
CAPITOL CONNECTION

News and Views from
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TRUDI'S BILL TRACKER

HB 1155-Campaign Financing

HB 1155 has passed out of the House. This bill represents the legislative recommendations of the Department of State's Division of Elections.

HB 999-Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District

HB 999 also passed out of the House today. This bill amends the charter of the Fort Myers Beach Fire Control District to remove property from its legal description which is included in the geographic boundaries of the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District.

HB 1031-Lee County

HB 1031 was also voted on favorable. HB 1031 revises the civil service act for the Lee County Sheriff's Office. The bill clarifies the qualifications for employment or reemployment as a classified employee of that office, as well as provisions relating to retirement health insurance benefits.

HB 931-Residential Tendencies

HB 931 is scheduled to pass out of the House this evening. HB 931 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 with a permanent injunction from a judge.

TRUDI'S THOUGHTS

With only five days left during this legislative Session, I am amazed by how fast the time has gone by. This has been one of the most difficult sessions of my legislative career. We lost some very good friends, held great debates, passed important legislation, and had to deal with a four billion dollar deficit. This week the House took up several bills intended to restore taxpayer fairness and accountability to state and local governments. These bills put the citizens of Florida first and will help to further alleviate the increases in property taxes. I firmly believe that reducing the burden felt by Florida's homeowners and businesses as a result of excessive property taxes will help to stimulate our economy, reverse the course of our current economic downturn and help make Florida affordable again. We all need to remember who we work for and who put us here, it is not the local or municipal governments, it is the people of our district, and the sooner we all realize this the better off the Florida House of Representatives will be.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe." -Anatole France

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