VOTING RECORDS

2016 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature



a letter from the CEO



Tom C. Feeney President & Chief Executive Officer

Dear Employer:

It is my pleasure to provide you with this tabulation of the voting conduct of each member of the Florida Legislature during the 2016 Regular Session. Voting Records reports on the votes made by every legislator on bills that were advocated, promoted or opposed by Associated Industries of Florida. By reporting on 6,039 votes cast by legislators on 69 bills, this publication embodies the most exhaustive and complete record of the Legislature's approach to the concerns of Florida's employers.

We go to great lengths to ensure that legislators are aware of AIF's positions on issues of great importance to the business community. Every year before the session begins, we produce AIF's Session Priorities, which explains why we support or oppose key issues. In addition, during the session we provide each legislator with a Daily Brief on the activities of that day, highlighting bills of interest to business and our positions on those issues. Our greatest asset, however, is our experienced and accomplished legislative team, which has compiled a record of success second to none.

For 41 years, AIF has published Voting Records, an analysis of every vote cast by every legislator on major business issues. Yet voting records only tell part of the story. AIF also helps its member companies detect what bills and amendments are filed and by whom, and who is taking part in behind-the-scene efforts and debates on behalf of the business community.

These intangible forms of support through non-voting actions are also of vital importance and merit recognition. AIF instituted the "Champions for Business" award in 2003 to acknowledge lawmakers who provide leadership on key legislation. A "Champion for Business" is a legislator who takes risks for his or her belief in the free-enterprise system, who defies the status quo when it is harmful to our state's competitive climate and who faces down the opponents to the growing prosperity of Florida's citizens.

The ten legislators (see page 25) honored this year are the epitome of a "Champion for Business."



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AIF's H2O Coalition: A Crucial Ally in Florida's Historic and Comprehensive Water Reform By Brewster Bevis, AIF Senior VP-State and Federal Affairs

or the last several years, the Florida Legislature has worked toward passing a long overdue and comprehensive water policy that balances the protection of our natural resources with the needs of water users around the state. Instead of taking a topdown, one-size-fits-all approach, the bill sponsored by Representative Matt Caldwell (R-North Fort Myers) and Senator Charlie Dean (R-Inverness) and signed into law by Governor Rick Scott focuses the state's water policy on addressing the water supply and quality challenges through the use of scientifically sound, responsible solutions.

In 2014, AIF launched the H2O Coalition to help champion the Legislature's water reform efforts and provide an outlet for the broad group of voices seeking to make comprehensive water reform a reality.

Since its launch, the Coalition added significant firepower to House Speaker Steve Crisafulli's (R-Merritt Island) and Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam's historic efforts to reform the way our state regulates water usage, protects natural springs, and plans for water shortages of the future. When it passed the Legislature, Republicans and Democrats were nearly unanimous in supporting it; and the bill earned the support of environmental groups including the Everglades Foundation, Audubon Florida, and The Nature Conservancy.

The biggest benefits to the passage of the comprehensive water bill are some of the strongest protections to Florida's springs the state has ever seen. The bill designates Basin Management Action Plans (BMAPs) as the pollutant control programs for Florida's springs and the Northern Everglades watersheds. The BMAPs include enforceable Best Management Practices (BMPs) that are integrated into the overall strategy to meet water quality standards.

Under this new law, producers who do not implement BMPs or demonstrate that they are meeting water quality standards will be subject to enforcement by the Florida Department of Environmental "This past session, Florida took a significant step forward in protecting its most precious natural resource. I appreciate AIF and the H2O Coalition's support in adopting a forward-thinking water policy that will preserve and grow our water supply for future generations."



- House Speaker Steve Crisafulli



"Water is Florida's golden goose, and this comprehensive, strategic policy will help protect the quantity and quality of our water for the future. I thank AIF and the H2O Coalition for their efforts and input on this key legislation."

- Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam

Protection (FDEP). Producers must also comply with applicable regulatory programs such as consumptive use, environmental resource permitting, and pesticide regulation, in addition to implementing BMPs.

Additionally, the law streamlines the governance for water policy by eliminating the duplication of regulatory programs and reducing redundant planning and program efforts, allowing the agencies to focus on a single plan with the single purpose of restoring Lake Okeechobee and the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries. It also provides statewide consistency by conforming the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program to the Clean Water Act and the State's Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) laws.

The law also provides the proper focus and effort on meeting water quality standards through the implementation of BMPs that are fully enforceable by FDEP, the state's lead water quality agency. The law strengthens the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services' BMP program by requiring the study and reevaluation of BMPs that reduce pollution and provides clear enforcement and verification of the implementation of BMPs.

The law also strengthens the protection of water resources by improving the BMAP implementation. For the first time in statute, BMAPs would have to include milestones

for implementation and water quality improvement and an associated water quality monitoring component sufficient to evaluate whether reasonable progress in pollutant load reductions is being achieved over time. DEP would develop a schedule to establish five-, ten- and 15-year measurable milestones and a target for achieving the adopted TMDL, no more than 20 years after the adoption of the BMAP.

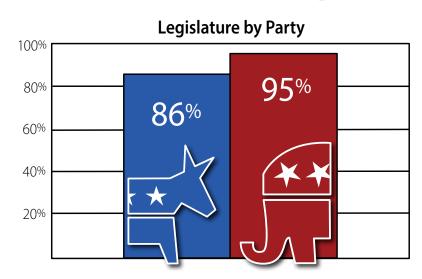
Upon its passage in January, the H2O Coalition joined prominent leaders of statewide groups in celebrating the state moving one step closer to comprehensive water reform. Former Executive Director of the South Florida Water Management District Henry Dean called the law the "most significant piece of water legislation to be considered by the Florida Legislature in the past 40 years." Carrie O'Rourke, Florida Realtors® Vice President of Public Policy, characterized the law as "a strong foundation for a comprehensive statewide policy that addresses key aspects of water management, water quality, and water supply."

Floridians will forever remember 2016 as the year of action on water policy. Collectively, the members of the H2O Coalition were able to advocate and advise on a landmark piece of legislation that will impact the protection and planning of Florida's water supply in a positive way for many generations.

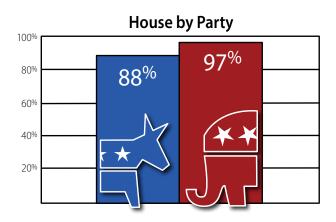
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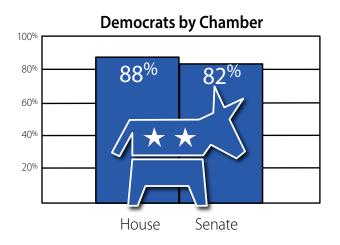


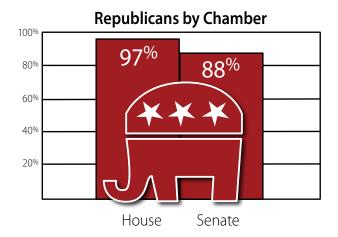
nowing how individual legislators cast their votes is extremely important when evaluating their stand on the issues facing our members. However, it is also important to look at the other areas of the data to find clues on how different segments of the Florida Legislature are casting their votes. For instance, which party in which chamber tends to support business issues more than the other? How do the current voting records compare to those from past years? This section will break down different segments of the votes and provide some interesting snapshots of what the mood of the Florida Legislature is on business issues.



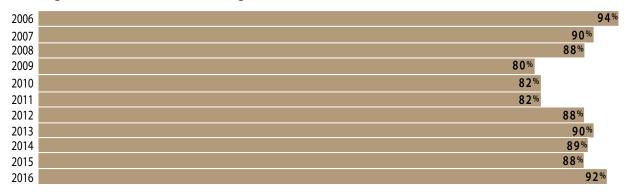
Senate by Party 100% 80% 82% 88% 40% 20%



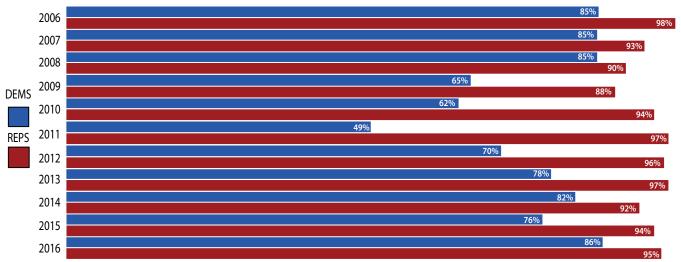




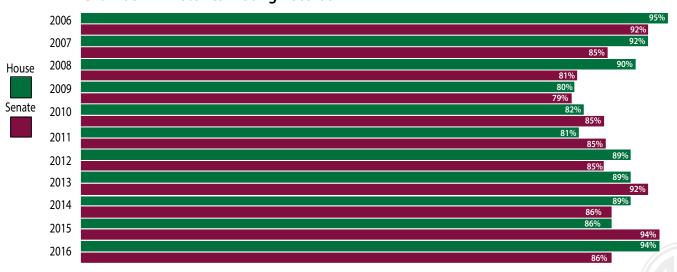
Legislature — Historical Voting Records



Party — Historical Voting Records



Chamber — **Historical Voting Records**





2016 FLORIDA LEGISLATURE VOTING RECORDS

On Key Business Issues – Percentage with AIF

Voting Records is compiled using actual votes cast as reported in official state records. Each vote cast is measured equally, with no added points to certain bills.

F	L O	R I	D A	\ S	E N	A T	Ε
% w/AIF	Name/Party	For	Against	% w/AIF	Name/Party	For	Against
96%	Hays (R)	55	2	87%	Negron (R)	47	7
95%	Lee (R)	36	2	86%	Gaetz (R)	37	6
94%	Abruzzo (D)	46	3	86%	Sachs (D)	30	5
94%	Evers (R)	32	2	85%	Bradley (R)	33	6
93%	Altman (R)	50	4	85%	Diaz de la Portilla (F	39	7
93%	Gardiner (R)	25	2	84%	Bean (R)	42	8
93%	Hutson (R)	37	3	84%	Braynon (D)	36	7
92%	Richter (R)	58	5	84%	Bullard (D)	27	5
91%	Brandes (R)	32	3	84%	Ring (D)	37	7
90%	Dean (R)	37	4	82%	Margolis (D)	56	12
90%	Hukill (R)	55	6	82%	Soto (D)	32	7
89%	Detert (R)	39	5	81%	Benacquisto (R)	47	11
89%	Galvano (R)	41	5	81%	Gibson (D)	26	6
89%	Garcia (R)	42	5	81%	Smith (D)	43	10
89%	Grimsley (R)	42	5	79%	Thompson (D)	31	8
89%	Latvala (R)	41	5	78%	Stargel (R)	31	9
89%	Montford (D)	48	6	75%	Flores (R)	44	15
89%	Simmons (R)	51	6	74%	Clemens (D)	32	11
89%	Simpson (R)	48	6	74%	Joyner (D)	37	13
88%	Legg (R)	30	4	74%	Sobel (D)	25	9

Total Votes With AIF/Business = 86%

AIF Voting Records

AIF is the undisputed leader in providing the business community with comprehensive voting records that allow employers to gauge how legislators are casting votes on bills that affect their businesses.

