



DAILY BRIEF

From March 9, 2009

Monday was mostly a travel day for legislators as only a handful of joint committees met, but members of AIF's lobby team were hard at work lobbying legislators on a number of priority bills for the business community. For starters, the House Insurance, Business, and Financial Services Committee will be considering HB 903 Relating to Workers' Compensation Attorney's Fee by Representative Anitere Flores (R-Miami) Tuesday morning. Passage of this legislation is critical to the restoration of Florida's workers' compensation system in light of the recent Murray v. Mariner Florida Supreme Court decision. This decision nullified the attorney fee limitations that were part of the 2003 reforms and reverts Florida back to the costly litigation climate that employers fought so hard to defeat. AIF is working diligently to ensure that employers in Florida continue to experience the savings achieved by the '03 workers compensation reforms.

In addition, the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Committee will be hearing HB 73 Relating to Expedited Permitting by Representative Robert Schenck (R-Springhill) and the Senate Ways and Means Committee will be considering SB 360 Relating to Growth Management by Senator Mike Bennett (R-Bradenton). These AIF priority bills are part of our Economic Stimulus Package 2.0 because of their potential to streamline the permitting process for businesses looking to expand or relocate in Florida.

AIF recently commissioned Florida TaxWatch to conduct an economic impact study of AIF's ESP 2.0. The study found that over the span of three years, the economic stimulus recommendations included in the package will provide "\$12.3 billion in wages for Florida workers and generate \$15.2 billion in Florida's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)."

View a copy of the TaxWatch report at http://aif.com/esp_2/esp_taxwatch.pdf.

Last but not least, make sure you check the latest edition of [AIFTV](#). In this week's edition we bring you:

- A recap of the first week of the 2009 session;
- An update on the sales tax exemption review process including comments from Representative Bogdanoff (R-Ft. Lauderdale) Chair of the House Finance & Tax Council;
- A spotlight on AIF's Florida Maritime Council; and
- Much, much more.

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