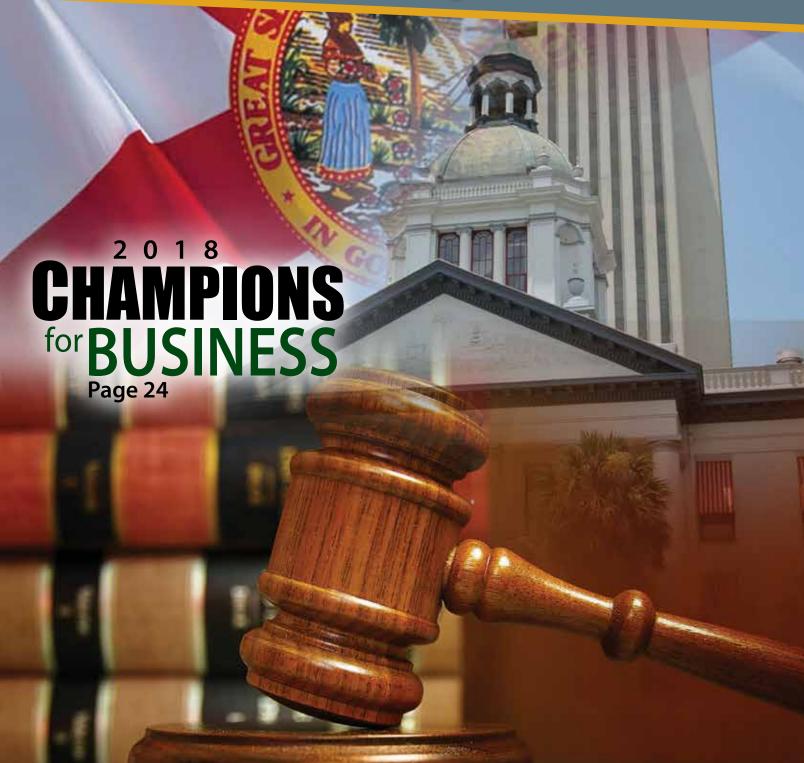
# RECORDS

### 2018 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature

ASSOCIATED INDUSTRIES OF FLORIDA



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# 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 2018 Regular Session. The *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 the 3,338 votes cast by legislators on 45 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 43 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" awards 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 faces down the opponents to the growing prosperity of Florida's citizens. The five legislators (see page 24) honored this year are the epitome of a "Champion for Business."



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### Session Overshadowed

The result from all this activity slowed the legislative process, which meant fewer bills made it through to the end. Not since 2001 have we had such a low number of bills passed.

t is safe to say that the 2018 Legislative Session was interesting, to say the least. In early January it was obvious that a large part of this year's session would be dominated by hurricane clean-up and relief efforts and dealing with Florida's escalating opioid epidemic. While those two issues were addressed, distractions caused by internal sexual harassment allegations during the first weeks of session ended with two senators resigning from office. The latter half of session was focused on the devastating school shooting in Parkland which led to some of the most robust debate in our state's history on school safety, mental illness and gun control. Adding another twist was the fact that it was the last session before a state election where we will see a new Governor and members of the Florida Cabinet elected. Plus, the sheer number of sitting elected officials who were running for higher office was hard to overlook. A huge election cycle like this always bleeds down into session.

The result from all this activity slowed the legislative process, which meant fewer bills made it through to the end. Not since 2001 have we had such a low number of bills passed. Of the 3,192 bills filed by both chambers, only 200 bills passed. Of those, 193 have been approved, two have been vetoed by the Governor, and five have been filed with the Secretary of State. While this is a very low number, maybe that's a good thing. Many Florida business owners and executives find that the best way for their companies to thrive is for the government to simply stay out

One thing is certain — next session will be unlike any we have seen in the last eight years because there will be someone new, Republican or Democrat, sitting in the Governor's have a robust, first-year policy agenda new presiding officers in the Florida Legislature, Senate President-Designate Bill Galvano (R-Bradenton) and House Speaker-Designate Jose Oliva (R-Hialeah), who will also have their own legislative agendas. We are in for a very exciting session next year.

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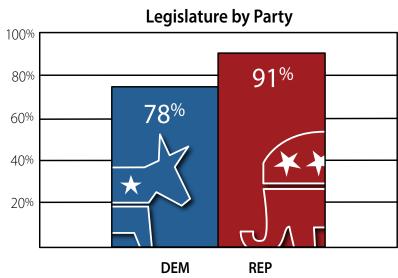
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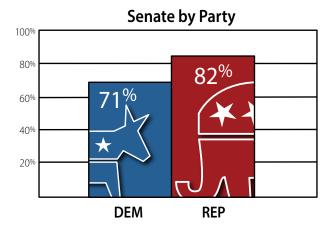
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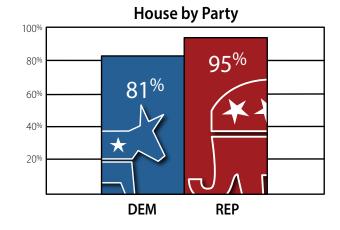
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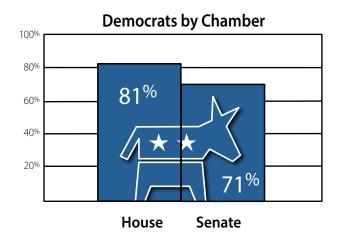


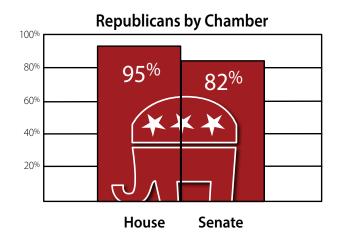
nowing how individual legislators cast their votes is extremely important when evaluating their stance on the issues facing our members. However, it is also important to look at the other areas of the data to find clues on how different segments of the Florida Legislature are casting their votes. For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