For 41 years, AIF has published *Voting Records* — the definitive legislative scorecard for the business community. With term limits, the historical aspect of a legislator's votes is more important than ever. Former legislators are showing up on the ballot again, and the ability to quickly view their past voting records is critical. In some cases, it will allow employers to match campaign promises with actual votes cast.

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% w/AIF	Name/Party	For	Against	% w/AI	F Naı	me/Party	,		For	Again	st_	% w/AIF	Nam	e/Party	,		For	Against
100%	Albritton (R)	44	0	97%	Ad	kins (R)			35	1		94%	Plase	ncia (R)		32	2
100%	Baxley (R)	30	0	97%	Art	iles (R)			31	1	_	94%	Rade	r (D)			32	2
100%	Brodeur (R)	34	0	97%	Bur	rgess (R)			28	1	_	94%	Rodr	gues (R)		34	2
100%	Broxson (R)	35	0	97%	Coi	rcoran (R)		32	1	_	94%	Slosb	erg (D)		31	2
100%	Burton (R)	34	0	97%	Dia	az, J. (R)			35	1	_	94%	Willia	ms (D)			33	2
100%	Combee (R)	39	0	97%	Dia	az, M. (R)			31	1	_	92%	Gonz	alez (R)		33	3
100%	Cortes, B. (R)	31	0	97%	Dra	ake (R)			38	1	_	92%	Murp	hy (D)			36	3
100%	Crisafulli (R)	29	0	97%	Fitz	zenhager	n (R)		37	1	_	92%	Richa	irdson	(D)		36	3
100%	Cummings (R)	41	0	97%	Gra	ant (R)			32	1	_	92%	Rous	on (D)			35	3
100%	Eisnaugle (R)	29	0	97%	Hill	(R)			28	1	_	92%	Steul	oe (R)			34	3
100%	Fant (R)	36	0	97%	Hu	dson (R)			36	1	_	91%	Aher	n (R)			30	3
100%	Fresen (R)	35	0	97%	Ing	joglia (R)			36	1		91%	Cam	obell ([))		29	3
100%	Hager (R)	33	0	97%	Jor	nes, S. (D)			30	1		91%	Clark	e-Reec	(D)		32	3
100%	Harrell (R)	34	0	97%	Ма	gar (R)			36	1	_	91%	DuBo	se (D)			30	3
100%	Harrison (R)	38	0	97%	Ма	yfield (R)			37	1	_	91%	Narai	n (D)			29	3
100%	Ingram (R)	36	0	97%	Nu	ñez (R)			34	1		91%	Powe	ell (D)			32	3
100%	McBurney (R)	35	0	97%	Oliv	va (R)			35	1	_	91%	Trujil	o (R)			31	3
100%	Metz (R)	35	0	97%	Per	ry (R)			30	1		90%	Avila	(R)			35	4
100%	Moraitis (R)	37	0	97%	Pig	ıman (R)			35	1		90%	Pritch	nett (D)			27	3
100%	O'Toole (R)	35	0	97%	Rer	nner (R)			34	1		90%	Roge	rs (D)			28	3
100%	Passidomo (R)	35	0	97%	Spr	rowls (R)			35	1		90%	Wats	on, C. (D)		37	4
100%	Peters (R)	35	0	97%	Sta	rk (D)			30	1		89%	Bracy	(D)			31	4
100%	Pilon (R)	40	0	97%	Sul	livan (R)			35	1	_	89%	Fullw	ood (E))		31	4
100%	Porter (R)	35	0	97%	Tru	ımbull (R)			31	1		89%	McG	nee (D)			25	3
100%	Raulerson (R)	35	0	97%	Var	n Zant (R)			33	1		88%	Jone	s, M. (C)		29	4
100%	Ray (R)	34	0	95%	Eag	gle (R)			37	2	_	86%	Berm	an (D)			25	4
100%	Roberson (R)	36	0	95%	Ras	schein (R)			35	2		85%	Cruz	(D)			28	5
100%	Rooney (R)	35	0	95%	Tay	vlor (D)			40	2		85%	Staffo	ord (D)			28	5
100%	Santiago (R)	32	0	95%	Wo	od (R)			41	2	_	84%	Dudl	ey (D)			31	6
100%	Smith (R)	34	0	94%	Ant	tone (D)			34	2		84%	Gelle	r (D)			32	6
100%	Spano (R)	32	0	94%	Bes	shears (R)			34	2		84%	Rehv	/inkel \	asilinda/	a (D)	27	5
100%	Stevenson (R)	34	0	94%	Bile	eca (R)			34	2	_	83%	Wats	on, B. (D)		24	5
100%	Stone (R)	35	0	94%	Co:	stello (R)			30	2		82%	Corte	es, J. (D)		32	7
100%	Workman (R)	29	0	94%	Edv	wards (D)			33	2		82%	Gaet	z (R)			32	7
100%	Young (R)	32	0	94%	Ker	ner (D)			29	2		81%	Torre	s (D)			29	7
98%	Boyd (R)	39	1	94%	Lat	vala (R)			32	2		80%	Jacol	os (D)			24	6
98%	Caldwell (R)	41	1	94%		e (D)			33	2		76%	Tobia				26	8
98%	Goodson (R)	44	1	94%		ler (R)			33	2	_	68%	Jenn				27	13
98%	La Rosa (R)	40	1	94%	Мо	skowitz ((D)		32	2	_	63%	Rodr	guez (D)		22	13
98%	Raburn (R)	44	1	94%		kon (R)			34	2		55%		rd (D)			18	15

Total Votes With AIF/Business = 94%



2016 FLORIDA LEGISLATURE VOTING RECORDS

On Key Business Issues - Alphabetically

Voting Records is compiled using actual votes cast as reported in official state records. Each vote cast is measured equally, with no added points to certain bills.

F L O	R	1	D A	S E	N	А Т	Е
Name/Party	For	Against	% w/AIF	Name/Party	For	Against	% w/AIF
Abruzzo (D)	46	3	94%_	Hays (R)	55	2	96%
Altman (R)	50	4	93%_	Hukill (R)	55	6	90%
Bean (R)	42	8	84%_	Hutson (R)	37	3	93%
Benacquisto (R)	47	11	81%_	Joyner (D)	37	13	74%
Bradley (R)	33	6	85%_	Latvala (R)	41	5	89%
Brandes (R)	32	3	91%_	Lee (R)	36	2	95%
Braynon (D)	36	7	84%_	Legg (R)	30	4	88%
Bullard (D)	27	5	84%	Margolis (D)	56	12	82%
Clemens (D)	32	11	74%_	Montford (D)	48	6	89%
Dean (R)	37	4	90%_	Negron (R)	47	7	87%
Detert (R)	39	5	89%_	Richter (R)	58	5	92%
Diaz de la Portilla (R)	39	7	85%_	Ring (D)	37	7	84%
Evers (R)	32	2	94%_	Sachs (D)	30	5	86%
Flores (R)	44	15	75%_	Simmons (R)	51	6	89%
Gaetz (R)	37	6	86%_	Simpson (R)	48	6	89%
Galvano (R)	41	5	89%_	Smith (D)	43	10	81%
Garcia (R)	42	5	89%_	Sobel (D)	25	9	74%
Gardiner (R)	25	2	93%_	Soto (D)	32	7	82%
Gibson (D)	26	6	81%_	Stargel (R)	31	9	78%
Grimsley (R)	42	5	89%_	Thompson (D)	31	8	79%

