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*On Key Business Issues*



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## VOTING RECORDS ARE THE KEY

The voting records contained in this booklet are of the utmost importance to your business. These records reflect how each member of the 2000 Florida Legislature voted on key issues affecting industry thus far this year.

While these are not all of the issues debated in the Legislature, they are those that had the greatest impact on the business community - either in a fiscal or a regulatory manner. Each issue required a legislator's deliberate vote, either for or against a positive economic climate.

During a campaign it matters very little what a candidate professes he or she will do regarding a particular issue if his or her voting record cannot support that stand. Your company, its employees and its stockholders have a stake in the legislative process. We hope this information will give you the insight needed to draw your own conclusions as to whether your legislators' voting patterns have been in the best interest of your business. We urge you to become involved in the electoral process by supporting those candidates who have supported you - and industry as a whole.

The AIF Voting Records are complete. In addition to votes on final passage for each business bill, we have also included committee and amendment votes. In many cases these votes are more crucial than votes on final passage. An amendment can completely alter the charter of a bill. A committee vote can stall a bill or send it speeding toward final passage. AIF only tallies those votes on which we had a public position. These positions will be defined in the accompanying vote keys.

All votes taken in each chamber are tallied in the respective sections of this booklet. For example, a vote taken in the Senate on a House bill is included in the Senate section.

The votes contained in the booklet are the actual votes cast, as reported in official state records. We do not include changed or paired votes. Please remember that these votes have not been corrected by the Legislature at this time. It is still possible for official corrections to be made. These will be available in the bound Senate and House Journals in October of this year; changes will not be made to this publication. AIF records positions of members of the Legislature at the time the vote is recorded.

Sincerely,

Jon L. Shebel  
President & Chief Executive Officer



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# HOW TO READ VOTING RECORDS

The *Voting Records* are divided by House and Senate and then divided in each chamber by topic (i.e., Health Care, Environmental, etc.). The section on each topic begins with a key that summarizes the content and action on each selected bill. The bills are assigned issue numbers and are numbered consecutively (1, 2, 3, etc.). Each vote on an issue (bill) is identified by a lower case letter in alphabetical order. See the following example.

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**SB 1428 — Newborn  
Hearing Screening by  
the Senate Health,  
Aging and Long-Term  
Care Committee and  
Sen. Mandy Dawson  
(D-Ft. Lauderdale)**

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**T**he bill provided access to additional hearing tests for newborns when deemed medically necessary. AIF supported this legislation after it was successfully amended by the Senate Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care Committee to provide for medical necessity utilization.

- Record 7A: April 12, 2000, the Senate Health, Aging and Long-Term Care Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 7B: On April 24, 2000, the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee passed the bill favorably by a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 1, 2000, the Senate substituted CS/HB 399 for CS/SB 1428.

**CS/SB 1428 was laid on the table; refer to CS/HB 399.**

Following the keys in each section will be a chart that shows the voting tallies for each action on each selected issue. The first row will identify the issue and issue number (1-a, 1-b, etc.). The columns record how each senator or representative voted on the action. The letter “F” signifies that the legislator voted for the AIF position; an “A” indicates that the legislator voted against the AIF position. The last column gives the percentage of pro-business votes recorded by each legislator on that topic during the 1999 Regular Session.

The first part of *Voting Records* carries the entire report of the Senate, beginning with the overall ranking for each senator on all issues selected by AIF, followed by the section reports. The second half gives the entire report on the House of Representatives.



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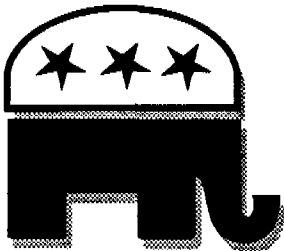
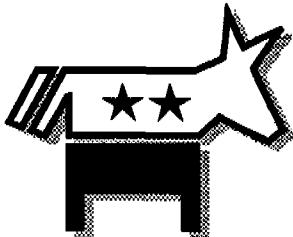
**THE FLORIDA SENATE**  
**2000 REGULAR SESSION**  
**RANKING AND RECORD ON ISSUES**

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# SENATE — By PARTY — 2000

PARTY	TOTAL VOTES	VOTES WITH AIF	VOTES AGAINST AIF	% OF VOTES WITH AIF
	905	669	238	74%
	542	378	164	70%



# SENATE — BY RANK — 2000

TOTAL FOR POSITION OF AIF	TOTAL AGAINST POSITION OF AIF	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	SENATOR	RANK
26	5	84	Diaz-Balart (R)	1
29	6	83	Diaz de la Portilla (R)	2
34	8	81	Horne (R)	3
24	6	80	Dyer (D)	4
28	7	80	Lee (R)	4
26	7	79	Webster (R)	6
32	9	78	Grant (R)	7
25	7	78	McKay (R)	7
24	7	77	Burt (R)	9
24	7	77	Kurth (D)	9
23	7	77	Thomas (D)	9
25	8	76	Cowin (R)	12
26	8	76	Latvala (R)	12
31	11	74	Forman (D)	14
37	13	74	Geller (D)	14
25	9	74	Holzendorf (D)	14
20	7	74	Jennings (R)	14
28	10	74	King (R)	14
23	8	74	Sullivan (R)	14
24	9	73	Bronson (R)	20



**SENATE — BY RANK — 2000 (CONTINUED)**

TOTAL FOR POSITION OF AIF	TOTAL AGAINST POSITION OF AIF	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	SENATOR	RANK
19	7	73	Clary (R)	20
22	8	73	Jones (D)	20
30	11	73	Scott (R)	20
26	10	72	Childers (R)	24
26	10	72	Myers (R)	24
32	13	71	Brown-Waite (R)	26
24	10	71	Laurent (R)	26
30	13	70	Casas (R)	28
21	9	70	Kirkpatrick (R)	28
25	11	69	Silver (D)	30
30	14	68	Carlton (R)	31
36	17	68	Sebesta (R)	31
29	14	67	Campbell (D)	33
22	11	67	Meek (D)	33
22	11	67	Mitchell (D)	33
22	12	65	Klein (D)	36
35	19	65	Rossin (D)	36
21	14	60	Hargrett (D)	38
16	11	59	Dawson (D)	39
23	18	56	Saunders (R)	40
<b>1045</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	



# SENATE — BY ALPHABETICAL — 2000

TOTAL FOR POSITION OF AIF	TOTAL AGAINST POSITION OF AIF	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	SENATOR	RANK
24	9	73	Bronson (R)	20
32	13	71	Brown-Waite (R)	26
24	7	77	Burt (R)	9
29	14	67	Campbell (D)	33
30	14	68	Carlton (R)	31
30	13	70	Casas (R)	28
26	10	72	Childers (R)	24
19	7	73	Clary (R)	20
25	8	76	Cowin (R)	12
16	11	59	Dawson (D)	39
29	6	83	DiazdePortilla (R)	2
26	5	84	Diaz-Balart (R)	1
24	6	80	Dyer (D)	4
31	11	74	Forman (D)	14
37	13	74	Geller (D)	14
32	9	78	Grant (R)	7
21	14	60	Hargrett (D)	38
25	9	74	Holzendorf (D)	14
34	8	81	Horne (R)	3
20	7	74	Jennings (R)	14



**SENATE — BY ALPHABETICAL — 2000 (CONTINUED)**

TOTAL FOR POSITION OF AIF	TOTAL AGAINST POSITION OF AIF	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	SENATOR	RANK
22	8	73	Jones (D)	20
28	10	74	King (R)	14
21	9	70	Kirkpatrick (R)	28
22	12	65	Klein (D)	36
24	7	77	Kurth (D)	9
26	8	76	Latvala (R)	12
24	10	71	Laurent (R)	26
28	7	80	Lee (R)	4
25	7	78	McKay (R)	7
22	11	67	Meek (D)	33
22	11	67	Mitchell (D)	33
26	10	72	Myers (R)	24
35	19	65	Rossin (D)	36
23	18	56	Saunders (R)	40
30	11	73	Scott (R)	20
36	17	68	Sebesta (R)	31
25	11	69	Silver (D)	30
23	8	74	Sullivan (R)	14
23	7	77	Thomas (D)	9
26	7	79	Webster (R)	6
<b>1045</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	



# **THE FLORIDA SENATE**

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## **ELECTIONS**

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## 2000 SENATE VOTING KEYS

### ELECTIONS

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#### **SB 364 — Primary Election by the Senate Ethics & Elections Committee**

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**T**his bill would have allowed all voters to participate in certain primary election contests if there was no general election opposition. It also would have changed current law so that that write-in candidates would not count as general election opposition.

AIF opposed this bill because it dramatically restricted the ability of any political party to assemble and put forth the nominee of its choice if one party's members are part of another party's nominating process, a effect that might be unconstitutional. Moreover, the bill provided the potential for political tomfoolery in the party primaries that could have benefited candidates who are adverse to business.

- Record 1A: On November 2, 1999 the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee passed PCB 00-02 by a vote of 5 yeas to 0 nays. A "Nay" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On November 2, Senate Ethics and Elections PCB 00-2 became SB 364.

- Record 1B: On December 8, 1999, the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee passed the bill favorably with a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays. A "Nay" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**SB 364 died on the Senate Calendar.**

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#### **CS/SB 366 — Political Advertising/ Expenditures by the Senate Ethics & Elections Committee**

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**T**his bill would have repealed limits on political party endorsements of primary candidates, clarified that certain persons who make independent expenditures must file periodic expenditure reports, allowed certain individuals to make anonymous independent expenditures.

AIF opposed this bill because of the increased rules and regulations on political advertising that would restrict the ability of citizens and others to make their voices heard, further limiting the number of outlets voters can turn to for information and debate on politics and issues.

- Record 2A: On November 2, 1999, the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee passed PCB 00-03 by a vote of 4 yeas to 0 nays. A "Nay" vote is



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**CS/SB 366 Continued**

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a vote for the AIF position.

On November 2, 1999, Senate Ethics and Elections PCB 00-3 became SB 366.

- Record 2B: On December 8, 1999, the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays. A "Nay" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**CS/SB 366 died on the Senate Calendar.**

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**CS/SB 1106 — Florida  
Election Code/  
Conspiracy Violation  
by the Senate  
Criminal Justice  
Committee and  
Sen. Jim Sebesta  
(R-St. Petersburg)**

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**T**his bill would have provided that a person who works on a campaign and conspires with another person to commit a violation of the Florida Election Code is punishable as if he had committed the actual violation himself and would therefore be punishable under the civil and criminal codes.

AIF opposed this bill because it would potentially criminalize any citizen who came into contact with a political candidate who violated an election law, regardless of the severity of the act and regardless of the role the individual citizen played in the violation. This would have a chilling effect on individual citizens and grass-roots organizations that wish to get involved in the political process.

- Record 3A: On February 8, 2000, the Ethics and Elections Committee passed the bill favorably with one amendment by a vote of 7 yeas to 0 nays. A "Nay" vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 3B: On February 21, 2000, the Criminal Justice Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 6 yeas to 1 nay. A "Nay" vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 3C: On March 16, 2000, the Senate passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 40 yeas to 0 nays. A "Nay" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**CS/SB 1106 died in messages to the House.**

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**CS/SB 1512 —  
Campaign Finance  
Reform Act by the  
Senate Ethics &  
Elections Committee  
and Sen. Ron Klein  
(D-Boca Raton)**

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**T**his bill would have revised definitions “political committee” & “political advertisement.” It would have eliminated expenditures of funds for purpose of jointly endorsing three or more candidate. It would have provided additional requirements for registration of political committees & certification of committees of continuous existence.