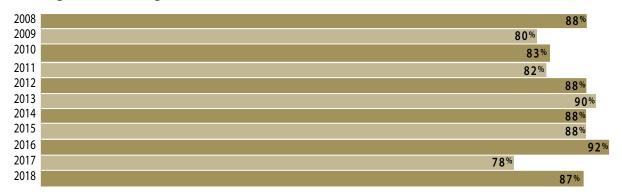


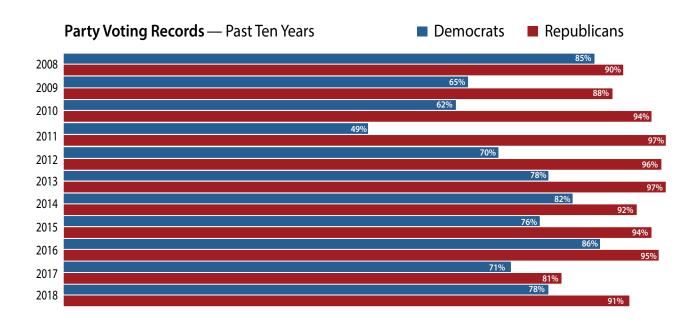


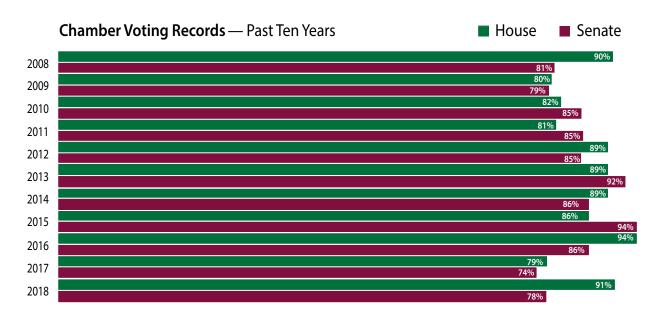




### **Legislature Voting Records** — Past Ten Years









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### By Rank

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94%	Stargel (R)	29	2
91%	Passidomo (R)	29	3
89%	Gainer (R)	34	4
88%	Baxley (R)	22	3
88%	Galvano (R)	23	3
88%	Young (R)	22	3
87%	Simmons (R)	20	3
85%	Hutson (R)	23	4
84%	Brandes (R)	21	4
84%	Broxson (R)	16	3
84%	Rouson (D)	16	3
83%	Grimsley (R)	20	4
83%	Simpson (R)	20	4
82%	Bean (R)	18	4
82%	Gibson (D)	28	6
82%	Perry (R)	18	4
81%	Mayfield (R)	17	4
80%	Montford (D)	28	7
80%	Negron (R)	8	2
79%	Benacquisto (R)	27	7
 78%	Stewart (D)	18	5
76%	Bradley (R)	29	9
75%	Book (D)	24	8
75%	Torres (D)	9	3
73%	Campbell (D)	11	4
73%	Powell (D)	19	7
73%	Steube (R)	าา	8
72%	Bracy (D)	21	8
71%	Rader (D)	10	4
70%	Garcia (R)	19	8
70%	Hukill (R)	16	7
69%	Lee (R)	11	5
68%	Braynon (D)	21	10
68%	Flores (R)	26	12
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67%	Thurston (D)	22	11
		9	6
60% 50%	Farmer (D)	9 14	
58%	Taddeo (D)  Rodriguez (D)	17	10 15

Total Senate Votes with AIF/Business = 78%

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% w/AIF	Name/Party	For	Against	% w/AIF	Name/Party	For	Against	% w/AIF	Name/Party	For	Against
100%	Altman (R)	7	0	95%	Bileca (R)	19	1	88%	Antone (D)	15	2
100%	Avila (R)	16	0	95%	Brodeur (R)	21	1	88%	Cortes, J. (D)	21	3
100%	Boyd (R)	25	0	95%	Burgess (R)	21	1	88%	Cruz (D)	14	2
100%	Caldwell (R)	19	0	95%	Burton (R)	19	1	88%	Slosberg (D)	15	2
100%	Clemons (R)	21	0	95%	Byrd (R)	21	11	87%	Diamond (D)	20	3
100%	Corcoran (R)	15	0	95%	Diaz (R)	20	11	87%	Lee (D)	13	2
100%	Cortes, B. (R)	17	0	95%	Grant, M. (R)	19	1	87%	Toledo (R)	20	3
100%	Cummings (R)	22	0	95%	Ingram (R)	21	1	86%	Duran (D)	18	3
100%	Donalds (R)	16	0	95%	McClain (R)	20	1	86%	Grall (R)	19	3
100%	Drake (R)	21	0	95%	Newton (D)	21	1	86%	Watson, C. (D)	18	3
100%	Fine (R)	25	0	95%	Nuñez (R)	20	1	85%	Henry (D)	17	3
100%	Fischer (R)	17	0	95%	Rodrigues (R)	20	1	85%	Plakon (R)	17	3
100%	Gonzalez (R)	21	0	95%	Rommel (R)	19	1	84%	Smith (D)	16	3
100%	Harrell (R)	16	0	95%	Sprowls (R)	21	1	83%	DuBose (D)	20	4
100%	Ingoglia (R)	27	0	95%	Trujillo (R)	20	1	82%	Pritchett (D)	14	3
100%	Killebrew (R)	21	0	95%	Yarborough (R)	18	1	81%	Asencio (D)	13	3
100%	La Rosa (R)	20	0	94%	Daniels (D)	17	1	81%	Mercado (D)	13	3
100%	Latvala (R)	19	0	94%	Oliva (R)	17	1	81%	Williams (D)	13	3
100%	Leek (R)	15	0	94%	Santiago (R)	17	1	80%	Hardemon (D)	16	4
100%	Mariano (R)	18	0	94%	Stevenson (R)	17	1	80%	McGhee (D)	20	5
100%	Massullo (R)	19	0	94%	Sullivan (R)	17	1	80%	Stark (D)	20	5
100%	McClure (R)	17	0	93%	Albritton (R)	28	2	79%	Jacquet (D)	15	4
100%	Peters (R)	17	0	92%	Beshears (R)	22	2	78%	Jenne (D)	14	4
100%	Pigman (R)	22	0	92%	Harrison (R)	24	2	77%	Geller (D)	17	5
100%	Ponder (R)	15	0	92%	Perez (R)	23	2	77%	Jacobs (D)	17	5
100%	Porter (R)	20	0	91%	Fitzenhagen (R)	20	2	76%	Ausley (D)	19	6
100%	Raburn (R)	15	0	91%	Gruters (R)	21	2	76%	Russell (D)	13	4
100%	Renner (R)	15	0	91%	Payne (R)	20	2	75%	Alexander (D)	15	5
100%	Roth (R)	19	0	91%	Trumbull (R)	20	2	75%	Good (D)	9	3
100%	Spano (R)	18	0	90%	Goodson (R)	19	2	75%	Shaw (D)	18	6
100%	Stone (R)	22	0	90%	Grant, J. (R)	18	2	75%	Watson, B. (D)	18	6
100%	Willhite (D)	21	0	90%	Miller (R)	18	2	74%	Ahern (R)	17	6
100%	Williamson (R)	17	0	90%	Silvers (D)	19	2	74%	Moskowitz (D)	14	5
96%	Eagle (R)	24	1	89%	Abruzzo (D)	16	2	73%	Berman (D)	19	7
96%	Edwards-Walpole (D)	23	1	89%	Fant (R)	16	2	73%	Jones (D)	11	4
96%	Hager (R)	22	1	89%	Magar (R)	16	2	73%	Stafford (D)	19	7
96%	Metz (R)	23	1	89%	Moraitis (R)	24	3	69%	Brown (D)	11	5
96%	Olszewski (R)	22	1	89%	Plasencia (R)	16	2	67%	Davis (D)	12	6
96%	Raschein (R)	25	1	89%	White (R)	17	2	61%	Richardson (D)	11	7

