florida, 1983; Florida Medical Association and the Physicians of Florida, Award in Appreciation for Efforts in the 1983 Florida Legislature to Stabilize Health Care Costs Through Tort Reform, November 1983; Orange County Republican Executive Committee, Outstanding Republican Woman of the Year, 1983; City of Apopka, Grateful Appreciation for work on behalf of the City of Apopka, August 1984; Florida Association of Realtors Legislative of the Year, 1984 historical [jack Jennings, father, chairman of Orange County School Board; General Edward Martin, great uncle, Governor of Pennsylvania; Charles H. Jennings, great grandfather, member of Virginia Legislature church Episcopal recreation bicycling addresses (district) 1032 Wilfred Drive, Orlando 32803 [Tallahassee] 342 Senate Office Building, 32301 telephones [district] 305/866-1861 [Tallahassee] 904/487-5050.

Robert M. “Bob” Johnson
Republican, District 25

Attorney born September 1, 1934 in Akron, OH. Moved to Florida in 1946 education Florida State University, B.S., 1958; Duke University Graduate School; University of Florida College of Law, J.D., 1964; Florida State University: University Hall of Fame, Omicron Delta Kappa, Gold Key, Who's Who in American Universities, Sigma Chi, University of Florida: president, Phi Alpha Delta wife Patricia Ann Edensfield of Sarasota children Jeannene Elizabeth Mironack, Cecilia Ann Griffin, Michael and Kathryn Rebecca affiliations President, Sarasota Kiwanis Club, 1978; executive committee chairman, New College Foundation; vice president, Asolo Theatre, Inc.; Sarasota Opera Association, County Fair Board; Mote Marine Laboratory and Foundation Boards; Sarasota County Farm Bureau; Cattlemen’s Association; Florida Arts Council; Florida Arthritis Foundation; Sarasota County and Florida Bar Associations legislative service House of Representatives, 1970-76, 1982-84; elected to the Senate in 1984 highlights Sarasota Jaycees Citizen of the Year Award, 1971; nominated Lawmaker-Newsmaker, 1971 [Tallahassee Democrat] nominated Outstanding First Year Member, 1971 [Jacksonville Times-Union]; Arts and Culture Legislator of the Year, 1973; Florida School Board Association Legislator of the Year for Education Award, co-winner 1973, winner 1974; Phi Delta Kappa Sarasota County Lay Citizen of the Year for Education, nominated Most Valuable Member of the House, 1974 [St. Petersburg Times]; Florida Community College Legislative Service Award Legislator of the Year for Vocational-Technical Education, 1984 military service United States Air Force Reserve, Captain; Distinguished Unit Awards from Presidents Kennedy and Eisenhower church Episcopal recreation swimming, fishing, scuba diving, sailing, camping and hunting addresses (district) 27 South Orange Avenue, Sarasota 34557 [Tallahassee] 254 Senate Office Building, 32301 telephones [district] 813/365-4628 [Tallahassee] 904/487-6681.

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George Grier Kirkpatrick, Jr.
Democrat, District 6

Real estate, investments born December 24, 1938 in Gainesville education Davidson College, B.S., 1962; Sigma Chi and Monika Godzewood of West Berlin, Germany; children Catherine and George Kirkpatrick, III affiliations past president, vice president and secretary of Grayling Builders Association of Gainesville; past area vice president and director of Florida Home Builders Association; chairman of Committee on Housing Costs and Building Codes; chairman of Committee on HUD; chairman of Committee to Develop a State Housing Demand Forecasting Model; life director of National Home Builders Association; chairman of Coordinating Committee for National "Sensible Growth" Environmental Committee; past president and vice president of Santa Fe Community College Endowment Corporation; United States, Florida, Lafayette and Putnam County Chambers of Commerce; vice president for Economic Development and past director of the Gainesville Chamber of Commerce; past chairman of Gainesville area Chamber of Commerce Committee of 100; charter graduate and Seminar Speaker, Leadership Gainesville; Crime True, Inc.; Unified Sportsmen of Florida; Alachua County Cattlemen's Association; Gator Boosters and Scholarship Boosters; Gator Touchdown and Tip-Off Clubs; past vice president of Jaycees; Florida Jaycees Ambassador to Germany; past director of United Fund; vice chairman of Gainesville Drug Control Foundation; past director of YMCA; chairman of area Boy Scouts Fund Drive; Gousteau Society; Ducks Unlimited; Sierra Club; Florida Fox Hunters Association; Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Florida Farm Bureau; life member of Sigma Chi; National Federation of Independent Business; American Legion Post 16; Veterans of Foreign Wars; Alachua Lions legislative service elected to the Senate in 1980, reelected subsequently; National Conference of State Legislatures; National Conference of State Legislatures Committee on Water Resources; National Conference of State Legislatures Committee on Agriculture, Food Policy and Nutrition; Southern Regional Education Board other public service Citizens Council on Budget Research, Inc.; founder of Alachua County Research and Development Authority; Alachua County Housing Task Force; vice chairman of Regional Utility Board Economic Development Committee highlights University of Florida Outstanding Service Award, 1981; Gator Medal of Honor, 1981; Osca Lions Club Certificate of Appreciation, 1981; Florida Farm Bureau Outstanding Legislator Award, 1981; Gainesville Board of Realtors Honored, 1981-82; Marion Correctional Institution honor for Outstanding Services of the Criminal Justice System, 1982; Florida Student Association Distinguished Service Award, 1982; Florida Home Builders Association Builder of the Year, 1985; Florida League of Hospitals Outstanding Legislator Award, 1982; Florida Agricultural Research Institute First Florida Arbiter Award, 1982; Florida Farm Bureau Legislative Award, 1982; Alachua County Medical Society Certificate of Appreciation, 1982; Florida Farm Bureau Legion of Honor Award, 1983; Florida Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Outstanding Support Award, 1983; Florida Surveyors Outstanding and Dedicated Service Award, 1983; Florida Farm Bureau Federation Legislative Award, 1983; Florida Sheriff's Association Effective Support for Law Enforcement Award, 1983; Alliance of North Florida Education Legislation Association, 1983; Unified Sportsmen of Florida Outstanding Legislator Award, 1983; Florida Medical Association and Physicians of Florida Legislative Award, 1983; Florida Student Association Outstanding Legislator Award, 1983; Florida International University Outstanding Service Award, 1983; Florida Association of Community Colleges Legislative Service Award, 1983-84; Florida Citrus Mutual Association Outstanding Service Award, 1984; Florida Cattlemen's Legislative Association Outstanding Service Award, 1984; Florida Association of Funeral Directors Legislative Service Award, 1984; City of Gainesville Certificate of Appreciation, 1984; Gainesville Police Department Outstanding Support Award, 1984; Florida Aquaculture Association Distinguished Service Award, 1984; Future Farmers of America Honorary Farmer Award, 1984; Florida State Voters League Legislative Service Award, 1984; Florida Academy of Family Physicians Freedom Heritage Award, 1984; Who's Who in the South and Southwest, 1984; Florida Association of Home Health Agencies Legislator of the Year Award, 1984; Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association Outstanding Legislator Award, 1984; Florida Regional Cattlemen's Association Outstanding Leadership Award; National military service United States Army, First Lieutenant, Military Police Corps, West Berlin, Germany, 1962-64 church Presbyterian prebyterian hunting, fishing, travel, public speaking, entology and origami addresses (district) 1338 N.W. 13th Street, Gainesville 32601 [Tallahassee] 258 Senate Office Building, 32301 telephones (district) 904/377-3800 (Tallahassee) 904/487-5050.