AIF opposed this bill for three reasons. First, the bill restricted the so-called three-pack political advertising that jointly endorses three or more candidates, thus hurting the ability of political parties and others to support their slate of candidates. Second, it infringed on the right of average citizens to support the political organization of their choice by restricting financial donations. Third, it needlessly increased rules and regulations on organizations that wish to get involved in the political process.

- Record 4A: On March 21, 2000, the Ethics and Elections Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 5 yeas to 0 nays. A “Nay” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**CS/SB 1512 died on the Senate Calendar.**

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**SB 1714 — Campaign  
Financing Prohibitions  
by Sen. Jack Latvala  
(R-Palm Harbor)**

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**T**his bill, a watered down version of Sen. Klein’s CS/SB 1512, would have regulated provisions regarding political advertising that jointly endorsed three or more candidates, would have limited party contributions to \$5,000 during the period preceding the first primary election through general election, and would have required each political party’s state executive committee to report contributions in excess of \$5,000 to the Division of Elections.

While not as restrictive as CS/SB 1512 in some areas, AIF was also opposed to SB 1714 because it contained the same draconian restrictions on the ability of ordinary citizens and associations to get involved in our political process. Specifically, AIF opposed this bill because it restricts three-pack political advertising that jointly endorses three or more candidates, thus hurting the ability of political parties and others to support their slate of candidates. Also, this bill infringed on the rights of average citizens to support the political organization of their choice by restricting financial donations and it needlessly increased rules and regulations regarding political contribution reporting.

- Record 5A: On March 7, 2000, the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee passed the bill favorably with one amendment by a vote of 4 yeas to 0 nays. A “Nay” vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 5B: On March 16, 2000, the Senate passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 40 yeas to 0 nays. A “Nay” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**SB 1714 died in messages to the House.**



# SENATE AVERAGE ON ELECTIONS = 1%

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	SENATOR	1a-Primary Elections	1b-Primary Elections	2a-Political Advertising/Expenditures	2b-Political Advertising/Expenditures	3a-FL Election Code/Conspiracy Violation	3b-FL Election Code/Conspiracy Violation	3c-FL Election Code/Conspiracy Violation	4a-Campaign Finance Reform Act	5a-Campaign Financing/Prohibitions	5b-Campaign Financing/Prohibitions
0	3	0	Bronson (R)						A	A			A
0	3	0	Brown-Waite (R)						A	A			A
0	3	0	Burt (R)						A	A			A
0	3	0	Campbell (D)						A	A			A
0	9	0	Carlton (R)	A	A	A	A	A		A	A	A	A
0	2	0	Casas (R)							A			A
0	2	0	Childers (R)							A			A
0	2	0	Clary (R)							A			A
0	2	0	Cowin (R)							A			A
0	2	0	Dawson (D)							A			A
0	2	0	Diaz de la Portilla (R)							A			A
0	2	0	Diaz-Balart (R)							A			A
0	2	0	Dyer (D)							A			A
0	2	0	Forman (D)							A			A

F - Vote for position of AIF • A - Vote against position of AIF

# SENATE AVERAGE ON ELECTIONS (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	SENATOR	1a-Primary Elections	1b-Primary Elections	2a-Political Advertising/Expenditures	2b-Political Advertising/Expenditures	3a-FL Election Code/Conspiracy Violation	3b-FL Election Code/Conspiracy Violation	3c-FL Election Code/Conspiracy Violation	4a-Campaign Finance Reform Act	5a-Campaign Financing/Prohibitions	5b-Campaign Financing/Prohibitions
0	2	0	Geller (D)							A			A
0	2	0	Grant (R)							A			A
0	7	0	Hargrett (D)	A	A		A	A		A	A		A
0	2	0	Holzendorf (D)							A			A
0	3	0	Home (R)						A	A			A
0	2	0	Jennings (R)							A			A
0	2	0	Jones (D)							A			A
0	2	0	King (R)							A			A
0	3	0	Kirkpatrick (R)					A		A			A
0	2	0	Klein (D)							A			A
0	2	0	Kurth (D)							A			A
0	2	0	Latvala (R)							A			A
0	2	0	Laurent (R)							A			A
0	2	0	Lee (R)							A			A

F - Vote for position of AIF • A - Vote against position of AIF



# SENATE AVERAGE ON ELECTIONS (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	SENATOR	1a-Primary Elections	1b-Primary Elections	2a-Political Advertising/Expenditures	2b-Political Advertising/Expenditures	3a-FL Election Code/Conspiracy Violation	3b-FL Election Code/Conspiracy Violation	3c-FL Election Code/Conspiracy Violation	4a-Campaign Finance Reform Act	5a-Campaign Financing/Prohibitions	5b-Campaign Financing/Prohibitions
0	2	0	McKay (R)							A			A
1	6	14	Meek (D)		A		A	A	F	A	A		A
0	2	0	Mitchell (D)							A			A
0	2	0	Myers (R)							A			A
0	9	0	Rossin (D)	A	A	A	A	A		A	A	A	A
0	9	0	Saunders (R)	A	A	A	A	A		A	A	A	A
0	2	0	Scott (R)							A			A
0	8	0	Sebesta (R)	A	A	A	A	A		A		A	A
0	3	0	Silver (D)						A	A			A
0	2	0	Sullivan (R)							A			A
0	2	0	Thomas (D)							A			A
0	2	0	Webster (R)							A			A
1	123	1	<b>TOTAL</b>										

F - Vote for position of AIF • A - Vote against position of AIF

**THE FLORIDA SENATE**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL

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**SB 772 —  
Transportation/  
Highway Safety  
Laws by the Senate  
Transportation  
Committee and  
Sen. Dan Webster  
(R-Winter Garden)**

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In the final days of the session, SB 772 was amended by the House to include an amendment repealing the motor vehicle inspection program. This choice to repeal the existing program may significantly impact industry, as a limit on state vehicle inspection programs may facilitate a move toward controls on fixed sources, such as factories and plants.

It was AIF's position that maintaining auto emissions testing to protect air quality attainment was crucial so that Florida's business and industries were not unduly impacted by new EPA requirements. A vote for repeal of the motor vehicles inspection program is a vote against AIF.

On February 22, 2000, the Senate Transportation committee passed the bill favorably on a vote of 9 yeas to 0 nays.

On May 2, 2000, the Senate passed the bill by a vote of 40 yeas and 0 nays.

On May 5, 2000, the House passed the bill with the amendment repealing the motor vehicle inspection program on a vote of 120 yeas to 0 nays. A "Nay" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

- Record 1A: On May 5, 2000, the Senate concurred in the House amendments and passed the bill a vote of 38 yeas and 1 nays. A "Nay" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**SB 772 was passed by both the House and Senate and is pending action by the governor.**

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**SB 1092 — Motor  
Vehicle Exhaust  
Emission Inspection  
by Sen. Ron Klein  
(D-Boca Raton)**

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SB 1092 repealed the motor vehicle inspection program, an action that may significantly impact industry by facilitating a move toward controls on fixed sources, such as factories and plants.

AIF maintained that auto emissions testing to protect air quality attainment was crucial so that Florida's business and industries were not unduly impacted by new EPA requirements. A vote for repeal of the motor vehicles inspection program is a vote against AIF.

Although SB 1092 died on the Senate Calendar, the language of the bill was amended onto SB 772, which passed both the House and Senate and is pending action by the governor.

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**SB 1092 Continued**

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- Record 2A: On March 15, 2000, the Senate Transportation Committee passed the bill favorably by a vote of 10 yeas to 0 nays. A “Nay” vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 2B: On April 26, 2000, the Senate Governmental Oversight Committee passed the bill favorably by a vote of 6 yeas to 1 nay. A “Nay” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**SB 1092 died on the Senate Calendar.**

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**CS/CS/CS/SB 1406 —  
State Regulation of  
Land/ Brownfields by  
the Senate Fiscal  
Policy Committee,  
the Senate Commerce  
and Economic  
Opportunities  
Committee, the  
Senate Natural  
Resources Committee,  
and Sen. Jack Latvala  
(R-Palm Harbor)**

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**T**he term “brownfield” is used to describe vacant properties that show signs of low-level contamination.

In 1997, the legislature passed the Brownfields Redevelopment Act (Section 376.77-376.84, Florida Statutes) authorizing local governments to designate brownfield areas by resolution if certain criteria are met, including public notice requirements and the establishment of an advisory committee to improve public participation. The act also required that risk-based corrective action (RBCA) be applied at brownfield sites and directed the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to adopt a cleanup-criteria rule.

The 1997 legislation established a framework for brownfield redevelopment. Legislation in 1998 provided the much-needed financial incentives and the formation of public/private partnerships for rehabilitation of these areas.

SB 1406 provides additional meaningful incentives to brownfield redevelopment, including job credits and property tax credits, sales tax exemptions for building materials, and other incentives similar to those existing in enterprise zones. The bill also allows for tax-increment financing and redevelopment in brownfield sites, increases the limited state loan guaranty of primary lenders loans, and creates a brownfield redevelopment grants program.

In its legislative agenda for the 2000 Session, the DEP proposed extending the risk-based corrective action concept to all sites contaminated with pollutants, hazardous substances, or hazardous wastes, regardless of eligibility for the petroleum, brownfields, or dry-cleaning programs. This “global RBCA” provision was included in SB 1406, but was removed from SB 1406 prior to final passage.

AIF supports legislation providing real economic incentives to private entities for investment in the rehabilitation of brownfield areas.

- Record 3A: On March 6, 2000, the Senate Natural Resources Committee passed



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**SB 1406 Continued**


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the bill as a committee substitute by a vote of 8 yeas to 0 nays. A **"Yea"** vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

- Record 3B: On March 15, 2000, the Senate Comprehensive Planning, Local and Military Affairs Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 8 yeas to 0 nays. A **"Yea"** vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.
- Record 3C: On April 25, 2000, the Senate Fiscal Policy Committee passed the bill as a committee substitute on a vote of 5 yeas to 0 nays. A **"Yea"** vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.
- Record 3D: On May 2, 2000, the Senate passed the bill as amended on a vote of 38 yeas to 0 nays. A **"Yea"** vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

On May 5, 2000, the House passed the bill as amended on a vote of 66 yeas to 48 nays. A **"Yea"** vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

On May 5, 2000, the House requested Senate to return bill. Motion to reconsider adopted. Reconsidered; amendments reconsidered, withdrawn. Amendment(s) adopted, CS passed as amended on a vote of 119 yea to 1 nay. A **"Yea"** vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

- Record 3E: On May 5, 2000, the Senate concurred and passed the bill on a vote of 35 yeas to 1 nay. A **"Yea"** vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

**CS/CS/CS/SB 1406 passed both the House and Senate and is pending action by the governor.**

# SENATE AVERAGE ON ENVIRONMENTAL = 64%

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	SENATOR	1a-Transportation/Highway Safety Laws	2a-MV Exhaust Emission Inspection	2b-MV Exhaust Emission Inspection	3a-Brownfield Financial Incentives	3b-Brownfield Financial Incentives	3c-Brownfield Financial Incentives	3d-Brownfield Financial Incentives	3e-Brownfield Financial Incentives
3	1	75	Bronson (R)	A			F			F	F
2	2	50	Brown-Waite (R)	A		A				F	F
2	1	67	Burt (R)	A						F	F
1	2	33	Campbell (D)	A						F	A
4	1	80	Carlton (R)	A			F	F		F	F
3	2	60	Casas (R)	A	A				F	F	F
2	1	67	Childers (R)	A						F	F
2	0	100	Clary (R)					F		F	
4	1	80	Cowin (R)	A		F			F	F	F
1	1	50	Dawson (D)	A						F	
2	1	67	Diaz de la Portilla (R)	A						F	F
4	1	80	Diaz-Balart (R)	F		A	F			F	F
2	1	67	Dyer (D)	A						F	F
4	1	80	Forman (D)	A			F	F		F	F