Total Votes With AIF/Business = 86%

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Name/Party	For	Against	% w/AIF	Name/Party		For	Against	% w/AIF	Nai	me/Party		For	Agains	st % w/AIF
Adkins (R)	35	1	97%	Geller (D)		32	6	84%	Poi	ter (R)		35	0	100%
Ahern (R)	30	3	91%	Gonzalez (R)		33	3	92%	Pov	well (D)		32	3	91%
Albritton (R)	4	40	100%	Goodson (R)		44	1	98%	Prit	chett (D)		27	3	90%
Antone (D)	3	42	94%_	Grant (R)		32	1	97%	Rak	ourn (R)		44	1	98%
Artiles (R)	31	1	97%_	Hager (R)		33	0	100%	Rad	der (D)		32	2	94%
Avila (R)	35	4	90%_	Harrell (R)		34	0	100%	Ras	chein (R)		35	2	95%
Baxley (R)	30	0	100%	Harrison (R)		38	0	100%	Rau	ulerson (R)		35	0	100%
Berman (D)	25	4	86%_	Hill (R)		28	1	97%	Ray	/ (R)		34	0	100%
Beshears (R)	34	2	94%_	Hudson (R)		36	1	97%	Rel	nwinkel Vasil	inda (D)	27	5	84%
Bileca (R)	34	2	94%_	Ingoglia (R)		36	1	97%	Rer	nner (R)		34	1	97%
Boyd (R)	39	1	98%_	Ingram (R)		36	0	100%	Ric	hardson (D)		36	3	92%
Bracy (D)	31	4	89%_	Jacobs (D)		24	6	80%	Rol	person (R)		36	0	100%
Brodeur (R)	34	0	100%_	Jenne (D)		27	13	68%	Roo	drigues (R)		34	2	94%
Broxson (R)	35	0	100%	Jones, M. (D))	29	4	88%	Roo	driguez (D)		22	13	63%
Burgess (R)	28	1	97%_	Jones, S. (D)		30	1	97%	Ro	gers (D)		28	3	90%
Burton (R)	34	0	100%	Kerner (D)		29	2	94%	Roo	oney (R)		35	0	100%
Caldwell (R)	41	1	98%	La Rosa (R)		40	1	98%	Ro	uson (D)		35	3	92%
Campbell (D)	29	3	91%_	Latvala (R)		32	2	94%	Sar	ntiago (R)		32	0	100%
Clarke-Reed (D)	32	3	91%	Lee (D)		33	2	94%	Slo	sberg (D)		31	2	94%
Combee (R)	39	0	100%	Magar (R)		36	1	97%	Sm	ith (R)		34	0	100%
Corcoran (R)	32	1	97%_	Mayfield (R)		37	1	97%	Spa	ano (R)		32	0	100%
Cortes, B. (R)	31	0	100%_	McBurney (F	?)	35	0	100%	Spi	owls (R)		35	1	97%
Cortes, J. (D)	32	7	82%_	McGhee (D)		25	3	89%	Sta	fford (D)		28	5	85%
Costello (R)	30	2	94%_	Metz (R)		35	0	100%	Sta	rk (D)		30	1	97%
Crisafulli (R)	29	0	100%	Miller (R)		33	2	94%	Ste	ube (R)		34	3	92%
Cruz (D)	28	5	85%_	Moraitis (R)		37	0	100%	Ste	venson (R)		34	0	100%
Cummings (R)	41	0	100%	Moskowitz (D)	32	2	94%	Sto	ne (R)		35	0	100%
Diaz, J. (R)	35	1	97%_	Murphy (D)		36	3	92%	Sul	livan (R)		35	1	97%
Diaz, M. (R)	31	1	97%_	Narain (D)		29	3	91%	Tay	lor (D)		40	2	95%
Drake (R)	38	1	97%	Nuñez (R)		34	1	97%	Tol	oia (R)		26	8	76%
DuBose (D)	30	3	91%_	Oliva (R)		35	1	97%	Tor	res (D)		29	7	81%
Dudley (D)	31	6	84%_	O'Toole (R)		35	0	100%	Tru	jillo (R)		31	3	91%
Eagle (R)	37	2	95%_	Pafford (D)		18	15	55%	Tru	mbull (R)		31	1	97%
Edwards (D)	33	2	94%_	<u>Passidomo (</u>	R)	35	0	100%	Var	n Zant (R)		33	1	97%
Eisnaugle (R)	29	0	100%	Perry (R)		30	1	97%	Wa	tson, B. (D)		24	5	83%
Fant (R)	36	0	100%	Peters (R)		35	0	100%	Wa	tson, C. (D)		37	4	90%
Fitzenhagen (R)	37	1	97%	Pigman (R)		35	1	97%	Wil	liams (D)		33	2	94%
Fresen (R)	35	0	100%	Pilon (R)		40	0	100%	Wc	od (R)		41	2	95%
Fullwood (D)	31	4	89%	Plakon (R)		34	2	94%	Wo	rkman (R)		29	0	100%
Gaetz (R)	32	7	82%	Plasencia (R)		32	2	94%	You	ung (R)		32	0	100%





Historical Florida Legislature Voting Records

On Key Business Issues

The AIF Historical Voting Records provides a cumulative tally of all the votes cast by legislators on AIF issues over their careers in the Florida Legislature.

Visit aif.com for more information on AIF Historical *Voting Records*.

FLORIDA	SEN	ATE
Name/Party	2016	History
Abruzzo (D)	94%	74%_
Altman (R)	93%	92%
Bean (R)	84%	93%
Benacquisto (R)	81%	92%
Bradley (R)	85%	91%
Brandes (R)	91%	96%
Braynon (D)	84%	70%
Bullard (D)	84%	61%
Clemens (D)	74%	64%
Dean (R)	90%	91%
Detert (R)	89%	91%
Diaz de la Portilla (R)	85%	91%_
Evers (R)	94%	94%
Flores (R)	75%	91%
Gaetz (R)	86%	89%_
Galvano (R)	89%	93%
Garcia (R)	89%	90%
Gardiner (R)	93%	94%_
Gibson (D)	81%	76%
Grimsley (R)	89%	95%
Hays (R)	96%	95%_
Hukill (R)	90%	95%
Hutson (R)	93%	95%
Joyner (D)	74%	64%_
Latvala (R)	89%	88%
Lee (R)	95%	88%_
Legg (R)	88%	95%_
Margolis (D)	82%	80%
Montford (D)	89%	85%
Negron (R)	87%	89%
Richter (R)	92%	94%
Ring (D)	84%	83%
Sachs (D)	86%	76%
Simmons (R)	89%	94%
Simpson (R)	89%	93%
Smith (D)	81%	73%_
Sobel (D)	74%	70%
Soto (D)	82%	73%
Stargel (R)	78%	96%
Thompson (D)	79%	70%

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Adkins (R)	97%	97%	Geller (D)	84%	74%_	Porter (R)	100%	99%
Ahern (R)	91%	96%	Gonzalez (R)	92%	92%_	Powell (D)	91%	78%
Albritton (R)	100%	99%_	Goodson (R)	98%	95%	Pritchett (D)	90%	78%
Antone (D)	94%	81%_	Grant (R)	97%	97%_	Raburn (R)	98%	98%
Artiles (R)	97%	95%_	Hager (R)	100%	98%_	Rader (D)	94%	72%
Avila (R)	90%	89%_	Harrell (R)	100%	96%	Raschein (R)	95%	98%
Baxley (R)	100%	97%_	Harrison (R)	100%	98%	Raulerson (R)	100%	99%
Berman (D)	86%	64%_	Hill (R)	97%	94%_	Ray (R)	100%	97%
Beshears (R)	94%	96%_	Hudson (R)	97%	97%_	Rehwinkel Vasilinda (D)	84%	61%
Bileca (R)	94%	97%_	Ingoglia (R)	97%	97%_	Renner (R)	97%	96%
Boyd (R)	98%	99%_	Ingram (R)	100%	98%_	Richardson (D)	92%	83%
Bracy (D)	89%	79%_	Jacobs (D)	80%	73%_	Roberson (R)	100%	96%
Brodeur (R)	100%	98%_	Jenne (D)	68%	59%_	Rodrigues (R)	94%	92%
Broxson (R)	100%	98%_	Jones, M. (D)	88%	63%	Rodriguez (D)	63%	62%
Burgess (R)	97%	94%_	Jones, S. (D)	97%	84%_	Rogers (D)	90%	64%
Burton (R)	100%	98%_	Kerner (D)	94%	80%	Rooney (R)	100%	99%
Caldwell (R)	98%	97%_	La Rosa (R)	98%	98%_	Rouson (D)	92%	68%
Campbell (D)	91%	68%_	Latvala (R)	94%	93%_	Santiago (R)	100%	98%
Clarke-Reed (D)	91%	62%_	Lee (D)	94%	85%_	Slosberg (D)	94%	63%
Combee (R)	100%	99%_	Magar (R)	97%	97%_	Smith (R)	100%	97%
Corcoran (R)	97%	96%_	Mayfield (R)	97%	97%_	Spano (R)	100%	97%
Cortes, B. (R)	100%	98%_	McBurney (R)	100%	96%	Sprowls (R)	97%	96%
Cortes, J. (D)	82%	75%_	McGhee (D)	89%	72%_	Stafford (D)	85%	55%
Costello (R)	94%	98%_	Metz (R)	100%	97%_	Stark (D)	97%	82%
Crisafulli (R)	100%	98%_	Miller (R)	94%	95%_	Steube (R)	92%	96%
Cruz (D)	85%	61%_	Moraitis (R)	100%	97%_	Stevenson (R)	100%	98%
Cummings (R)	100%	97%_	Moskowitz (D)	94%	85%	Stone (R)	100%	98%
Diaz, J. (R)	97%	97%_	Murphy (D)	92%	86%	Sullivan (R)	97%	94%
Diaz, M. (R)	97%	96%_	Narain (D)	91%	79%_	Taylor (D)	95%	68%
Drake (R)	97%	96%	Nuñez (R)	97%	97%_	Tobia (R)	76%	94%
DuBose (D)	91%	82%_	Oliva (R)	97%	94%_	Torres (D)	81%	75%
Dudley (D)	84%	80%_	O'Toole (R)	100%	97%_	Trujillo (R)	91%	95%
Eagle (R)	95%	93%_	Pafford (D)	55%	48%	Trumbull (R)	97%	96%
Edwards (D)	94%	92%_	Passidomo (R)	100%	98%	Van Zant (R)	97%	95%
Eisnaugle (R)	100%	97%_	Perry (R)	97%	96%	Watson, B. (D)	83%	56%
Fant (R)	100%	97%_	Peters (R)	100%	97%_	Watson, C. (D)	90%	79%
Fitzenhagen (R)	97%	98%_	Pigman (R)	97%	97%_	Williams (D)	94%	67%
Fresen (R)	100%	97%_	Pilon (R)	100%	96%_	Wood (R)	95%	97%
Fullwood (D)	89%	71%_	Plakon (R)	94%	96%	Workman (R)	100%	98%
Gaetz (R)	82%	94%_	Plasencia (R)	94%	95%_	Young (R)	100%	99%



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SB 1646 & HB 1325 Relating to Economic Development Development by Sen. Jack Latvala (R-Clearwater) and Rep. Jim Boyd (R-Bradenton)

This bill aimed to provide incentives to many industries including, but not limited to:

- Extending the Qualified Defense and Space Contractors Tax Refund program to 2018;
- Requiring companies who provide health benefits to include information on the jobs created and retained in their incentive reports; and
- Renaming the Quick Action Closing Fund as the "Florida Enterprise Fund" and made the following changes to qualify for the fund required the project to create at least 10 jobs, required local financial support of at least 20 percent, and prohibited payment before performance conditions are met.

AIF supported legislation that would bolster Florida's business community and help our state become the premiere location for business by providing incentive funding.

SB 1646 died in the Senate Committee on Appropriations; HB 1325 died in the Senate Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

SB 124 & HB 95 Relating to Public-Private Partnerships by Sen. Greg Evers (R-Milton) and Rep. Greg Steube (R-Sarasota)

This bill clarifies that public-private partnerships are an alternative process for communities to expand, through partnerships with the private sector, their ability to meet current and future infrastructure needs. It also provides flexibility for local governments on procurement time lines as well as allows local governments to collect processing fees at the time of application. The bill removes the Partnership for Public Facilities and Infrastructure Guidelines Task Force

from statute as recommendations from the task force are incorporated in the bill.