S. Curtis "Curt" Kiser
Republican, District 19

Attorney born June 17, 1944 in Oakaloosa, I.A. Moved to Florida in 1967 education University of Iowa, B.A., 1967; Florida State University, J.D., 1970; Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity wife Sara M. "Sally" Hess of Rochester, NY children Jennifer Lynn and Kevin Curtis affiliations Dunedin Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors, Palm Harbor Youth Recreation League; Board of Directors and Legal Counsel for Bank of St. Petersburg; Dunedin Jaycees; Clearwater, Tarpon Springs, and Pinellas Park Republican Clubs; American, Florida and Clearwater Bar Associations; Indian Bluff Island Civic Association, president, 1972-73; Greater Pinellas Young Republicans; board of directors, Florida State University Law School Alumni legislative service House of Representatives, 1972-82; chairman, Pinellas County legislative delegation, 1976-77; Minority Leader, 1978-82; Public Service Commission Nominating Council, 1978-82; elected to the Senate in 1984 other public service Assistant Legal Counsel to Governor Kirk, 1976; Department of Community Affairs Advisory Council, 1971; Pinellas County Bi-Racial Committee, 1971; Associate Municipal Judge, Dunedin, 1972; Governor's Commission on Property Rights, 1974; chairman, National Conference of State Legislatures Committee on Fiscal Affairs and Oversight, 1979-79; chairman, Joint Committee on Administrative Procedures, 1979-80; chairman, Assembly on the Legislature, 1979-81; highlights Dunedin Chamber of Commerce "Outstanding Young Man of the Year," 1972; Florida Mobile Home Owners Bureau Legislative Counsel, 1972 regular session; nominated as one of the Outstanding Freshmen Members, 1973 [Jacksonville Times-Union]; runner-up as "Most Outstanding First Term Member," 1974 [Allen Morris Award]; nominated "Most Valuable Member of the House." 1977-78 [St. Petersburg Times Award]; historical The Kiser, father, served twelve years as an Alderman for the City of Davenport, Iowa; Jean Kiser, mother, former member of Iowa Legislature church Presbyterian recreation hunting, swimming, fishing and bridge addresses (district) 535 South Port Harrison Avenue, Clearwater 33756 [Tallahassee] 300 Senate Office Building, 32301 telephones (district) 813/461-2788 [Tallahassee] 904/487-5062.

Richard H. “Dick” Langley
Republican, District 11

Republican Leader

Attorney; citrus grower and real estate born February 22, 1937 in Lakeland education University of Florida, B.S., 1960, J.D. 1964 wife Sheila Mooney of Clermont children DeeDee, Rick, Stephanie, Jacky, Kathy and Ron affiliations Lions Club; Florida and Lake County Bar Associations; Cattlemen's Association; Citrus Mutual legislative service House of Representatives, 1972-78; Minority Whip, 1976-78; elected to the Senate in 1980, reelected subsequently; Republican Leader Pro Tempore, 1984 other public service City Attorney; City Judge; Assistant Public Defender; Lake County School Board, 1968-72, chairman, 1970-72 highlights first elected Republican in Lake County; first Republican School Board Chairman in Lake County; runner-up as "Most Effective in Debate," 1983-84 [Allen Morris Award] military service U.S. Army, Korea, 1955-57 church Baptist recreation water sports, tennis, golf, snow skiing and flying addresses (district) P.O. Box 697, Clermont 32111 [Tallahassee] 348 Senate Office Building, 32301 telephones (district) 904/394-6600 [Tallahassee] 904/487-5053 or 487-5184.
Jeanne Malchon
Democrat, District 18

Franklin B. Mann
Democrat, District 38
Investor born August 29, 1941 in Fort Myers education Vanderbilt University, B.A., 1963 wife Mary Lee Ferguson of Fort Myers children Franklin, Jr. and Ian affiliations director of Rotary, 1969-72; director of YMCA, 1974; Araba Shrine Temple legislative service House of Representatives, 1974-82; elected to the Senate in 1982 highlights Jaycees Distinguished Service Award, 1976; Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation “Conservation Achievement Award,” 1976; Florida Public Defender Association Legislative Award, 1979; Florida Sierra Club Legislative Service Award, 1978; University of South Florida Service Citation, 1980; Distinguished Service Award, Charlotte County School Board, 1980, Lee County School Board, 1981, Edison Community College, 1982; Florida School Board Association “69” Award, 1981-82; Florida Association of Community Colleges Legislative Award, 1982; Florida Association of School Administrators Legislative Award, 1982; Phi Delta Kappa Distinguished Service Award; FTP-NEA Friend of Education Award, 1983; Southwest Florida Audubon Society Conservation Award, 1983; Florida Medical Association Service Award, 1983; Florida Solar Energy Association Legislative Service Award, 1984; Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary International historical Franklin Balch, grandfather, served as Township Selectman for forty-five years in Topfield, MA church Presbyterian recreation hunting, fishing and camping addresses [district] P.O. Box 1298, St. Petersburg 33702 [Tallahassee] 500 Senate Office Building, 32301 telephones [district] 813/334-2584 [Tallahassee] 904/487-5124.