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84%	Brandes (R)	21	4
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75%	Torres (D)	9	3
88%	Young (R)	22	3

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100%	Altman (R)	7	0	86%	Grall (R)	19	3_	85%	Plakon (R)	17	3
88%	Antone (D)	15	22	90%	Grant, J. (R)	18	2_	89%	Plasencia (R)	16	2
81%	Asencio (D)	13	3	95%	Grant, M. (R)	19	1_	100%	Ponder (R)	15	0
76%	Ausley (D)	19	6_	91%	Gruters (R)	21	22	100%	Porter (R)	20	0
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92%	Beshears (R)	22	22	100%	Harrell (R)	16	0_	96%	Raschein (R)	25	1
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Braynon (D)	68%	70%
Broxson (R)	84%	96%
Campbell (D)	73%	69%
Farmer (D)	60%	63%
Flores (R)	68%	89%
Gainer (R)	89%	81%
Galvano (R)	88%	92%
Garcia (R)	70%	88%
Gibson (D)	82%	77%
Grimsley (R)	83%	94%
Hukill (R)	70%	94%
Hutson (R)	85%	90%
Latvala (R)	67%	87%
Lee (R)	69%	87%_
Mayfield (R)	81%	95%
Montford (D)	80%	84%
Negron (R)	80%	89%_
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Stargel (R)	94%	94%
Steube (R)	73%	93%
Stewart (D)	78%	81%
Taddeo (D)	58%	58%
Thurston (D)	67%	62%
Torres (D)	75%	75%
Young (R)	88%	97%_

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Ahern (R)	74%	94%	Gonzalez (R)	100%	88%	Perez (R)	92%	92%
Albritton (R)	93%	97%	Good (D)	75%	75%	Peters (R)	100%	95%
Alexander (D)	75%	77%	Goodson (R)	90%	94%	Pigman (R)	100%	95%
Altman (R)	100%	92%	Grall (R)	86%	83%_	Plakon (R)	85%	95%
Antone (D)	88%	80%	Grant, J. (R)	90%	95%_	Plasencia (R)	89%	92%
Asencio (D)	81%	79%	Grant, M. (R)	95%	95%_	Ponder (R)	100%	91%
Ausley (D)	76%	75%	Gruters (R)	91%	85%_	Porter (R)	100%	98%
Avila (R)	100%	88%_	Hager (R)	96%	97%_	Pritchett (D)	82%	76%
Berman (D)	73%	64%	Hardemon (D)	80%	66%_	Raburn (R)	100%	96%
Beshears (R)	92%	93%_	Harrell (R)	100%	96%_	Raschein (R)	96%	97%
Bileca (R)	95%	95%_	Harrison (R)	92%	94%_	Renner (R)	100%	90%
Boyd (R)	100%	97%_	Henry (D)	85%	75%_	Richardson (D)	61%	79%
Brodeur (R)	95%	96%_	Ingoglia (R)	100%	90%_	Rodrigues (R)	95%	90%
Brown (D)	69%	78%_	Ingram (R)	95%	97%_	Rommel (R)	95%	87%
Burgess (R)	95%	88%_	Jacobs (D)	77%	73%_	Roth (R)	100%	89%
Burton (R)	95%	96%_	Jacquet (D)	79%	77%_	Russell (D)	76%	70%
Byrd (R)	95%	81%_	Jenne (D)	78%	60%_	Santiago (R)	94%	96%
Caldwell (R)	100%	96%_	Jones (D)	73%	82%_	Shaw (D)	75%	63%
Clemons (R)	100%	89%_	Killebrew (R)	100%	87%_	Silvers (D)	90%	83%
Corcoran (R)	100%	96%_	La Rosa (R)	100%	95%_	Slosberg (D)	88%	76%
Cortes, B. (R)	100%	95%_	Latvala (R)	100%	93%_	Smith (D)	84%	76%
Cortes, J. (D)	88%	77%_	Lee (D)	87%	84%_	Spano (R)	100%	96%
Cruz (D)	88%	62%_	Leek (R)	100%	91%_	Sprowls (R)	95%	91%
Cummings (R)	100%	95%	Magar (R)	89%	94%_	Stafford (D)	73%	57%
Daniels (D)	94%	82%_	Mariano (R)	100%	91%_	Stark (D)	80%	80%
Davis (D)	67%	73%_	Massullo (R)	100%	89%_	Stevenson (R)	94%	92%_
Diamond (D)	87%	84%_	McClain (R)	95%	90%_	Stone (R)	100%	97%
Diaz (R)	95%	93%_	McClure (R)	100%	100%	Sullivan (R)	94%	92%
Donalds (R)	100%	90%_	McGhee (D)	80%	71%_	Toledo (R)	87%	80%
Drake (R)	100%	95%	Mercado (D)	81%	80%_	Trujillo (R)	95%	94%
DuBose (D)	83%	80%_	Metz (R)	96%	96%_	Trumbull (R)	91%	89%
Duran (D)	86%	73%_	Miller (R)	90%	91%_	Watson, B. (D)	75%	58%
Eagle (R)	96%	92%_	Moraitis (R)	89%	95%_	Watson, C. (D)	86%	80%
Edwards-Walpole (D)	96%	89%_	Moskowitz (D)	74%	81%_	White (R)	89%	83%
Fant (R)	89%	93%_	Newton (D)	95%	88%_	Willhite (D)	100%	85%
Fine (R)	100%	87%_	Nunez (R)	95%	96%_	Williams (D)	81%	77%
Fischer (R)	100%	89%_	Oliva (R)	94%	92%_	Williamson (R)	100%	92%
Fitzenhagen (R)	91%	94%_	Olszewski (R)	96%	96%_	Yarborough (R)	95%	87%



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### CONSUMER PROTECTION

### HB 469 & SB 664 – Relating to Salvage of Pleasure Vessels by Rep. Shawn Harrison (R-Tampa) and Sen. Dana Young (R-Tampa)

This legislation would have created the "Florida Salvage of Pleasure Vessels Act" to provide certain consumer protections for salvage work performed on pleasure vessels. To ensure protections, such as price transparency, the salvor would be required to provide a verbal and written notice that the service is not covered by their towing contract, that federal law will apply and that the cost of the salvage could cost up to the value of the vessel.

HB 469 died in Senate messages.

SB 664 died on the Senate calendar.

AIF SUPPORTED legislation that ensures price transparency and consumer protections.