F - Vote for position of AIF • A - Vote against position of AIF



# SENATE AVERAGE ON ENVIRONMENTAL (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	SENATOR	1a-Transportation/Highway Safety Laws	2a-MV Exhaust Emission Inspection	2b-MV Exhaust Emission Inspection	3a-Brownfield Financial Incentives	3b-Brownfield Financial Incentives	3c-Brownfield Financial Incentives	3d-Brownfield Financial Incentives	3e-Brownfield Financial Incentives
3	1	75	Geller (D)	A				F		F	F
2	1	67	Grant (R)	A						F	F
3	2	60	Hargrett (D)	A	A		F			F	F
1	1	50	Holzendorf (D)	A						F	
2	2	50	Horne (R)	A		A				F	F
2	1	67	Jennings (R)	A						F	F
2	2	50	Jones (D)	A	A					F	F
2	2	50	King (R)	A	A					F	F
2	1	67	Kirkpatrick (R)	A						F	F
2	1	67	Klein (D)	A						F	F
3	2	60	Kurth (D)	A	A			F		F	F
3	2	60	Latvala (R)	A		A	F			F	F
3	2	60	Laurent (R)	A	A		F			F	F
4	1	80	Lee (R)	A				F	F	F	F

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**SENATE AVERAGE ON ENVIRONMENTAL (CONTINUED)**

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	SENATOR	1a-Transportation/Highway Safety Laws	2a-MV Exhaust Emission Inspection	2b-MV Exhaust Emission Inspection	3a-Brownfield Financial Incentives	3b-Brownfield Financial Incentives	3c-Brownfield Financial Incentives	3d-Brownfield Financial Incentives	3e-Brownfield Financial Incentives
2	1	67	McKay (R)	A						F	F
2	1	67	Meek (D)	A						F	F
3	2	60	Mitchell (D)	A	A			F		F	F
3	1	75	Myers (R)	A				F		F	F
3	2	60	Rossin (D)	A		A			F	F	F
3	1	75	Saunders (R)	A			F			F	F
1	1	50	Scott (R)	A						F	
2	2	50	Sebesta (R)	A	A					F	F
1	2	33	Silver (D)	A		A					F
2	2	50	Sullivan (R)	A	A					F	F
2	1	67	Thomas (D)	A					F		F
2	2	50	Webster (R)	A	A					F	F
96	55	64	<b>TOTAL</b>								

F - Vote for position of AIF • A - Vote against position of AIF

# **THE FLORIDA SENATE**

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## **HEALTH CARE**

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## HEALTH CARE

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**CS/CS/SB 162 —  
Adverse  
Determinations in the  
Practice of Medicine  
by the Senate Health,  
Aging and Long-term  
Care Committee and  
Sen. Anna Cowin  
(R-Leesburg)**

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**T**his bill originally redefined the practice of medicine in such a way as to find managed care organizations liable for medical malpractice when making adverse determinations. The language was drafted so broadly as to create a great deal of confusion about the sponsor's intent. AIF worked to have language adopted by the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee that cleared up any detrimental ambiguity and provided that doctors will be making "doctor decisions" regarding services sought by a subscriber. The bill was greatly improved by making it clear that the doctor making the adverse determination must be in good standing and have a valid medical license from any state.

- Record 1A: On February 8, 2000, the Senate Health, Aging and Long-Term Care Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 7 yeas to 0 nays. A "Nay" vote is a vote for AIF.
- Record 1B: On April 10, 2000, the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 7 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for AIF.

**CS/CS/SB 162 died on the calendar.**

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**SB 164 — Insurance  
for the Treatment of  
Autism Spectrum  
Disorder by  
Sen. Jim Scott  
(R-Ft. Lauderdale)**

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**F**lorida has the second highest number of mandates of any state in the country. Mandated health benefits are a leading cause in the increased cost to employers of the health care benefit. AIF opposed the creation of any new mandates on Florida's health care plans, such as this bill mandating coverage for the treatment of autism.

On March 20, 2000, the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee passed the bill favorably by a vote of 10 yeas to 0 nays. A "Nay" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On March 28, 2000, the Senate Health, Aging and Long-Term Care Committee passed the bill favorably by a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays. A "Nay" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On April 13, 2000, The Senate Fiscal Policy Committee passed the bill favorably by a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays. A "Nay" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

- Record 2A: On April 28, 2000, the Senate passed the bill favorably by a vote

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**SB 164 Continued**

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of 39 yeas to 0 nays. A “Nay” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**SB 164 died in messages to the House.**

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**CS/SB 168 —  
Pharmacists Licensure  
by Endorsement by  
the Senate Health,  
Aging and Long-Term  
Care Committee and  
Sen. Burt Saunders  
(R-Naples)**

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**C**urrently in the state of Florida, there is a shortage of pharmacists. Drug stores cannot open new facilities until they find qualified personnel; the situation is especially severe for pharmacies that would like to operate 24-hour facilities.

This bill would allow a pharmacist licensed in another state to become a pharmacist in Florida without having to take the national licensure examination at the time of application. This is called “licensure by endorsement” and is currently applicable in 48 states. Currently, only Florida and California do not allow licensure by endorsement.

A pharmacist in another state wishing to come to Florida to work must submit proof of the “active licensed practice of pharmacy” in tow of the immediately preceding five years or evidence of successful completion of either board-approved postgraduate training or a board-approved clinical competency examination within the year preceding application. The bill prohibits the Department of Health from issuing a license to any applicant who is being investigated for acts that would violate regulations applicable to Florida-licensed pharmacists until the investigation is complete, or to any pharmacist whose license has been suspended or revoked in another state, or to any applicant whose license to practice pharmacy is currently the subject of any disciplinary proceeding.

On December 8, 1999, the Senate Health, Aging and Long-Term Care Committee passed the bill favorably as committee substitute by a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

- Record 3A: On April 6, 2000, the Senate passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 37 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**CS/SB 168 died in messages to the House.**

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**CS/HB 399 — Newborn  
Hearing Screening by  
the House Health Care  
Services Committee  
and Rep. Manuel  
Prieguez (R-Miami)**

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**T**he bill provides access to additional hearing tests for newborns when deemed medically necessary. AIF supported this legislation after it was successfully amended by the House Health Care Services Committee to provide for medical necessity utilization.

March 16, 2000 the House Health Care Services Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 14 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

On March 30, 2000 the House Governmental Rules and Regulations Committee passed the bill favorably with 2 amendments by a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

On April 11, 2000 the House Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee passed the bill favorably by a vote of 9 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

On April 24, 2000 the House passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 113 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

On May 1, 2000, CS/HB 399 was substituted for CS/SB 1428 on the Senate floor.

- Record 4A: On May 3, 2000, the Senate passed the bill favorably by a vote of 40 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

**CS/HB 399 passed both the House and the Senate and has been signed by the governor.**

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**SB 706 — Health  
Maintenance  
Organizations to Pay  
a "Clean Claim" by  
the Senate Banking  
and Insurance  
Committee and  
Sen. John Laurent  
(R-Bartow)**

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**T**his bill unfairly benefited health care providers by requiring HMOs to pay claims before properly reviewing them for billing errors or fraud. Currently, health insurance fraud costs each insured family \$1,066 a year in higher premiums. Since employers pay the largest portion of health care premiums, this bill was patently unfair to them with dire negative consequences.

- Record 5A: April 3, 2000, the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute, combined with SB 2234, by a vote of 10 yeas to 0 nays. A "Nay" vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.
- Record 5B: On April 12, 2000, the Senate Health, Aging and Long-Term Care Committee passed the bill favorably by a vote of 5 yeas to 0 nays. A "Nay" vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

On April 25, 2000, CS/SB 706 was combined with CS/CS/SB 1508.

**CS/SB 706 was laid on the table; refer to CS/CS/SB 1508.**



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**SB 866 — Health  
Maintenance  
Organizations and  
In-Patient Health  
Care by the Senate  
Banking & Insurance  
Committee and  
Sen. James King  
(R-Jacksonville)**

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**T**his legislation mandated that managed care organizations could not contract with hospitalists for inpatient services. Hospitalists are physicians who specialize in inpatient hospital care. No managed care organization in Florida currently requires their use. AIF opposed this bill, as it potentially would require an insurer to pay twice for the same service due to contractual relationships with hospitalists and other providers. This added cost would be passed on to the employer paying for the health care benefit.

- Record 6A: March 6, 2000, the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 6 yeas to 2 nays. A “Nay” vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 6B: On April 5, 2000, the Senate Health, Aging and Long-Term Care Committee passed the bill favorably by a vote 7 yeas to 0 nays. A “Nay” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**CS/SB 866 died on the Senate Calendar.**

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**CS/CS/CS SB 1508 —  
Health Maintenance  
Organizations: Billing,  
Late Payments, and  
Treatment by the  
Senate Banking  
and Insurance  
Committee, the  
Senate Health, Aging  
and Long-Term Care  
Committee, the  
Senate Fiscal Policy  
Committee and  
Sen. Ginny Brown-  
Waite (R-Spring Hill)**

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**U**nlike SB 706, this bill equitably dealt with the payment of health insurance claims. The business community (together with doctors, hospitals, insurers, etc.) worked tirelessly on this legislation along with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) and the Department of Insurance. This end result of this effort closely followed findings and recommendations of the Prompt Pay Task Force that studied this entire issue for over a year. The chair of the Task Force was AHCA secretary Ruben King-Shaw.

- Record 7A: On April 3, 2000, the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 11 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 7B: On April 12, 2000, the Senate Health, Aging and Long-Term Care Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 7C: On April 25, 2000, the Senate Fiscal Policy Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute, combined with CS/SB 706 and 2234, by a vote of 5 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 7D: On May 2, 2000, the Senate passed the bill favorably by a vote of 39 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 4, 2000, the House passed the bill favorably by a vote of 115 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

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**CS/CS/CS SB 1508**  
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**CS/CS/CS/SB 1508 passed both the House and the Senate and is pending action by the governor.**

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**CS/SB 1900 — Patients  
Bill of Rights by the  
Senate Banking and  
Insurance Committee  
and Sen. Ginny  
Brown-Waite  
(R-Spring Hill)**


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**T**his legislation was part of the Senate's health-care reform package. This legislation included a civil remedy provision, which would have created new causes of action against insurance companies while doing nothing to enhance the accessibility and affordability of health care. In fact, the costs of additional litigation would have been passed on to subscribers and ultimately the employers paying for the health benefit. Using convoluted logic, liability could also be extended to employers providing the health benefit. Therefore, AIF opposed this bill

- Record 8A: On April 10, 2000, the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee passed an amendment by Sen. Walter Campbell to an amendment by Sen. Brown-Waite (the Brown-Waite amendment addressed some of the business community's concerns) favorably by a vote of 6 yeas to 3 nays. A "Nay" vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 8B: On April 10, 2000, the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 8 yeas to 0 nays. A "Nay" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On April 25, 2000, CS/SB 1900 was combined with SB 282 and CS/SB 2154 to create CS/CS/SB 2154.