Gwen Margolis
Democrat, District 37
Realtor, appraiser and developer born October 4, 1934 in Philadelphia, PA. Moved to Florida in 1960 education Temple University, B.A., 1952-54; University of Tampa and Dade Junior College, special real estate and appraisal courses children Edward, Ira, Karen and Robin affiliations director of North Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce; Business and Professional Women’s Association; board of directors of Tropical Florida Girl Scouts; executive committee and former vice president of Florida Anti-Defamation League; Dade County Women’s Democratic Club; Adaline Stevenson Democratic Women’s Club; Democratic Club of North Miami League of Women Voters; past chairperson of North Dade Women’s Political Caucus, 1972-73; Miami Board of Realtors; South Florida Planning & Zoning Association; National Order of Women Legislators; board of directors of Lincoln Savings & Loan Association legislative service House of Representatives, 1974-80; Dade Delegation chairperson, 1978-79; elected to the Senate in 1980, reelected subsequently other public service Advisory Council on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR), vice chairman of North Miami Board of Adjustment, 1972-73; vice chairman of North Miami Beach Human Relations Board, 1973; Governor Graham’s Tax Study Commission, 1979 highlights Who’s Who of American Women; Who’s Who of Women of the World; Who’s Who in Commerce and Industry; City of Hope Humanitarian of the Year, 1974 and 1979; Business and Professional Women’s Outstanding Woman in Politics, 1974; Voters and Taxpayers League, Woman of the Year, 1976, FIA-United TIGER Award, 1979-82; North Miami Chamber of Commerce, Person of the Year, 1980; Women’s Council of Legislators, Woman of the Year, 1980; Women in Communications, Community Headliner Award, 1980; honorary Associate of Arts degree from Miami-Dade Community College, 1961; Florida Association of Community Colleges legislative service Legislative Service Award, 1981-82; Governor’s Award for the Arts Committee for Legislative Friend of the Arts, 1982 church Jewish addresses [district] 13899 Biscayne Blvd., North Miami Beach 33181 [Tallahassee] 316 Senate Office Building, 32301 telephones [district] 305/949-4541 [Tallahassee] 904/487-5121.

Tom McPherson
Democrat, District 30
Farmer and businessman born March 26, 1935 in Bement, IL. Moved to Florida in 1960 education Stetson University, B.S., 1958. Delta Sigma Phi wife Sally Webb of Leesburg children Peggy and Thomas affiliations past director of Broward County Mental Health Association; Elks; Broward County Farm Bureau; past president of Kiwanis, 1968; Broward County Friends of the Library; Broward County League of Women Voters; Sierra Club; Chamber of Commerce legislative service House of Representatives, 1964-66, 1972-82, elected to the Senate in 1982 other public service mayor of Cooper City, 1963-65; chairman of Florida Saltwater Fisheries Study and Advisory Council, 1990-82; chairman of Florida Advisory Council on Intergovernmental Relations, 1980-81; vice chairman of National Conference of State Legislatures Urban Development Committee, 1980-81; member of National Conference of State Legislatures Natural Resources Committee, 1982-85; vice chairman of National Commission on Air Quality; chairman of Broward Methadone Maintenance Rehabilitation and Research Facility Advisory Board, Hollywood; chairman of Broward Treatment Program, Pompano Beach; Florida Council of State Housing Goals; South Florida State Hospital Citizens Advisory Board; Broward Community College Advisory Committee, Program on Marketing Management; advisor and sponsor of Broward County Historic Preservation Board; National Legislative Services and Security Association, member, Legislative Advisory Committee; Board of Directors, Broward County Girl Scout Council; Board of Directors, Broward County
Youth Fair highlights Jaycee's Good Government Award; Florida Fine Arts Council Man of the Year Award, 1974 and 1977; Florida Association of Community Colleges Legislative Service Award, 1975; Florida Library Association Distinguished Service Award, 1978; Florida State Association of County Commissioners Distinguished Service Award, 1978; Broward County Classroom Teachers Association Community Appreciation Award, 1986; Broward County Historic Preservation Board Award for contribution to art and culture, 1980; Florida PTA Service Public Service Award, Funding of Tree Tops Park, 1981; Fort Lauderdale Areas Board of Realtors, Legislative Appreciation Award, 1981; Greater Plantation Chamber of Commerce Public Service Award, 1981; Broward County Sierra Club, Friends of the Environment Award, 1982; Marine Industries Association of South Florida, Public Service Award, 1982; Florida Sierra Club, Legislative Award, 1982; Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association, Public Service Award, 1982; Better Business Bureau Outstanding Service Award, 1983; School Board of Broward County Award for Outstanding Assistance, 1983; Florida Marine Patrol Exceptional Service Award, 1984; Ft. Lauderdale/Broward County Chamber of Commerce for Outstanding Participation, 1984; historical Nellie McPherson, grandmother, founder of National Author's Day military service U.S. Army, first lieutenant, infantry, 1988-9 church Methodist recreation camping, tennis, fishing, bridge, woodworking and gourmet cooking addresses (district) 5273 S.W. 16th Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale 33325 (Tallahassee) 334 Senate Office Building, 32301 telephones (district) 305/434-9707 (Tallahassee) 904/487-5097.

Carrie P. Meek
Democrat, District 36

Educational administrator born April 29, 1926 in Tallahassee education Florida A&M University, B.S., 1946; University of Michigan, M.S., 1948; University of Indiana, 1967; Florida Atlantic University, Ed.D. (pending); Educational Specialist in Leadership Training, Continuing Education and Administration of Higher Education; varsity letter, track and field; FAMU Sports Hall of Fame; Delta Sigma Theta; Phi Delta Kappa; Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society children Lucia Davis Rafford, Sheila Kay Davis and Kendrick B. affiliations Florida Association of Community Educators, trustee, National Parks & Recreation Association, 1973-76; board of directors, National Association of Community Educators, 1975-78; League of Women Voters; National Organization for Women; NAACP; Top Ladies of Distinction, Miami Chapter; Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce; Business and Professional Women's Club, Spanish American League Against Discrimination; board of directors, Miami Savings and Loan legislative service House of Representatives, 1979-82; elected to the Senate in 1982 other public service board member, Dade County Schools, Bi-Racial/Tri-Ethnic Committee; board member, Health Systems-Health Planning Council, 1972-75; chairperson, City of Miami's "People's Program," 1973-74; board member, Minority Business Enterprise Committee on Transportation, 1978-79; chairperson, Florida Conference of Black State Legislators, 1982-84; member of the Public Service Commission Nominating Council; board of directors, Family Health Center; member of the Governor's Housing Advisory Council church Baptist affiliations (district) 149 West Plaza, Suite 238, Miami 33147 (Tallahassee) 32301 telephones (district) 305/693-0380 (Tallahassee) 904/487-5118.

