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Several House committees held meetings today covering bills that have been introduced outside the governor's proclamation for a special legislative session. Of interest to AIF, the House Education K-20 Committee discussed the pending charter school legislation, but took no vote.

At a brief session this afternoon, the Senate voted to add a small list of bills for consideration in the special session; these were all bills of major interest that were on the precipice of passage on May 2 when the 2003 Regular Session adjourned sine die. Some of the bills the Senate will address include

- automobile insurance reform
- charter schools
- implementation of the smoking ban amendment
- Florida Civil Rights Act

Senate President Jim King (R-Jacksonville) stated that the House and Senate have held on-going meetings regarding these issues and he felt that compromises acceptable to both chambers were attainable during the special session. He reminded senators that today's vote to consider certain bills does not assure the passage of any of them, an outcome that depends on agreement by the House and Senate to identical bill language.

The Senate has not yet added workers' compensation to the special session agenda and deliberations continue among key senators and representatives on a bevy of proposed amendments to the House bill (HB 25A). A tentative agreement might possibly be reached as early as tomorrow, in which case the Senate may vote to take up workers' compensation outside the call; or, in the alternative, the governor may expand the call to include the issue.

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