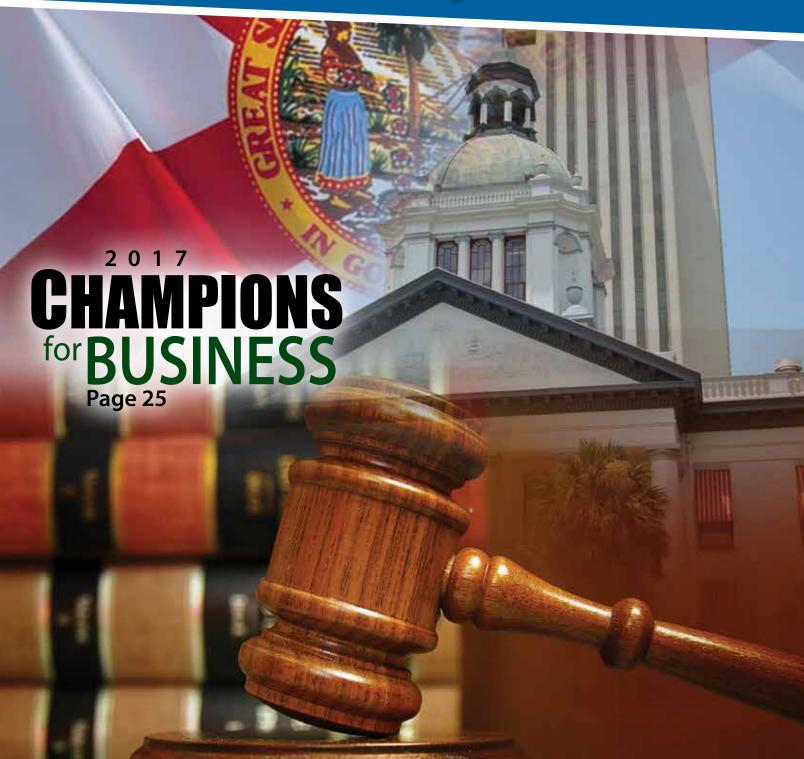
VOTING RECORDS

2017 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature

ASSOCIATED INDUSTRIES OF FLORIDA



The Voice of Florida Business Since 1920



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 2017 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 (AIF). By reporting on 5,668 votes cast by legislators on 59 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 42 years AIF has published *Voting Records* yet, these 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 Governor and six legislators (see page 25) honored this year are the epitome of a "Champion for Business."



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Unresolved Issues Remain on Workers' Compensation

By Brewster Bevis

uring the 2017 Regular Session we saw a myriad of issues facing Florida businesses, both positive and detrimental, make their way through the Legislature. Unfortunately, one of the biggest issues facing employers in our state didn't make it across the finish line. That issue is the massive increase already seen in workers' compensation insurance rates here in Florida. Associated Industries of Florida (AIF) views rate increases as a threat to Florida's continued economic growth and warns that the financial impact of increased litigation and attorney fees will quickly tarnish the state's successful business climate.

The ruling by the Florida Supreme Court in 2016 on the *Castellanos v.*Next Door Company case mandated an unconstitutional attorney fee schedule that invalidates cost-saving attorney fee caps under the workers' compensation law, which resulted in a significant blow to Florida's employers. This decision triggered a substantial rate increase of 14.5 percent for which employers had not prepared or budgeted.

These increases make it more difficult for Florida businesses to operate and make Florida a less attractive place for businesses to relocate. According to a 2016 Oregon study (highlighted by NCCI), since the December 2016 14.5 percent rate increase went into effect, Florida has jumped 10 states and is ranked 23 out of 51 states in terms of workers' compensation rates, with the primary cost driver being the Florida Supreme Court's decision on attorney fees.

In July 2016, prior to the rate increase, AIF announced the formation of 'Florida Workers' Compensation Strategic Task Force' which consists of representatives from small and large Florida businesses, domestic and national insurance carriers, as well as health care providers and injured workers The main goals of **AIF's Florida Workers' Compensation Strategic Task**

Force are to make recommendations to the Legislature to provide for immediate relief of the pressure on increasing insurance rates, while simultaneously pursuing optimal policies that will protect injured workers and assess the insurmountable attorney fees issue.

After months of traveling the state and holding meetings to discuss the current state of Florida's workers' compensation system, the Task Force announced in February of 2017 that the business community had come together on a solution for workers' compensation in the Sunshine State. The crux of this proposal would move Florida to a claimant determined fee model, which is in line with 32 other states. In this model, the claimant would work with their attorney on a fee that is mutually agreeable to both parties. The claimant would then pay that fee, as determined by their contract, with their attorney of choice.

Under this proposal:

- Employees are free to retain their own attorneys;
- The Workers' Compensation Act will remain intact, expediting resolution of outstanding cases/issues to avoid a costly and prolonged litigation process:
- Injured workers will be attended to by the appropriate medical providers quicker based on mandatory state oversight;
- Unnecessary litigation will be avoided; and
- Personal information of injured workers would not be publicized.

While the House and Senate had two bills (HB 7085 & SB 1582) that took different approaches to solving the workers' compensation crisis here in our state, AIF supported the House legislation, which capped attorney fees at \$180 an hour, among other changes. This was the best option offered to address the workers' compensation system in Florida in its efforts to stabilize the increasing costs to Florida employers.

While both HB 7085 and SB 1582 failed to pass, AIF scored a big win with a workers' compensation privacy bill that we asked to be introduced in the Florida legislature. HB 1107 & SB 1008, Relating to Public Records/Workers' Compensation by Representative Ben Albritton (R-Bartow) and Senator Keith Perry (R-Gainesville), exempts private and personal identifying information of an injured worker or deceased employee from public record. Currently this information is open to the public and, often, injured workers are inundated with outreach from attorneys encouraging them to sue their employer. First and foremost, this bill protects the private information of employees who have been injured on the jobsite. We also believe it will achieve added benefit of cutting down on unnecessary workers' compensation litigation, thus reducing the workers' compensation rates in the state. **HB 1107** was submitted to Governor Scott for his signature on June 14.

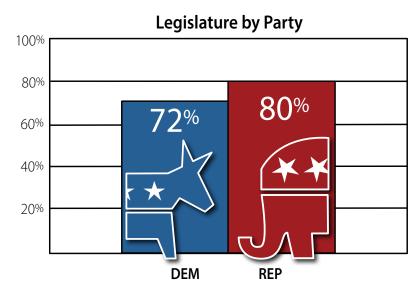
AIF has been the lead advocate for setting our state's workers' compensation system straight again by ensuring Florida's injured workers can get the care they need at reasonable rates to Florida employers. We remain hopeful that our state's leaders will look toward these commonsense reforms in the near future which, if implemented, would allow Florida's injured workers to get healthier, not attorneys to get wealthier.

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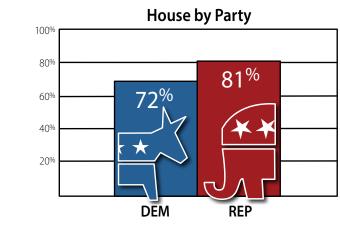
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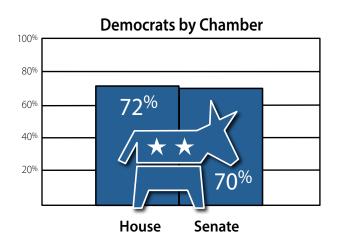


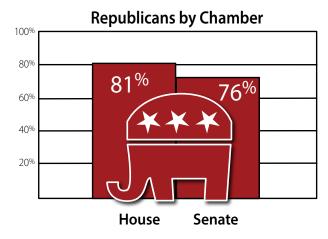
nowing how individual legislators cast their votes is extremely important when evaluating their stand on the issues facing our members. However, it is also important to look at the other areas of the data to find clues on how different segments of the Florida Legislature are casting their votes. For 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.