William G. "Doc" Myers, M.D.
Republican, District 27

Physician born September 28, 1938 in Kittanning, PA. Moved to Florida in 1961 education University of Pittsburgh, B.S., 1952; School of Medicine, M.D., 1956; rotating internship, Southside Hospital, Pittsburgh, 1957-58; internal medicine residency, 1958; Phi Kappa Alpha; frater-in-law, 1-2-3; Nu Sigma honorary; Phi Beta Lambda; Alpha Omega Alpha honorary; Nu Sigma Nu wife Carol Anne Edgar of Washington, PA children Jacqueline, Jolene Means, William George, Jr., Bradley Stephen, Brian Jeffrey, Barry Douglas and Jennifer Sive affiliations past member of Knights of Pythias; Elks; Martin County Medical Society; American, Florida and Southern Medical Associations; Jupiter-Tequesta Rotary legislative service House of Representatives, 1978-82; elected to the Senate in 1982, reelected subsequently; Republican Floor Leader, 1984 other public service chairman of Martin County Commissioners, 1968-72 and 1976-78; chairman of HRS District IX Advisory Council, 1977-78; Health Planning Council, 1977-78; Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, 1975-78; appointed by the Governor to the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission highlights University of Pittsburgh, James Heard Prize Medicine Award, 1952; founder, SODA (Stamp Out Drug Abuse) Martin County, 1970; Palm Beach Board of Education Appreciation Award, 1978-82; American Cancer Society Outstanding Service, 1978-80; Treasure Coast Planning Council Certificate of Appreciation, 1978; Kiwanis International Certificate of Appreciation, 1979; Martin County Schools Distinguished Service, 1981; Home Builders and Contractors Certificate of Merit, 1981; Palm Beach Jr. College Outstanding Support Award, 1983; Florida Hospital Association "Legislators of the Year," 1983; Florida Society of Ophthalmology Legislative Award, 1983; Florida Association of General Contractors Outstanding Service Award, 1983; Florida Medical Association Tort Reform Award, 1983; Florida Association of Surgery/Medical Techniques Distinguished Service Award, 1983; United States Humane Society Certificate of Appreciation, 1984; Florida Humane Society Recognition Award, 1984; runner-up as "Most Effective Freshman Senator," 1984 (Allen Morris Award); listed in the National Register of Prominent Americans church Methodist recreation tennis, racquetball and squash addresses (district) Jupiter Corporate Center, 625 U.S. Highway 1, Suite 500, Jupiter 33458 (Tallahassee) 304 Senate Office Building, 32301 telephones (district) 305/747-7744 (Tallahassee) 904/487-5086.

Patrick K. "Pat" Neal
Democrat, District 24

Real estate developer born March 4, 1949 in Des Moines, IA. Moved to Florida in 1969 education University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Finance, B.S., 1971; National Merit Scholar; soccer and rugby wife Charlene Lovigood of Sarasota affiliations president of Neal Communities, Inc.; former trustee, New College, University of South Florida; trustee, L.W. Blake Memorial Hospital, Bradenton Community Bank of Manatee; National Association of Homebuilders; Gulf Coast Building Exchange; Florida Farm Bureau; Florida Cattlemen's Association; Manatee County Mental Health Association; U.S. Army Reserve Officers Association; Bradenton Kiwanis Club; Manatee-Sarasota Fish and Game Association; League of Great Insurance Company; Save The Manatee Organization; associate member, Silver-Haired Legislature; Taxwatch member legislative service House of Representatives, 1974-78; elected to the Senate in 1978, reelected subsequently other public service treasurer of Manatee County Democratic Committee, 1973; alternate to Democratic National Convention, 1976; Governor's Special Advisory Committee on Transportation, 1976; Environmental Land Management Study Committee, 1983-84 highlights runner-up as "Most Effective in Committee," 1982 and 1984 (Allen Morris Awards); TIGER Award, 1983; Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association legislative service 1983; Florida Agricultural Research Institute Outstanding Legislative Award, 1983; Florida Audubon Society Legislative Award, 1983; Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Award, 1984; Sierra Club Legislative Award, 1984; Florida Regional Council Association Award for Leadership in growth management, 1984; Florida Institute of Park Personnel Outstanding Service Award, 1984; Historic Preservation Award, 1984 military service U.S. Army Reserve,
Curtis Peterson
Democrat, District 12

Nurseryman and registered landscape architect born August 23, 1922 in Lakeland education George Washington University; Florida Southern College; Sigma Nu wife Ethel Schultz of Chicago, IL children Curtis III and Peter affiliations past president of Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association; director and past president of Agribusiness Institute of Florida; past president of Agricultural Tax Council; past chairman of Florida Agricultural Advisory Council; Lakeland Chamber of Commerce; Optimist; past director of Polk County Association for Retarded Citizens; SHARE Council; past director of Florida Sheriffs' Girls Villa; Education Commission of the States; Governor's Commission on Secondary Education legislative service elected to the Senate in 1972, reelected subsequently; President Pro Tempore, 1960-62, President, 1982-84 highlights Scooter Award, 1961; Florida Agricultural Advisory Council Distinguished Service Award, 1961-81; Florida Narcotics Association of Retarded Children “Senator of the Year,” 1972; Polk County Association for Retarded Children Outstanding Service Award, 1974; Gamma Sigma Delta Merit Award, 1976; Florida Farm Bureau Legislator of the Year, 1976; Florida Citrus Mutual Outstanding Service Award, 1977; Most Effective in Committee,” 1977 and 1980; Most Effective Member of the Senate,” 1961 [Allen Morris Awards]; Florida School Boards Association “Outstanding Service Award,” 1978; Florida Association of College Community Colleges Legislative Service Award, 1978 and 1982; Florida Coalition for Education of Exceptional Students Award, 1978-79; Agribusiness Institute of Florida White Hat Award, 1979; Dairy Farmers, Inc. Appreciation Award, 1979; Florida Home Builders Association/Home Builders Association of Polk County Award, 1980; Associated General Contractors of America Service to Citizens Award, 1980; Florida Southern College “Citus Club Award,” 1981; Florida Chiropractic Association, Inc., D.I. Rainey Legislative Award, 1981; Florida Industrial Arts Association “Man of the Year Award,” 1981; Florida Association for Media in Education Award, 1981; Florida Community Development Association Distinguished Leadership Award, 1982; Florida Women’s Legislature Legislative Award, 1982; Lake County Area Vocational Technical Center Appreciation Award, 1982; Florida Council on Economic Education Appreciation Award, 1982; Lakeland Lions Appreciation Award, 1982; FVATA Appreciation, 1982; City of Lakeland Outstanding Service Award, 1982; Haines City Kiwanis Distinguished Service Award, 1982; Imperial Polk County Farm Bureau Award, 1982; Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association “Dick Pope” Award, 1982; Florida Farm Bureau Honorary Director Award, 1982-83; Florida Counties Award, 1983; Southside Baptist Church Citizenship Award, 1983; Property Appraisers’ Association of Florida Legislative Award, 1983; Florida Vocational Association Legislative Leadership Award, 1983; Florida Chiropractic Association Distinguished Service Award, 1983; Florida School Boards Association Outstanding Leadership Award, 1983; Curtis Peterson Auditorium/Lecanto High School and Community College Facility named by Citrus County, 1983; United States Sugar Corporation Award, 1983, 1984; Florida Citrus Mutual Appreciation Resolution, 1984; City of Lakeland Resolution designating him as Curtis Peterson Park, 1984; Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree, conferred by Florida Southern College in Lakeland, 1984, 1985 historical J. Hardin Peterson, uncle, was U.S. Congressman from Florida for 18 years; B.J. Bledorf, cousin, from DeSoto County, was elected to the Florida House in 1921, and to Florida Senate District 27 in 1923, 1925 and 1927, David Godfrey Harmon Geiger, great-grandfather, from Lafayette County, was elected to the House in 1907, David Clayton Geiger, great-uncle, from Lafayette County, was elected to the Florida House in 1923 and 1933 military service U.S. Coast Guard, World War II convoy duty in Atlantic and Caribbean church Baptist recreation travel, hiking, fishing and reading addresses (district) P.O. Box 840, Eaton Park 33840 (Tallahassee) 252 Senate Office Building, 32301 telephones (district) 813/665-5345 (Tallahassee) 904/487-5040.

