
CAPITOL CONNECTION

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2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION BEGINS!

It's that time of year again! This week began the 111th Regular Session of the Florida House of Representatives since statehood in 1845 began. It is my opinion that this Session will prove to be one of the most challenging and contentious Sessions in the history of this great state. With historical budget deficits and record breaking unemployment numbers, we have our work cut out for us. During times like these I believe that men exhibit their true nature. Will we unite and rise together? Or will we become divided and fall? The success or failure of this state depends in many ways on the actions that are taken in Tallahassee. I thank you for entrusting me with this awesome responsibility. It is my sincere pleasure to serve you.

TRUDI'S BILLS

Below are some bills that I have filed for the 2009 Legislative Session.

HB 163-Illegal or Undocumented Aliens-this bill will save taxpayers millions by offering non-violent immigrants that break the law a one way plane ticket back to their home country rather than serving out their court mandated sentences. Should the offender return to the United States, they will be forced to serve the remainder of their sentence. This bill has a potential savings of \$100 million for the state of Florida.

HB 517-Residential Tenancies-this bill prohibits a landlord from terminating, failing to renew, or refusing to enter into residential rental agreement because the tenant, applicant, family or household member is a victim of domestic violence.

HB 987-Water Management Districts- currently, Water Management Districts have no oversight from the taxpayers, yet still have taxing authority. This bill will require Water Management Districts to receive approval from voters within their district before issuing certificates of participation. In today's economic climate, voters deserve to have a say with how their tax dollars are being spent and if they want their taxes to be increased to pay for projects that the Water Management Districts deem necessary.

HB 1413 Regulation of Professions- In these uncertain economic times, getting our economy moving again must be a priority. Getting people back to work is the best way to accomplish this. HB 1413 streamlines the application and renewal process for numerous licensed professionals. I am sponsoring this bill with the hopes that it will make it easier for citizens to become and remain employed.

TRUDI'S THOUGHTS

I want to take a moment to thank the citizens who have taken the time to respond to my pre-session survey. The information that I have received is very valuable and crucial to the work that I do during Session. I have found myself many times reviewing the responses to evaluate what constituents want before casting a key vote. Please keep the communications coming!

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew, and act anew. We must disenthrall ourselves, and then we shall save our country." –Abraham Lincoln

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