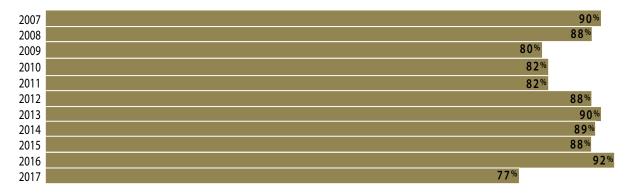
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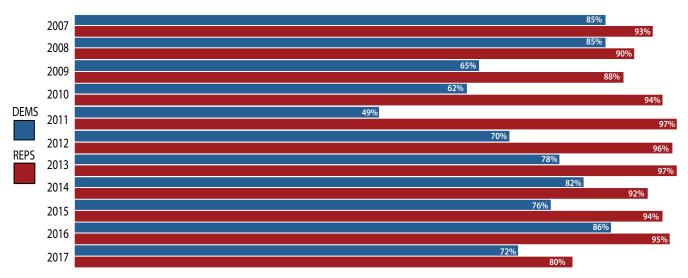




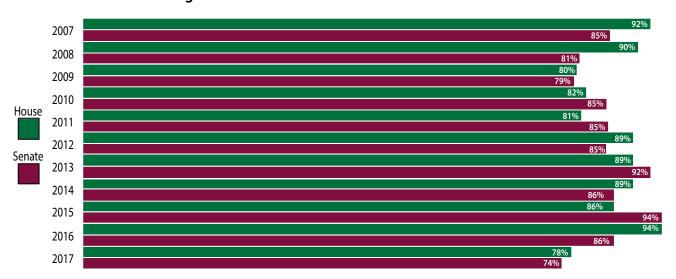
Legislature Voting Records — Past Ten Years



Party Voting Records — Past Ten Years



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80%	Steube (R)	24	6
79%	Baxley (R)	22	6
79%	Mayfield (R)	26	7
78%	Galvano (R)	32	9
78%	Simpson (R)	31	9
77%	Gibson (D)	27	8
77%	Stargel (R)	27	8
77%	Young (R)	23	7
76%	Rouson (D)	22	7
75%	Negron (R)	12	4
75%	Stewart (D)	24	8
74%	Clemens (D)	17	6
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73%	Gainer (R)	30	11
73%	Latvala (R)	27	10
73%	Montford (D)	35	13
72%	Passidomo (R)	18	7
72%	Torres (D)	13	5
71%	Benacquisto (R)	29	12
71%	Bradley (R)	32	13
71%	Garcia (R)	20	8
71%	Powell (D)	25	10
71%	Rodriguez (D)	20	8
70%	Rader (D)	16	7
69%	Bracy (D)	24	11
68%	Flores (R)	32	15
68%	Hutson (R)	21	10
68%	Thurston (D)	27	13
67%	Braynon (D)	31	15
64%	Book (D)	30	17
64%	Farmer (D)	21	12

Total Senate Votes with AIF/Business = 74%

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88%	Eisnaugle (R)	36	5	81%	Raulerson (R)	21	5	76%	Moraitis (R)	29	9
88%	Stone (R)	35	5	81%	Sullivan (R)	26	6	76%	Renner (R)	31	10
87%	Harrell (R)	26	4	80%	Avila (R)	35	9	76%	Rodrigues (R)	26	8
87%	Peters (R)	41	6	80%	Caldwell (R)	28	7	76%	Sprowls (R)	25	8
86%	Cortes, B. (R)	32	5	80%	Combee (R)	28	7	76%	Trumbull (R)	29	9
86%	Drake (R)	32	5	80%	La Rosa (R)	40	10	76%	Williams (D)	22	7
86%	Hahnfeldt (R)	31	5	80%	Massullo (R)	28	7	75%	DuBose (D)	30	10
86%	Raburn (R)	30	5	80%	Mercado (D)	24	6	75%	Fitzenhagen (R)	24	8
85%	Hager (R)	35	6	80%	Rommel (R)	28	7	75%	Nuñez (R)	24	8
85%	Ingram (R)	28	5	80%	Silvers (D)	32	88	74%	Toledo (R)	35	12
85%	Miller, M. (R)	39	7	80%	Watson, C. (D)	24	6	73%	Antone (D)	29	11
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85%	Williamson (R)	29	5	79%	Asencio (D)	26	7	73%	Edwards (D)	30	11
84%	Leek (R)	26	5	79%	Boyd (R)	33	9	73%	Smith (D)	24	9
84%	Mariano (R)	31	6	79%	Grall (R)	26	7	73%	Stark (D)	36	13
84%	Payne (R)	36	7	79%	Grant, M. (R)	30	8	72%	Gonzalez (R)	26	10
84%	Plakon (R)	26	5	79%	Killebrew (R)	34	9	71%	Jacobs (D)	24	10
84%	Plasencia (R)	27	5	79%	Magar (R)	27	7	71%	Richardson (D)	22	9
84%	Roth (R)	36	7	79%	Trujillo (R)	22	6	70%	Baez (D)	21	9
83%	Ahern (R)	34	7	79%	Yarborough (R)	27	7	70%	Byrd (R)	23	10
83%	Brown (D)	29	6	78%	Abruzzo (D)	25	7	70%	Slosberg (D)	21	9
83%	Corcoran (R)	24	5	78%	Altman (R)	25	7	69%	Henry (D)	25	11
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83%	Goodson (R)	33	7	78%	Bileca (R)	28	88	68%	Duran (D)	30	14
83%	Gruters (R)	38	8	78%	Diaz, M. (R)	29	8	68%	Russell (D)	26	12
83%	McClain (R)	25	5	78%	Grant, J. (R)	31	9	68%	Watson, B. (D)	26	12
83%	Newton (D)	30	6	77%	Burgess (R)	36	11	67%	Moskowitz (D)	22	11
83%	Porter (R)	30	6	77%	Davis (D)	24	7	66%	Jenne (D)	29	15
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82%	Albritton (R)	28	6	77%	Jacquet (D)	30	9	64%	McGhee (D)	29	16
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82%	Pigman (R)	28	6	77%	White (R)	27	8	61%	Pritchett (D)	19	12
82%	Santiago (R)	31	7	77%	Willhite (D)	27	8	60%	Hardemon (D)	24	16
82%	Stevenson (R)	31	7	76%	Ausley (D)	37	12	58%	Shaw (D)	30	22
81%	Clemons (R)	29	7	76%	Brodeur (R)	26	8	56%	Geller (D)	24	19

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Campbell (D)	73%	69%
Clemens (D)	74%	64%_
Farmer (D)	64%	64%
Flores (R)	68%	90%
Gainer (R)	73%	73%_
Galvano (R)	78%	93%
Garcia (R)	71%	89%_
Gibson (D)	77%	76%
Grimsley (R)	82%	95%
Hukill (R)	n/a	95%
Hutson (R)	68%	90%_
Latvala (R)	73%	87%
Lee (R)	80%	87%
Mayfield (R)	79%	96%
Montford (D)	73%	84%
Negron (R)	75%	89%_
Passidomo (R)	72%	96%
Perry (R)	84%	94%
Powell (D)	71%	77%_
Rader (D)	70%	72%_
Rodriguez (D)	71%	63%
Rouson (D)	76%	68%
Simmons (R)	82%	94%
Simpson (R)	78%	91%
Stargel (R)	77%	95%
Steube (R)	80%	95%
Stewart (D)	75%	81%
Thurston (D)	68%	62%
Torres (D)	72%	75%
Young (R)	77%	98%

