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What a difference a day makes.

Yesterday, the House Democrats blocked the Republican leadership from expanding the call of this special session to include several major issues that were left unfinished at the end of the regular session.

Today, Speaker Johnnie Byrd (R-Plant City), called the House together for a brief session. Representative Dudley Goodlette (R-Naples) introduced a motion to expand this special session to include 30 bills. With a Republican majority present, the motion quickly passed. In addition to the budget, a few of the major issues the House will take up that Associated Industries of Florida will be tracking are

- automobile insurance reform
- workers' compensation reform
- charter school development
- implementation of smoking ban amendment

The House is now holding committee meetings on these issues. We anticipate that the House and Senate will be taking up the bills in earnest later this week.

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