**CS/SB 1900 was laid on the table; refer to CS/CS/SB 2154.**

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**CS/SB 2086 — Small  
Employer Health  
Alliances by the  
Senate Banking  
and Insurance  
Committee and  
Sen. Jim King  
(R-Jacksonville)**


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**T**his legislation makes it easier for small employers to obtain health-care policies for their employees by creating small employer health alliances. AIF supported this bill because, together with HB 687 and SB 1300, it reformed the small-group purchasing cooperatives to provide access to affordable health care for many Floridians.

- Record 9A: On March 27, 2000, the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 10 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 9B: On April 5, 2000, the Senate Health, Aging and Long-Term Care Committee passed the bill favorably by a vote of 7 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

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**CS/SB 2086 Continued**

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- Record 9C: On April 28, 2000 the Senate passed the bill favorably by a vote of 40 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 4, 2000, the House passed the bill favorably by a vote of 118 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**CS/SB 2086 passed both the House and Senate and is pending action by the governor.**

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**CS/SB 2152 —  
Mandated Health  
Insurance Benefits by  
the Governmental  
Oversight and  
Productivity  
Committee and  
Sen. Jack Latvala  
(R-Palm Harbor)**

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**T**his legislation would have finally erected a mechanism to provide scientific, empirical data on the effects of health insurance mandates on the costs of Florida health care policies.

- Record 10A: On April 25, 2000, the Senate Governmental Oversight and Productivity Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 7 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**CS/SB 2152 died in the Senate Rules and Calendar Committee.**



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**CS/CS/CS/SB 2154 —  
Defendant Health Care  
Providers by the  
Senate Banking and  
Insurance Committee,  
the Senate Health,  
Aging and Long-Term  
Care Committee, the  
Senate Fiscal Policy  
Committee and  
Sen. Jack Latvala  
(R- Palm Harbor)**

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**T**his bill was combined with SB 1900 and SB 282 to create the Senate's health care reform package. This legislation included a civil remedy provision, which would have created new causes of action against insurance companies while doing nothing to enhance the accessibility and affordability of health care. In fact, the costs of additional litigation would have been passed on to subscribers and ultimately the employers paying for the health benefit. Using convoluted logic, liability could also have been extended to employers providing health benefits.

- Record 11A: On April 17, 2000, the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 7 yeas to 2 nays. A "Nay" vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 11B: On April 25, 2000, the Senate Health, Aging and Long-Term Care Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute, combined with SB 282 and CS/SB 1900, by a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays. A "Nay" vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 11C: On April 26, 2000, the Senate Fiscal Policy Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays. A "Nay" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 5, 2000, CS/HB 2339 was substituted for CS/CS/CS/SB 2154.

**CS/CS/CS/SB 2154 was laid on the table; refer to CS/HB 2339.**

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**CS/HB 2339 — Patient  
Protection Act of 2000  
by the House General  
Appropriations  
Committee and  
Rep. Tom Feeney  
(R-Oviedo)**

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**T**his bill was the most comprehensive piece of managed care legislation to pass during the 2000 Session. AIF played a leading role in creating this bill, which greatly benefits health plan subscribers and employees while being fair to employers and balanced in its approach to insurers. For example, the independent review panel, which handles coverage disputes, was strengthened, enhanced, and required to act more quickly. Doctors with valid medical licenses in good standing will have the ultimate say in whether a certain procedure or service is covered. In addition, doctors and hospitals are required to post the state's toll-free number for consumer complaints regarding health coverage.

On April 13, 2000, the House Health Care Licensing and Regulation Committee passed the bill favorably with 9 amendments by a vote of 10 yeas to 2 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On April 25, 2000, the House General Appropriations Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 17 yeas to 3 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 1, 2000, the House passed the bill favorably by a vote of 108 yeas to 8 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 5, 2000, CS/HB 2339 was substituted for CS/CS/CS/SB 2154.

- Record 12A: On May 5, 2000, the Senate passed the bill favorably by a vote of 23 yeas to 15 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**CS/HB 2339 passed both the House and Senate and is pending action by the governor.**

# SENATE AVERAGE ON HEALTH CARE = 64%

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	SENATOR	1a-Adverse Determination by HMO's	1b-Adverse Determination by HMO's	2a-Ins/Treatment-Autism	3a-Licensure/Pharmacists By Endorsement	4a-Newborn Hearing Screening	5a-HMO/Failure to Pay a "Clean Claim"	5b-HMO/Failure to Pay a "Clean Claim"	6a-HMO/Inpatient Health Care	6b-HMO/Inpatient Health Care	7a-HMO/Billing/Late Payments/Treatment	7b-HMO/Billing/Late Payments/Treatment	7c-HMO/Billing/Late Payments/Treatment	7d-HMO/Billing/Late Payments/Treatment	8a-Patient's Bill of Rights	8b-Patient's Bill of Rights	9a-Small Employer Health Alliances	9b-Small Employer Health Alliances	9c-Small Employer Health Alliances	10a-Mandated Health Insurance Benefits	11a-Defendant HealthCare Providers	11b-Defendant HealthCare Providers	11c-Defendant HealthCare Providers	12a-Patient Protection Act of 2000
7	4	64	Bronson (R)	A		A	F	F			A		F		F					F	F			A		F
10	6	63	Brown-Waite (R)		F	A	F	F	A				F		F	F	A	A	F		F	F	A		A	F
5	1	83	Burt (R)			A	F	F								F					F					F
7	7	50	Campbell (D)		F	A	F	F	A		A		F			F	A	A	F		F		A			A
5	1	83	Carlton (R)			A	F	F								F					F					F
9	7	56	Casas (R)		F	A	F	F	A		A		F		F	F	A	A	F		F		A		A	F
6	5	55	Childers (R)		F	A	F	F	A				F			F	A	A			F					A
6	5	55	Clary (R)	A		A	F	F		A		A		F		F				F	F			A		
5	2	71	Cowin (R)			A		F								F					F	F			A	F
5	6	45	Dawson (D)	A		A		F		A		A		F		F				F	F			A		A
5	1	83	Diaz de la Portilla (R)			A	F	F								F					F					F
6	1	86	Diaz-Balart (R)			A	F	F								F					F	F				F
4	2	67	Dyer (D)			A	F	F								F					F					A
6	6	50	Forman (D)	A		A	F	F		A		A		F		F				F	F			A		A

F - Vote for position of AIF • A - Vote against position of AIF



# SENATE AVERAGE ON HEALTH CARE (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	SENATOR	1a-Adverse Determination by HMO's	1b-Adverse Determination by HMO's	2a-Ins/Treatment-Autism	3a-Licensure/Pharmacists By Endorsement	4a-Newborn Hearing Screening	5a-HMO/Failure to Pay a "Clean Claim"	5b-HMO/Failure to Pay a "Clean Claim"	6a-HMO/Inpatient Health Care	6b-HMO/Inpatient Health Care	7a-HMO/Billing/Late Payments/Treatment	7b-HMO/Billing/Late Payments/Treatment	7c-HMO/Billing/Late Payments/Treatment	7d-HMO/Billing/Late Payments/Treatment	8a-Patient's Bill of Rights	8b-Patient's Bill of Rights	9a-Small Employer Health Alliances	9b-Small Employer Health Alliances	9c-Small Employer Health Alliances	10a-Mandated Health Insurance Benefits	11a-Defendant HealthCare Providers	11b-Defendant HealthCare Providers	11c-Defendant HealthCare Providers	12a-Patient Protection Act of 2000
7	7	50	Geller (D)		F	A	F	F	A		A	F			F	A	A	F		F		A			A	
5	1	83	Grant (R)			A	F	F							F					F					F	
4	2	67	Hargrett (D)			A	F	F							F					F					A	
8	4	67	Holzendorf (D)			A	F	F	A		F	F			F	F		F		F		A			A	
6	1	86	Horne (R)			A	F	F							F					F	F				F	
5	1	83	Jennings (R)			A	F	F							F					F					F	
4	2	67	Jones (D)			A	F	F							F					F					A	
8	4	67	King (R)			A	F	F	A		A	F		F	F			F		F				A	F	
4	1	80	Kirkpatrick (R)			A		F							F					F					F	
5	5	50	Klein (D)	A		A	F	F			A				F				F	F				A	A	
4	2	67	Kurth (D)			A	F	F							F					F					A	
6	1	86	Latvala (R)			A	F	F							F					F	F				F	
5	1	83	Laurent (R)			A	F	F							F					F					F	
6	1	86	Lee (R)			A	F	F							F	F				F					F	

F - Vote for position of AIF • A - Vote against position of AIF

# SENATE AVERAGE ON HEALTH CARE (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	SENATOR	1a-Adverse Determination by HMO's	1b-Adverse Determination by HMO's	2a-Ins/Treatment-Autism	3a-Licensure/Pharmacists By Endorsement	4a-Newborn Hearing Screening	5a-HMO/Failure to Pay a "Clean Claim"	5b-HMO/Failure to Pay a "Clean Claim"	6a-HMO/Inpatient Health Care	6b-HMO/Inpatient Health Care	7a-HMO/Billing/Late Payments/Treatment	7b-HMO/Billing/Late Payments/Treatment	7c-HMO/Billing/Late Payments/Treatment	7d-HMO/Billing/Late Payments/Treatment	8a-Patient's Bill of Rights	8b-Patient's Bill of Rights	9a-Small Employer Health Alliances	9b-Small Employer Health Alliances	9c-Small Employer Health Alliances	10a-Mandated Health Insurance Benefits	11a-Defendant HealthCare Providers	11b-Defendant HealthCare Providers	11c-Defendant HealthCare Providers	12a-Patient Protection Act of 2000
4	0	100	McKay (R)				F	F								F				F						
4	2	67	Meek (D)			A	F	F								F					F					A
4	2	67	Mitchell (D)			A	F	F								F					F					A
6	5	55	Myers (R)	A		A	F	F		A		A		F						F	F			A		F
10	7	59	Rossin (D)		F	A	F	F	A		F		F		F	F	A	A	F		F	F	A		A	A
7	5	58	Saunders (R)	A		A	F	F		A		A		F		F				F	F			A		F
9	5	64	Scott (R)		F	A	F	F	A		A		F			F	F	A	F		F		A			F
9	4	69	Sebesta (R)			A	F	F	A		A		F			F	F	A	F		F		F			F
5	2	71	Silver (D)			A	F	F								F					F	F				A
5	1	83	Sullivan (R)			A	F	F								F					F					F
8	1	89	Thomas (D)			A	F	F					F			F			F		F		F			F
5	1	83	Webster (R)			A	F	F								F					F					F
239	122	66	TOTAL																							

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**THE FLORIDA SENATE**

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**INSURANCE**

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## INSURANCE

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**CS/CS/SB 4 — Florida  
Building Code  
Exemption by  
the Senate  
Comprehensive  
Planning, Local and  
Military Affairs  
Committee; Senate  
Banking & Insurance  
Committee; and  
Sen. Mario Diaz-Balart  
(R-Miami)**

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- Record 1A: On March 28, 2000, the Senate Comprehensive Planning, Local and Military Affairs Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute, combined with SB 380, by a vote of 8 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 1B: On April 3, 2000, the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 9 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 3, 2000, CS/CS/SB 4 was substituted by HB 219.

**CS/CS/SB 4 was laid on the table; refer to HB 219.**

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**HB 219 — Florida  
Building Code by  
Rep. Lee Constantine  
(R-Altamonte Springs)**

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**A**fter the devastating hurricanes of the 1990s, it was painfully obvious that the existing codes were inadequate. AIF has been working with the Statewide Building Code Commission for the past two years to address this problem. SB 4, along with HB 219, were the result of this effort; HB 219 as passed as a compromise. While AIF would like to see some strengthening in some areas, AIF believes the new code as adopted by the legislature is much better than before. AIF will continue to monitor the new code and will suggest changes as needed.