Lawrence H. "Larry" Plummer
Democrat, District 39

Majority Floor Leader


James A. Scott
Republican, District 31

Attorney born January 14, 1942 in Pikeville, KY. Moved to Florida in 1965 education University of Kentucky, B.A., 1963, J.D., 1965; Sigma Nu; Phi Alpha Delta; debate and discussion team wife Janice Ann Suskey of Miami children Frank and Stacy Ann affiliations Florida, Kentucky and American Bar Associations; chairman of legislation committee of Broward Bar Association; Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce; Broward Minutemen Bicentennial Committee; American Arbitration Association; Board of Governors, Nova University of Coral Springs; University of Kentucky Law Alumni Association; Ducks Unlimited; Hundred Club of Broward legislative service elected to the Senate in 1976, reelected subsequently; Minority Floor Leader, 1978-80; Majority Leader, 1980-82; chairman of Broward Legislative Delegation, 1981-82 other public service Associate Municipal Judge in Deerfield Beach, 1972; Broward legislative delegation attorney, 1972-74; Prosecutor in Deerfield Beach, 1973-78; director and treasurer of Legal Aid Service of Broward, 1974-76 highlights “Most Effective First Term Member,” 1978 [Allen Morris Award]; Florida Realtors for Private Property Rights “Legislator of the Year,” 1978; runner-up as “Most Effective In Debate,” 1980-82 [Allen Morris Award] military service U.S. Coast Guard, 1965-68 church Presbyterian recreation golf, hunting and riding addresses (district) 2000 East Oakland Park Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale 33306 (Tallahassee) 346 Senate Office Building, 32301 telephones (district) 305/666-6000 (Tallahassee) 904/487-5100.
George Stuart, Jr.  
Democrat, District 14  
Office products retailer born January 13, 1946 in Orlando education  
University of Florida, B.A., 1968; Harvard University Graduate School of  
Business, M.B.A., 1970; Sigma Chi *wife* Elisabeth Hixon of Pensacola children Ann Elisabeth, Kathryn Knowles and Caroline Vickers affiliations Kiwanis Club of Orlando; Boys Club of Central Florida; National Office Products Association; Southeastern Regional Office Machine Dealers Association (SEROMDA); president, 1979-80; advisory board of Central Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America; foundation board of Orlando Regional Medical Center; board of directors of University of Central Florida Foundation; Zora Neale Hurston Fellowship Award Committee; president, Greater Orlando Sports Directors; Computer Science Research Institute Trustee; Florida Sunshine State Games Foundation legislative service elected to the Senate in 1978, reelected subsequently other public service Orlando City Council, 6 years; Florida Resource Recovery Council, 3 years; East Central Florida Regional Planning Council; Southern Growth Policies Board military service U.S. Army church Baptist recreation horses and golf addresses (district) P.O. Box 1188, Orlando 32802 (Tallahassee) 246 Senate Office Building, 32301 telephones (district) 904/847-5047.

Karen Thurman  
Democrat, District 4  
Teacher born January 12, 1951 in Rapid City, SD. Moved to Florida in 1968 education Santa Fe Junior College, A.A., 1970; University of Florida, B.A., 1973 husband John Thurman of Orlando children McLain and Liberty Lee affiliations charter member of Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce; charter member of Florida Horseman's Childrens Society legislative service elected to the Senate in 1982 other public service president mayor of Dunnellon City Council; Regional Energy Action Committee; Withlacoochee Regional Water Supply Authority; Marion County Transportation Board highlights Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce “Service Above Self Award,” 1980; Withlacoochee Regional Planning Council Appreciation for Service, Regional Energy Action Committee; Altusus Club of Ocala “Outstanding Woman of the Year”, 1982-83; Dunnellon Area Chamber of Commerce Special Ambassadors Award, 1983 church Episcopal recreation bowling and water sports addresses (district) P.O. Box 5058, Inverness, 32650 (Tallahassee) 228 Senate Office Building, 32301 telephones (district) 904/726-8500, ext. 595 (Tallahassee) 904/487-5014.