### HB 857 & SB 920 – Relating to Deferred Presentment Transactions by Rep. James Grant (R-Tampa) and Sen. Rob Bradley (R-Orange Park)

The legislation authorizes deferred presentment installment transactions under Florida law. When a deferred presentment installment transaction, also known as a "pay day loan," is utilized it must be paid off in full before another loan is taken out. The term of a deferred presentment installment transaction may not be less than 60 days or more than 90 days, and the time between installment payments must be at least 13 days, but not greater than one calendar month.

The maximum face amount of a check taken for a deferred presentment installment transaction may not exceed \$1,000, exclusive of fees. The maximum fees that may be charged biweekly on a deferred presentment

installment transaction are 8% of the outstanding transaction balance. The bill retains current law in s. 560.404(19), F.S., prohibiting a provider from entering into a deferred presentment transaction with any person who has an outstanding deferred presentment transaction or whose previous transaction has been terminated for less than 24 hours.

HB 857 was laid on the table and substituted by SB 920. SB 920 was approved by the Governor and assigned Chapter No. 2018-026.

AIF SUPPORTS legislation that creates a new framework that conforms with the federal guidelines while also retaining the choices Florida consumers need and deserve.

### **CONSUMER SERVICES**

### HB 971 – Relating to Interruption of Services by Rep. Randy Fine (R-Palm Bay)

This bill aimed to prohibit certain service providers, specifically trash pickup service providers and the telecommunication industry, from charging customers for services that have been interrupted or not timely provided. The bill would have required these service providers to pro-rate customers' bills to reflect the dates the customer did not receive said services. On its last committee stop, the sponsor amended the bill to remove the telecommunication industry; therefore, **AIF became neutral on the bill.** 

HB 971 died on the House calendar.



### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HB 697 & SB 324 – Relating to Impact Fees by Rep. Mike Miller (R-Orlando) and Sen. Dana Young (R-Tampa)

This legislation required that the collection of an impact fee be no earlier than the issuance of the building permit for the property that is subject to the fee and provides that the statutory provisions related to impact fees do not apply to water and sewer connection fees. An impact fee is a fee imposed by a local government on a new or proposed development project to pay for all or a portion of the costs of providing public services to that development. The local government must specifically earmark funds collected by the impact fees for use in acquiring, constructing, or improving capital facilities to benefit the new users. The bill prohibited the use of impact fee revenues to pay existing debt, unless certain conditions are met.

Over the course of session, AIF supported amendments to both the Senate and House bills relating to the sector planning process. This language was stripped out of the Senate version during its last committee stop. The same effort was made to the House version of the bill but failed. Additionally, the House version of the bill was amended to include a compromise between stakeholders that kept the 30-day time frame for local government to determine what might be deficient in the development plan and another 60 days to approve the development plan once the application for approval was received and adopted. AIF supported this amendment.

HB 697 died after passing the House floor and being referred to the Senate Committee on Community Affairs, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, and the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

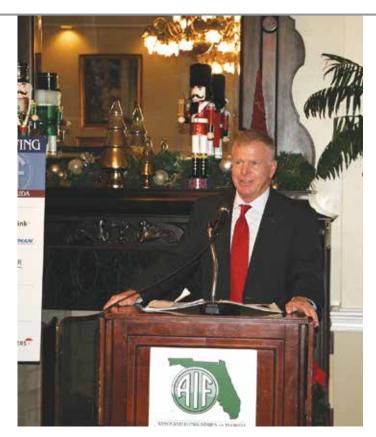
SB 324 died on the Senate calendar on second reading.

AIF SUPPORTED legislation that ensures the same protections to sector plans against demanding payment or construction of facilities beyond those needed to service the development.

HB 961 & SB 1224 – Relating to Beverage Law by Rep. Joe Gruters (R-Sarasota) and Sen. Rob Bradley (R-Orange Park)

Currently, vendors must purchase beer or malt beverage





branded glassware from distributors for use in their establishments. This legislation allows for retailers to accept malt or beer beverage branded glassware from a wholesaler at no cost. The bill stipulates that the amount of branded glassware a distributor may give to establishments is no more than 10 cases per calendar year.

SB 1224 was laid on the table and substituted by HB 961. HB 961 was approved by the Governor and assigned Chapter No. 2018-135.

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

### SB 170 – Relating to Rural Economic Development Initiative by Sen. Denise Grimsley (R-Lake Placid)

Currently, Florida's rural communities are experiencing additional challenges 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 accomplished this by:

- Reducing the number of specified agencies and organizations that are required to designate REDI representatives.
- Clarifying which individuals from specified agencies

- and organizations must be designated as REDI representatives.
- Providing for the appointment of five additional members from the private sector – three appointed by the executive director of the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), one appointed by the President of the Senate, and one appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- Authorizing the creation of ad hoc committees and providing guidance for the organization of those committees.
- Modifying the definition and designation criteria for a rural area of opportunity (RAO).
- Updating the annual reporting requirements.
- Conforming changes to address cross-references in numerous sections of the Florida Statutes.

SB 170 died in the Senate Committee on Rules.

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

### SB 990 – Relating to Rural Communities by Sen. Bill Montford (D-Tallahassee)

SB 990 created the Florida Rural Community Jobs and Business Resiliency Act, which required the state to allot \$100 million worth of tax credits to approve rural growth funds. Rural growth funds are financial entities approved by the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) that must invest in rural areas in Florida in an amount equal to the value of the tax credits received. The bill requires the DEO to accept applications for rural growth funds, defines relevant terms, and delineates the application requirements for qualification. This bill also allowed for the reinvestment of rural growth investments, outlines the necessary steps for a rural growth fund to withdraw from the program, and describes the parameters that would warrant revoking a rural growth fund's tax credit certificate.

SB 990 died in the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development.

AIF SUPPORTED legislation which expands the economic development tools for Florida business, especially within rural communities and rural areas of opportunity, and creates a mechanism for private capital to be invested in small businesses.

Senate Majority Leader Wilton Simpson (R-Trilby) speaks to AIF members during a session briefing in Tallahassee.

### **EDUCATION**

HB 323 & SB 88 – High School Graduation Requirements by Rep. Heather Fitzenhagen (R-Ft. Myers) and Sen. Dorothy Hukill (R-Port Orange)

SB 88 was amended on the House floor to reflect the House version of the bill which makes the financial literacy course optional to students rather than a requirement to graduate. The Senate sponsor stated that the bill came back "unrecognizable" after amended by the House. AIF supported the Senate version of the bill throughout its committee hearings and the provision making financial literacy a mandatory requirement for students to graduate.

HB 323 was laid on the table and substituted by SB 88.