On April 19, 2000, the House Community Affairs Committee passed the bill favorably with 1 amendment by a vote of 6 yeas to 1 nay. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On April 26, 2000, the House Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Committee passed the bill favorably with 1 amendment by a vote of 10 yeas to 0 nay. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 2, 2000, the House passed the bill as amended by a vote of 119 yeas



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**HB 219 Continued**

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to 0 nay. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

HB 219 was substituted for CS/SB 4.

- Record 2A: On May 3, 2000, the Senate passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 40 yeas to 0 nay. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 5, 2000, the House concurred with the Senate and passed the bill on a vote of 119 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**SB 219 was passed by both the House and Senate and approved by the governor. (Chapter No. 2000-141).**

# SENATE AVERAGE ON INSURANCE = 100%

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	SENATOR	1a-FL Building Code/Windstorm Standards	1b-FL BuildingCode/Windstorm Standards	2a-Florida Building Code
1	0	100	Bronson (R)			F
2	0	100	Brown-Waite (R)		F	F
1	0	100	Burt (R)			F
2	0	100	Campbell (D)		F	F
2	0	100	Carlton (R)	F		F
1	0	100	Casas (R)			F
2	0	100	Childers (R)		F	F
2	0	100	Clary (R)	F		F
1	0	100	Cowin (R)			F
1	0	100	Dawson (D)			F
1	0	100	Diaz de la Portilla (R)			F
1	0	100	Diaz-Balart (R)			F
1	0	100	Dyer (D)			F
2	0	100	Forman (D)	F		F

F - Vote for position of AIF • A - Vote against position of AIF

# SENATE AVERAGE ON INSURANCE (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	SENATOR	1a-FL Building Code/Windstorm Standards	1b-FL Building Code/Windstorm Standards	2a-Florida Building Code
3	0	100	Geller (D)	F	F	F
1	0	100	Grant (R)			F
1	0	100	Hargrett (D)			F
2	0	100	Holzendorf (D)		F	F
1	0	100	Horne (R)			F
1	0	100	Jennings (R)			F
1	0	100	Jones (D)			F
2	0	100	King (R)		F	F
1	0	100	Kirkpatrick (R)			F
1	0	100	Klein (D)			F
2	0	100	Kurth (D)	F		F
1	0	100	Latvala (R)			F
1	0	100	Laurent (R)			F
2	0	100	Lee (R)	F		F

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# SENATE AVERAGE ON INSURANCE (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	SENATOR	1a-FL Building Code/Windstorm Standards	1b-FL Building Code/Windstorm Standards	2a-Florida Building Code
1	0	100	McKay (R)			F
1	0	100	Meek (D)			F
2	0	100	Mitchell (D)	F		F
2	0	100	Myers (R)	F		F
2	0	100	Rossin (D)		F	F
1	0	100	Saunders (R)			F
2	0	100	Scott (R)		F	F
2	0	100	Sebesta (R)		F	F
1	0	100	Silver (D)			F
1	0	100	Sullivan (R)			F
1	0	100	Thomas (D)			F
1	0	100	Webster (R)			F
<b>57</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>			

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# **THE FLORIDA SENATE**

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## **LEGAL AND JUDICIAL**

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**HB 135 — Citizen  
Participation in  
Government Act by  
Rep. Mike Fasano  
(R-New Port Richey)**

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**T**he term SLAPP is an acronym for "Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation." SLAPP suits arise when a citizen or citizens' group brings suit under a statute that authorizes their standing to bring suits or administrative proceedings in opposition to a permit (for example, 403.412, F.S.). These statutes are used, and often abused, solely for the purpose of delay in order to increase the costs of projects so they become unfeasible for businesses to continue. In the process, the citizens' group injures the business.

In response to these slow-moving, unmeritorious lawsuits against them, businesses and developers bring a so-called SLAPP suit for civil rights violations, defamation, malicious prosecution, abuse of process, tortious interference with a business relationship, tortious interference with a contract, civil conspiracy, or other intentional torts. The number of SLAPP suits are increasing every year because relaxed standing requirements and increased political activism on environmental issues is increasing the number of obstructive suits filled by public interest groups.

Critics of SLAPP suits complain that they discourage public participation and have no merit. Citizens' groups have begun bringing "SLAPP-back" actions, often winning dismissal of the SLAPP suit, while the developer must defend against both the initial suit and the SLAPP-back suit.

During the 1993 and 1994 sessions, bills were filed that would have closed the courts to businesses faced with citizen harassment. AIF opposed these proposals because they would have limited the ability of businesses to defend their interests. Since 1998, however, the SLAPP bills that have been filed have limited the ability of government to sue private citizens that have used public forums to seek redress of grievances.

HB 135 and its companion CS/SB 306 were the 2000 session editions of the latter kind of SLAPP legislation. Throughout the session AIF closely monitored both bills to make sure that no amendment were added that would limit the ability of injured businesses to seek redress of grievances against individuals or groups that use harassment tactics to thwart or delay regulatory proceedings.

On November 2, 1999, the House Judiciary Committee passed the bill favorably with one amendment by a vote of 5 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On February 9, 2000, the House General Government Appropriations Committee passed the bill favorably by a vote of 10 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

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**HB 135 Continued**


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On April 19, 2000, the House passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 112 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On April 28, 2000 HB 135 was substituted for CS/SB 306.

- Record 1A: On April 28, 2000 the Senate passed the bill favorably by a vote of 40 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**HB 135 passed both the House and Senate and has been approved by the governor (00-141).**

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**CS/SB 306 — Citizen  
Participation In  
Government Act by  
the Senate Judiciary  
Committee and  
Sen. Tom Lee  
(R- Brandon)**


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CS/SB 306 and its companion HB 135 were the 2000 session editions of the latter kind of SLAPP legislation. Throughout the session AIF closely monitored both bills to make sure that no amendment were added that would limit the ability of injured businesses to seek redress of grievances against individuals or groups that use harassment tactics to thwart or delay regulatory proceedings.

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**CS/SB 306 Continued**

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- Record 2A: on December 8, 1999, the Senate Judiciary Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 2B: On April 25, 2000, the Senate Governmental Oversight and Productivity Committee passed the bill favorably with 1 amendment by a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On April 28, 2000, CS/SB 306 was substituted by HB 135

**CS/SB 306 was laid on the table; refer to HB 135.**

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**CS/SB 410 —  
Amending the  
Statute of  
Repose by the  
Senate Judiciary  
Committee and  
Sen. Howard Forman  
(D- Hollywood)**

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**A** IF strongly opposed this measure, as it would repeal part of the civil litigation reforms passed in 1999. As originally filed, the bill would have repealed the entire 1999 product liability statute of repose. It was amended by the Senate Judiciary Committee to repeal only the portion of the statute of repose applying to aircraft engaged in the commercial transportation of passengers or freight.

- Record 3A: On April 25, 2000, the Senate Judiciary Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 3 yeas to 2 nays. A “Nay” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**CS/SB 410 died in the Senate Agriculture and Consumer Services Committee.**

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**CS/CS/SB 1290 — Solid  
Waste Management  
Services by the Senate  
Comprehensive  
Planning, Local, and  
Military Affairs and  
Senate Governmental  
Oversight Committee  
and Sen. Jim King  
(R-Jacksonville)**

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**T**his bill will keep local governments from unfairly competing against private companies that provide solid waste collection services. It addresses displacement, annexation, and incorporation situations as well.

A strike-everything amendment added language to the bill. At the request of the Department of Environmental Protection, language was added to change the terminology used to describe action taken to close a hazardous waste storage, treatment, or disposal facility. It replaced the current “closure permit” with either a “post-closure permit” or a “clean closure plan.” Each new option provides the same level of protection as the current closure permit, while giving additional flexibility to the regulated entity.

Additionally, by better aligning the terminology used by Florida’s hazardous waste regulatory program with the terminology of the federal hazardous waste program, the amendment will enhance the department’s flexibility in implementing the delegated program. Also, language was added that allows local governments,

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**CS/CS/SB 1290 Continued**


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at their discretion, to grant a solid-waste fee waiver to non-profit organizations that are engaged in the collection of donated goods for charitable purposes and that have a recycling or reuse rate of 50 percent or better.

- Record 4A: On April 4, 2000, the Senate Comprehensive Planning, Local, and Military Affairs Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 8 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 4B: On April 17, 2000, the Senate Governmental Oversight Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**CS/CS/SB 1290 died on the Senate Calendar.**

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**CS/HB 1425 — Solid  
Waste Management  
by the House  
Environmental  
Protection Committee  
and Rep. Rudy Garcia  
(R-Hialeah)**

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**E**ntitled the “Fair Competition Bill,” HB 1425 by Rep. Rudy Garcia (R-Hialeah) passed the Legislature during the last week of session. This legislation ensures fair competition between local governments and the private companies that provide solid waste management services. HB 1425 was combined with HB 316 by Rep. Jim Tullis (R-Jacksonville), which clarified existing law that recovered material dealers were not subject to franchise fees by local governments. Sen. Jim Hargrett (D-Tampa) had the Senate companion bill, which was incorporated into HB 1425.

Other features of the bill include an exemption from disposal fees for non-profit organizations if the local government agrees to waive the fee, as well as the elimination of the Florida Packaging Council and the Applications Demonstration Center for Resource Recovery from Solid Organic Materials. The bill also includes language to change the terminology used to describe actions taken to close a hazardous waste storage, treatment, or disposal facility.

On April 5, 2000, the House Community Affairs Committee passed the bill favorably with 1 amendment by a vote of 10 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On April 12, 2000, the House Environmental Protection Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 13 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 1, 2000, the House passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 118 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 2, 2000, the House, upon reconsideration, passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 117 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.



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**CS/HB 1425 Continued**


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On May 2, 2000, CS/HB 1425 was substituted for SB 436.

- Record 5A: On May 2, 2000, the Senate passed the bill on a vote of 37 yeas to 1 nay. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**CS/HB 1425 was passed by both the House and Senate and is pending action by the governor.**

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**CS/CS/SB 2556 —  
Administrative  
Procedures by the  
Governmental  
Oversight &  
Productivity  
Committee and the  
Judiciary Committee  
and Sen. Jim King  
(R-Jacksonville)**

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**T**he Administrative Procedure Act (APA) provides the procedures for private businesses and citizens for the redress of grievances against regulatory agencies.

In 1996, the Legislature passed significant reforms to the APA that significantly altered the manner in which state government interacted with private citizens in Florida. The amended APA provided for agency flexibility through waiver variance, new and strengthened provisions for private litigants to collect attorney fees from state agencies in rule challenge proceedings, and stronger legislative oversight of agencies and included provisions, which strongly discouraged the use of unadopted policies by agencies.

Despite the progress made reforms in 1996 and 1999, there were additional issues that needed to be addressed to improve the functioning of the APA.

SB 2556 and its companion, HB 2023, would have required third-party interveners in APA proceedings to file a bond to ensure financial responsibility and discourage frivolous actions brought for harassment and delay. The legislation would also have amended Florida's Equal Access to Justice Act to allow for recovery of attorney fees by small businesses with a net worth of \$5,000,000 or less, and to allow recovery of attorney fees and costs against agencies for up to \$75,000. The language also provided for expedited hearings with accelerated time sequences upon agreement between the administrative agency and the original parties to an APA proceeding.