Pat Thomas  
Democrat, District 2  

John W. Vogt  
Democrat, District 17  
Registered professional engineer in Florida, New York and Maryland born December 38, 1936 in Lake Wales education University of Florida, B.C.E., 1961; graduate work at the University of South Florida and Rutgers University; president of Alpha Tau Omega, 1960 wife Toni Fernandez of Miami children D’Anna, Suzanne, Leeanne, Lisa and Vicki affiliations Chamber of Commerce; Florida Engineering Society; Boy Scouts of America, Advisory Council; Coca Kiwanis; Missile, Space and Range Pioneers, Inc.; University of Florida and University of Central Florida Engineering Advisory Council; Florida State University Board of Governor Policy Advisory Board; Seminole Community College Community Instructional Services Advisory Board; National Institute of Building Sciences, Florida Consultative Council, chairman; University of Central Florida School of Business Advisory Committee legislative service elected to the Senate in 1972, reelected subsequently other public service advisory board of Brevard COPE highlights Pensacola News-Journal Award “Outstanding Freshman Senator,” 1973; Outstanding Florida Young Democrat, 1973; Kissimmee-St. Cloud Jaycees “Good Government Award,” 1973-74; Canaveral Council of Technical Societies “Engineer of the Year,” 1973; Florida Association for Retarded Citizens “Senator of the Year,” 1975, 1979 and 1983; Florida Association of Community Colleges “Legislative Service Award,” 1976-78; Florida Chapter of the Acoustical Society of America Environmental Award, 1978; Florida Federation of Humane Societies Humanitarian Award, 1976; Florida Epley Foundation Legislative Leadership Award, 1977; National Foundation March of Dimes “Distinguished Voluntary Leadership Award,” 1977; Brevard Cancer Society Outstanding Legislator Award, 1978; Florida Audubon Society Legislative Award, 1978 and 1980; Titusville Knights of Columbus Distinguished Legislative Service Award, 1979; National and Florida Wildlife Federations Conservation Legislator of the Year, 1979 and 1981; Variety Children’s Hospital “Helping Hand Award,” 1979; Florida Sierra Club Legislative Award, 1979; Public Defenders of Florida Legislative Appreciation Award, 1979; Florida Council of Handicapped Organizations Award of Recognition for Outstanding Service, 1980; Florida Civilian Club’s Good Citizenship in Government Award, 1980; Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers Outstanding Civic Contributions by a Consulting Engineer, 1980; Florida Chamber of Commerce Appreciation Award for Outstanding Leadership in the passage of the Omnibus Permitting Bill, 1980; Cocoa-Rockledge Civic League Appreciation Award for Outstanding Leadership in making the Monore Center Project a reality, 1990; Institute of Food and Agriculture Science, recognized for efforts in maintaining the delicate balance between the needs of Florida agriculture and the environment, 1981; Disabled Citizens in Action Legislative Award, 1981; Florida Society of Ophthalmology Legislative Award, 1981; Space Coast Association of Physically Handicapped Legislator of the Year Award, 1981; Florida Engineering Society Award, 1981; Florida Guardian Ad Litem Program’s Most Effective Senator Award, 1982; Florida League of Hospitals Outstanding
Elected non-member officers

At its organization session every two years, the Senate elects a Secretary of the Senate and a Sergeant at Arms. These two officers are not members of the Senate, but they work closely with the senators and with committee staffs.

The Secretary of the Senate keeps all Senate records and authenticates each act and joint resolution passed by the Senate. The Secretary also publishes the journal and the calendar. He supervises Legal Research and Drafting, which drafts proposed legislation.

The Sergeant at Arms maintains order in the chamber, in the gallery and in committee rooms. He is in charge of property acquisition and is responsible for the maintenance of all Senate property.

Joe Brown
Secretary of the Senate

born July 15, 1932 in Columbus, GA. Moved to Florida in 1932 education University of Florida, B.S., 1958, and graduate studies; Florida State University, 1972-73; Florida A&M University, 1973; student publications: student government; Sigma Delta Chi; Alpha Gamma Phi wife Rebecca Anne Etheridge of Waycross. GA children Joe, Charles, Julie, Ivy and Andi affiliations past staff vice president and staff chair of National Conference of State Legislatures; past president of American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries; advisor and/or counselor, Boys State, Girls State, YMCA Youth Legislature and Silver Haired Legislature; past office in American Legion, Elks, Sigma Delta Chi, Jaycees, Kiwanis, Boy Scouts, University of Florida Alumni Association; Florida Blue Key honorary other public service University of Florida faculty, 1960-61; executive assistant to the Commissioner of Agriculture, 1961-67; State Tourist Director, 1967; Deputy Beverage Director, 1967-68; Hotel and Restaurant Commissioner, 1968 highlights staff director of Senate Governmental Operations Committee, 1971-72; director of management and staff of the Senate, 1973-74; elected Secretary of the Senate, April 2, 1974, reelected subsequently military service U.S. Air Force, Korea; U.S. Coast Guard Reserve church Methodist recreation hunting, fishing, camping and cooking address The Capitol, Suite 404, Tallahassee 32301 telephone 904/487-3270.

Wayne W. Todd, Jr.
Sergeant at Arms

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### Three Branches of Government

Florida's Constitution, in the traditional American pattern of "separation of powers," divides the governmental structure of the state into three separate and independent branches.

The Legislative Branch has exclusive law-making power and determines the general policies by which the problems of society are to be met. It may delegate limited rule-making power to some executive agencies.

The Executive Branch, with the Governor as its chief, administers the laws made by the Legislature. The Cabinet—composed of the Secretary of State, Attorney General, Comptroller, Treasurer, Commissioner of Agriculture and Commissioner of Education—shares executive power and responsibilities with the Governor.

The Judicial Branch interprets the law and applies the Constitution. The judiciary also presides over trials, although certain limited administrative disputes may be decided by executive agencies when authorized by law.

This structural division, faithfully maintained, sets up a system of "checks and balances" to ensure that all three branches properly perform their constitutional duties in the administration of state affairs.

### The Legislative Branch

#### Composition and organization

Florida's Legislature is composed of two houses, the Senate and the House of Representatives. Each house is the sole judge of the qualifications and elections of its members and has the power to choose its own officers and establish its own rules of procedure. All legislative sessions are open to the public, except sessions of the Senate when appointments or suspensions of public officials are considered; these sessions may be closed. Either house of the Legislature may initiate legislation on any subject.

The State Constitution as revised in 1968 provides that the Legislature shall be apportioned into not less than 30, nor more than 40, senatorial districts; and not less than 80, nor more than 120, representative districts. The Legislature met that mandate during the 1972 session when it established 40 Senate districts and 120 House districts. Senators serve four-year terms and representatives serve two-year terms.

#### Officers

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House preside over their respective houses. The President Pro Tempore and the Speaker Pro Tempore preside in the absence of the President or the Speaker. The presiding officers are elected by their respective bodies and serve for two-year terms. Each house also elects other constitutional officers, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, from outside its membership. Among their responsibilities is the duty to keep clear and accurate records of the proceedings of each body. A Sergeant at Arms is elected by each house to assist the presiding officer in maintaining order and providing services. Each house also employs other personnel to provide necessary support services.
Elections and qualifications
The Constitution requires that members of the Legislature be elected at the general election in November of even-numbered years. Party candidates are nominated in party primary elections held prior to the general elections. Members of the Legislature must be at least 21 years old, electors and residents of the district they represent, and Florida residents for two years prior to election. No person may serve in the Legislature while employed by the federal or state government.