SB 88 was amended by the House to reflect the provisions above. The Senate refused to concur with SB 88; therefore, the bill died in returning messages to the House.

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

#### **ENERGY**

SB 462 – Relating to Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment by Sen. Dana Young (R-Tampa)

This bill prohibited the performance of advanced well stimulation treatments on oil or gas wells in the state. The bill defined the term "advanced well stimulation





treatment" to include all stages of well intervention performed by injecting fluids into a rock formation.

SB 462 died the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

AIF OPPOSED the prohibition of advanced well stimulation treatments as removing the use of this process could cause a deficit when it comes to meeting the energy needs of the state and infringe on private property rights.

### **ENVIRONMENT**

HB 7043 & SB 1402 – State Assumption of Federal Section 404 Dredge and Fill Permitting Authority by the House Natural Resources and Public Lands Subcommittee, Rep. Holly Raschein (R-Key Largo) and Sen. David Simmons (R-Longwood)

This legislation gives authorization to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to assume implementation of the federal dredge and fill permits.

SB 1402 was laid on the table and substituted by HB 7043. HB 7043 has been approved by the Governor and assigned Chapter No. 2018-88.

AIF SUPPORTS the state assumption of the 404 Program which will help create a more efficient and predictable process for businesses to navigate the wetland permitting process in a timely manner.

Rep. Matt Caldwell (R-Lehigh Acres) was a featured speaker at the 2017 AIF Annual Conference.

### **HEALTH CARE**

HB 1369 – Relating to Long-Term Care Facility Responsibility by Rep. Amber Mariano (R-North Port Richey)

This legislation addressed several provisions related to claims and lawsuits against nursing homes and assisted living facilities. These provisions include:

- Decreasing the amount of resources that are used to support the Quality of Long-Term Care Facility Improvement Fund (fund) by changing the amount awarded from punitive damages, (typically split equally between the fund and the claimant), to 10 % of the amount awarded paid to the fund.
- Requiring nursing centers to carry a minimum of \$2 million in liability insurance policies and a yearly aggregate limit of \$4 million. If this requirement is not met, the state can revoke a nursing center's license.

HB 1369 died in the House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee.

AIF OPPOSED this legislation that promotes costly lawsuits and diminishes resources for nursing centers and assisted living facilities.

HB 21 & SB 8 – Relating to Controlled Substances by Rep. Jim Boyd (R-Bradenton) and Sen. Lizbeth Benacquisto (R-Ft. Myers)

This legislation addresses opioid abuse by expanding the use of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), increasing the regulation of prescribers and dispensers, and aligning state criminal statutes with federal law. The bill limits the prescription for a Schedule II opioid to alleviate acute pain to a three- or seven-day supply, if deemed medically necessary by the prescriber.

The bill also requires the Department of Health (DOH) to adopt rules that establish guidelines for prescribing controlled substances for acute pain, similar to those for chronic pain. Additionally, the bill requires a health care practitioner, authorized to prescribe controlled substances, to complete a board-approved two-hour continuing education course on safely and effectively prescribing controlled substances, and to review a patient's PDMP history prior to prescribing or dispensing a controlled substance.



Rep. Danny Burgess (R-Zephyrills) is presented with the AIF *Champion for Business* Award by AIF's Tom Feeney and Brewster Bevis.

SB 8 was laid on the table and substituted by HB 21. HB 21 was approved by the Governor and assigned Chapter No. 2018-013.

AIF SUPPORTS legislative efforts that aim to curb opioid abuse and addiction that is currently running rampant through the state, affecting Florida's families and businesses.

### HB 217 & SB 162 – Relating to Payment of Healthcare Claims by Rep. Bill Hager (R-Boca Raton) and Sen. Greg Steube (R-Sarasota)

This bill prohibits health insurers and health maintenance organizations (HMO) from retroactively denying a claim if the eligibility of an insured or subscriber was verified at the time of treatment and provided an authorization number by the insurer or HMO, regardless of the fact that the insured had not paid their premiums prior to that claim, which would render them ineligible for coverage. The House version of the bill stipulated that the claim cannot be retroactively denied during the relevant grace period of the insured.

HB 217 died in the House Health and Human Services Committee.

SB 162 died in House messages.

AIF OPPOSED legislation that removed an insurers ability to retroactively deny claims, even for those that have not paid their premiums. This legislation would have raised costs for employers who would be required to pay health care expenses of people who are no longer employees. Additionally, consumers would bear the burden of paying the high cost of fraud, waste, and abuse that would occur in the healthcare system.

### SB 98 – Relating to Health Insurer Authorization by Sen. Greg Steube (R-Sarasota)

This legislation created a standard process for the approval or denial of (1) prior authorizations and (2) step therapy or "fail-first" protocol exceptions. Currently, many health insurance carriers in Florida employ robust policy product offerings containing medically-proven prior authorization and step therapy programs designed to reflect the protocols and standards of care. These tools were advanced and adopted by a vast array of



specialty physicians and based on the latest evidence and research. These procedures and protocols allow for the use of the safest, most appropriate and cost-effective drug and permitprogressing to other, more costly drugs with more sophisticated interactions and side-effects, in accordance with FDA approvals.

SB 98 died in House messages.

AIF OPPOSED this legislation as it would force insurers and consumers to purchase the most expensive drugs and treatments even when equally effective therapies are available at much lower costs.

### SB 280 – Relating to Telehealth by Sen. Aaron Bean (R-Jacksonville)

This legislation provided specific authorization for the provision of health care services through telehealth. Telehealth is the provision of health care services using telecommunication technologies which allows licensed practitioners in one location to diagnose and treat patients at a different location. The bill would have removed regulatory ambiguity regarding the provision of health care services using this technology because it is not currently addressed in Florida Statutes.

SB 280 died in House messages.

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



Sen. Tom Lee (R-Brandon), Marva Johnson of Charter Communications, Fred Karlinsky of Greenberg Traurig and former Sen. Chris Smith provide important updates on the Constitution Revision Commission.

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

HB 5201 – Relating to Information Technology by the House Government Operations and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee and Rep. Blaise Ingoglia (R-Spring Hill)

This bill would have implemented a "cloud-first" policy for the state, requiring each state agency to first consider cloud computing solutions when sourcing their technology. The bill also moved part of the financial management responsibility of the Agency for State Technology to the Department of Management Services and designates the Department of Environmental Protection as the state coordinating agency for Geographic Information Systems. Further, the bill increased the minimum qualification requirements for the State Chief Information Officer position which would be effective in 2019.

HB 5201 died after passing the House floor and being referred to the Senate Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability and the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

AIF SUPPORTED legislation that provided for the adoption and implementation of a formal cloud-first strategy, resulting in more efficient and effective IT solutions for Florida.