AIF strongly supports utilization of the private sector in helping to solve public construction needs. Government's role is critical in securing and advancing our state's infrastructure.

HB 95 was laid on the table and substituted by SB 124; SB 124 was approved by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2016-153.

SB 402 & HB 415 Relating to Point-of-sale Terminals by Sen. Garrett Richter (R-Naples) and Rep. Holly Raschein (R-Key Largo)

This bill would have allowed limited use of "Point-ofsale Terminals" for the sale of lottery tickets or games. A "Point-of-sale Terminal" is a charge card reader, like those used at a retail counter, self-service fuel pump or self-service checkout line. The bill authorized the Department of the Lottery, approved vendors, and approved retailers to use point-of-sale terminals to facilitate sales of lottery tickets or games, provided that the purchaser is verified to be 18 years of age or older and the terminal does not dispense lottery winnings.

A point-of-sale terminal would not reveal winning numbers and may not be used to redeem a winning ticket. Lottery ticket sales revenue generated from point-of-sale terminals must be used to enhance instructional technology resources for students and teachers in Florida.

AIF supported innovative means to help fund Florida's education system. In addition, enactment of this legislation would have created more manufacturing jobs in the State.

SB 402 died on the Senate Calendar; HB 415 died in the House Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee.

ENERGY

SB 318 & HB 191 Relating to Regulation of Oil and Gas Resources by Sen. Garrett Richter (R-Naples) and Rep. Ray Rodrigues (R-Fort Myers)

This bill sought to revise the Oil and Gas Program (Program) to make the process safer and more effective for all involved. The bill allowed for the Department of Environmental Protection to oversee the permitting process for oil and gas drilling, production, and exploration within Florida. The Program's primary responsibilities include conservation of oil and gas resources, correlative rights protection, maintenance of health and human safety, and environmental protection.

AIF supported the need to maintain appropriate permitting laws to protect the environment, to enhance efficiency between industry and the state, and to ensure appropriate standards are clearly communicated.

SB 318 died in the Senate Committee on Appropriations; HB 191 died in the Senate Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation.

SB 90 & HB 285 Relating to Natural Gas Rebate Program by Sen. Wilton Simpson (R-Trilby) and Rep. Lake Ray (R-Jacksonville)

This bill allows the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) to award rebates to those eligible for the costs of converting a diesel- or gasolinepowered motor vehicle to a natural gas fuel-powered motor vehicle on or after July 1, 2013. An applicant is eligible to receive a maximum rebate of \$25,000 per vehicle up to a total of \$250,000 per applicant per fiscal year, on a first-come, first-served basis. With the implementation of this bill, DACS may use any unencumbered funds to award additional rebates to governmental applicants awarded on a first-come, firstserved basis.

AIF supports the natural gas fuel fleet vehicle rebate program, specifically the authorization of DACS to award additional rebates to applicants from unencumbered funds after each fiscal year.

HB 285 was laid on the table and substituted by SB 90; SB 90 was approved by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2016-183.

SB 1272 Relating to Florida Renewable Energy Production Credit by Sen. Dorothy Hukill (R-Port Orange)



AIF President Tom Feeney and Board Vice-Chair Mike Sole of Florida Power & Light greet Governor Scott at the AIF Legislative Reception.

This bill would have made permanent the Florida renewable energy production credit statute, currently set to expire in 2017, and increased the annual cap on the total credits from the current \$10 million to \$15 million per year. This bill also deleted a provision stating any unused credit funding in a fiscal year is to be used to fund renewable energy technologies but replaced it with a provision to carry forward the excess funds.

AIF supported legislation that will make the Florida renewable energy production credit permanent due to the cost savings it would provide Florida companies and because it helps to diversify Florida's energy portfolio.

SB 1272 died in the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

ENVIRONMENT & AGRICULTURE

SB 552 & HB 7005 Relating to Environmental Resources by Sen. Charlie Dean (R-Inverness) and Rep. Matt Caldwell (R-Lehigh Acres)

This bill addresses our state's impending water shortage issues and takes the first step in ensuring that Florida's springs and precious water sources are protected. SB 552 revises policies in relation to Florida's environmental resources including, but not limited to:

Creating the Florida Springs and Aquifer





- Protection Act to expedite protection and restoration of the water flow and water quality in the aquifer and Outstanding Florida Springs;
- Ensuring that the appropriate governmental entities continue to develop and implement uniform water supply planning, consumptive water use permitting, and resource protection programs for the area encompassed by the Central Florida Water Initiative;
- Updating and restructuring the Northern
 Everglades and Estuaries Act to reflect and
 build upon the Department of Environmental
 Protection's (DEP's) completion of basin
 management action plans (BMAP) for Lake
 Okeechobee, the Caloosahatchee Estuary, and
 the St. Lucie River and Estuary, DEP's continuing
 development of a BMAP for the inland portion
 of the Caloosahatchee River watershed, and
 Department of Agriculture and Consumer
 Services' implementation of best management
 practices in the three basins;
- Modifying water supply and resource planning documents and processes in order to provide more robust representations of the state's water needs and goals;
- Requiring the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to conduct an annual assessment of water resources and conservation lands;
- Requiring DEP to publish an online publicly accessible database of conservation lands on which public access is compatible with conservation and recreation purposes; and
- Requiring DEP to conduct a feasibility study for creating and maintaining a web-based, interactive map of the state's waterbodies as well as regulatory information about each waterbody.

AIF supports efforts to address Florida's major water challenges by developing sound, comprehensive science-based water policy.

HB 7005 was laid on the table and substituted by SB 552; SB 552 was approved by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2016-1.

SB 304 & HB 59 Relating to Agritourism by Sen. Kelli Stargel (R-Lakeland) and Rep. Neil Combee (R-Auburndale)

This bill prohibits local governments from enforcing any local ordinance, regulation, rule, or policy that prohibits, restricts, regulates, or otherwise limits an agritourism activity on land classified as agricultural land under Florida's greenbelt law. An "agritourism activity" is any agricultural related activity consistent with a bona fide farm or ranch or in a working forest that allows members of the general public, for recreational, entertainment, or educational purposes, to view or enjoy activities, including farming, ranching, historical, cultural, or harvest-your-own activities and attractions. Agritourism is one of the many methods farmers use to diversify and increase their income.

AIF supports any legislation that allows Florida farmers to safely expand their businesses through the use of agritourism.

SB 304 was laid on the table and substituted by HB 59; HB 59 was approved by the Governor and assigned Chapter No. 2016-14

SB 1310 Relating to Agriculture by Sen. Travis Hutson (R-Palm Coast)

This bill modifies provisions in several areas within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS). Specifically, the bill:

- Provides sole authority to the DACS to regulate the burning of agricultural crops on land classified as agricultural;
- Allows agricultural lands currently assessed at a de minimis value of up to \$50 per acre for property tax purposes due to participation in a state or federal eradication or quarantine program to be replanted and retain the de minimis value for a period of five years;
- Preempts regulatory authority for commercial feed and feedstuff to the DACS;
- Establishes specific penalties enforceable at the state level, including enhanced penalties under certain circumstances for persons knowingly dealing in any manner with plant pests, or introducing or releasing plant pests in this state without a special permit from the DACS;
- Authorizes the DACS to seek reimbursement for reasonable expenses incurred in its plant pest control or eradication program; and
- Allows livestock grazing on "conservation easements" if such activity is a current or historic use
 on the site and is conducted in accordance with
 best management practices adopted by the DACS.

AIF supports legislative policies that promote and strengthen Florida's agricultural industry.

SB 1310 was laid on the table and substituted by HB 749; HB 749 was approved by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2016-88.

SB 1010 & HB 7007 Relating to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services by Sen. Bill Montford (D-Tallahassee) and Rep. Jake Raburn (R-Valrico)

This bill addresses issues relating to agriculture and certain powers and duties of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS). Most importantly to AIF and its members, is an amendment offered by Sen. Alan Hays (R-Umatilla) that addresses the regulation of the use and sale of polystyrene (Styrofoam) products. With the adoption of this amendment the bill authorizes DACS to regulate the use and sale of Styrofoam products.

AIF supports preempting local governments from imposing costly and restrictive regulations on private businesses.

SB 1010 was laid on the table and substituted by HB 7007; HB 7007 was approved by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2016-61.

SB 544 Relating to Nonresidential Farm Buildings by Sen. Charlie Dean (R-Inverness)

This bill would have exempted any nonresidential farm building, farm fences, and farm signs from special assessments by local governments.

AIF supports lessoning the tax burden of Florida's agriculture community.

SB 544 died in the Senate Committee on Finance and Tax.

GAMING

SB 7072 Relating to Gaming by the Senate **Regulated Industries Committee**

In this bill AIF supported two amendments that were adopted. One amendment, by Sen. Garrett Richter (R-Naples), would have allowed limited use of "Pointof-sale Terminals" for the sale of lottery tickets or games, identical to the legislation in SB 402/HB 415 discussed above.

Another amendment to this bill, by Sen. Joe Negron (R-Palm City), would have implemented a permit reduction program created in the Division of Parimutuel Wagering for the purpose of purchasing and canceling active pari-mutuel permits.

AIF supports the Pari-mutuel industry and its positive impact on Florida's economy.

SB 7072 died in the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

HEALTH CARE

HB 7087 & SB 1686 Relating to Telehealth by Rep. Chris Sprowls (R-Clearwater) and Sen. Aaron Bean (R-Jacksonville)

This bill requires the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), with assistance from the Department of Health (DOH) and the Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR), to survey health care practitioners, facilities and insurers on telehealth utilization and coverage. AHCA must submit a report on the survey findings to the Governor, Senate President and Speaker of the House of Representatives by December 31, 2016. The bill also creates a 15-member Telehealth Advisory Council, and requires the Council to submit a report with recommendations based on the survey findings to the Governor, Senate President and Speaker of the House of Representatives by October 31, 2017. The section of law requiring these reports expires June 30, 2018. The bill excluded from the definition of discount medical plan under s. 636.202, F.S., medical services provided through a telecommunications medium that are not provided at a discount to a plan member. This ensures that such medical services are not regulated as a discount medical plan.

