



# DAILY BRIEF

**From April 27, 2011**

With the start of Budget Conference Committees today, members of the House & Senate focused much of their attention on state budget items including general government appropriations, higher education, and economic development. On the policy front, the House & Senate did meet in their respective Chambers for Session; however, most of their time was spent considering bills on “second reading”. Second Reading allows legislation to be fully vetted, including debate & questions, so that proposals may be placed in the proper posture to be read a third time and subsequently passed when the House & Senate meet again. A few of AIF’s top priorities that rolled to third reading today included:

- SB 1524 Relating to Telecommunications – This legislation will complete the process of deregulating wire line telecommunications service in Florida to help create jobs and to spur investment. The House proposal, HB 1231 by Representative Mike Horner (R-Kissimmee), has already passed the full House and is expected to be substituted for SB 1524 and passed.
- SB 408 by Senator Garrett Richter (R-Naples) – This proposal is a top AIF priority for the restoration of the private residential insurance market, which is essential to reducing Citizens and its potential deficit taxes. SB 408 has been placed on third reading and is expected to see final passage this session.
- SB 652 – This relatively non-controversial measure will eliminate the sunset provision that provides immunity to spaceflight entities. Currently, these entities are not liable for the injury or death of a participant if the accident is due to the inherent risks involved in space flight. The House proposal, HB 703 by Representative Tom Goodson (R-Titusville), has passed all committees of reference and awaits second reading in the House.

As always, AIF will continue to keep our members updated on legislative proposals seeing action in the 11th hour. Provided below is a list of the business community’s top priority bills that have made the cut in the final weeks of session. This reference guide will provide our members with a “snap shot” of the most highly anticipated legislation and will accompany each remaining edition of AIF’s *Daily Brief*. Be sure to keep checking back to see where your top priorities are moving!

## AIF's Top Priority Bills of 2011

Listed below is a snapshot of the business community's top legislative priorities as we enter the final weeks of the 2011 Legislative Session. To learn more about a particular bill, including AIF's position on a respective issue, we invite you to click the position (Support/Oppose) located to the right of each bill.

### Business Regulation

Bill	Description	Current Action / Committee	Position
SB 234 / HB 517	Open-Carry of Firearms	S. Calendar / H. Calendar	Oppose
SB 2040 / HB 7089	Immigration Reform/ E-Verify	S. Budget / H. Calendar	Oppose

### Economic Development

Bill	Description	Current Action / Committee	Position
SB 2156 / HB 7247	Consolidation of Government Agencies	Budget Conference / Not Assigned	Support

### Environmental

Bill	Description	Current Action / Committee	Position
HB 239 / SB 1090	Numeric Nutrient Water Quality Criteria	Passed House / S. Environmental Preservation and Conservation	Support

### Ethics & Elections

Bill	Description	Current Action / Committee	Position
SB 830 / HB 1021	Paycheck Protection Act	Special Order - April 28 / Passed House	Support

### Seaports

Bill	Description	Current Action / Committee	Position
HB 283 / SB 524	Seaport Security Standards	Passed House / S. Budget	Support

<b>Growth Management</b>			
<b>Bill</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Current Action / Committee</b>	<b>Position</b>
SB 1122 / HB 7129	Growth Management	S. Budget / Passed House	Support
<b>Health Care</b>			
<b>Bill</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Current Action / Committee</b>	<b>Position</b>
SB 1972 / HB 7107	Medicaid Reform	S. Calendar / Passed House	Support
HB 619 / SB 1448	Sale or Lease of a County, District, or Municipal Hospital	H. Calendar / S. Budget	Support
<b>Insurance</b>			
<b>Bill</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Current Action / Committee</b>	<b>Position</b>
HB 99 / SB 178	Commercial Insurance Rate Deregulation	Passed House / S. Calendar	Support
SB 408 / HB 803	Property and Casualty Insurance	S. Third Reading / H. Calendar	Support
HB 1243 / SB 1714	Citizens Property Insurance Corporation	H. Calendar / S. Budget	Support
<b>Legal &amp; Judicial</b>			
<b>Bill</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Current Action / Committee</b>	<b>Position</b>
SB 142 / HB 201	Crashworthiness	H. Calendar / Passed Senate	Support

<b>Taxation &amp; Budget</b>			
<b>Bill</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Current Action / Committee</b>	<b>Position</b>
SB 728 / HB 7005	Unemployment Compensation Tax Relief	S. Budget / Passed House	Support
SB 2100	State Pension Reform	Budget Conference	Support
SB 1506 / HB 7203	Single Sales Factor/Corporate Income Tax	Budget Conference	Support
<b>Workers' Compensation</b>			
<b>Bill</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Current Action / Committee</b>	<b>Position</b>
SB 2132	Drug Repack/Workers' Compensation	Budget Conference	Support