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# CAPITOL CONNECTION

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## **TRUDI'S BILL TRACKER**

**HB 1155-Campaign Financing** HB 1155, which represents the legislative recommendations of the Department of State's Division of Elections, has passed unanimously out of the Economic Expansion & Infrastructure Council. It has now been added to the Calendar and will go to the full House for a vote.

**HB 931-Residential Tenancies**-HB 931 was added to the Safety and Security Council agenda this week. This bill prohibits a landlord from terminating, failing to renew, or refusing to enter into residential rental agreement because the tenant, applicant, or family or household member is a victim of domestic violence. HB 931 would also allow victims of domestic violence to terminate residential rental agreements under certain circumstances. This is its last stop before it also goes to the full House floor for a vote.

## **PROPERTY TAX AMENDMENT**

Expanding on the work that was done during the special session on property taxes HJR 949, a proposed constitutional amendment passed out of the Government Efficiency & Accountability Council on Wednesday. If approved, HJR 949 would cut property taxes an estimated 20%. This amendment would cap annual tax increases at 1.35% of a property's taxable value. By applying the millage rate to the "taxable value," rather than to the "just value" (market value) of each parcel, the proposed amendment would also preserve the full value of all exemptions, exceptions, and differentials (including Save Our Homes and portability) available. HJR 949 has one more council stop before it will be voted on by the full House.

## **TRUDI'S THOUGHTS**

The Florida House of Representatives lost a great colleague and friend this week. Representative Don Davis passed away after a lengthy battle with brain cancer. Don was a true statesman and will be deeply missed by all of us in the Florida Legislature. I know in my heart though that Don would want us to press on and continue working hard for the citizens of Florida. As my colleagues and I continue to address these issues we will remember that we are entrusted by the people with the duty to lead. I will never take that responsibility for granted.

## **QUOTABLE QUOTES**

Those who stand for nothing fall for anything." Alexander Hamilton

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