AIF supports legislation that permits an unfettered role for telehealth services that will allow our citizens access to better quality care at lower costs.

SB 1686 was laid on the table and substituted by HB 7087; HB 7087 was approved by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2016-240.

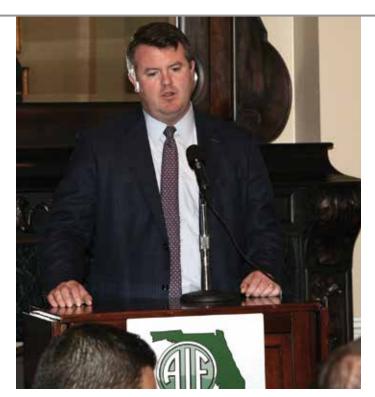
3 SB 1084 Relating to Health Care Protocols by Sen. Don Gaetz (R-Destin) SB 212 & HB 85 Relating to Recovery Care Services by Sen. Don Gaetz (R-Destin) and Rep. Heather Fitzenhagen (R-Fort Myers)

These bills contained provisions requiring Medicaid managed care plans, health maintenance organizations (HMOs), and insurers that restrict medications by a step-therapy or fail-first protocol to have a clear and convenient process to request an override of the protocol. The bill required these entities to grant an override of the protocol within 24 hours if, based on sound clinical evidence or medical and scientific evidence, the prescribing provider:

- Concluded that the preferred treatment required under the fail-first protocol has been ineffective in the treatment of the enrollee's disease or medical condition; or
- Believed that the preferred treatment required







under the fail-first protocol is likely to be ineffective given the known relevant physical or mental characteristics and medical history of the enrollee and the known characteristics of the drug regimen or will cause or is likely to cause an adverse reaction or other physical harm to the enrollee.

AIF opposed legislation that will negatively impact the standards of care that are currently in place based on real-time protocols centered on evidence-based research.

SB 1084 died in the Senate Committee on Appropriations. SB 212 was laid on the table and substituted by HB 85; HB 85 died in returning messages.

SB 1442 & HB 221 Relating to Out-of-Network Health Insurance Coverage by Sen. Rene Garcia (R-Hialeah) and Rep. Carlos Trujillo (R-Doral)

The intent of this bill is to protect consumers from balance billing when that situation occurs in an emergency out-of-network setting; the "balance bill" is the difference between the provider's charges and the amount the provider has received in reimbursement from the consumer's insurance plan.

AIF supports legislation that requires a patient to be presented with documentation regarding any charges for out-of-network services.

SB 1442 was laid on the table and substituted by HB 221; HB 221 was approved by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2016-222. Brewster Bevis, Senior Vice President – State and Federal Affairs, speaks to members at the 2016 Mid-Session Briefing in Tallahassee.

INSURANCE

SB 596 & HB 1097 Relating to Assignment or Transfer of Property Insurance by Sen. Dorothy Hukill (R-Port Orange) and Rep. Matt Caldwell (R-Lehigh Acres)

This bill sought to prevent the explosion of Assignment of Benefits (AOBs) in the property insurance marketplace. The bill would have established a rescission period for consumers who entered into AOB agreements, provided consumer disclosures, required the provision of an estimate for services proposed to be rendered, and limited the enforcement mechanism to the policyholder. Despite a data call from OIR demonstrating an increase in water claims of at least 46 percent, and reports from Citizens that the indicated rates for some Southeastern counties reaching as high as 189.6 percent, the Legislature failed to pass this meaningful reform to address spiraling costs associated with AOBs.

AIF supported legislation that aims to stamp out cost drivers and control attorneys' fees for the benefit of premium payers statewide.

SB 596 died in the Senate Committee on Judiciary; HB 1097 died in the House Regulatory Affairs Committee.

SB 1036 & HB 659 Relating to Automobile Insurance by Sen. Jeff Brandes (R-St. Petersburg) and Rep. David Santiago (R-Deltona)

This bill makes numerous compliance related changes to the automobile insurance statutes, and also repeals the prohibition on the use of a single zip code as a rating territory, so long as the use of a single zip code as a territory meets certain actuarial requirements. In addition, the bill requires the Division of Insurance Fraud to study the efficacy of mandatory pre-insurance inspections on used vehicles in certain counties.

AIF supports smart, targeted reforms that help keep the insurance markets up-to-date.

SB 1036 was laid on the table and substituted by HB 659; HB 659 was approved by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2016-133.

SB 1170 Relating to Health Plan Regulatory Administration by Sen. Nancy Detert (R-Venice)

This bill removes the requirement that insurers provide an outline of coverage for individual or family accident and health insurance policies and eliminates outlines of coverage for lines of insurance covered

by federal summary of benefits requirements. The bill was amended to also provide that a not-for-profit corporation whose membership consists entirely of local governmental units that are authorized to enter into risk management consortiums are exempt from licensure as third-party administrators.

AIF supports modernization to prevent duplication in federal and state law, which only adds unnecessary expenses to all health insurance stakeholders.

SB 1170 was approved by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2016-194.

IT GOVERNANCE

HB 1033 & SB 7050 Relating to Information **Technology Security by Rep. Frank Artiles** (R-Miami) and the Senate Government Oversight and Accountability Committee

This bill requires the Agency for State Technology (AST) to establish standards and processes consistent with best practices for both information technology (IT) security and cybersecurity. It also requires AST to develop and publish guidelines and processes for an IT security framework to be used by state agencies. In part, the guidelines and processes must address completing risk assessments administered by a third party, establishing a computer security incident response team, and establishing an IT incident reporting process.

It requires the information security manager of each state agency to establish a team to respond to a suspected computer security incident. It also requires each state agency head to conduct a risk assessment administered by a third party by July 31, 2017; conduct IT security and cybersecurity training for new employees; ensure that certain personnel understand their roles and responsibilities; develop notification procedures for reporting IT security incidents and breaches; and improve organizational response activities.

The bill also requires the Technology Advisory Council within AST to have at least one member who is a cybersecurity expert.

AIF supports legislation that will bring our state's cybersecurity measures up to date to protect Floridians and Florida's businesses from potential cyber-attacks.

SB 7050 was laid on the table and substituted by HB 1033;



Rep. Chris Sprowls (R-Clearwater) addresses AIF members at the 2016 Mid-Session Briefing.

HB 1033 was approved by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2016-138.

SB 1430 & HB 1195 Relating to State Technology by Sen. Jeff Brandes (R-St. Petersburg) and Rep. J.W. Grant (R-Tampa)

This bill would have provided additional authority to the Agency for State Technology (AST), specifically, a chief data officer within the AST was to be appointed by the executive director. It would authorize the Agency for State Technology to oversee the transition of various licenses and identification cards to an optional digital proof of the licenses and identification cards for a specified fee and require the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, in coordination with the Agency for State Technology, to develop a system for issuing an optional digital proof of driver license for a specified fee. It also provided additional authority to the AST to establish a governance structure for the management of state data to promote openness and interoperability.

AIF supported legislative changes that put the AST as the single point of responsibility. Giving the AST authority to fund and implement enterprise systems would eliminate redundant agency-based systems. This would reduce government costs and result in better services for Florida's citizens and businesses.





SB 1430 died in the Senate Committee on Appropriations; HB 1195 died in the Senate Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability.

LEGAL & JUDICIAL

SB 1086 Relating to Prejudgment Interest by Sen. Rob Bradley (R-Orange Park)

This bill would have required the court to award prejudgment interest on economic damages to a prevailing plaintiff in a personal injury action. If economic damages were to be recovered, interest could accrue on each component of the damages and costs from the date of loss.

AIF opposed legislation that will increase the already daunting costs of litigation on Florida's businesses.

SB 1086 died in the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice.

SB 196 & HB 267 Relating to Public Records/ State-Funded Infrastructure Bank by Sen. Travis Hutson (R-Palm Coast) and Rep. Mike LaRosa (R-St. Cloud)

This bill creates a public records exemption for the financial statements or other financial information required for loan applications to the state-funded infrastructure bank (SIB), however, the public records exemption does not apply to the financial records of an applicant who is in default of an SIB loan. The SIB provides loans and credit enhancements to public and private entities for constructing and improving transportation facilities. This exemption is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act and will be repealed on October 2, 2021 unless this bill is reenacted by the Legislature.

AIF supports protecting the financial information of private companies.

HB 267 was laid on the table and substituted by SB 196; SB 196 was approved by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2016-38.

HB 273 & SB 390 Relating to Public Records by Rep. Halsey Beshears (R-Monticello) and Sen. Wilton Simpson (R-Trilby)

This bill addresses the procedure for obtaining records relating to a public agency's contract for services with a private contractor. The Florida Constitution provides every person the right to

inspect or copy any public record made or received in connection with the official business of any public body, officer, or employee of the state, or of persons acting on their behalf. This bill will require that requests for records relating to a public agency's contract for services must be made to the contracting agency. The agency must then attempt to obtain the records from the contractor upon receipt of the request.

This bill also clarifies liability issues arising in civil action, when public records are not produced by a contractor who unlawfully refuses to comply with the agency's records request within a reasonable time. For any award of damages and legal fees a plaintiff must secure a pre-suit notice on the agency and the contractor at least 8 business days before the plaintiff files the civil action. The bill specifies that a contractor who complies with the public records request within 8 business days after the notice is sent is not liable for the reasonable costs of enforcement.

AIF supports legislation that reduces frivolous lawsuits against Florida businesses.

SB 390 was laid on the table and substituted by HB 273; HB 273 was approved by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2016-20.

SB 642 Relating to Drones by Sen. Miguel Diaz de la Portilla (R-Miami)

An early version of this bill relating to drones included a harmful tort measure that re-introduced the doctrine of joint and several liability. This addition attracted the attention of the business community and several senators spoke against this measure. AIF's General Counsel Tammy Perdue led that opposition effort, stressing the importance of a fair and stable legal climate to Florida's continued economic success.

SB 642 was amended and we are pleased to report that our opposition last fall and our commitment to working with the bill sponsor, Sen. Miguel Diaz de la Portilla, paid dividends and the harmful attack on joint and several liability was removed from the bill. The bill is now completely contained in the statute regulating drones and not related to negligence.

