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Yesterday evening, the House recessed and headed home for the remainder of the week in observance of Passover, Good Friday and Easter. The Senate began its holiday break at noon today upon conclusion of the floor session. The Legislature will reconvene bright and early on Monday, April 21.

Today's report covers the action taken on the Senate floor this morning. Tomorrow, we will provide you with a special education report on the charter schools and school choice/scholarship bills. Friday, we will send you the regular weekly report highlighting the events of this past week.

AIF BILLS OF INTEREST

Last week we introduced you to the AIF Bills of Interest section in our daily report. Just as a reminder, in this section, you will find bills that are now ready to be heard in the House and Senate chambers. Unless substantive floor amendments are added to the bills, we will only report pertinent results, whether the bill passed or failed. By clicking on the link underneath any given bill, you can always review a more detailed summary of the bill's action.

SENATE

SB 1430, sponsored by Senator JD Alexander (R-Winter Haven), provides an exemption from the gross receipts tax for natural and manufactured gas under certain circumstances. Last week the bill was ordered engrossed. Today, with no questions or debates, the bill passed unanimously with a 37 to zero vote.

To view a more detailed report of SB 1430 please [click here](#).

AIF supports legislation that removes taxes on manufacturing processes that act as tariffs and diminish the competitive ability of Florida-made goods.

SB 2170, sponsored by Senator Bill Posey (R-Rockledge), provides an alternative method for a school district to become a charter school district. The bill was read a second time with no amendments added.

To view a more detailed report of SB 2170 please [click here](#).

Charter schools are cost-efficient, educationally effective, and are often located at or near an employer's place of business. AIF supports the expansion and development of charter schools in Florida.

SB 54, sponsored by Senator Lee Constantine (R-Altamonte Springs), prohibits political subdivisions of the state from requiring employers to pay a minimum wage other than the federal minimum wage. The bill was read a second time. An amendment was introduced from the floor but failed to be adopted.

To view a more detailed report of SB 54 please [click here](#).

On balance, SB 54 represents an important step in the right direction, especially for the hospitality industry in Florida. As a matter of principal, however, AIF continues to oppose all costly living-wage mandates at the local level including those that re limited to commercial transactions involving local government entities.

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