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Ahern (R)	85%	95%	Fischer (R)	83%	83%	Payne (R)	86%	86%
Albritton (R)	85%	97%	Fitzenhagen (R)	77%	94%_	Peters (R)	87%	95%
Alexander (D)	78%	78%	Geller (D)	55%	66%	Pigman (R)	85%	95%
Altman (R)	77%	91%	Gonzalez (R)	74%	85%_	Plakon (R)	87%	95%
Antone (D)	72%	80%	Goodson (R)	85%	94%_	Plasencia (R)	87%	92%
Asencio (D)	78%	78%	Grall (R)	81%	81%_	Ponder (R)	88%	88%
Ausley (D)	75%	75%_	Grant, J. (R)	79%	95%_	Porter (R)	86%	98%
Avila (R)	81%	86%_	Grant, M. (R)	81%	95%_	Pritchett (D)	60%	75%_
Baez (D)	69%	69%_	Gruters (R)	82%	82%_	Raburn (R)	88%	96%
Berman (D)	62%	64%	Hager (R)	88%	97%_	Raschein (R)	91%	97%
Beshears (R)	80%	93%	Hahnfeldt (R)	89%	89%_	Raulerson (R)	84%	97%
Bileca (R)	80%	95%_	Hardemon (D)	59%	59%_	Renner (R)	78%	88%
Boyd (R)	80%	97%_	Harrell (R)	86%	96%_	Richardson (D)	70%	81%
Brodeur (R)	79%	97%_	Harrison (R)	67%	94%_	Rodrigues (R)	79%	89%
Brown (D)	82%	82%_	Henry (D)	69%	69%_	Rommel (R)	82%	82%
Burgess (R)	78%	86%	Ingoglia (R)	78%	88%_	Roth (R)	83%	83%
Burton (R)	91%	96%	Ingram (R)	88%	97%_	Russell (D)	68%	68%
Byrd (R)	72%	72%_	Jacobs (D)	70%	71%_	Santiago (R)	84%	96%
Caldwell (R)	82%	95%	Jacquet (D)	76%	76%_	Shaw (D)	57%	57%
Clemons (R)	83%	83%_	Jenne (D)	65%	59%_	Silvers (D)	79%	79%
Combee (R)	82%	96%_	Jones (D)	80%	83%_	Slosberg (D)	69%	69%
Corcoran (R)	86%	96%_	Killebrew (R)	81%	81%_	Smith (D)	72%	72%
Cortes, B. (D)	89%	94%_	La Rosa (R)	82%	95%_	Spano (R)	86%	95%
Cortes, J. (R)	72%	74%_	Latvala (R)	88%	91%_	Sprowls (R)	78%	90%
Cruz (D)	67%	62%_	Lee (D)	82%	84%_	Stafford (D)	62%	56%
Cummings (R)	79%	94%_	Leek (R)	87%	87%_	Stark (D)	73%	80%
Daniels (D)	75%	75%_	Magar (R)	82%	95%	Stevenson (R)	84%	92%
Davis (D)	77%	77%_	Mariano (R)	86%	86%	Stone (R)	90%	96%
Diamond (D)	81%	81%_	Massullo (R)	82%	82%_	Sullivan (R)	84%	91%
Diaz, J. (R)	79%	95%	McClain (R)	86%	86%_	Toledo (R)	76%	76%
Diaz, M. (R)	81%	93%_	McGhee (D)	64%	70%	Trujillo (R)	81%	94%
Donalds (R)	86%	86%_	Mercado (D)	79%	79%_	Trumbull (R)	78%	89%
Drake (R)	89%	95%_	Metz (R)	83%	96%	Watson, B. (D)	68%	57%
DuBose (D)	74%	79%_	Miller, A. (R)	79%	79%_	Watson, C. (D)	79%	79%
Duran (D)	67%	67%_	Miller, M. (R)	87%	91%_	White (R)	79%	79%
Eagle (R)	84%	92%_	Moraitis (R)	78%	96%_	Willhite (D)	76%	76%
Edwards (D)	73%	88%_	Moskowitz (D)	66%	82%_	Williams (D)	75%	75%
Eisnaugle (R)	90%	96%	Newton (D)	83%	83%_	Williamson (R)	88%	88%
Fant (R)	90%	94%_	Nuñez (R)	77%	96%_	Yarborough (R)	82%	82%_

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HB 9 Relating to Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation by Rep. Paul Renner (R-Palm Coast)

The bill aimed to move the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation (dba VISIT FLORIDA) from the supervision of Enterprise Florida, Inc., to the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) in an attempt to revamp VISIT FLORIDA. The bill also modifies current law to provide greater accountability and oversight of VISIT FLORIDA.

HB 9 died in the Senate Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

AIF OPPOSED legislation that would eliminate Enterprise Florida and revamp VISIT FLORIDA. As these two agencies contribute immensely to our economy, it is imperative that they continue to cultivate a competitive and innovative business environment that maximizes revenues and further creates jobs in Florida.

HB 7005 Relating to Economic Programs sponsored by the House Careers & Competition Subcommittee and Rep. Paul Renner (R-Palm Coast)

This legislation threatened to eliminate ALL incentive programs that help Florida's economy and many of its businesses to thrive.

Those incentives include:

- Enterprise Florida
- Qualified Defense and Space Contractors Tax
- Qualified Target Industry Business Tax Refund
- Quick Action Closing Fund
- Office of Film & Entertainment
- Entertainment industry tax programs

Enacting this legislation would be detrimental to both our state's economy and our tourism industry; an industry that sets Florida apart from the rest.

HB 7005 died in the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

AIF OPPOSED removing agency incentives as it would result in an economic downturn for Florida.

HB 333 & SB 600 Relating to Rural Economic Development Initiative by Rep. Chuck Clemons (R-Jonesville) and Sen. Denise Grimsley (R-Lake Placid)

Currently, Florida's rural communities are experiencing additional challenges as compared to their urban counterparts in many quality of life indicators. The state has an opportunity to improve the economic competitiveness of Florida's rural communities by reforming the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI). This legislation accomplishes this by:

- Focusing the mission of REDI on the challenges rural communities face in the areas of workforce development and education, infrastructure, and access to healthcare;
- Streamlining REDI membership to ensure decision-makers are at the table; and
- Making REDI a real tool for rural communities as they navigate through the red tape of state government.

HB 333 died in the House Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; SB 600 died in the Senate Committee on Rules.

AIF SUPPORTED efforts to increase economic development in Florida's rural areas by increasing job growth.

HB 853 & SB 1040 Relating to Beer or Malt Beverages by Rep. Tom Goodson (R-Merritt Island) and Sen. Greg Steube (R-Sarasota)

Currently, vendors must purchase glassware from distributors for use in their establishments. This legislation would have allowed for beer distributors to provide beer or malt beverage branded glassware to vendors for their





use, cutting down on the vendors overall costs.

HB 853 died on House calendar; SB 1040 died in the Senate Committee on Rules.

AIF SUPPORTED legislation that will reduce costs to Florida businesses by allowing distributors to provide glassware to vendors, at no cost, for use in their establishments.

EDUCATION WORKFORCE

HB 859 & SB 668 Relating to Postsecondary Distance Education by Rep. Amber Mariano (R-Port Richey) and Sen. Aaron Bean (R-Jacksonville)

This legislation seeks to authorize Florida's participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) created by the National Council on State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements. This would allow for Florida's postsecondary institutions to voluntarily participate in a multi-state reciprocity agreement, allowing them to offer online education without excessive fees and regulatory compliance processes. This reciprocity offers students greater access to more distance education, enhances oversight of distance education offerings to Florida students by another state, and expands experiential learning opportunities across state lines. This is good for students and also helps lessen the burden on Florida businesses and taxpayers to fund construction and facility costs.

