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# CAPITOL CONNECTION

News and Views from  
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## SESSION UPDATE

**WEEK 7** - The legislative session has officially begun to wind down. Budget Conferees have been appointed and I am honored to have been selected as a member of the Agriculture and Environmental Appropriations Budget Conference Committee for a second year. This is truly a good position to be in as it allows me to have a say in what goes into the budget.

### **TRUDI'S BILL TRACKER!**

**HB 189** - Passed out of the House of Representatives on Thursday. The Department of Environmental Protection building in Tallahassee will now be known as the "Bob Martinez Center" in honor of our former Governor.

**HB 245** – Compensates firefighters, paramedics and emergency medical technicians. On Wednesday this bill passed unanimously out of the Local Government Council.

**HB 1347** – Creates the Babcock Ranch Preserve Act creating Babcock Ranch, Inc., and a management plan. The bill was amended to include an appropriation for \$310 million to insure the purchase of the ranch. The bill passed out of the State Resources Council on Friday and is scheduled to go to the House floor early next week.

### **CONTACT ME!**

Because constituent feedback is so vital to my work here in Tallahassee, please never hesitate to contact me and give me your input on issues of importance to you.

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### **TRUDI'S THOUGHTS**

Well here we are in week seven. Things are moving very quickly and legislation is dying as committees are no longer meeting. This is when it gets fascinating, and a good aide becomes your most valuable asset up here. Thank goodness Sheri is just that, a great aide. She seeks out bills similar in nature to mine and we speak to the sponsor of the bill to see if we can amend our bill onto theirs. Hopefully the answer is yes, but many times it isn't. As with any job, a good working relationship with co-workers is crucial. If you disagree with someone, let them know, work to find common ground for a solution. When others know that they can take you at your word, they come to respect you for your honesty, candor and strong convictions. This is the kind of legislator that I strive to be.

### **QUOTABLE QUOTE**

"Action speaks louder than words, but not nearly as often."

-Mark Twain