



DAILY BRIEF

From April 1, 2010

On the first day of April, all of the action came from the House side as members finally passed out their version of the 2010-2011 state budget. As expected, the House budget came in around \$68 billion. Much of today's session was marked by bitter partisan debate as is typically the case. Democrats condemned the various cuts to services especially in the areas of health care and transportation, while members of the Majority Party highlighted the fact that their budget balances the state's revenues and expenses without counting on gambling dollars or federal matching money for Medicaid.

Legislators will be gone tomorrow in observance of Good Friday and the upcoming Easter break.

AIF will be holding its annual Mid-Session Briefing Monday, April 5th at 11:00 am at the Governors Club. This year's briefing will feature comments from Senator John Thrasher (R-Jacksonville) and House Majority Leader Adam Hasner (R-Delray Beach).

Growth Management

Today, the Economic Development and Community Affairs Policy Council met and passed HB 7099 Relating to Growth Management by Representative Dorothy Hukill (R-New Smyrna Beach). This bill, which is the growth management "bridge bill" in its entirety, provides a safety net for developers who have relied on certain provisions of last year's landmark growth management bill (SB 360), which is currently being challenged in state courts. Known as the "Community Renewal Act," SB 360 offered larger developments the option of avoiding the Developments of Regional Impact (DRI) process in certain densely populated areas, as defined by legislation. Should the challenge be successful and the bill be declared unconstitutional, numerous developers would face a regulatory nightmare for having followed the provisions of the bill, particularly as it relates to Developments of Regional Impact (DRI).

For such a must pass bill for the industry and AIF's FDIC Council, the bill has been received with a quiet resolution in the legislature, perhaps alluding to the fear of what will ultimately happen to SB 360.

HB 7099 has passed its final committee of reference and will be sent to the House floor for consideration by its members.

In the event that 2009's SB 360 is found unconstitutional, AIF SUPPORTS the addition of language which clarifies that a developer still has the opportunity to re-enter the process without penalty.