SB 668 was laid on the table and substituted by HB 859; HB 859 was signed into law by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2017-087.

AIF SUPPORTS our state universities and our independent colleges and universities' continued efforts to address the growing challenges that comes with increased enrollment, which in turn increases the workforce throughout Florida.

HB 955 & SB 392 Relating to High School Graduation Requirements by Rep. Larry Ahern (R-Seminole) and Sen. Dorothy Hukill (R-Port Orange)

Based on current 56 Next Generation Sunshine State Standards in financial literacy, high school students receive financial literacy instruction as part of the one-half Economics course credit required for graduation. This legislation would have required students entering grade 9 in the 2017-2018 school year and thereafter to complete a one-half course credit in personal financial literacy and



revises the 56 Next Generation Sunshine State Standards to include additional specified financial literacy topics.

HB 955 died on the House calendar; SB 392 died in messages to the House.

AIF SUPPORTED legislation that gives students tools to learn about relevant and real-life subjects that will prepare them for the workforce in the future.

F SB 868 Relating to Educational Options and Services by Sen. Dennis Baxley (R-Lady Lake)

This bill would have expanded educational options and services to accommodate for learning differences among students and prepare students for higher education and entry into the workforce.

SB 868 died in the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

AIF SUPPORTED legislation that addresses the differences in learning among students and provides for a solution to meet their individual needs.

HB 265 & SB 104 Relating to Computer Coding Instruction by Rep. Elizabeth Porter (R-Lake City) and Sen. Jeff Brandes (R-St. Petersburg)

This legislation would have allowed high school students the option of taking computer coding courses and promoted student access to education in computer science and related fields.

HB 265 died in the Senate Committee on Rules; SB 104 died in the Senate Committee on Rules.





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

ENVIRONMENT & AGRICULTURE

SB 10 Relating to Water Resources by Sen. Rob Bradley (R-Orange Park)

Using Amendment 1 funding, this bill creates additional water storage south of Lake Okeechobee to remedy the polluted discharges flowing east and west of the lake. Throughout the legislative process, this bill has taken many different forms. Removing the option to buy the productive and valuable farm land south of the lake was a major win for the agriculture industry in Florida. While this removal changed AIF's position on the bill to neutral, we still believe that action must be taken north of Lake Okeechobee, as well as south to remedy the discharges flowing from the lake.

SB 10 has been signed by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2017-010.

SB 442 Relating to Advanced Well Stimulation Treatments by Sen. Dana Young (R-Tampa)

This legislation would have prohibited the performance of advanced well stimulation treatments on oil or gas wells. The bill defines the term "advanced well stimulation treatment" to include all stages of well intervention performed by injecting fluids into a rock formation.

SB 442 died in the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources.

AIF OPPOSED the prohibition of advanced well stimulation treatments as it could cause a deficit when it comes to meeting the energy needs of the state.

SB 532 Relating to Public Notification of Pollution by Sen. Bill Galvano (R-Bradenton)

This legislation requires companies to notify the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) about the release of any dangerous substance within 24 hours of discovery. The DEP must then publish a public notice within 24 hours.

SB 532 died in messages to the House; however, the provisions of this bill were amended into SB 1018 which passed both chambers. SB 1018 has been signed into law by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2017-095.

AIF SUPPORTS the FDEP's role as the recipient of notifications regarding incidents from the regulated business community due to their experience, expertise,

and ability to determine potential impacts from any reported incidents.

SB 874 Relating to Nutrient Pollution from Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems by Sen. Dana Young (R-Tampa)

This legislation would have authorized the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to administer the onsite sewage remediation program. This includes installing high efficiency systems, as well as the conversion from septic to sewer. The bill would have also authorized a minimum 50% cost share and allows FDEP to cost share large scale storm water projects and much of the removal projects in the Indian River Lagoon, St. Lucie River and Caloosahatchee River watersheds. This bill dedicates a minimum of \$20M per year to this effort.

SB 874 died in the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources.

AIF SUPPORTED this legislation as it establishes a cost share program to focus specifically on local basin nutrient loss within the Indian River Lagoon, St. Lucie, and Caloosahatchee watersheds.

HB 1231 & SB 1536 Relating to Agricultural Practices by Rep. Jake Raburn (R-Valrico) and Sen. Keith Perry (R-Gainesville)

This legislation would have clarified that livestock, poultry, and aquaculture medical supplies are exempt from sales tax. The bill repeals a supplemental pesticide registration fee which was added to bi-annual pesticide registrations. The bill also expands the travel radius limitations on the state restricted agricultural tag from 150 miles to statewide.

HB 1231 died in the Senate Committee on Agriculture; SB 1536 died in the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

AIF SUPPORTED the various provisions of this bill which helps our agricultural industry remain competitive and continue to be a driving force in Florida's economy.

HB 5401 Relating to Pesticide Registration by the House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee and Rep. Chuck Clemons (R-Jonesville)

This legislation repeals the authority of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) to assess and collect a supplemental pesticide registration fee on certain products sold in Florida. The fee was created to defray the expense of the chemical residue laboratory within the FDACS. The Fiscal Year 2016-2017 General Appropriations Act provided \$1,801,131 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund to

support the chemical residue laboratory.

HB 5401 passed through the Legislature as a committee conference bill, has been signed into law by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2017-158.

AIF SUPPORTS this legislation which removes a duplicative fee on businesses.

HEALTH CARE

HB 449 Relating to Health Insurance by Rep. Paul Renner (R-Palm Coast)

This legislation would have created the Patient Savings Act, which requires health insurers to create a shared savings incentive program to encourage insured individuals to shop for high quality, lower cost health care services and share any savings realized as a result of the insured's choice. If the insured has obtained a service for less than the average price for the service, the bill would have required the savings resulting from choosing that service to be shared with the insured. The bill would have established a system for determining the cash payment that would be provided to the insured for choosing a lower cost service. While this bill was well-intentioned, our concern with these changes to the health insurance system were that it could result in higher premiums for Florida businesses.

HB 449 died in the House Health and Human Services Committee.

AIF OPPOSED this legislation due to the concern over the potential cost increase to business owners across the state.

HB 589 & SB 888 Relating to Prescription Drug Price Transparency by Rep. Clay Yarborough (R-Jacksonville) and by Sen. Aaron Bean (R-Jacksonville)

Currently, law requires MyFloridaRX.com to provide the top 150 most prescribed drugs including their customary prices by pharmacies. HB 589 doubles that number to 300 and codifies monthly reporting to the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA). This legislation will create more transparency in drug pricing, which in turn will give employers and consumers the ability to make more informed decisions regarding their health care spending. Prescription drug costs continue to rise and become a larger percentage of the overall health care spend in Florida.

SB 888 was laid on the table and substituted by HB 589; HB 589 was signed into law by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2017-86.

AIF SUPPORTS transparency in drug pricing as a tool

for reducing the cost of health care coverage on Florida employers and employees.

HB 723 & SB 1354 Relating to Maintenance of Certification by Rep. Julio Gonzalez (R-Venice), Rep. Ralph Massullo (R-Beverly Hills) and Sen. Dana Young (R-Tampa)

This would have eliminated the requirement of physicians to maintain board certification in a subspecialty as conditions of licensure, reimbursement, employment, or admitting privileges. Currently, hospitals or private employers have the ability to require their physicians who may practice in a specialty field to hold and/or maintain such specialty certifications.

As medical practices change daily, allowing employers this ability will ensure that these physicians have the utmost knowledge and skill pertaining to their specialty. Hosting top medical facilities, as well as world-renowned specialty physicians, is one of the many things that brings people to Florida. We want our physicians to be on the cutting edge of their field, and the only way to accomplish that is to continue to implement the requirement of maintaining certification.