Compensation
Legislators are paid $12,000 annually. Like other state and local government employees, they are paid travel expenses when on official business and when in session. Each house also provides expense allowances for maintaining local offices to better serve the citizens of the district.

Legislative sessions
Two weeks after each general election, the Legislature convenes for the exclusive purpose of organization and election of officers. Even though the officers are formally elected during this organization session, they have been designated previously. No legislation is considered during the organization session.

Regular sessions of the Legislature begin on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April in odd-numbered years and continue for sixty consecutive days (forty-four working days). While the Legislature may by law change its convening date in even-numbered years, the date is usually the same as in odd-numbered years.

Special sessions may be called by the Governor, or may be convened by joint proclamation of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House. Special sessions may not exceed twenty days, unless extended by a three-fifths vote of each house. Each “call” for a special session outlines the business to be considered, and matters “outside the purview” of the call cannot be taken up unless two-thirds of the members of each house consent. The Legislature may also be convened in extra session if three-fifths of the members of both houses agree. When in extra session, the Legislature may consider any subject as if convened in regular session, but an extra session is limited to thirty days. The President of the Senate may convene the Senate in special session to consider executive suspensions even when the House of Representatives is not meeting.

Rules
During the organization session, each house adopts its rules of procedure to be followed for the next two years. The rules provide for orderly proceedings and determine how each house will conduct its business. Frequently, a legislator will move to “waive the rules” to speed the flow of business, but at least two-thirds of the members of the respective houses must agree before the rules can be waived.

Committees
The traditional framework through which ideas and needs are converted into legislation is the committee system. The committee is the heart of the legislative process, functioning to study, research, and plan solutions to “people problems.”

The Senate and House rules provide for certain standing committees, special or select committees, and subcommittees. The presiding officers name the chairman and members of all committees.

The formation of committees creates small groups of legislators who can give a bill closer study than would be possible in debate on the floor. Although each house, sitting as a committee of the whole, could consider in detail each proposed piece of legislation, smaller committees can perform the task more thoroughly and more efficiently. The committee system has been constantly strengthened by the employment of trained and expert staff who work year-round to retain continuity in research programs.

Bills are assigned to one or more committees for study. In this preliminary screening the committees may hold public hearings where committee members hear sponsoring legislators and others in the industry or profession, the governmental agency, or the general public, who are interested in the bill. The committee then votes to recommend the bill favorably, unfavorably, or favorably with amendments to be considered when the bill is debated on the floor.

When the Senate and House are unable to agree on the final content of a bill, it goes to a conference committee. This committee, composed of members of both houses, tries to resolve the differences between the Senate and House versions of a bill. The conference committee report must be approved by both houses.

Other committees commonly used are joint committees, which are composed of members from each house; and select committees, which are usually appointed to make recommendations on special or unique problems.

The Joint Legislative Management Committee supervises services which can be shared by both houses, thereby affording better facilities at a reduced cost. The Legislative Auditing Committee, another joint Senate-House committee, employs an Auditor General who audits governmental agencies.

Florida’s Public Counsel is also an office of the Legislature. The Public Counsel represents Florida consumers in utility and limited insurance rate cases.

Administrative Procedures is another joint legislative committee. It reviews regulations passed by executive agencies based on Florida laws. ACIR stands for Advisory Council on Intergovernmental Relations and is also considered partly legislative.
Lobbying  All persons who seek to influence legislation, except members of the Legislature or their aides, must register with the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House before they begin lobbying. Every lobbyist must also state any direct business association or partnership with any current member of the Legislature. The definition of a lobbyist includes everyone who tries to influence legislators, except persons who make a single appearance before a committee without receiving additional compensation.

Journals and calendars  The Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House publish a journal and a calendar daily during the legislative session. The journal details the proceedings on the floor, committee reports and related actions of the previous day. The calendar is a schedule of business to be taken up that day and the next, including committee meetings and bills to be considered.

The journal and the calendar are given to the legislators each morning before the session convenes and are available to other interested parties. The calendar is of special significance to persons interested in the progress of particular bills, since it lists the order of bills scheduled for floor action and committee consideration.

A “special order” of bills to be considered “on the floor” is set each day by a subcommittee of the Rules and Calendar Committee.

Forms of legislation  Legislative proposals may be in the form of bills, resolutions, concurrent resolutions, joint resolutions, or memorials.

A bill is a proposed law, and it may be either a general bill or a local bill. A general bill would have a general impact within the state; a local bill would affect only a particular county or town named in the bill. Prior to its introduction, a local bill must either be advertised in the area to be affected, or it must contain a provision to allow the voters in the area to accept or reject the measure if it is passed by the Legislature. A majority vote is required to pass a bill.

A resolution expresses the opinion of one house of the Legislature, whereas a concurrent resolution expresses the opinion of both houses. A joint resolution is usually a proposal to amend the State Constitution, to apportion the Legislature, to set the effective date of a vetoed bill when the veto is overridden, or to recess for more than seventy-two hours.

A memorial is a petition addressed to the President of the United States, the Congress, or some official agency of the federal government. It requests action or expresses the Legislature’s collective viewpoint and is passed by a majority vote.

After a notice is published in the calendar, the committees meet in open session to hear debate on the bill, and vote to recommend it favorably or unfavorably to the entire Senate.

When the committee reports are received by the Secretary of the Senate, they are published in the journal. If the reports are favorable, the bill is placed on the calendar of bills available for second reading. It may then be read a second time and is subject to amendment. If amended, the changes are incorporated into the bill and it is then returned to the floor as a bill available for third reading. When the bill is read a third time, general debate is allowed and a final vote is taken.

If the bill receives a favorable vote, it is delivered by messenger to the House of Representatives, where it works its way through House committees to the floor for action by the full House. If the House amends the bill, it must go back to the Senate. If the Senate does not approve of the House amendments, then the bill may go to a conference committee where a compromise version of the bill is agreed upon. When the bill is approved by both houses, in exactly the same form, the bill becomes an act. It is then enrolled as a part of the official records by the Secretary of the Senate and is certified to the Governor for his action.