AIF supports legislation that reduces frivolous lawsuits against Florida businesses.

SB 642 died on the Senate calendar.

SB 562 & HB 713 Relating to Consumer Debt Collection by Sen. Kelli Stargel (R-Lakeland) and Rep. Kathleen Passidomo (R-Naples)

This bill would have amended a provision of the



Florida Consumer Collection Practices Act (FCCPA) which regulates consumer collection practices in order to protect consumers from deceptive, unfair, or abusive collection practices. The FCCPA prohibits a person collecting a consumer debt from communicating with a debtor if the person knows that a debtor is represented by an attorney, however, the amended provision provided that a creditor collecting a debt is not liable for communicating with a debtor if the debtor or debtor's attorney fails to provide notification of representation.

AIF supported legislation that eliminates a current scam against Florida's employers while also protecting legitimate debt collection processes by companies.

SB 562 died in Senate messages; HB 713 died in the House Regulatory Affairs Committee.

SB 912 & HB 761 Relating to Fraudulent Activities Associated with Payment Systems by Sen. Anitere Flores (R-Miami) and Rep. Dana Young (R-Tampa)

This bill addresses "skimming" at gas stations, specifically at gas pumps themselves, which has become a significant issue in the state of Florida. "Skimmers" are typically found on the gas pumps themselves, disguised as the usual everyday credit card reader. Unbeknownst to the customer, their credit card information is stolen.

During recent investigations, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) has found that skimmed payment information is being used as part of elaborate fraud schemes to purchase hundreds

Sen. Jack Latvala (R-Clearwater) addresses AIF members at the 2016 Mid-Session Briefing.

of gallons of gas that is pumped into unapproved, hidden gas tanks in vans, SUVs, and trucks. Such gas is then usually resold by the criminals to independent truck drivers at a fraction of its usual cost.

SB 912 addresses fraudulent activity occurring at fuel stations by:

- Increasing the criminal penalty for the unlawful conveyance of fuel from a third degree felony (maximum penalty of 5 years in state prison) to a second degree felony (maximum penalty of 15 years in state prison);
- Requiring a retail petroleum fuel measuring device to have affixed to or installed onto the measuring device at least one security measure described in the bill and authorizing the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, under certain circumstances, to prohibit further use of the measuring device until a security measure is installed, replaced, or repaired;
- Declaring that possession of counterfeit cards is unlawful (not specified in current law); and
- Increasing the offense severity level ranking for unlawful conveyance of fuel and trafficking in or possession of counterfeit credit cards.

AIF supports this legislation that cracks down on theft from Florida retailers while also protecting Florida's consumers.

HB 761 was laid on the table and substituted by SB 912; SB 912 was approved by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2016-173.

PROPERTY RIGHTS

SB 416 & HB 461 Relating to Location of Utilities by Sen. Anitere Flores (R-Miami) and Rep. Clay Ingram (R-Pensacola)

This bill clarifies court-created confusion over property rights and restores long-standing rights to the private property owners, as opposed to local governments. Specific to construction projects, the bill memorializes the common business practice that the party initiating a project should bear necessary utility relocation costs.

AIF supports protecting the private property rights of Florida businesses.

HB 461 was laid on the table and substituted by SB 416; SB 416 was approved by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2016-44.





SB 720 & HB 559 Relating to Self-Storage Facilities by Sen. Travis Hutson (R-Palm Coast) and Rep. Mike LaRosa (R-St. Cloud)

This bill would have substantially revised the process that the owner of a self-storage facility uses to advertise and sell the personal property of a delinquent tenant. Under the bill, owners would no longer be required to advertise a property sale via a local newspaper; instead such advertisements could be posted in any "commercially reasonable manner." The bill defined commercially reasonable to be met if at least three bidders—all of whom are unrelated to the seller—attend the sale or register to bid online at the sale.

AIF opposed legislation that minimizes Florida's broad public notice system as defined by Chapter 50, Florida Statutes.

SB 720 died in the Senate Committee on Regulated Industries; HB 559 died in the House Appropriations Committee.

TAXATION

HB 7099 Relating to Taxation by the House Finance and Tax Committee

This year's Tax Package ultimately encompasses the below outlined bills resulting in tax cuts for the 2016-2017 fiscal year by a total of \$129.1 million. Much like last year's House tax package, this legislation encompasses many of AIF's top taxation priorities that are of the utmost importance to our members, such as:

- Permanently removing the 2017 expiration date for the tax exemption on manufacturing machinery. Since April 30, 2014, the state has provided an exemption for certain manufacturing equipment from the 6 percent sales and use tax that is set to expire on April 30, 2017. To qualify for this exemption machinery or equipment must be used at a fixed location in the state and eligible businesses include only those classified in the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) under codes 31, 32, or 33. Manufacturing establishments classified under these codes include food, apparel, wood, paper, printing, chemical, pharmaceutical, plastic, rubber, metal, transportation, and furniture manufacturing (SB 98);
- Expanding the sales tax exemption to include machinery and equipment used for agricultural postharvest activities;
- Allowing local government to grant property

- tax exemptions in areas that were previously classified as "Enterprise Zones" before the enterprise zone program expired;
- Creating a 3-day back-to-school tax holiday for clothing and footwear priced at \$60 or less, and school supplies priced at \$15 or less (SB 198); and
- Phasing out the tax on manufactured asphalt used for any federal, state, or local government public works project, which under current law reduces the tax by 40 percent. Over the course of time this tax will be further reduced by 60 percent beginning July 1, 2016; by 80 percent beginning July 1, 2017; and by 100 percent beginning July 1, 2018 (SB 802).

AIF supports the permanent elimination of sales tax on manufacturing machinery and equipment; phasing out tax on road projects used for federal, state, or local government work; as well as tax cuts for Florida's students, consumers and businesses.

HB 7099 was approved by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2016-220.

SB 76 Relating to Tax Exempt Income by Sen. Dorothy Hukill (R-Port Orange)

This bill sought to increase the amount on income that is exempt from the corporate income tax from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

AIF supported legislation that increased the amount of income exempt from the corporate income tax as a means to attract more businesses to the state, and diversify Florida's economy.

SB 76 died in the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

SB 116 Relating to Tax on Sales, Use and Other Transactions by Sen. Dorothy Hukill (R-Port Orange)

This bill would have reduced the tax imposed on rental or license fees charged for the use of commercial property from 6 percent to 5 percent. Since the enactment of the Florida Sales and Use Tax in 1949, this is the first time the Legislature has proposed a reduction of this tax.

AIF supported an incremental reduction of tax imposed on rental or license fees charged for use of commercial real property. Florida is the only state that charges tax on the lease of commercial property and while this is a major part of the state's tax revenues, it needs to be gradually reduced to make Florida more attractive to business.

SB 116 died in the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

SB 1264 Relating to Sales Tax Exemptions for Agricultural Equipment by Sen. Wilton Simpson (R-Trilby)

This bill sought to increase the maximum sales price of farm trailers that are exempt from the sales and use tax from \$20,000 to \$25,000. This bill also expanded the sales and use tax exemption for certain farm equipment to include:

- Hog wire and nylon mesh netting used on a farm for protection from predatory or destructive animals;
- Barbed wire fencing, including gates and materials used to construct or repair such fencing, used on a beef or dairy cattle farm; and
- Compressed or liquefied oxygen used in aquaculture production

AIF supports the removal of sales tax on the purchase and repair of agricultural processing and packaging machinery, as well as the expansion of sales tax exemptions on items used in the production of agricultural products including fence materials, trailers and other items integral to the farm operation.

SB 1264 died in the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 509 Relating to Transportation Network Companies by Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Shalimar)

This bill allowed for statewide regulation of ridesharing companies. This will unharness technology companies like Uber from draconian local ordinances, and also represents a compromise between ridesharing and insurance stakeholders to ensure appropriate commercial coverage is in place for the benefit of drivers and passengers.

AIF supported statewide digital transportation service policies to create price competition, promote consumer choice, enhance customer experience, create jobs and remove anti-competitive local regulations.

HB 509 died in the Senate Committee on Banking and Insurance.

HB 7027 Relating to the Department of Transportation by the House Transportation & Ports Subcommittee and Rep. Patrick Rooney (R-Palm **Beach Gardens**)

This bill increases the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Program (FSTED)

funding by \$10 million. This program's funding is one of AIF's Transportation Council's top priorities because it supports growth and economic activity at Florida's ports. Additionally, the bill aids some of the state's smaller contractors by creating the Business Development Program which is designed to help companies navigate procurements for road projects while increasing competition for the work.

The bill also creates a state Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Financing Corporation which will serve as a financing mechanism for Public Private Partnerships (P3) across the state. By creating the FDOT Financing Corporation, the state would offer a mechanism to provide reliable, state bonds for up front financing of P3 projects in the state. In doing so, the Department believes this approach would leverage lower capital costs provided to the municipal bond markets as an option for securing financing for the upfront costs of P3 projects. Several members of the committee expressed concerns about this proposal however, citing that existing state programs and financing options are available for P3 projects.

AIF supports increasing the FSTED funding and spending cap levels from \$15 million to \$25 million, a very important provision for Florida's ports. AIF also supports creating the FDOT Business Development Program as a mechanism to help educate and provide expertise to Florida's small businesses looking to do work in the Department's often-complex procurement process.

HB 7027 was approved by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2016-181.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

SB 1402 & HB 7073 Relating to Ratification of Department of Financial Services Rule by Sen. David Simmons (R-Altamonte Springs) and Rep. Lake Ray (R-Jacksonville)

This bill will have a significant impact on workers' compensation claims handling. The bill ratifies the Department of Workers' Compensation (DWC) 2015 adoption of its Health Care Provider Reimbursement Manual.

This legislative action finally brings Florida up-todate with the current national medical fee schedules for calculation of payments to physicians and other nonhospital providers as required by statute. Current law provides reimbursement formulas and methodologies







AIF members, business leaders and legislators enjoy the annual AIF Legislative Reception.

to compensate providers of health services, subject to maximum reimbursement allowances (MRA). The MRA's for different providers and services are defined in various national sources including the American Medical Association, the American Dental Association and Medicare. Florida last promulgated an effective rule defining each publication year of these sources in 2009. However, the Florida DWC was legislatively barred from implementing the updates to those national indices until this year's legislation passed. Now that the ratification legislation has passed, the current (2014) MRA schedules can go into effect once the measure becomes law on July 1, 2016.