HB 723 died in the House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; SB 1354 died in the Senate Committee on Banking and Insurance.

AIF OPPOSED government mandates that regulate how private employers hire their employees.

HB 95 & SB 182 Relating to Consumer Protection from Nonmedical Changes to Prescription Drug Formularies by Rep. Ralph Massullo (R-Beverly Hills) and Sen. Debbie Mayfield (R-Melbourne)

This legislation sought to remove the ability to move or shift prescription drugs within drug formularies by health plans. Currently, health plans have the authority to move prescription drugs to different tiers within the drug formulary or add/remove certain drugs all together. Health plans use this system if, for instance, a drug has been found to be unsafe for patients or a more cost-efficient alternative has become available. Removing this ability from health plans would not only cause the cost of healthcare to rise, but could put patients at risk of taking potentially harmful medications.

HB 95 died in the House Insurance and Banking Subcommittee; SB 182 died in messages to the House.

AIF OPPOSED taking away the leverage health plans have to add, remove, or shift drugs within the formulary system as it will increase the cost of health care and pharmaceuticals for Florida's employer community.





Rep. Matt Caldwell receives his 2016 Champions for Business Award from AIF CEO Tom Feeney.

INSURANCE

HB 1107 & SB 1008 Relating to Public Records/ Workers' Compensation by Rep. Ben Albritton (R-Bartow) and Sen. Keith Perry (R-Gainesville)

This legislation exempts private and personal identifying information of an injured worker or deceased employee from public record. Currently, this information is open to the public and, often, injured workers are inundated with outreach from attorneys encouraging them to sue their employer.

SB 1008 was laid on the table and substituted by HB 1107; HB 1107 has been signed into law by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2017-185.

AIF SUPPORTS protecting the private information of injured or deceased employees.

HB 7085 Relating to Workers' Compensation by Rep. Danny Burgess (R-Zephyrhills)

Provisions for the last amended version of HB 7085 included:

- Permitting direct payment of attorneys by or for claimants making the injured worker responsible for any remaining attorney fees if required by their retainer agreement. Retainer agreements must be filed with a judge of compensation claims (JCC);
- Increasing total combined temporary total disability/ total partial disability (TTD/TPD) benefits from 104 weeks to 260 weeks;

- Closing benefit gaps occurring when TTD/TPD ends, but the injured worker is not at overall maximum medical improvement (MMI) and/or no overall permanent impairment rating;
- Requiring claimants to be notified that they may be responsible for their own attorney's fees if they do not prevail;
- Requiring more specificity on a petition and requires a JCC to dismiss a petition for lack of specificity, without prejudice, within 10 days or 20 days, depending upon whether a hearing is required;
- Requiring claimants' attorneys to detail hours worked in the form of an attestation to a JCC at certain intervals before a hearing on a petition for benefits (PFB);
- Requiring a good faith attempt to resolve issues before a PFB is filed and allows JCCs to dismiss PFBs when a good faith effort was not made;
- Allowing deviations from the current statutory fee schedule (departure fee) if the fees under the schedule are less than 40 percent or greater than 125 percent of the customary fee when the amount allowed under the fee schedule is converted to an hourly rate;
- Requiring a JCC, when determining the departure fee, to consider certain factors, and compute a new hourly rate capped at \$180/hour;
- Allowing employers and carriers to contest

- departure fees within 20 days of an award which will be reviewed by a JCC in another district;
- Eliminating carrier paid attorney fees for services occurring before the filing of a petition and attaches attorney fees 45 days following the filing of a petition;
- Allowing insurers to uniformly reduce premiums by no more than five percent if they file an information-only notice within 30 days, subject to regulatory oversight;
- Creating a mechanism to fill vacancies on the Three-Member Panel (Panel) and grants the Panel authority to fill gaps in statutory reimbursement when adopting schedules of maximum reimbursement allowances for medical care:
- Eliminating the charge-based reimbursement of health care facility outpatient medical care in favor of reimbursing them at 200 percent (unscheduled care) and 160 percent (scheduled surgery) of Medicare. If no Medicare fee exists, then current reimbursement standards apply, which are incorporated into statute;
- Requiring authorization or denial of medical care authorization requests, unless there is a material deficiency; and
- Requiring vacancies on the Three-Member Panel to be filled by the Governor within 120 days, and if the Governor does not fill the vacancy within that period, the Chief Financial Officer would appoint a new member.

HB 7085 died in returning messages to the Senate.

AIF SUPPORTED the House legislation as it was the best option offered to address the workers' compensation system in Florida in its efforts to stabilize the increasing costs of workers' compensation on Florida employers.

SB 1582 Relating to Workers' Compensation by Sen. Rob Bradley (R-Orange Park)

Provision from the Senate bill would have included:

- Codifying the Westphal ruling by increasing TTD/TPD from 104 weeks to 260 weeks;
- Addressing the Castellanos ruling by requiring the ICC to consider certain factors in determining if the attorney fees should be increased or decreased, based on a maximum hourly rate of \$250;
- Removing the criminal penalty for claimant attorneys receiving fees that are not approved by the JCCs, which would allow claimants to have



Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam's remarks at the AIF Conference were highly praised by AIF members.

retainer agreements with their attorney;

- Eliminating the attorney fee cap of \$1,500 on medical-only claims;
- Requiring greater specificity in the information provided in petitions for benefits, including the specific date of MMI and the date permanent benefits are claimed to begin;
- Clarifying that deadlines within multiple provisions related to medical care are based on business days, not calendar days;
- Implementing loss cost rating in Florida which requires insurers to seek approval for rates based on aggregate claim information filed by a rating organization with individual company data used for the final rate, subject to OIR approval;
- Limiting defense and cost containment expenses of insurers to 15 percent of incurred losses and provided that excessive defense and cost containment fees must be returned to policyholders; and
- Creating a presumption that firefighters who have multiple myeloma or non-Hodgkin's lymphoma are presumed to have contracted the disease in the course of employment.

SB 1582 was laid on the table and substituted by HB 7085; HB 7085 died in returning messages to the Senate.

AIF OPPOSED the Senate legislation as it did not adequately address the rising cost of workers' compensation rates on Florida's employers due to increased attorney fees.





HB 1299 Relating to Preinsurance Inspection by Rep. Bobby DuBose (D-Fort Lauderdale)

This legislation repeals an antiquated vehicle inspection program only required in a handful of counties in Florida. Initially designed to prevent "phantom vehicles," its usefulness has been eroded due to technological advancements such as VIN numbers and automated car reporting. Currently, insurers and premium payers bear the cost of this program which, according to the National Insurance Crime Bureau, has only led to the successful recovery of one vehicle in several years.

HB 1299 died in the House Commerce Committee; however, the provisions of this bill were amended into HB 1007 which passed both Chambers, has been signed into law by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2017-178.

AIF SUPPORTED repealing outdated programs to decrease costs to businesses and consumers.

HB 1421 Relating to Property Insurance Assignment Agreements by Rep. James Grant (R-Tampa)

This legislation sought to address the fraud and abuse within the process of assignment of benefits (AOB) by removing the one-way attorney fee, which will reduce AOB lawsuits that drive up property insurance costs on Florida's businesses and homeowners. AOB is a practice whereby lawyers and contractors convince homeowners to sign over their right to sue insurers for certain types of home damage. Insurers typically settle these claims to avoid protracted and expensive court battles.

HB 1421 died in the Senate Committee on Banking and Insurance.

AIF SUPPORTED reforms to the assignment of benefits process to protect consumers against these abuses.