### **INSURANCE**

HB 97 & SB 1454 – Relating to Florida Catastrophe Fund by Rep. David Santiago (R-Deltona) and Sen. Jeff Brandes (R-St. Petersburg)

HB 97 would have revised the reimbursements the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe (CAT) Fund must make to insurers and decreases the cash build-up factor.

SB 1454 would have eliminated the cash build-up factor all together for the CAT Fund, depleting necessary reserves that protect Florida from devastating hurricanes.

HB 97 died in the House Commerce Committee.

SB 1454 died in the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government.

AIF OPPOSED this legislation as it risks depleting the cash build-up of the fund, making it more likely that Floridians and business owners could see another "hurricane tax" in the future.

### SB 1168 – Relating to Insurance by Sen. Greg Steube (R-Sarasota)

This bill provided that certain attorney fees and costs paid by property insurers may not be included in the property insurer's rate base and may not be used to justify a rate increase or rate change. The bill also provided that personal lines of residential and commercial

residential property insurance policies may not restrict the assignment of post-loss benefits, and further provides that an agreement to assign post-loss benefits of a residential homeowner's property insurance is not valid unless specified conditions are met, etc.

SB 1168 died in the Senate Committee on Rules.

AIF OPPOSED legislation that does not adequately protect consumers against the abuses of one-way attorney fees, which is the only way to truly fix the assignment of benefits problem.

### SB 150 – Relating to Motor Vehicle Insurance by Sen. Tom Lee (R-Brandon)

This legislation moved to repeal the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law which requires every owner and registrant of a motor vehicle in this state to maintain \$10,000 Personal Injury Protection (PIP) coverage. The bill would have enacted financial responsibility requirements for liability of damages that result from accidents arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle s follows:

- Beginning January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2020, \$20,000 for bodily injury or death of one person in any one crash, subject to that limit for one person, or \$40,000 for bodily injury or death of two or more people in any one crash.
- Beginning January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2022, \$25,000 for bodily injury or death of one person in any one crash, subject to that limit for one person, or \$50,000 for bodily injury or death of two or more people in any one crash.
- Beginning January 1, 2023, and thereafter, \$30,000 for bodily injury or death of one person in any one crash, subject to that limit for one person, or \$60,000 for bodily injury or death of two or more people in any one crash.

The bill retained the \$10,000 financial responsibility requirement for property damage and replaces the PIP coverage mandate with a medical payment coverage mandate of \$5,000.

SB 150 died in the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services.

AIF OPPOSED this legislation that would result in the repeal of PIP without a more comprehensive replacement.

Sen. Keith Perry (R-Gainesville) speaks to members at AIF's Annual Conference.

### SB 396 – Relating to Motor Vehicle Insurance Coverage for Windshield Glass by Sen. Dorothy Hukill (R-Port Orange)

This legislation aimed to prohibit motor vehicle repair shops and their employees from offering an inducement to a customer in exchange for making an insurance claim for motor vehicle glass replacement or repair. This prohibition also applied to those individuals who are not employees of the repair shop but are compensated for their solicitation of insurance claims.

SB 396 died in the Senate Committee on Banking and Insurance.

AIF SUPPORTED all efforts to curtail assignment of benefit abuse in an effort to reduce unnecessary costs on policyholders.

### **LEGAL & JUDICIAL**

HB 33 & SB 90 – Relating to Texting while Driving by Rep. Jackie Toledo (R-Tampa), Rep. Emily Slosberg (D-Delray Beach) and Sen. Keith Perry (R-Gainesville)

Currently, Florida law prohibits a person from texting, emailing, and instant messaging while driving; however, enforcement of this is a secondary offense, which means a law enforcement officer must detain a driver for another





Florida CFO Jimmy Patronis (R) speaks at the 2017 AIF Annual Conference.

grounds that are similar to those in the bill, the Act requires nonrecognition if the foreign country's court system is systematically unfair and fails to provide impartial tribunals and compatible due process of law.

This bill adds two permissive grounds as to when a Florida court may decline to recognize a foreign judgment on more individualized due process grounds:

- There is substantial doubt about the integrity of the particular foreign court that rendered the judgment.
- The particular foreign court that rendered the judgment failed to afford due process in the proceedings.

SB 760 was laid on the table and substituted by HB 623. HB 623 has been approved by the Governor and assigned Chapter No. 2018-037.

AIF SUPPORTS legislation to clarify existing law and protect Florida businesses from foreign judgments that are not compatible with the requirements of due process of law.

HB 775 & SB 822 – Relating to Beverage Law by Rep. Mike LaRosa (R-St. 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 allowed a written agreement between a manufacturer or importer of malt beverages and an alcoholic beverage vendor for brand naming rights, including the right to advertise cooperatively from the "tied house evil" prohibitions. The agreement must then be negotiated at arm's length for no more than fair market value.

HB 775 died on the House calendar.

SB 822 died on the Senate calendar.

AIF SUPPORTED legislation that would have removed burdensome regulations on Florida's businesses.

SB 1412 – Relating to Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims by Sen. David Simmons (R-Longwood)

This bill would have increased the initial term for judges of compensation claims to six years, two more than under

traffic offense in order to cite the driver for texting while driving. The bill would change the current enforcement of the ban on texting while driving from a secondary offense to a primary offense, allowing law enforcement officers to stop a vehicle solely for texting while driving. The primary goal of this legislation is to eliminate a component that contributes to distracted driving on Florida's roadways.

HB 33 passed the House floor by a vote of 112 yeas to 2 nays and then died in Senate messages.

SB 90 died in the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

AIF SUPPORTED legislation that addressed the issue of distracted driving and ensured public safety for all on Florida's roadways.

HB 623 & SB 760 – Relating to Grounds for Nonrecognition or Out-of-Country Foreign Judgments by Rep. Cord Byrd (R-Jacksonville) and Sen. Aaron Bean (R-Jacksonville)

This legislation amends the Uniform Out-of-Country Foreign Money Judgment Recognition Act (Act), codified in chapter 55 F.S., to add two additional permissive grounds for nonrecognition of a foreign money judgment by a Florida court.

The Act currently provides three mandatory grounds for nonrecognition and eight permissive grounds for nonrecognition of a foreign judgment. Of the mandatory



Jay Fant (R-Jacksonville) speaks at the 2017 AIF Annual Conference.

current law and provided they "shall receive a salary equal to that of a county court judge."

SB 1412 died in the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

AIF SUPPORTED legislation that increases the salary for judges of compensation claims to attract the talent that is needed to handle the growing number of claims files due to the court rulings on workers' compensation.

