
CAPITOL CONNECTION

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KEY LEGISLATION: ILLEGAL ALLIENS IN THE CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM

HB 163, my illegal immigration bill that I have sponsored again this year has not been heard in committee. Unfortunately, now that committees are no longer meeting I am afraid this good piece of legislation will not pass this year. HB 163 would not only address the overwhelming problem of illegal immigration in the state of Florida but also had a potential savings of \$100 million to the state and would not require us to build new correctional facilities. I would like to thank those of you that called, wrote letters, and sent emails voicing your support of this bill.

HOUSE BUDGET

Yesterday, the House made available there full General Appropriation Acts through the Full Appropriations Council on Education & Economic Development and the Full Appropriations Council on General Government & Health Care. For your convenience, I've provided a link to these Appropriation Acts:

[2009 Appropriations](#)

TRUDI'S THOUGHTS

We have now passed the halfway point for the 2009 Legislative Session. We have tackled issues this week such as workers compensation, the Seminole Indian Gaming Compact, and of course the budget. As we discuss the budget, there has also been dialogue of the federal stimulus dollars coming to Florida. There are still more questions than answers regarding the federal stimulus funding, and the strings attached to the money must be properly vetted. Some have expressed the opinion that we should not accept the federal stimulus dollars. However-this is our taxpayer's money and if the state of Florida doesn't accept these funds then another state will. Nevertheless, it is imperative we use federal stimulus dollars thoughtfully and responsibly so that we can address short-term deficits without creating long-term negative consequences. I am committed to transparency in the spending of federal dollars. It's your money, and you deserve to know exactly where it is being spent.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead

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