SB 1218 Relating to Property Repair by Sen. Gary Farmer (D-Fort Lauderdale)

This legislation provided for the regulation of water restoration providers, prohibits one-way attorney fees from being used in rate-making calculations, and prohibits managed repair and preferred provider arrangements. While this bill aimed to provide for a solution to AOB, it actually compounds the problem by further entrenching special interests, such as restoration companies who take AOBs from policyholders, effectively stripping them of their benefits. In addition, it legitimizes the use of the one-way attorney fee statute for third party vendors, something that even the Florida Supreme Court stated was never the intent. Rather, the statute was meant to protect policyholders.

SB 1218 died in the Senate Committee on Regulated Industries.

AIF OPPOSED reforms to the assignment of benefits process that will NOT protect consumers against these abuses.

IT GOVERNANCE

HB 5301 Relating to State Agency Information Technology Reorganization by the Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee and Rep. Blaise Ingoglia (R-Spring Hill)

This legislation revises requirements for the executive director of the Agency for State Technology; revises the powers, duties, and functions of the Agency for State Technology; requires the agency, in collaboration with the department, to recommend best practices for the procurement of cloud computing services and encourages the use of cloud-based solutions; requires a state agency customer entity to notify the state data center bi-annually of changes in anticipated use of state data center services; and creates the Florida Cybersecurity Task Force.

HB 5301 passed the Legislature as a committee conference bill. Governor Scott vetoed HB 5301 as of 6/26/2017.

AIF OPPOSED the removal of the AST in the bill's original form. Once amended, however, the bill keeps the AST intact, revising and making structural changes to the Agency; therefore, AIF no longer OPPOSES the bill.

LEGAL & JUDICIAL

HB 423 & SB 388 Relating to Beverage Law by Rep. Mike La Rosa (R-Saint Cloud) and Sen. Travis Hutson (R-Palm Coast)

Florida's "Tied House Evil Law," s. 561.42, F.S., prohibits a manufacturer or distributor of alcoholic beverages from having a financial interest, directly or indirectly, in the establishment or business of a licensed vendor, and prohibits a manufacturer or distributor from giving gifts, loans, property, or rebates to retail vendors.

The legislation would have exempted financial transactions between a vendor and a manufacturer from all tied evil house prohibitions if the following conditions are met:

- The financial transaction must be negotiated at arm's length for fair market value between a manufacturer of beer or malt beverages.
- The financial transaction cannot involve, either all or in part, the direct sale or distribution of beer or malt beverages between the manufacturer and the licensed vendor.

HB 423 was laid on the table and substituted by SB 388; SB 388 died in returning messages to the Senate.

AIF SUPPORTED legislation that removes burdensome and outdated regulations on Florida businesses.

HB 727 & SB 1398 Relating to Accessibility of Places of Public Accommodation by Rep. Tom Leek (R-Daytona Beach) and by Sen. Linda Stewart (R-Orlando)

In 1990, Congress enacted the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability in employment, state and local government, public accommodations, commercial facilities, transportation, and telecommunications. One of the goals of the ADA is to guarantee that individuals with disabilities are offered full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations offered by a place of public accommodation.

However, individuals with disabilities may sue places of public accommodation, including private businesses, for alleged violations of the ADA, a problem that is currently rampant throughout the state.

This legislation:

- Creates a license type for ADA experts;
- Requires the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) to establish licensing requirements and regulation for ADA experts;
- Allows ADA experts to determine if the businesses are compliant with the ADA;
- Allows businesses to hire ADA experts and file ADA expert reports with DBPR;
- Allows businesses to file remediation plans with DBPR if they are not in compliance with the ADA;
- Requires DBPR to establish a public website with a registry of remediation plans and certifications of conformity; and
- Requires courts to consider remediation plans to determine if a plaintiff filed a claim in good faith and whether the plaintiff is entitled to attorney fees in lawsuits involving alleged violations of the ADA.

SB 1398 was laid on the table and substituted by HB 727; HB 727 was signed into law by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2017-139.

AIF SUPPORTS legislation that makes filing frivolous lawsuits against Florida businesses more difficult to accomplish.

HB 775 & SB 466 Relating to Motor Vehicle Warranty Repairs and Recall Repairs by Rep. Manny Diaz

(R-Hialeah Gardens) and Sen. Travis Hutson (R-Palm Coast)

This legislation prohibits a licensee, except as authorized by law, from denying a dealer's claim, reducing the dealer's compensation, or processing a chargeback to a dealer for performing covered warranty or recall repairs on a used motor vehicle under specified circumstances. The legislation alters the playing field and may have a chilling effect on manufacturing, in general. The complex issue surrounding safety recalls should be a federal matter, better addressed at the national level with the goal of creating uniform public policy that improves motor vehicle safety, encourages technological innovation, and protects our planet.

SB 466 was laid on the table and substituted by HB 775; HB 775 was signed into law by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2017-141.

AIF OPPOSES legislation that would intervene in any contractual agreement between a dealer franchise and an auto manufacturer, voluntarily entered by each party, and dictate new terms and conditions of such mutual agreement that favor one party over the other.

HB 1027 & SB 832 Relating to Unmanned Devices by Rep. Clay Yarborough (R-Jacksonville) and Sen. Dana Young (R-Tampa)

This legislation ensures a consistent framework for the use of drones and unmanned devices. As the use of drones and unmanned devices becomes increasingly more common in many different sectors of the business community throughout the state, implementing statewide regulations will establish safeguards while operating these new technologies.

SB 832 was laid on the table and substituted by HB 1027; HB 1027 was signed into law by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2017-150.

AIF SUPPORTS legislation that will streamline business regulation throughout the state.

HB 1175 & SB 1678 Relating to Motor Vehicle Manufacturers and Dealers by Rep. Manny Diaz (R-Hialeah Gardens) and Sen. Rene Garcia (Hialeah)

The legislation implements additional grounds to deny, suspend, or revoke a license held by a motor vehicle manufacturer, factory branch, distributor, or importer ("manufacturer") within their contractual agreement. The bill prohibits manufacturers from taking certain actions against motor vehicle dealers and requires certain procedures be followed by the manufacturer when dealing with motor vehicle dealers.





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SB 1678 was laid on the table and substituted by HB 1175; HB 1175 has been signed into law by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2017-187.

AIF OPPOSES legislation that would intervene in any contractual agreement between a dealer franchise and an auto manufacturer, voluntarily entered by each party, and dictate new terms and conditions of such mutual agreement that favor one party over the other.

HB 496 & SB 334 Relating to Prejudgment Interest by Rep. Shawn Harrison (R-Tampa) and Sen. Greg Steube (R-Sarasota)

This legislation sought to mandate that prejudgment interest be awarded only to economic damages recovered. This prejudgment interest would accrue starting from the date the plaintiff incurs economic losses. Currently, prejudgment interest is awardable on economic losses at the discretion of the judge. We view this legislation as a way to overburden our court systems and would result in cost increases for Florida businesses.

HB 496 died in the House Judiciary Committee; SB 334 died on the Senate calendar.

AIF OPPOSED legislation that will increase the already daunting costs of litigation on Florida businesses.

TAXATION

SB 378 Relating to Taxation by Sen. Anitere Flores (R-Miami)

This legislation aimed to repeal the insurance salary tax credit, which would result in a nearly \$300 million tax

increase on Florida's insurance industry. Florida is one of only a few states that have two separate taxes for insurers —a corporate income tax paid by all businesses and a second punitive tax on the insurance premiums paid by Floridians. This salary tax credit was created in 1987 to lessen the burden on insurers while also allowing them to reinvest these funds back into their businesses. Repealing this 30-year insurance salary tax credit removes the mechanism that helps keep insurance rates for everyday Floridians as low as possible.