- Record 6A: On April 13, 2000, the Senate Judiciary Committee passed the bill as a committee substitute on a vote of 6 yeas to 1 nay. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 6B: On April 26, 2000, the Senate Governmental Oversight and Productivity Committee passed the bill as a committee substitute on a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**CS/CS/SB 2556 died on the Senate Calendar.**

# **THE FLORIDA SENATE**

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## **TAXATION**

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## TAXATION

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**CS/SB 60 — Intangible  
Personal Property  
Taxes by the Senate  
Fiscal Resource  
Committee and  
Sen. Tom Lee  
(R-Brandon)**

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**T**his bill provides that, beginning January 1, 2001, accounts receivable will be exempt from the Florida intangibles tax. The bill also reduces the annual tax on intangible personal property from 1.5 mills to 1.0 mill.

The bill also revises the treatment of Florida trusts for intangibles tax purposes. It relieves Florida trustees from paying intangible taxes on trust assets, and provides that a Florida resident with beneficial interest in a trust is responsible for reporting his or her share of the trust's assets and paying the intangible tax. Florida financial institutions will now be able to attract out-of-state capital without having that investment subjected to Florida intangibles tax.

- Record 1A: On February 23, 2000, the Senate Fiscal Resource Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 5 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 1B: On March 6, 2000, the Senate Commerce and Economic Opportunity Committee passed the bill favorably by a vote of 8 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 1C: On April 4, 2000, the Senate passed the bill as amended by a vote of 35 yeas to 3 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 5, 2000 CS/HB 67 was substituted for CS/SB 60.

**CS/SB 60 was laid on the table; refer to CS/HB 67.**

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**CS/HB 67 — Intangible  
Personal property Tax  
by the House Finance  
& Taxation Committee  
and Rep. Mike Fasano  
(R-New Port Richey)**

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**T**his bill provides that, beginning January 1, 2001, accounts receivable will be exempt from the Florida intangibles tax. The bill also reduces the annual tax on intangible personal property from 1.5 mills to 1.0 mill.

The bill also revises the treatment of Florida trusts for intangibles tax purposes. It relieves Florida trustees from paying intangible taxes on trust assets, and provides that a Florida resident with beneficial interest in a trust is responsible for reporting his or her share of the trust's assets and paying the intangible tax. Florida financial institutions will now be able to attract out-of-state capital without having that investment subjected to Florida intangibles tax.

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**CS/HB 67 Continued**

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**C**hanges to the intangibles tax will be effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001.

On April 18, 2000, the House Finance and Taxation Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute, combined with HB 187, by a vote of 14 yeas to 1 nay. A "Yea" vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

On May 2, 2000 the House passed the bill favorably by a vote of 112 yeas to 3 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

On May 5, 2000, CS/HB 67 was substituted for CS/SB 60.

- Record 2A: On May 5, 2000, the Senate passed the bill favorably by a vote of 39 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

**CS/HB 67 passed both the House and Senate and has been approved by the governor.**

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**CS/SB 388 — Tax  
Exemptions for  
Non-Profit  
Organizations by the  
Senate Fiscal Resource  
Committee**

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**T**his bill provides a sales tax exemption to any organization holding a current exemption from federal income tax pursuant to 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

- Record 3A: On November 4, 1999, the Senate Fiscal Resource Committee passed PCB 00-1 favorably by a vote of 7 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

On November 4, 1999, Senate Fiscal Resource Committee PCB 00-1 became SB 388.

- Record 3B: On February 23, 2000, the Senate Fiscal Resource Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.
- Record 3C: On April 4, 2000, the Senate passed the bill favorably by a vote of 38 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

On May 4, 2000, the House passed the bill favorably by a vote of 119 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

**CS/ SB 388 passed both the House and Senate and is pending action by the governor.**

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**CS/CS/SB 770 —  
Alcoholic Beverage  
Surcharge/ Reduction  
by the Senate Fiscal  
Resource Committee,  
the Senate Regulated  
Industries Committee,  
and Sen. Jack Latvala  
(R-Palm Harbor)**

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**T**his bill started out as an attempt to reduce the surcharge on alcoholic beverages sold for consumption on the premises. This was the second installment of a three-year effort to repeal the surcharge.

On the last day of the session, this bill became a vehicle to revise the parimutuel law and grant substantial tax relief to the parimutuel industry. In addition, a provision favored by AIF relating to the exemption of machinery and equipment was placed in the bill by amendment. The Senate removed the machinery and equipment provision and passed the bill with the other two provisions.

- Record 4A: On February 23, 2000 the Senate Fiscal Resource Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 5 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 4B: On March 16, 2000, the Senate Regulated Industries Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute, combined with SB 286, by a vote of 9 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 4C: On April 4, 2000, the Senate passed the bill favorably by a vote of 37 yeas to 1 nay. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 5, 2000, the House passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 107 yeas to 4 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

- Record 4D: On May 5, 2000, the Senate concurred with the House amendments and passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 39 yeas to 0 nays. A “Nay” vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 4E: On May 5, 2000, the Senate, upon reconsideration of the amendment vote, failed to pass Senate Amendment 1 to House Amendment 1 by a vote of 16 yeas to 21 nays. A “Nay” is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 4F: On May 5, 2000, the Senate passed Senate Amendment 2 to House Amendment 1 favorably by a vote of 19 yeas to 16 nays. A “Nay” vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 4G: On May 5, 2000, the Senate, upon reconsideration, passed the bill favorably with amendments to the House amendments by a vote of 29 yeas to 7 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 5, 2000, the House concurred with the Senate amendments and passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 101 yeas to 16 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

- Record 4H: On May 5, 2000 the Senate concurred with the House amendments and passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 33 yeas to 4 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**CS/CS/SB 770 passed both the House and Senate and is pending action by the governor.**



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**CS/SB 1070 — Tax  
Administration/  
Reporting/Assessment  
by the Senate Fiscal  
Resource Committee  
and Sen. Jim Horne  
(R-Orange Park)**

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**T**his bill contains numerous changes to the Florida Tax Code. Of particular interest to Associated Industries of Florida were the following changes:

- amending the statute of limitations for audits so that effective July 1, 2002, the audit period will be three years for all open periods
  - adding specialty chemical or bioaugmentation products to the sales tax exemption on equipment or machinery for pollution control
  - extending the sales tax exemption for machinery & equipment used in the production of electrical or steam energy if 15 percent or less of all electrical or steam energy generated was produced by burning nonresidual fuel
  - adding SIC Code 35 to the exemption for repair and labor charges
- Record 5A: On March 8, 2000, the Senate Fiscal Resource Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 7 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 5B: On April 4, 2000, the Senate passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 38 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 5, 2000, HB 2433 was substituted for CS/SB 1070.

**CS/SB 1070 was laid on the table; refer to CS/SB 2433.**

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**CS/HB 1105 — Farming  
and Forestry  
Equipment Sales Tax  
Exemption by the  
House Finance  
and Taxation  
Committee and  
Rep. Adam Putnam  
(R-Bartow)**

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**T**his bill revises the application of the partial sales and use-tax exemption on self-propelled, power-drawn, or power-driven farm equipment by replacing a list of specified activities for use of equipment with the requirement that the equipment be used in “agriculture production.” A definition of the term “agriculture production” is provided.

Also, the bill reduces the sales tax rate on qualifying farm equipment from 3 percent to 2.5 percent effective January 1, 2001.

On March 23, 2000, the House Agriculture Committee passed the bill favorably with 1 amendment by a vote of 8 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On April 26, 2000, the House Finance and Taxation Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 10 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 3, 2000, the House passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 116 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

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**CS/HB 1105 Continued**

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On May 3, 2000, the Senate substituted CS/HB 1105 for CS/SB 1868.

- Record 6A: On May 5, 2000, the Senate passed the bill favorably by a vote of 39 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**CS/HB 1105 passed both the House and Senate and is pending action by the governor.**

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**CS/CS/CS/SB 1338 —  
Telecommuni-cations  
Taxation by the  
Senate Fiscal Resource  
Committee, the  
Senate Regulated  
Industries Committee,  
the Senate Fiscal  
Resource Committee,  
and Sen. Jim Horne  
(R-Orange Park)**

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**T**his bill substantially rewrites Florida's communications tax law. It creates the new Chapter 202, Florida Statutes, the Communications Services Tax Simplification Law, and provides that communications services be subject to a uniform statewide tax rate and a local tax to be administered by the Florida Department of Revenue.

Neither the state nor local communications services tax rates are set in the bill. The industry and local governments are directed to supply pertinent information to the Department of Revenue for use by the Revenue Estimating Conference for calculating revenue neutral rates to be presented to the legislature for review and approval during the 2001 Regular Session. Unless action is taken by the legislature before June 30, 2001, the act is repealed.

- Record 7A: On March 23, 2000, the Senate Fiscal Resource Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 7B: On April 13, 2000, the Senate Regulated Industries Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 7 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 7C: On April 26, 2000, the Senate Fiscal Resource Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 8 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 7D: On May 2, 2000, the Senate passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 37 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 4, 2000, the House passed the bill favorably by a vote of 108 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**CS/CS/CS/SB 1338 passed both the House and Senate and is pending action by the governor.**

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**CS/SB 1868 — Tax on  
Farm Equipment by  
the Senate Fiscal  
Resource Committee  
and Sen. Pat Thomas  
(D-Quincy)**

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**T**his bill revises the application of the partial sales and use-tax exemption on self-propelled, power-drawn, or power-driven farm equipment by replacing a list of specified activities for use of equipment with the requirement that the equipment be used in "agriculture production." A definition of the term "agriculture production" is provided.

Also, the bill reduces the sales tax rate on qualifying farm equipment from 3 percent to 2.5 percent effective January 1, 2001.

- Record 8A: On April 13, 2000, the Senate Fiscal Resource Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 3, 2000, CS/SB 1868 was substituted by CS/HB 1105.

**CS/SB 1868 was laid on the table; refer to CS/HB 1105.**

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**HB 2433 — Tax  
Administration  
Package by the House  
Finance & Taxation  
Committee**

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**T**his bill makes numerous changes to the Florida Tax Code as follows:

- amends the statute of limitations for audits so that effective July 1, 2002, the limitation period is three years for all open periods
- transfers the responsibility for the collection of civil penalties assessed by the Elections Commission from the Department of Revenue to the Elections Commission
- deletes a duplicate filing requirement for certain insurance companies
- provides for the sharing of specified information by the Department of Revenue with the Department of Management Services and the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
- provides optional filing periods for certain entities required to pay gross receipts tax
- allows the Department of Revenue to suspend reporting requirements for terminal operators and bulk carriers when identical data becomes available to the department from the Internal Revenue Service
- clarifies the exemption from the indexed tax of 20 percent of the manufactured asphalt used for any government public works project
- clarifies the manner in which interest is applied to tax deficiencies
- provides authority to the Department of Revenue to enter into contracts with public or private vendors to develop and implement a voluntary system for sales and use-tax collection and administration

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**HB 2433 Continued**

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In addition, the bill does the following:

- adds specialty chemical or bioaugmentation products to the sales tax exemption on equipment or machinery for pollution control
- extending the sales tax exemption for machinery & equipment used in the production of electrical or steam energy if 15 percent or less of all electrical or steam energy generated was produced by burning nonresidual fuel
- adds SIC code 35 to the exemption for repair and labor charges. SIC code 35 was inadvertently left out of the bill last year. The Department of Revenue has implemented the law as if SIC code 35 were included
- adds savings association holding companies to the list of entities exempt from the intangibles tax.
- provides a retroactive exemption for renewals of promissory notes for revolving obligations, if the renewal extends the existing agreement for certain term obligations.

