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News and Views from
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TRUDI'S BILL TRACKER

* **HB 1241 – Caloosahatchee/St. Lucie Rivers Corridor Advisory Council-**

Last week this bill appeared as though it was doomed, never to pass out of the Water & Natural Resources Committee. Due to the efforts of the citizens of Southwest Florida, I am happy to report that HB 1241 will be on the agenda for the Water and Natural Resource Committee meeting this Wednesday. Upon passage out of this committee, the bill will then await to be heard in the Agriculture & Environmental Appropriations Committee and the State Resources Council.

* **HB 1347 – Babcock Ranch-**House Bill 1347, legislation aimed at the preservation of the historical Babcock Ranch has passed unanimously out of its first committee of reference. HB 1347, which calls for the creation of Babcock Ranch, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, established to manage the ranch. This bill is now on its way to the Agriculture & Environmental Appropriations Committee and the State Resources Council, after which, upon passage out of the Senate, the bill will await the Governor's signature.

* **HB 189 – Building Designations-** House Bill 189, which will name the Department of Environmental Protection Complex in Tallahassee in honor of former Governor Bob Martinez, has quickly made it through its Committees and will soon be sent to the Governor to await his signature.

TRUDI'S THOUGHTS...

The power of the people should never be underestimated or taken for granted. The Caloosahatchee/St. Lucie Rivers Corridor Advisory Council is proof of this. This bill for all intents and purposes was dead as of last week. Through the power of the people and advocacy of our local leaders, this bill has been placed on the Water & Natural Resources Committee agenda to be heard this Wednesday. It is important the rest of the committee hear the voice of the people. Don't let special interest groups thwart the will of the people. To contact members of the committee and show your support for this bill, please click on the link below: [Water and Natural Resources Committee](#)

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Do not wait to strike till the iron is hot; but make it hot by striking."

-William Butler Yeats

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