AIF supports legislation that will keep Florida's Workers' Compensation system a stable and self-executing mechanism that benefits both injured workers and Florida's employers.

HB 7073 was laid on the table and substituted by SB 1402; SB 1402 was approved by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2016-203.

SB 986 & HB 613 Relating to Workers' Compensation Administration by Sen. Wilton Simpson (R-Trilby) and Rep. Jennifer Sullivan (R-Eustis)

This bill will streamline some administrative functions of the Florida Division of Workers' Compensation, and make the following changes to current law:

- Provides the DWC with additional flexibility to enforce coverage compliance;
- Reduces the penalty calculation when payroll is imputed for a coverage violation;
- Removes the requirement of DWC certification of an expert medical advisor (EMA) if the EMA is agreed to by the parties or properly selected by a judge of compensation claims;
- Permits electronic filing of coverage exemption certificates;

- Allows employers to notify their insurer of an exemption without having to furnish the exemption certificate to the insurer — since all approved exemptions are available online through the DWC;
- Eliminates filing fees for new workers' compensation insurer registrations with the Department of Financial Services (DFS) and for claims processing with the Special Disability Trust Fund; and
- Eliminates other obsolete or unnecessary statutory references.

AIF supports Florida's current workers' compensation law and any proposed change to the workers' compensation system — in the courtroom or legislature — will be evaluated through the prism of coverage affordability, market stability and employee safety.

SB 986 was laid on the table and substituted by HB 613; HB 613 was approved by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2016-56.

HB 467 & SB 828 Relating to Insurance Guaranty Association Assessments by Rep. Doug Broxson (R-Milton) and Sen Aaron Bean (R-Jacksonville)

This bill revises the calculation procedures for assessments that all employers pay when levied to the Florida Workers' Compensation Insurance Guaranty Association (FWCIGA). The last FWCIGA assessment was levied in 2005.

As background, the FWCIGA assists DFS in the detection and prevention of insurer insolvencies and provides for the payment of workers' compensation covered claims in the event of insolvency. When additional funds are needed for claims payments, employers are assessed by the FWCIGA to cover those payments. Currently, the assessment amounts are recouped by the carriers as part of the premium rate calculation.

AIF supports this bill as it makes sensible adjustments to Florida's guaranty programs to ensure that claimants of insolvent companies can be made whole without undue burden on existing workers' compensation carriers and their policyholders.

HB 467 was laid on the table and substituted by SB 828; SB 828 was approved by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2016-170.

WORKFORCE

SB 1262 & HB 1133 Relating to Applicability of Revenue Laws to Out-of-State Businesses During Disaster-Response Periods by Sen. Wilton Simpson (R-Trilby) and Rep. Dana Young (R-Tampa)

This bill removes hindrances, such as taxes and regulations, for out-of-state companies coming to Florida to assist with emergency response during a disaster situation that, in any other situation, would be the normal course of business.

AIF supports legislation that will remove the hurdles businesses would ordinarily have to overcome when coming to Florida to aide in a state of emergency.

SB 1262 was laid on the table and substituted by HB 1133; HB 1133 was approved by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2016-99.

SB 468 & HB 887 Relating to Computer Coding Instruction by Sen. Jeremy Ring (D-Margate) and Rep. Janet Adkins (R-Fernandina Beach)

This bill would have allowed high school students the option of taking computer coding courses along with a related industry certification to satisfy the foreign language requirement currently in place. Under this bill high schools will provide students the opportunity to substitute two credits in computer coding and a related industry certification for two credits sequential foreign language courses (i.e. Spanish I and Spanish II; Latin I and Latin II; French I and French II; etc.).

The bill required each district school board to submit a plan for offering computer coding to the Education Commissioner, Senate President, and Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2017.

Furthermore, this bill would have required the Florida College System institutions and state universities to acknowledge computer coding course credits as foreign language credits.

AIF supported legislation that will provide Florida's students the opportunity to become proficient in computer coding, which will in turn prepare our state's next generation for a technology driven economy.

SB 468 died in House messages; HB 887 died on the House calendar.

SB 294 Relating to Labor Regulations by Sen. Geraldine Thompson (D-Orlando)

This bill would have mandated employers to provide wages to all employees (even part-time workers or those not otherwise qualified for leave benefits) for "sick" leave in a wide variety of situations many of which may not be connected to the employee's personal sickness. This expensive mandate has been considered by several local governments throughout the state and AIF has proudly stood with our colleagues in the business community to fight against this costly measure that would hamper job growth in our state.

AIF opposed legislation that increases costs and undermines the rights of private employers to establish their own benefit programs suitable to the need and nature of their industry.

SB 294 died in the Senate Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

III SB 186 Relating to Social Media Privacy by Sen. Jeff Clemens (D-Lake Worth)

This bill sought to prohibit an employer from requesting or requiring access to a social media account of an employee or prospective employee, prohibit an employer from taking retaliatory action against an employee because the employee has refused access to his or her social media account; and prohibit an employer from failing or refusing to hire a prospective employee as a result of the prospective employee's refusal of access to his or her social media account.

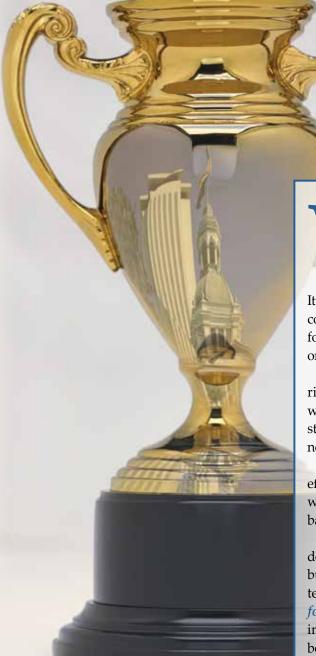
AIF opposed social media privacy as employers can be held legally responsible for employee actions using these accounts and devices. AIF believes this legislation would eliminate legitimate employer investigations and would assist in creating a "safe zone" for employees who want to steal extremely valuable IP assets of companies in our state by transferring them to the employee's personal social media or personal email account.

SB 186 died in the Senate Committee on Judiciary.





Champions for Business



otes provide tangible evidence of whether or not a legislator upholds the ability of Florida companies to operate free of overly burdensome state regulation and taxation. It is a valuable tool used by AIF and the business community to determine which legislators running for re-election deserve our support. Yet, voting records only tell part of the story.

A *Champion for Business* is a legislator who takes risks for his or her belief in the free-enterprise system, who defies the status quo when it is harmful to our state's competitive climate, and who faces down opponents to the growing prosperity of Florida's citizens.

The *Champion for Business* is evidence that, in our efforts to let our members and their legislators know who has been good for business and who has been bad, we leave no stone unturned.

This year, AIF selected those legislators who we deem are strong and forceful advocates for the business community. In our collective wisdom, these ten legislators are the epitome of what a *Champion for Business* should be. Whether they proposed an important bill, authored a key amendment, or toiled behind the scenes, these legislators are the ones who made a difference this session.

The *Champion for Business* award symbolizes our gratitude for extraordinary efforts by legislators on behalf of the business community.

2016 Champions for Business



Senator Jack Latvala (R-Clearwater) is receiving his fourth AIF Champion for Business Award. Associated Industries of Florida

salutes Senator Latvala for carrying legislation that aimed to provide incentives for Florida's business community in order to bolster our state's economy. Latvala's Economic Development package included a provision that renamed the "Quick Action Closing Fund" to the "Florida Enterprise Fund" and instated the requirement that each new project vying for this incentive must create at least 10 new jobs before being eligible to receive the incentive funds. By this action alone, Senator Latvala's legislation would help our state become a premiere location for business and job creation. We proudly recognize Senator Latvala as a 2016 "Champion for Business."

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these were the
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to when the
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community
needed someone
we could
depend upon.



Senator Dorothy
Hukill (R-Port
Orange) is receiving
her fifth AIF
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tries of Florida commends Senator Hukill for her advocacy and leadership in reducing taxes for Florida's businesses and families year after year. This year she sponsored legislation that made the tax exemption for manufacturing equipment permanent. Implementing the manufacturing tax exemption was not only a top priority for our AIF Manufacturing, Aerospace and Defense Council, but will also make Florida competitive with states that already allow for this exemption. We proudly recognize Senator Hukill as a 2016 "Champion for Business."



Senator Charlie
Dean (R-Inverness)
is receiving his
second AIF Champion for Business
Award.

Associated Industries of Florida hails Senator Dean for defending our state's water by successfully carrying SB 552, Environmental Resources, to the finish line this year. This legislation addresses Florida's impending water shortage by implementing a broad-based, comprehensive water policy that will protect our state's precious springs and water resources. As a top priority for AIF and our Florida H20 Coalition, we are beyond pleased that SB 552 was the first bill signed into law by Governor Scott for the 2016 Legislative Session. We proudly recognize Senator Dean as a 2016 "Champion for Business."



Senator Aaron Bean (R-Jacksonville) is receiving his third AIF Champion for Business Award. Associated Industries of Florida

applauds Senator Bean for his leadership in Tort Reform and protecting this important legal principle for Floridians. Senator Bean understands the importance of safeguarding our legal system from stealth attacks by the trial bar that undermine our state's friendly business climate. He was successful in identifying and blocking legislation during the committee process that would have created loopholes in our comparative fault statutes and permitted the unfair doctrine of joint and several liability to creep back into Florida law. His action to protect the philosophy that a person should only pay for their fair share of damages echoed the warnings and concerns expressed by AIF and our colleagues in the business community. We proudly recognize Senator Bean as a 2016 "Champion for Business."



Senator Garrett
Richter (R-Naples) is receiving his sixth
AIF Champion for
Business Award.
Associated Industries of Florida

salutes Senator Richter for championing the Regulation of Oil and Gas Resources legislation aimed at growing Florida's on-shore energy industry while providing safeguards for the environment. This legislation sought to revise the Oil and Gas Program under the Department of Environmental Protection's Mining and Minerals Regulation Program in the Division of Water Resource Management to estab-

Whether they proposed an important bill, authored a key amendment, or toiled behind the scenes, these legislators are the ones who made a difference this session.

lish safer and more effective practices for oil and gas drilling, production, and exploration activities within Florida. AIF supported the need to maintain appropriate permitting laws to protect the environment, enhance efficiency between industry and the state, and ensure that clear appropriate standards are met and clearly communicated. We proudly recognize Senator Richter as a 2016 "Champion for Business."