On April 18, 2000, the House Finance and Taxation Committee passed House Finance and Taxation PCB 00-01 by a vote of 14 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On April 24, 2000, House Finance and Taxation PCB 00-01 became HB 2433

On May 2, 2000, the House passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 115 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 5, 2000, HB 2433 was substituted for CS/SB 1070.

- Record 9A: On May 5, 2000, the Senate passed the bill favorably by a vote of 39 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**HB 2433 passed both the House and Senate and is pending action by the governor.**

# SENATE AVERAGE ON LEGAL AND JUDICIAL = 96%

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	SENATOR	1a-Citizen Participation In Government Act	2a-Citizen Participation In Government Act	2b-Citizen Participation In Government Act	3a-Repealing 12-Year Statute of Repose	4a-Solid Waste Management Services	4b-Solid Waste Management Services	5a-Solid Waste Management Services	6a-Administrative Procedures/NetWorth	6b-Administrative Procedures/NetWorth
2	0	100	Bronson (R)	F						F		
5	0	100	Brown-Waite (R)	F		F			F	F		F
4	0	100	Burt (R)	F	F					F	F	
5	0	100	Campbell (D)	F	F		F			F	F	
3	0	100	Carlton (R)	F				F		F		
2	0	100	Casas (R)	F						F		
2	0	100	Childers (R)	F						F		
3	0	100	Clary (R)	F				F		F		
4	0	100	Cowin (R)	F		F			F	F		
2	0	100	Dawson (D)	F						F		
2	0	100	Diaz de la Portilla (R)	F						F		
5	0	100	Diaz-Balart (R)	F		F			F	F		F
2	0	100	Dyer (D)	F						F		
2	1	67	Forman (D)	F				F		A		

F - Vote for position of AIF • A - Vote against position of AIF

# SENATE AVERAGE ON LEGAL AND JUDICIAL (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	SENATOR	1a-Citizen Participation In Government Act	2a-Citizen Participation In Government Act	2b-Citizen Participation In Government Act	3a-Repealing 12-Year Statute of Repose	4a-Solid Waste Management Services	4b-Solid Waste Management Services	5a-Solid Waste Management Services	6a-Administrative Procedures/NetWorth	6b-Administrative Procedures/NetWorth
3	0	100	Geller (D)	F				F		F		
4	1	80	Grant (R)	F	F		A			F	F	
2	0	100	Hargrett (D)	F						F		
2	0	100	Holzendorf (D)	F						F		
5	0	100	Horne (R)	F		F			F	F		F
2	0	100	Jennings (R)	F						F		
2	0	100	Jones (D)	F						F		
2	0	100	King (R)	F						F		
2	0	100	Kirkpatrick (R)	F						F		
2	0	100	Klein (D)	F						F		
3	0	100	Kurth (D)	F				F		F		
4	0	100	Latvala (R)	F					F	F		F
4	1	80	Laurent (R)	F	F		A			F	F	
3	0	100	Lee (R)	F				F		F		

F - Vote for position of AIF • A - Vote against position of AIF



# SENATE AVERAGE ON LEGAL AND JUDICIAL (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	SENATOR	1a-Citizen Participation In Government Act	2a-Citizen Participation In Government Act	2b-Citizen Participation In Government Act	3a-Repealing 12-Year Statute of Repose	4a-Solid Waste Management Services	4b-Solid Waste Management Services	5a-Solid Waste Management Services	6a-Administrative Procedures/NetWorth	6b-Administrative Procedures/NetWorth
1	0	100	McKay (R)	F								
2	0	100	Meek (D)	F						F		
3	0	100	Mitchell (D)	F				F		F		
3	0	100	Myers (R)	F				F		F		
5	0	100	Rossin (D)	F		F			F	F		F
2	0	100	Saunders (R)	F						F		
3	0	100	Scott (R)	F						F	F	
2	0	100	Sebesta (R)	F						F		
5	2	71	Silver (D)	F	F	F	A			F	A	F
2	0	100	Sullivan (R)	F						F		
1	0	100	Thomas (D)	F								
5	0	100	Webster (R)	F	F		F			F	F	
117	5	96	TOTAL									

F - Vote for position of AIF • A - Vote against position of AIF

# SENATE AVERAGE ON TAXATION = 84%

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	SENATOR	1a-Tax on Intangible Personal Property	1b-Tax on Intangible Personal Property	1c-Tax on Intangible Personal Property	2a-Intangible Personal Property Tax Exemption	3a-Tax Exemption/Non-Profit Organization	3b-Tax Exemption/Non-Profit Organization	3c-Tax Exemption/Non-Profit Organization	4a-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	4b-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	4c-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	4d-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	4e-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	4f-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	4g-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	4h-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	5a-Tax Administration/Reporting/Assesment	5b-Tax Administration/Reporting/Assesment	6a-Sales Tax/Farm Equipment	7a-Telecommunications Taxation	7b-Telecommunications Taxation	7c-Telecommunications Taxation	7d-Telecommunications Taxation	8a-Sales Tax/Farm Equipment	9a-3 Tax Glitch Issues
10	1	91	Bronson (R)			F	F			F			F	A	F			F		F	F					F	F
11	2	85	Brown-Waite (R)			F	F			F			F	A	F	A	F	F		F	F					F	F
11	2	85	Burt (R)			F	F			F			F	A	F	A	F	F		F	F					F	F
11	2	85	Campbell (D)			F	F			F			F	A	F	F	A	F		F	F					F	F
15	3	83	Carlton (R)			F	F	F		F			F	A	A	A	F	F	F	F	F	F	F		F	F	F
12	2	86	Casas (R)			F	F			F		F	F	A	A		F	F		F	F		F			F	F
12	2	86	Childers (R)			F	F			F		F	F	A	F	F	A	F		F	F					F	F
5	0	100	Clary (R)			F				F			F							F						F	
10	3	77	Cowin (R)			F	F			F			F	A	A	F	A	F		F	F					F	F
6	1	86	Dawson (D)				F					F		A							F		F			F	F
18	1	95	Diaz de la Portilla (R)	F	F	F		F	F				F	A	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F		F	F	F
8	1	89	Diaz-Balart (R)				F							A	F	F	F	F			F					F	F
14	1	93	Dyer (D)			F	F			F		F	F	A	F	F	F	F		F	F		F			F	F
16	1	94	Forman (D)			F	F	F		F			F	A	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F		F	F	F

F - Vote for position of AIF • A - Vote against position of AIF

# SENATE AVERAGE ON TAXATION (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	SENATOR	1a-Tax on Intangible Personal Property	1b-Tax on Intangible Personal Property	1c-Tax on Intangible Personal Property	2a-Intangible Personal Property Tax Exemption	3a-Tax Exemption/Non-Profit Organization	3b-Tax Exemption/Non-Profit Organization	3c-Tax Exemption/Non-Profit Organization	4a-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	4b-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	4c-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	4d-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	4e-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	4f-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	4g-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	4h-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	5a-Tax Administration/Reporting/Assesment	5b-Tax Administration/Reporting/Assesment	6a-Sales Tax/Farm Equipment	7a-Telecommunications Taxation	7b-Telecommunications Taxation	7c-Telecommunications Taxation	7d-Telecommunications Taxation	8a-Sales Tax/Farm Equipment	9a-3 Tax Glitch Issues
19	3	86	Geller (D)	F		F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	A	A	A	F	F	F	F	F		F	F	F	F	F
18	3	86	Grant (R)	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F		F	A	F	F	A	A	F	F	F			F	F	F	F
10	3	77	Hargrett (D)			F	F			F			F	A	A	A	F	F		F	F				F		F
10	1	91	Holzendorf (D)		F	F	F			F		F	F	A						F	F				F		F
19	2	90	Horne (R)	F		F	F	F	F	F	F		F	A	F	A	F	F	F	F	F	F		F	F	F	F
9	3	75	Jennings (R)			F	F			F			F	A	A	A	F	F		F	F						F
11	2	85	Jones (D)			A	F			F			F	A	F	F	F	F		F	F				F		F
13	1	93	King (R)		F	F	F			F			F	A	F	F	F	F		F	F				F		F
11	3	79	Kirkpatrick (R)		F	F	F			F			F	A	F	A	A	F		F	F				F		F
11	3	79	Klein (D)		F	F	F			F			F	A	A	A	F	F		F	F				F		F
11	1	92	Kurth (D)			F	F			F			F	A	F	F	F	F		F	F						F
12	3	80	Latvala (R)			F	F			F		F	F	A	A	A	F	F		F	F		F		F		F
9	4	69	Laurent (R)			F	F			F			F	A	A	A	F	A		F	F				F		F
12	3	80	Lee (R)			F	F			F		F	F	A	A	A	F	F		F	F		F		F		F

F - Vote for position of AIF • A - Vote against position of AIF

# SENATE AVERAGE ON TAXATION (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	SENATOR	1a-Tax on Intangible Personal Property	1b-Tax on Intangible Personal Property	1c-Tax on Intangible Personal Property	2a-Intangible Personal Property Tax Exemption	3a-Tax Exemption/Non-Profit Organization	3b-Tax Exemption/Non-Profit Organization	3c-Tax Exemption/Non-Profit Organization	4a-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	4b-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	4c-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	4d-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	4e-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	4f-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	4g-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	4h-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	5a-Tax Administration/Reporting/Assesment	5b-Tax Administration/Reporting/Assesment	6a-Sales Tax/Farm Equipment	7a-Telecommunications Taxation	7b-Telecommunications Taxation	7c-Telecommunications Taxation	7d-Telecommunications Taxation	8a-Sales Tax/Farm Equipment	9a-3 Tax Glitch Issues	
17	3	85	McKay (R)	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F		F	A	A	A	F	F		F	F	F		F	F		F	
11	2	85	Meek (D)			A	F		F				F	A	F	F	F	F		F	F				F		F	
8	5	62	Mitchell (D)			A	F		F				A	A	F	F	A	A		F	F				F		F	
11	2	85	Myers (R)			F	F		F				F	A	F	A	F	F		F	F				F		F	
12	1	92	Rossin (D)			F	F		F				F	A	F	F	F	F		F	F				F		F	
10	3	77	Saunders (R)			F	F		F				F	A	A	A	F	F		F	F				F		F	
11	3	79	Scott (R)		F	F	F		F				F	A	A	A	F	F		F	F				F		F	
18	3	86	Sebesta (R)	F		F	F	F	F	F	F		F	A	A	A	F	F	F	F	F	F	F		F	F	F	F
11	2	85	Silver (D)			F	F		F				F	A	F	A	F	F		F	F				F		F	
12	3	80	Sullivan (R)			F	F		F		F	F	A	A	F	F	A			F	F	F		F		F		
9	3	75	Thomas (D)			F	F		F				F	A	A	F	A	F		F	F						F	
11	2	85	Webster (R)			F	F		F				F	A	F	A	F	F		F	F				F		F	
475	89	84	TOTAL																									

F - Vote for position of AIF • A - Vote against position of AIF

**THE FLORIDA SENATE**

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**UNEMPLOYMENT  
COMPENSATION**

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## UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

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**SB 236 —  
Unemployment  
Compensation/Base  
Period by Senator  
Buddy Dyer  
(D-Orlando)**

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**T**his bill would have provided for adoption of an “alternate base” calculation for past wages in the computation of unemployment compensation benefits. The proposal provided that an employer would have ten days to dispute a calculation by the Division of Unemployment Compensation. The employer would also have to supply quarterly wage reports to substantiate its side in the dispute over the division’s calculation. The bill also provided that any excess payments made to an unemployed individual by the division, could not be recovered or recouped, unless the overpayment was based a on misrepresentation by the recipient. AIF opposed the legislation because there was no real reason for changing to an alternate calculation method and because unemployed individuals should not be allowed to reap a windfall as a result of agency mistakes. The bill also imposed additional reporting requirements on employers.