### PROPERTY RIGHTS

### HB 691 – Relating to Self-Storage Facilities by Rep. George Moraitis (R-Fort Lauderdale)

The "Self-Storage Facility Act" (Act) regulates self-service storage facilities. HB 691 would have revised the regulations of this Act and allowed an advertisement for sale to be published continuously for 14 days on a public website that customarily conducts personal property auctions as an alternative to publishing an advertisement once a week for consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the area where the self-service storage facility is located. When there is no newspaper of general circulation, the bill also removed the requirement for the owner to post the advertisement at least 10 days before the sale in at least three conspicuous places in the neighborhood where the self-service storage facility is located.

HB 691 died in the House Careers and Competition Subcommittee.

AIF OPPOSED this legislation as it removes the requirement that public notices be printed in local newspapers as defined by Chapter 50 of Florida Statutes.

### REGULATION

### HB 1033 & SB 1304 – Relating to Bicycle Sharing by Rep. Jackie Toledo (R-Tampa) and Sen. Dana Young (R-Tampa)

Bicycle sharing is a relatively new venture making its way across the country. Currently, the regulation of bicycle sharing companies is left up to local jurisdictions. This legislation would have created a regulatory framework to govern the operation of dock-less and docked bicycle sharing companies in the state. Additionally, it would have prohibited local governments from taking any action or adopting any law designed to limit or prevent any



company engaged in the rental of bicycles from operating in its jurisdiction, as long as the company complies with the regulations that govern similarly situated businesses.

HB 1033 died after passing the House floor and being referred to the Senate Committee on Banking and Insurance, Senate Committee on Community Affairs, and the Senate Committee on Rules for consideration.

SB 1304 died in the Senate Committee on Community Affairs.

AIF SUPPORTED legislation that implements statewide policies that create price competition, promote consumer choice, enhance customer experience, create jobs, and remove anti-competitive local regulations.

### SB 574 – Relating to Tree and Timber Trimming, Removal and Harvesting by Sen. Greg Steube (R-Sarasota)

As issues arose in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, this legislation offered the following provisions as it relates to trimming, removal, and harvesting of trees:

- If a utility company communicates in writing to a local government on the need to prune or remove vegetation and the local government does not allow necessary pruning or removal, then the local government is liable for any cost associated with infrastructure damage.
- A local government may not prohibit a water management district, 298 district or other districts responsible for the management of rights-of-way



AIF members and business leaders with Governor Scott at the 2018 AIF Legislative Reception.

for purposes of flood protection with regard to removing, pruning or harvesting trees.

 Tree pruning, and removal ordinances do not apply at single-family residences during a declared emergency.

SB 574 died in the Senate Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation.

AIF SUPPORTED legislation that allowed Florida's businesses to take the proper precautions to prevent further damage in the event of a disaster.

### **TAXATION**

HJR 7001 & SJR 1742 – Relating to Supermajority Vote for State Taxes and Fees by Rep. Tom Leek (R-Daytona Beach) and Sen. Kelli Stargel (R-Lakeland)

HJR 7001 proposes an amendment to the State Constitution requiring any law that imposes a new tax, increases the rate or amount of a tax, or expands a tax base, that results in a net increase in state revenues, to be approved by two-thirds of the membership of each house of the Legislature.

The amendment proposed in the joint resolution will take effect on January 8, 2019, if approved by 60% of the voters during the 2018 General Election or earlier special election.

After passing the House floor, the Senate referred HJR 7001 to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax and the Senate Appropriations Committee. The Senate withdrew SJR 1742 from

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consideration and passed the House version, HJR 7001. *HJR 7001 has been filed with the Secretary of State to be added to the 2018 ballot.* 

AIF SUPPORTS legislation requiring two-thirds vote from each house of the Legislature to pass tax increases in the state. This action would make it more difficult to raise taxes and leave more money in the pockets of Florida's families and businesses.

HB 7087 & SB 620 – Relating to Taxation by the House Ways and Means Committee, Rep. Paul Renner (R-Palm Coast) and Sen. Kathleen Passidomo (R-Naples)

The bill provides for a wide range of tax reductions designed to directly impact both families and businesses. The total impact for the fiscal years of 2018 and 2019 is \$168 million in reductions.

The bill contains several provisions related to sales tax that are important to AIF and its members.

Specifically, it includes:

- A tax rate reduction on commercial rentals (business rent tax) from 5.8% to 5.7%.
- New, extended, or expanded sales tax exemptions for certain generators for nursing homes and assisted living facilities, as well as, certain purchases of agriculture-related fencing and building materials for the repair of storm damage from Hurricane Irma.
- A seven-day sales tax holiday for specified items related to disaster preparedness.

SB 620 was laid on the table and substituted by HB 7087. HB 7087 has been approved by the Governor and assigned Chapter No. 2018-118.

AIF SUPPORTS tax cuts for Florida's families and

businesses that aid in relief after the events of a disastrous hurricane season. AIF SUPPORTS incremental reductions of the business rent tax to make Florida more attractive to business.

SB 136 – Relating to Property Tax Exemption and Assessment/Manufacturing Equipment by Sen. Greg Steube (R-Sarasota)

SB 136 would have authorized the Legislature to exempt certain manufacturing equipment from the tangible personal property tax or allow the equipment to be assessed at less than its just value. If the Legislature allows the manufacturing equipment to be assessed at less than its just value, its assessed value must be determined by an accelerated depreciation method specified by law. The tax benefits may apply only to equipment that is used by a business primarily engaged in manufacturing.

SB 136 died in the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax.

AIF SUPPORTED legislation that would have led to growing the manufacturing sector in the state.

### TRANSPORTATION

HB 353 & SB 712 – Relating to Autonomous Vehicles by Rep. Jason Fischer (R-Jacksonville) and Sen. Jeff Brandes (R-St. Petersburg)

This legislation would have authorized the use of vehicles in autonomous mode in the state. The autonomous technology would be considered the human operator of the motor vehicle and provided 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 353 died in the House Government Accountability Committee.

SB 712 died in the Senate Committee on Banking and Insurance.

AIF SUPPORTED legislation that modernizes state law to accommodate for self-driving technologies and opens the door for safe, reliable modes of autonomous vehicles in a competitive marketplace.







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

Throughout the 2018 Session, these were the leaders we turned to when the business community needed someone we could depend upon.

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 five 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.

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**Senator Rob Bradley** (R-Orange Park)

Senator Rob Bradley is receiving his first *AIF Champion for Business Award*. Associated Industries of Florida applauds Senator Bradley for his diligent work to pass glassware legislation during the 2018 Session. Allowing Florida businesses to accept beer branded glassware from a wholesaler at no cost will reduce the operating costs for businesses within our state.



Senator Kathleen Passidomo (R-Naples)

Senator Kathleen Passidomo is receiving her first *AIF Champion for Business Award*. Associated Industries of Florida applauds Senator Passidomo for her steadfast effort to introduce bad faith reform language to every iteration of automobile liability legislation during the 2018 Session. Senator Passidomo proved to be a fierce advocate for common sense in our tort system.