During the bill's first and only committee hearing, an amendment offered by Sen. Kelli Stargel (R-Lakeland) would have swapped the insurance salary tax credit for a reduction in the Communications Services Tax (CST) and business rent tax. While AIF supports the goal of reducing both the CST and the business rent tax, AIF opposed this method of accomplishing that goal.

SB 378 died in the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

AIF OPPOSED legislation that will cause a nearly \$300 million tax increase on Florida's insurance industry, resulting in an increase in insurance premiums for Florida's business community.

HB 21 & SB 76 Relating to Limitations on Property Tax Assessments by Rep. Colleen Burton (R-Lakeland) and Sen. Tom Lee (R-Brandon)

In 2008, Florida voters approved Amendment 1 which, among other things, created a 10 percent cap on the annual increase of property taxes for all non-homestead properties. This amendment, however, included a sunset provision that goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2019. This legislation proposes a constitutional amendment be added to the ballot during

the 2018 General Election to allow the voters to decide to make this cap 10 percent tax cap permanent.

SB 76 was laid on the table and substituted by HB 21; HB 21 has been signed by Officers and filed with the Secretary of State to be added to the 2018 ballot.

AIF SUPPORTS a permanent 10 percent property tax cap on second homes and commercial property.

HB 7109 Relating to Taxation by Rep. Jim Boyd (R-Bradenton) and the House Ways and Means Committee

This tax package aims to reduce taxes in the state for the 2017-2018 fiscal year by \$180 million. HB 7109 provides for a wide range of tax reductions and modifications that affect households and businesses.

Below is a list of the reductions that are of the utmost importance to our members:

- Reducing the state sales tax on the rental of commercial real estate (known as business rent tax) from 6.0 percent to 5.8 percent for two years, beginning
 - January 1, 2018, then maintains a permanent tax rate reduction from 6.0 percent to 5.5 percent, beginning January 1, 2020;
- Increasing the exempt sales price for farm trailers from \$20,000 to \$25,000;
- Increasing the amount of Research and Development Tax Credits that may be taken against the Corporate Income Tax from \$9 million to \$18 million for calendar year 2018;
- Exempting from sales tax certain animal health products and other agricultural items;
- Providing a ten-day "back-to-school" holiday for clothing, footwear, school supplies, and computers; and
- Providing a nine-day "disaster preparedness" holiday for certain items related to disaster preparedness.

HB 7109 was signed into law by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2017-036.

AIF SUPPORTS reducing taxes, such as the business rent tax, to attract new businesses to the Sunshine State.

SB 704 Relating to Tax on Sales, Use, and Other Transactions by Sen. Rene Garcia (R-Hialeah)

Currently, Florida is the only state that charges tax on the lease of commercial property. While it is a major part of the state's tax revenues, it needs to be gradually reduced and eventually eliminated to make Florida more attractive to business. This bill will provide a limited exception from the sales tax on commercial leases.

SB 704 died in the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; however, the provisions were taken up in the full House tax package, HB 7109, which passed and has been signed into law by the Governor.

AIF SUPPORTS a reduction of taxes imposed on rental or license fees charged for use of commercial real property and/or the elimination of the double taxation that occurs when a tenant pays its landlord's property taxes.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

HB 687 & SB 596 Relating to Utilities by Rep. Mike La Rosa (R-Saint Cloud) and Sen. Travis Hutson (R-Palm Coast)

This legislation creates the Advanced Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Act which would ultimately allow for 5G technology throughout the state of Florida.

SB 596 was laid on the table and substituted by HB 687; HB 687 was signed into law by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2017-136.

AIF SUPPORTS legislation that accommodates for the increasing need for reliable wireless networks to help support communities and businesses of the future.

TRANSPORTATION

HB 221 & SB 340 Relating to Transportation Network Companies (TNC) by Rep. Chris Sprowls (R-Clearwater), Rep. James Grant (R-Tampa) and Sen. Jeff Brandes (R-St. Petersburg)

This legislation establishes a regulatory framework for Transportation Network Companies (TNC) and how they operate throughout communities in Florida. HB 221 defines what constitutes a "TNC vehicle," sets in place insurance requirements and preempts authority to the State, which will allow for a streamlined set of rules to be followed throughout the state.

SB 340 was laid on the table and substituted by HB 221; HB 221 was signed into law by Governor Scott and assigned Chapter No. 2017-012.

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



HB 725 Relating to Autonomous Vehicles by Rep. Jason Brodeur (R-Sanford)

This legislation would have authorized the use of vehicles in autonomous mode with the autonomous technology being considered the human operator of the motor vehicle. It also provides that various provisions of law regarding motor vehicles, such as rendering aid in the event of a crash, do not apply to vehicles in autonomous mode where a human operator is not physically present as long as the vehicle owner promptly contacts law enforcement. The legislation also addressed the applicability of laws regarding unattended motor vehicles and passenger restraint requirements as they relate to vehicles operating in autonomous mode where a human operator is not physically present in the vehicle.

HB 725 died in the House Government Accountability Committee.

AIF SUPPORTED legislation that authorizes the use of autonomous vehicles and regulates the responsible party, should there be an incident.

SB 654 Relating to Transportation by Sen. Jack Latvala (R-Clearwater)

This legislation would have shifted the distribution of the annual license taxes imposed on certain motor vehicle registrations from the General Revenue Fund to the State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF). Beginning in Fiscal Year 2019-2020, 50 percent of the portion of the annual license tax that is deposited into the General Revenue Fund is shifted to the STTF; in Fiscal Year 2020-2021, the remaining 50 percent is shifted into the STTF.

SB 654 died in the Senate Committee on Appropriations.
AIF SUPPORTED the distribution of additional funds to the State Transportation Trust Fund in order to maintain Florida's infrastructure.

REGULATIONS

SB 162 Relating to Disposable Plastic Bags by Sen. José Javier Rodriguez (D-Miami)

This bill would have authorized municipalities to establish a pilot program to regulate or ban disposable plastic bags.

SB 162 died in the Senate Committee on Community Affairs.

AIF OPPOSED legislation that allows for local regulations resulting in increased costs for businesses.



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

otes provide tangible evidence of whether a legislator supports the ability of Florida companies to prosper and 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 deserve our support. Yet, voting records only tell part of the story.

A *Champion for Business* is a legislator who takes a stand 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 supported business and who hasn't, we leave no stone unturned.

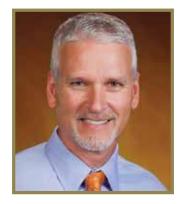
In our collective wisdom, these six legislators and the Governor are the epitome of what a *Champion for Business* should be. Whether they proposed an important bill, authored a key amendment, or toiled behind the scenes, these legislators are the ones who made a difference this session.

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Governor Rick Scott is receiving his fourth AIF Champion for Business Award. Associated Industries of Florida applauds Governor Scott for his committed work on maintaining Florida's economic incentive programs such as Enterprise Florida Inc. and VISIT FLORIDA. During this year's regular session, the threat to defund these two agencies was imminent. As Enterprise Florida, Inc. and VISIT FLORIDA contribute immensely to growing our economy, it is imperative that they continue to cultivate a competitive and innovative business environment that maximizes revenues and further creates jobs in Florida. In the final days of a special session, Governor Scott stood firm to guarantee that these two economy-boosting agencies remain intact. We proudly recognize Governor Scott as a 2017 "Champion for Business."



Senator Keith Perry (R-Gainesville) is receiving his first AIF Champion for Business Award. Associated Industries of Florida salutes Senator Perry for ensuring the protection of personal identification and private information of a deceased or injured worker from public record when employees file a workers' compensation claim. Protecting the private information of Florida's employees is one step in the right direction to fix the workers' compensation system in Florida. HB 1107 passed both legislative chambers and has been signed into law by Governor Scott. We proudly recognize Senator Perry as a 2017 "Champion for Business."