An act becomes a law when signed by the Governor, or after the passage of a time specified in the Constitution it becomes law without his signature. Within the time set forth in the Constitution, the bill is subject to the Governor's veto. If the Governor disapproves of legislation, he must return the bill with his written objections to the house in which the bill originated. The veto may be overridden by a two-thirds vote of the members of each house, and the act thus becomes law, the Governor's veto to the contrary notwithstanding.

Companion bills are often used as a timesaving device. These are identical bills, introduced in both houses, which allow simultaneous committee study in each body. If favorably reported by committee, the companion bills advance in the same manner as other bills. When a House-passed companion bill reaches the Senate, it can be substituted for the Senate bill which is on the calendar.

The appropriations bill is one of the most important bills considered by the Legislature. This bill is the state's budget and it determines the amount of money available to various state agencies during the next year. The appropriations bill follows the same course as other general bills, but because it is difficult to get both houses to agree on all items in the bill, a conference committee is usually appointed to resolve the differences.

Impeachments  The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, members of the Cabinet, justices of the Supreme Court, and judges of the District Courts of Appeal and Circuit Courts may be removed from office only by impeachment. The House of Representatives has the sole power to impeach, that is, to bring charges. The Senate then tries all impeachments, with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court presiding. A two-thirds vote of the House of Representatives is required to impeach, and a two-thirds vote of the Senate is required to convict. If convicted, the officer is removed from office.
How a Senate Bill Becomes a Law

1. Need for legislation conceived; bill is prepared, numbered, introduced and referred to one or more committees.

2. Committee hearings held. Public is invited to testify. Bill reported favorably or unfavorably.

3. Bill debated by full Senate. Amendments considered. If the bill passes, then . . .

4. Committee hearings held. Public is invited to testify. Bill reported favorably or unfavorably.

5. Bill debated by full House. Amendments considered. If the bill passes, then . . .

5A. Conference committee. If the two houses cannot agree on a final bill, a conference committee works out a compromise and both houses then vote on the compromise.

6. To Governor for his approval or veto. If vetoed, 2/3 vote in each house overrides veto.

How a bill becomes a law

Bills may be introduced by one or more Senators or Representatives in their respective houses. When a Senate bill has been prepared, it is delivered to the Secretary of the Senate for introduction and is given a number. After receiving a number, the bill is read the first time by publication in the Journal. It is referred to the appropriate committees, and the original copy is delivered to the chairman of the committee of first reference. Then process continues as illustrated above.
The Senate Chamber

Frequently before a session of the Senate convenes, senators can be seen scurrying “to the floor” or “to the chamber.” They’re headed for the modern room on the fourth floor of the Capitol where they debate the merits of proposed legislation. This is the fourth chamber used since the first session of the Senate was called to order in 1839. In 1970, the senators held their first session in this chamber.

On the floor above the chamber, and appearing to drop down into the chamber, is the gallery, where citizens may be seated and observe the Senate in session. From the gallery one’s attention is drawn to the rostrum where the President is presiding.

The President occupies the “chair,” pacing the flow of legislation, deciding who will speak, and ruling on parliamentary disputes. The President frequently calls on other members to preside while he works out the details of legislative proposals. If the President wishes to debate an issue before the Senate, he will vacate the chair and speak from his regular desk on the floor.

The portraits hanging below the gallery commemorate past Presidents of the Senate.

Just above the President, recessed into the ebony walls, is the screen for the video projection system which displays the text of proposed amendments as they are offered in debate. The display system is also used to welcome groups of visitors watching from the gallery. In the booth on the left side of the screen, computer operators record the Senate’s actions into the legislative information network. The booth on the right houses the sound system operators.

In front of the President’s rostrum is the Senate “desk,” which is staffed by the Secretary of the Senate. Legislative business is not properly before the Senate until it is “on the desk.” Clerks at this desk record Senate actions for publication in the journal, the official record of all Senate proceedings. The video system and the voting boards are also operated from this desk. A senator who wishes to “approach the well” to make a speech on a particularly important matter speaks from one of the reading podiums at the secretary’s desk.

Voting boards on each side of the chamber record a member’s green “yea” or red “nay” votes. (The yellow lights you see by some names aren’t caution lights or indications that a senator can’t decide how to vote. They’re signals that the senator wants a “page” to deliver a message or retrieve a file from his office, and you can be sure that one of the blue-blazerered messengers will be at the senator’s desk shortly.) The voting boards also display the number of the bill or amendment being debated and the status of similar legislation in the House. Electronic voting was first used in the Senate in 1966, and now nearly all votes are recorded electronically.

The seating arrangement in the chamber is determined by seniority. Senators from odd-numbered districts sit on the President’s left, and those representing even-numbered districts sit on the right. There are exceptions to this tradition. The chairman of the Committee on Rules and Calendar sits in the first seat to the President’s left in the front row. He’s the one you’ll see on his feet directing the flow of legislative traffic and advising the President on the rules. The President Pro Tempore is seated to the President’s right in the front row. The Majority Floor Leader is seated on the aisle to the President’s left in the rear of the chamber.

At one time, the chamber desk was a member’s only desk. His secretary sat beside him in the chamber, frequently even during sessions. Often a senator would interrupt a letter he was dictating to rise and speak on a bill, then return to his correspondence after he had his say. Now adequate office space is provided for the senators and their staff; telephones at each chamber desk provide direct communication with the staff. Today, only members of the Senate and designated staff members are allowed in the chamber while the Senate is in session. Certain present and past state officials and guests invited by the President may also enter the chamber during a session. All men in the chamber must wear coats and ties.

Senators are addressed by their district number when they are recognized to speak. Custom decrees that a senator may not be addressed as a gentleman or lady, as are members of the House of Representatives. He or she is “the senator from the thirty-fifth,” for example, but never “the gentleman or lady from the thirty-fifth.” During debate, the members are always formally addressed as “senator,” not by their given names.

In the room at the right rear of the chamber, staff attorneys draft “floor amendments” to bills being debated. The caucus room at the left rear is frequently used for quick conferences of senators, often with their colleagues from the House of Representatives. Just over the main entrance is the press gallery, where members of Florida’s press corps record history. The remainder of the gallery is open to the public at all sessions, except that a portion of the gallery is usually reserved for senators’ families and other special guests.

Television cameras from Florida Public Broadcasting are positioned at the front and rear of the gallery to televise all Senate sessions. Each weekday evening during the session, public television stations broadcast “Today in the Legislature,” a one-hour program summarizing legislative action during the day. The broadcasts are funded by the Legislature, but all editorial content is determined by the group of professional journalists who produce the programs. Florida’s legislative telecasts were used as a model for a similar system installed in 1979 in the U.S. House of Representatives.
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