**Senator Dana Young (R-Tampa)** 

Senator Dana Young is receiving her second *AIF Champion for Business Award*. Associated Industries of Florida applauds Senator Young for her committed work in advocating for sector plan language during the 2018 Session. Her unwavering pursuit to ensure the rights of Florida landowners was exemplary.



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**Associated Industries** of Florida (AIF) and our members are proud to recognize the members of the Florida Legislature who have achieved a 100% AIF voting record for the 2018 Session. This represents a commitment to sound policy that supports Florida's employers and job creators. Not only does this score encompass votes to pass legislation beneficial to businesses, it includes votes to defeat policies that would have a detrimental impact on businesses and their employees.



Thad Altman (R-Indialantic)



Bryan Avila (R-Hialeah)



Jim Boyd (R-Bradenton)



Matt Caldwell (R-Lehigh Acres)



Chuck Clemons (R-Jonesville)



Richard Corcoran (R-Lutz)



Bob Cortes (R-Altamonte Springs)



Travis Cummings (R-Orange Park)



Byron Donalds (R-Naples)



Brad Drake (R-DeFuniak Springs)



Randy Fine (R-Palm Bay)



Jason Fischer (R-Jacksonville)



Julio Gonzalez (R-Venice)



Gayle Harrell (R-Stuart)



Blaise Ingoglia (R-Spring Hill)



Sam Killebrew (R-Winter Haven)



Mike La Rosa (R-St. Cloud)



Chris Latvala (R-Clearwater)



Tom Leek (R-Daytona Beach)



Amber Mariano (R-Port Richey)



Ralph Massullo (R-Beverly Hills)



Lawrence McClure (R-Plant City)



Kathleen Peters (R-St. Petersburg)



Cary Pigman (R-Sebring)



Mel Ponder (R-Ft. Walton Beach)



Elizabeth Porter (R-Lake City)



Jake Raburn (R-Valrico)



Paul Renner (R-Palm Coast)



Rick Roth (R-Palm Beach Gardens)



(R-Riverview)



Charlie Stone (R-Ocala)



Matt Willhite (D-Royal Palm Beach)



Jayer Williamson (R-Pace)

We applaud these 33 legislators who have helped make Florida the best place to do business.

### 2018 Elections... What's at Stake?

- Florida will have a new Governor, CFO, Ag Commissioner and Attorney General for the first time in 8 years!
- 20 seats in the Florida Senate are up for re-election as well as all 120 Florida House seats.
- Significant battles are playing out for a Florida U.S. Senate seat and all Florida U.S. House seats.

### **Is Your Company Ready?**

### **AIFPC Candidate Interviews**

Current AIF Political Council members are receiving exclusive data and analyses on demographics, candidates, campaign finance and more. Members are preparing to attend four candidate interview sessions across the state to meet the candidates face-to-face and hear their views on the issues.

It's not too late for you to *join the Political Council* and be better informed and prepared for this one-of-a-kind election season.

If you have any questions about AIFPC membership and the interviews, please contact Ryan Tyson, AIF VP of Political Operations, at rtyson@aif.com or by phone at 850.224.7173.



### Dates & Locations

May 16-17 Miami

(Marriott Miami Biscayne Bay)

June 6–7 Orlando

(Rosen Shingle Creek)

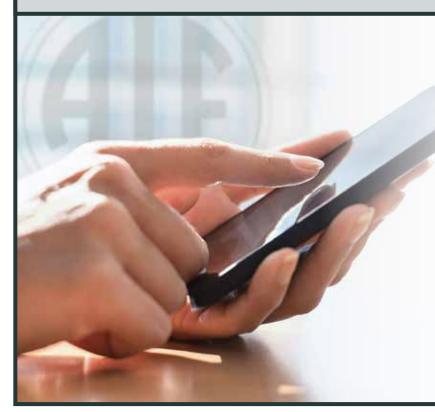
June 13–14 Tampa

(AC Hotel Tampa Airport)

June 28–29 Tallahassee

(AIF Headquarters)

### Online Voting Records — a one-of-a-kind tool



This unique software created by AIF provides you with a multitude of options when viewing voting records online. You can choose to see votes by year, legislator's name, subject and party affiliation.

Have one particular legislator in mind? You can view their voting record by year or by subject matter, and then go even further and see the exact votes that led to the percentage they received. Full transparency ... from a legislator's vote percentage to the very bills and votes that were used that session.

How robust is this program? It includes over 200,000 votes, more than 2,000 bills, and over 800 legislators over the span of 40 plus years — a one-of-a-kind tool available at *AIF.com/VotingRecords*.

### Past AIF Champions for Business Winners

#### **2017 Champions for Business**

Governor Rick Scott – *Economic Incentive Programs* 

Sen. Keith Perry – Workers' Compensation Public Records Exemption

Sen. Kelli Stargel – Tax Cuts

Rep. Ben Albritton – Workers' Compensation Public Records Exemption

Rep. Jim Boyd – Tax Cuts

Rep. Jay Fant – Workers' Compensation Amendment

Rep. Danny Burgess – Workers' Compensation

#### **2016 Champions for Business**

Sen. Jack Latvala – Economic Development

Sen. Dorothy Hukill – *Tax Cuts* 

Sen. Charlie Dean – Water Policy

Sen. Aaron Bean – Tort

Sen. Garrett Richter – Oil & Gas Regulation

Rep. Jim Boyd – Economic Development

Rep. Matt Gaetz – Tax Cuts

Rep. Matt Caldwell – Water Policyy

Rep. Frank Artiles – Information Technology

Rep. Ray Rodrigues – Oil & Gas Regulation

#### 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

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* Reform

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

 ${\sf Rep.\,Clay\,Ford} - \textit{Environmental Sustainability}$ 

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

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

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 Reportt – Financial Services Council

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 "Legislator 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 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 Legislation* 

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* 

Sen. Rod Smith – Court Funding

#### 2003 Champions for Business

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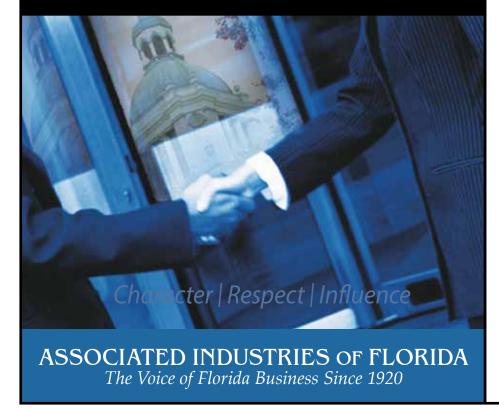
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