Senator Kelli Stargel (R-Lakeland) is receiving her first *AIF Champion for Business Award*. Associated Industries of Florida commends Senator Stargel for her advocacy in reducing taxes for Florida's families and

businesses. While working with the sponsor in the House, Senator Stargel was able to secure \$180 million in tax cuts for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Each year the constituents of our state rely on these tax cuts for relief, whether it be in the form of incrementally decreasing the business rent tax or a ten-day back to school tax holiday for clothing, footwear, school supplies and computers. HB 7109 was signed into law by Governor Scott and will take effect on 7/1/2017. We proudly recognize Senator Stargel as a 2017 "Champion for Business."



Representative Ben Albritton (R-Bartow) is receiving his first AIF Champion for Business Award. Associated Industries of Florida hails Representative Albritton for securing the protection of personal identification and private information of a deceased or injured worker from public record when employees file a workers' compensation claim. Protecting the private information of Florida's employees is one step in the right direction to fix the workers' compensation system in Florida. This legislation passed both legislative chambers and has been signed into law by Governor Scott. We proudly recognize Representative Albritton as a 2017 "Champion for Business."

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Representative Jim Boyd (R-Bradenton) is receiving his fourth AIF Champion for Business Award. Associated Industries of Florida salutes Representative Boyd for his leadership in reducing taxes for Florida's families and businesses. His sponsorship and steadfast work on this legislation will promote and solidify our state's standing as one of the best states in which to live and conduct business. Boyd's successful work on this year's tax package, HB 7109, will amount to \$180 million in cuts for the fiscal year 2017-2018. Governor Scott signed HB 7109 into law and the bill will take effect on 7/1/2017. We proudly recognize Representative Boyd as a 2017 "Champion for Business".



Representative Jay Fant (R-Jacksonville) is receiving his first AIF Champion for Business Award. Associated Industries of Florida commends Representative Fant for his efforts in finding a solution to Florida's current unconstitutional workers' compensation system. Although he did not sponsor the full workers' compensation legislation, Representative Fant fought hard for his amendment to the full House bill (HB 7085) that would move Florida to a claimant paid system. This amendment would have put Florida in line with 32 other states and had the united support of the business community. We proudly recognize Representative Fant as a 2017 "Champion for Business."



Representative Danny Burgess (R-Zephyrhills) is receiving his first AIF Champion for Business Award. Associated Industries of Florida recognizes Representative Burgess for his tireless and unwavering work in the House to address the issues within Florida's workers' compensation system that have deemed the system unconstitutional. Representative Burgess offered legislation that focused on stabilizing the continuous increase in the cost of workers' compensation on Florida employers, ensuring employees get the care they need to return to work, and creating a self-executing system fair to all. We proudly recognize Representative Burgess as a 2017 "Champion for Business."

Throughout the 2017 Session, these were the leaders we turned to when the business community needed someone we could depend upon.

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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,

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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 Reform*

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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 – *Immigration 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 "Legislator 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" Award

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

Rep. Dean Cannon – Energy Legislation
Rep Anitere Flores – Workers' Compensation
Rep. Adam Hasner – Elections
Rep. Carlos Lopez-Cantera – Property Taxes
Rep. Jimmy Patronis – Medicaid Reform
Sen. Garrett Richter – Workers' Compensation
Sen. Mike Fasano – Economic Development
Sen. Chris Smith – Public Notices
Sen. Don Gaetz – Low Income Pool (LIP)
Transparency

Sen. Mike Bennett – Financial Services Council "Legislator of the Year" Award

Rep. Bryan Nelson – Financial Services Council "Legislator of the Year" Award

Rep. Pat Patterson – Financial Services Council "Legislator of the Year" Award

Sen. Dave Aronberg – Florida Maritime Council "Legislator of the Year" Award

Rep. Charles Van Zant – Florida Energy Council "Legislator of the Year" Award

Rep. Seth McKeel – Florida Energy Council "Legislator of the Year" Award

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

2008 Champions for Business

Rep. Thad Altman – Space Legislation Rep. Anitere Flores – Education & Workforce Development

Rep. Peter Nehr – Property Tax Reform

Rep. Ray Sansom – Economic Development
Rep. Baxter Troutman – Metal Theft Legislation
Sen. Mike Bennett – Administrative
Procedures Act
Sen. Mike Fasano – Transportation
Sen. Mike Haridopolos – Taxes
Sen. Bill Posey – Space Legislation
Sen. Jeremy Ring – Economic Development
Rep. Dennis Ross – Financial Services Council
"Legislator of the Year" Award
Sen. Al Lawson – Financial Services Council
"Leaislator of the Year" Award

Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink – Financial Services Council Champion for Business

Rep. Paige Kreegel – Florida Energy Council "Legislator of the Year" Award

Rep. Kevin Ambler – Florida Maritime Council "Legislator of the Year" Award

2007 Champions for Business

Rep. Trey Traviesa – Telecommunications
Rep. Charlie Dean – Tort Reform
Rep. Alan Hays – Property Insurance
Rep. Rich Glorioso – Transportation
Rep. Aaron Bean – Government Outsourcing
Council "Legislator of the Year" Award
Rep. Will Weatherford – Information
Technology Council "Legislator of the Year"
Award

Sen. Al Lawson – Information Technology Council "Legislator of the Year" Award

2006 Champions for Business

Governor Jeb Bush – Support of Business Agenda

Speaker Allan Bense – Tort Reform/Repeal of Join & Several

Senate President Tom Lee – Tort Reform/ Repeal of Joint & Several

Rep. Marty Bowen – Agriculture

Rep. Don Brown – *Tort Reform/Repeal of Joint & Several*

Rep. Fred Brummer – Tax Reform

Rep. Mike Davis – Affordable Housing

Rep. Adam Hasner – Energy Legislation

Rep. Matt Meadows – *Tax Incentives for Manufacturing*

Rep. Dennis Ross – Property Insurance Reform

Rep. Marco Rubio – Private Property Rights

Rep. Trey Traviesa – Telecommunications

Sen. Jeff Atwater – *Tax Relief for Businesses*

Sen. Mike Bennett – Growth Management

Sen. Jim King – *Economic Development*

Sen. Dan Webster – Tort Reform



2005 Champions for Business

Governor Jeb Bush – Tort Reform

Speaker Allan Bense – Tort Reform

Rep Frank Attkisson – Private Sector

Rep. Frank Attkisson – *Private Sector Protection*

Rep. Holly Benson – *Medicaid Reform Legislation*

Rep. Don Brown – Tort Reform

Rep. Fred Brummer – Repeal of Intangible Tax

Rep. Rene Garcia – Medicaid Reform Legislation

Rep. Joe Pickens – Asbestos and Silica Reform Act

Rep. Dennis Ross – Property Insurance Reform

Rep. Dwight Stansel – Tort Reform

Rep. John Stargel – Tax Reform

Sen. Jeff Atwater – Tax Reform

Sen. Mike Haridopolos – *Tax Reform*

2004 Champions for Business

Rep. Allan Bense – Support of Business Agenda Rep. Kim Berfield – Workers' Compensation Reform

Rep. Mike Davis – *Growth Management* Rep. Jeff Kottkamp – *Premises Liability Leaislation*

Rep. Bruce Kyle – Court Funding

Rep. Joe Negron – Court Funding

Rep. John Stargel – Tax Reform

Sen. JD Alexander – Workers' Compensation Reform

Sen. Mike Bennett – *Growth Management* Sen. Mike Haridopolos – *Tax Reform*

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2003 Champions for Business

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