Representative Jim Boyd (R-Bradenton) is receiving his third AIF Champion for Business Award. Associated Industries of

Florida commends Representative Boyd for sponsoring an Economic Development package that aimed to provide incentives for Florida's business community in order to bolster our state's economy. Economic development involves the state and local governments working together to improve the state's business environment and competitiveness, to create and retain jobs, and to continually increase incomes. Legislation such as this would make Florida a premiere location for business and job creation. We proudly recognize Representative Boyd as a 2016 "Champion for Business."



Representative Matt Gaetz (R-Shalimar) is receiving his third AIF Champion for Business Award. Associated Industries of

Florida applauds Representative Gaetz for his commitment to providing tax cuts for Florida's businesses and families. Gaetz's successful work on this year's tax package, **HB 7099**, will amount to \$129.1 million in cuts for the fiscal year 2016-2017. His sponsorship and steadfast work on this legislation will promote and solidify our state's standing as one of the best states to live in and conduct business. Governor Scott signed HB 7099 into law on 4/13/16 and will take effect on 7/1/2016. We proudly recognize Representative Gaetz as a 2016 "Champion for Business."



Representative Matt Caldwell (R-Lehigh Acres) is receiving his fourth AIF Champion for Business Award. Associated Indus-

tries of Florida salutes Representative Caldwell for his leadership in sponsoring the Environmental Resources legislation. Caldwell successfully sponsored, along with Senator Charlie Dean, legislation that addresses Florida's impending water shortage by implementing a broad-based, comprehensive water policy that will protect our springs and water resources. SB 552 was the first bill to be signed into law by Governor Scott on 1/21/16 and will take effect on 7/1/16, changing the future of our state's most precious and valuable resource. We proudly recognize Representative Caldwell as a 2016 "Champion for Business."



Representative Frank Artiles (R-Miami) is receiving his second AIF Champion for Business Award. Associated

Industries of Florida commends Representative Artiles for taking the lead in sponsoring Information Technology legislation that will bring our state's cyber security measures up to date in order to protect Floridians and Florida's businesses from a potential cyber-attack. Getting the Legislature to understand the urgency for the implementation of a consistent and cohesive process for an IT security framework was no easy feat. Throughout the 2016 Session, Artiles worked tirelessly to see this measure through, and because of that effort, **HB 1033** was signed into law by Governor Scott on 3/25/16 and will take effect on 7/1/16. We proudly recognize Representative Artiles as a 2016 "Champion for Business."



Representative Ray Rodrigues (R-Fort Myers) is receiving his second AIF Champion for Business Award. Associated Indus-

tries of Florida salutes Representative Rodrigues for successfully championing the Regulation of Oil and Gas Resources legislation, identical to Senator Richter's, aimed at growing Florida's on-shore energy industry while providing safeguards for the environment. This legislation sought to revise the Oil and Gas Program under the Department of Environmental Protection's Mining and Minerals Regulation Program in the Division of Water Resource Management to establish safer and more effective practices for oil and gas drilling, production, and exploration activities within Florida. We proudly recognize Representative Rodrigues as a 2016 "Champion for Business."

Past AIF Champions for Business Winners

2015 Champions for Business

Gov. Rick Scott – Tax Cuts Senate President Andy Gardiner – Health Care Sen. Garrett Richter – Oil & Gas Regulation Sen. Dorothy Hukill – Tax Cuts Sen. Aaron Bean – Health Care Speaker Steve Crisafulli – Water Policy Rep. Ray Rodrigues – Oil & Gas Regulation Rep. Matt Caldwell – Water Policy Rep. Matt Gaetz – Tax Cuts

2014 Champions for Business

Gov. Rick Scott - Motor Vehicle Rollback Speaker Will Weatherford – In-State Tuition Sen. Joe Negron – Motor Vehicle Rollback Sen. Jack Latvala – In-State Tuition Sen. Jeremy Ring – IT Governance Sen. Bill Montford - GMO "Protecting Florida Agriculture"

Rep. Seth McKeel – IT Governance Rep. Jeanette Nunez – In-State Tuition Rep. Richard Corcoran – STEP Rep. Steve Crisafulli – STEP

2013 Champions for Business

Gov. Rick Scott – Tax Reform Sen. Garrett Richter – Expert Testimony Sen. Joe Negron – Health Care Sen. John Legg – Education Sen. Alan Hays – Workers Compensation Sen. Chris Smith – Environmental Regulation Sen. Bill Galvano – Manufacturing Development Rep. Jim Boyd – Manufacturing Development Rep. Steve Crisafulli – Insurance Tax Credit Rep. Matt Gaetz – Legal Reform Rep. Matt Hudson – Workers Compensation Rep. Larry Metz – Expert Testimony Rep. Jimmy Patronis – Environmental Regulation Rep. Steve Precourt – Employment Benefits Rep. Jake Raburn – Environmental Regulation Sen. Dorothy Hukill – AIF Manufacturing, Aerospace and Defense Council Champion for **Business Award**

Sen. Wilton Simpson – AIF Environmental & Agricultural Sustainability Council Champion for Business Award

Rep. MaryLynn Magar – AIF Manufacturing, Aerospace & Defense Council Champion for **Business Award**

Rep. Matt Caldwell – AIF Environmental & Agricultural Sustainability Council Champion for Business Award

Rep. Kevin Rader – AIF Financial Services Council Champion for Business Award

Rep. Bill Hager – AIF Financial Services Council Champion for Business Award

2012 Champions for Business

Rep. Steve Crisafulli – Environmental Policy Rep. Matt Caldwell – Environmental Policy Rep. Seth McKeel – Environmental Policy Rep. Jimmy Patronis – Environmental Permitting Rep. Steve Precourt – Economic Development Rep. James Grant – Communication Services Tax (CST) Reduction Rep. Erik Fresen – Gaming Reform

Rep. Eric Eisnaugle – Property Tax Rep. Will Weatherford – Unemployment Tax

Rep. Jim Boyd – Automobile Insurance Rep. Dan Davis – Workers Compensation Rep. Mack Bernard – Workers Compensation Sen. Ellyn Bogdanoff – Gaming Reform Sen. Chris Smith – Metal Theft Legislation/Workers Compensation Sen. Don Gaetz – Tax Reform

Sen. Jack Latvala – Health Care Rep. Clay Ford – Environmental Sustainability Council "Legislator of the Year" Award

Sen. Jim Norman – Environmental Sustainability Council "Leaislator of the Year" Award

Rep. Ed Hooper – Hospital Council "Legislator of the Year" Award

Rep. Frank Artiles – Development and Infrastructure Council "Legislator of the Year" **Award**

Rep. Bill Hager – Financial Services Council "Legislator of the Year" Award Sen. Joe Negron – Financial Services Council

"Legislator of the Year" Award

2011 Champions for Business

Rep. Chris Dorworth – Property Tax Reduction Rep. Doug Holder – Unemployment Compensation Rep. Dorothy Hukill – Insurance Reform

Rep. Marlene O'Toole – Tort Reform

Rep. Jimmy Patronis – Environmental Permitting

Rep. Will Weatherford - Tort Reform

Rep. Trudi Williams – Water Policy

Rep. John Wood – Property Insurance Reform

Rep. Rich Workman – Pension Reform

Rep. Dana Young - Port Security

Sen. JD Alexander – Immigration Reform

Sen. Ellyn Bogdanoff – Judgment of Interest

Sen. Anitere Flores – Immiaration Reform

Sen. Jack Latvala – Port Security

Sen. Joe Negron – Medicaid Reform

Sen, Garrett Richter – Tort Reform

Sen. Jeremy Ring – Single Sales Factor

Sen. David Simmons – Class Size

Rep. Joe Abruzzo – Florida Maritime Council "Leaislator of the Year" Award

Rep. Ken Roberson – Environmental Sustainability Council "Legislator of the Year" Award

Rep. Brad Drake – Financial Services Council "Legislator of the Year" Award

Rep. Gary Aubuchon – Florida Development and Infrastructure Council "Legislator of the Year" Award

Sen. Mike Bennett – Florida Development and Infrastructure Council "Legislator of the Year"



Awards table at the Annual Champions for Business Reception & Awards Presentation held in Orlando.

2010 Champions for Business

Speaker Larry Cretul – Unemployment Compensation

Rep. Dean Cannon – Medicaid Reform

Rep. Steve Crisafulli – Economic Development/ Aerospace

Rep. Brad Drake – Commercial Insurance Rep. Adam Hasner – Unemployment

Compensation

Rep. Alan Hays – Workers' Compensation

Rep. Mike Horner – Parental Waivers

Rep. Ralph Poppell – Dynamic Scoring

Rep. Perry Thurston – International Commercial Arbitration

Rep. Will Weatherford – Economic Development Job Creation

Senate President Jeff Atwater – *Tort Reform* Sen. Rudy Garcia – *Unemployment*

Compensation

Sen. Mike Haridopolos – Economic Development

Sen. Garrett Richter – Property Insurance

Sen. John Thrasher – Education Reform

Sen. Thad Altman – Aerospace Industry Relief

Sen. Durell Peaden – Financial Services Council

"Legislator of the Year" Award

Rep. Bill Proctor – Financial Services Council "Legislator of the Year" Award

Sen. Jeremy Ring – Florida Maritime Council "Legislator of the Year" Award

Rep. Lake Ray – Florida Maritime Council "Legislator of the Year" Award

Rep. John Legg – Florida Education, Economic & Workforce Development Council "Legislator of the Year" Award

Sen. Nancy Detert – Florida Education, Economic & Workforce Development Council "Legislator of the Year" Award

Rep. Marlene O'Toole – Information Technology Council "Legislator of the Year" Award

Rep. Dorothy Hukill – Florida Development & Infrastructure Council "Legislator of the Year" Award

Sen. Lee Constantine – Environmental Sustainability Council "Legislator of the Year" Award Rep. Trudi Williams – Environmental Sustainability Council "Legislator of the Year" Award

2009 Champions for Business

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