- Record 1A: On March 28, 2000, the Senate Commerce & Economic Opportunities committee passed the bill with a vote on 8 yeas and 1 nays. A “Nay” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**SB 236 died in the Committee on Fiscal Policy.**



# SENATE AVERAGE ON UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION = 11%

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	SENATOR	1a-Unemployment Compensation/Base Period
			Bronson (R)	
			Brown-Waite (R)	
			Burt (R)	
			Campbell (D)	
			Carlton (R)	
			Casas (R)	
			Childers (R)	
			Clary (R)	
			Cowin (R)	
0	1	0	Dawson (D)	A
0	1	0	Diaz de la Portilla (R)	A
			Diaz-Balart (R)	
			Dyer (D)	
			Forman (D)	

F - Vote for position of AIF • A - Vote against position of AIF

# SENATE AVERAGE ON UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	SENATOR	1a-Unemployment Compensation/Base Period
			Geller (D)	
0	1	0	Grant (R)	A
			Hargrett (D)	
0	1	0	Holzendorf (D)	A
			Horne (R)	
			Jennings (R)	
			Jones (D)	
0	1	0	King (R)	A
0	1	0	Kirkpatrick (R)	A
0	1	0	Klein (D)	A
			Kurth (D)	
			Latvala (R)	
			Laurent (R)	
			Lee (R)	

F - Vote for position of AIF • A - Vote against position of AIF

# SENATE AVERAGE ON UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	SENATOR	1a-Unemployment Compensation/Base Period
0	1	0	McKay (R)	A
			Meek (D)	
			Mitchell (D)	
			Myers (R)	
			Rossin (D)	
			Saunders (R)	
1	0	100	Scott (R)	F
			Sebesta (R)	
			Silver (D)	
			Sullivan (R)	
			Thomas (D)	
			Webster (R)	
1	8	11	<b>TOTAL</b>	

F - Vote for position of AIF • A - Vote against position of AIF

**THE FLORIDA SENATE**

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**WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

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## WORKERS' COMPENSATION

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**CS/SB 1032 — Child  
Support Workers'  
Compensation  
Claims by the  
Senate Banking  
and Insurance  
Committee and  
Sen. Daryl Jones  
(D-Miami)**

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**T**his bill required judges of compensation claims to consider the interest of the worker and the worker's family when approving settlement agreements. The bill required the appropriate recovery of any child support arrearages from the settlement amounts and provided that gross income includes all workers' compensation benefits and settlements. This bill was supported by AIF.

- Record 1A: On March 28, 2000, the Senate Children and Families Committee passed the bill favorably with 1 amendment by a vote of 4 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 1B: On April 17, 2000, the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute, combined with SB 2228, by a vote of 8 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 1C: On April 25, 2000, the Senate Judiciary Committee passed the bill favorably by a vote of 5 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**CS/SB 1032 died on the Senate Calendar.**

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**CS/SB 2532 —  
Workers'  
Compensation Net  
Premiums by the  
Senate Banking and  
Insurance Committee  
and Sen. Pat Thomas  
(D-Quincy)**

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**T**his bill clarified the legislative intent as to the terms “net premiums written” and “net premiums collected” as used in the workers’ compensation law. The bill also provided legislative intent language that ceded reinsurance premiums in accordance with what the Division of Workers’ Compensation felt was the original intent of the statute relating to assessment for the Workers’ Compensation Administration Trust Fund and the Special Disability Trust Fund.

AIF opposed the general concept of amending the current statutes to include these items in the amounts taxed for the two trust funds.

- Record 2A: On April 24, 2000, the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 7 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 2B: On May 5, 2000, the Senate passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 35 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 5, 2000, the House passed the bill favorably by a vote of 109 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**CS/SB 2532 passed both the House and Senate and is pending action by the governor (00-150).**



# SENATE AVERAGE ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION = 100%

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	SENATOR	1a-Child Support/Workers' Compensation	1b-Child Support/Workers' Compensation	1c-Child Support/Workers' Compensation	2a-Workers' Compensation/Use of Terms	2b-Workers' Compensation/Use of Terms
1	0	100	Bronson (R)					F
2	0	100	Brown-Waite (R)		F			F
1	0	100	Burt (R)					F
3	0	100	Campbell (D)		F	F		F
1	0	100	Carlton (R)					F
3	0	100	Casas (R)		F		F	F
2	0	100	Childers (R)				F	F
1	0	100	Clary (R)	F				
1	0	100	Cowin (R)					F
1	0	100	Dawson (D)					F
1	0	100	Diaz de la Portilla (R)					F
2	0	100	Diaz-Balart (R)	F				F
1	0	100	Dyer (D)					F
1	0	100	Forman (D)					F

F - Vote for position of AIF • A - Vote against position of AIF

# SENATE AVERAGE ON WORKERS COMPENSATION (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	SENATOR	1a-Child Support/Workers' Compensation	1b-Child Support/Workers' Compensation	1c-Child Support/Workers' Compensation	2a-Workers' Compensation/Use of Terms	2b-Workers' Compensation/Use of Terms
2	0	100	Geller (D)		F		F	
2	0	100	Grant (R)			F		F
1	0	100	Hargrett (D)					F
2	0	100	Holzendorf (D)		F			F
1	0	100	Horne (R)					F
1	0	100	Jennings (R)					F
2	0	100	Jones (D)	F				F
1	0	100	King (R)					F
1	0	100	Kirkpatrick (R)					F
1	0	100	Klein (D)					F
1	0	100	Kurth (D)					F
			Latvala (R)					
2	0	100	Laurent (R)			F		F
1	0	100	Lee (R)					F

F - Vote for position of AIF • A - Vote against position of AIF

# SENATE AVERAGE ON WORKERS COMPENSATION (CONTINUED)

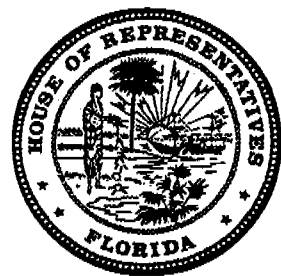
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			McKay (R)					
1	0	100	Meek (D)					F
2	0	100	Mitchell (D)	F				F
1	0	100	Myers (R)					F
3	0	100	Rossin (D)		F		F	F
			Saunders (R)					
3	0	100	Scott (R)		F		F	F
3	0	100	Sebesta (R)		F		F	F
2	0	100	Silver (D)			F		F
1	0	100	Sullivan (R)					F
2	0	100	Thomas (D)				F	F
2	0	100	Webster (R)			F		F
59	0	100	<b>TOTAL</b>					

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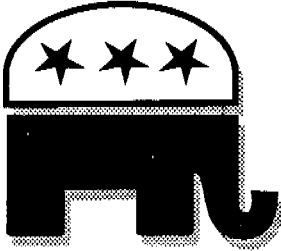
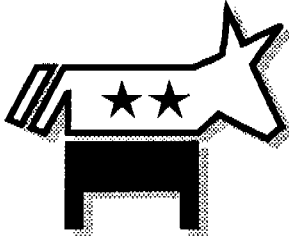
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RANKING AND RECORD ON ISSUES**

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# HOUSE — BY PARTY — 2000

PARTY	TOTAL VOTES	VOTES WITH AIF	VOTES AGAINST AIF	% OF VOTES WITH AIF
	2,021	1,700	321	84%
	1,263	1,012	251	80%

## HOUSE — By RANK — 2000

TOTAL FOR POSITION OF AIF	TOTAL AGAINST POSITION OF AIF	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	RANK
37	3	93	Argenio (R)	1
21	2	91	Garcia (R)	2
26	3	90	Albright (R)	3
27	3	90	Goode (R)	3
26	3	90	Rubio (R)	3
26	3	90	Russell (R)	3
36	4	90	Tullis (R)	3
24	3	89	Fuller (R)	8
25	3	89	Murman (R)	8
24	3	89	Smith, Kelley (D)	8
21	3	88	Argenziano (R)	11
21	3	88	Arnall (R)	11
23	3	88	Barreiro (R)	11
21	3	88	Bitner (R)	11
22	3	88	Bronson (D)	11
22	3	88	Cantens (R)	11
21	3	88	Crady (D)	11
23	3	88	Diaz de la Portilla (R)	11
21	3	88	Feeney (R)	11
21	3	88	Jones (R)	11

# HOUSE — BY RANK — 2000 (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR POSITION OF AIF	TOTAL AGAINST POSITION OF AIF	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	RANK
28	4	88	Kelly (R)	11
23	3	88	Melvin (R)	11
22	3	88	Pruitt (R)	11
22	3	88	Ryan (D)	11
23	3	88	Sembler (R)	11
22	3	88	Sorensen (R)	11
22	3	88	Spratt (D)	11
29	4	88	Stansel (D)	11
22	3	88	Suarez (D)	11
21	3	88	Thrasher (R)	11
21	3	88	Wise (R)	11
26	4	87	Bainter (R)	32
26	4	87	Betancourt (D)	32
27	4	87	Brummer (R)	32
27	4	87	Gottlieb (D)	32
20	3	87	Lacasa (R)	32
20	3	87	Merchant (R)	32
20	3	87	Roberts (D)	32
24	4	86	Andrews (R)	39
25	4	86	Bense (R)	39



# HOUSE — BY RANK — 2000 (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR POSITION OF AIF	TOTAL AGAINST POSITION OF AIF	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	RANK
18	3	86	Crist (R)	39
19	3	86	Detert (R)	39
25	4	86	Hart (R)	39
24	4	86	Patterson (R)	39
19	3	86	Starks (R)	39
22	4	85	Bradley (R)	46
22	4	85	Edwards (D)	46
22	4	85	Fiorentino (R)	46
23	4	85	Futch (R)	46
23	4	85	Gay (R)	46
22	4	85	Greenstein (D)	46
22	4	85	Maygarden (R)	46
28	5	85	Ogles (R)	46
22	4	85	Stafford (D)	46
26	5	84	Dockery (R)	55
31	6	84	Minton (D)	55
27	5	84	Sobel (D)	55
26	5	84	Wallace (R)	55
27	5	84	Wiles (D)	55
20	4	83	Bullard (D)	60

**HOUSE — BY RANK — 2000 (CONTINUED)**

<b>TOTAL FOR POSITION OF AIF</b>	<b>TOTAL AGAINST POSITION OF AIF</b>	<b>% OF VOTES WITH AIF</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE</b>	<b>RANK</b>
20	4	83	Constantine (R)	60
19	4	83	Eggelletion (D)	60
19	4	83	Flanagan (R)	60
19	4	83	Henriquez (D)	60
29	6	83	Johnson (R)	60
24	5	83	Lawson (D)	60
20	4	83	Lynn (R)	60
24	5	83	Peaden (R)	60
24	5	83	Trovillion (R)	60
24	5	83	Waters (R)	60
18	4	82	Bush (D)	71
26	6	81	Bilirakis (R)	72
25	6	81	Byrd (R)	72
21	5	81	Cosgrove (D)	72
21	5	81	Effman (D)	72
22	5	81	Hafner (D)	72
22	5	81	Posey (R)	72
21	5	81	Putnam (R)	72
17	4	81	Smith, Christopher (D)	72
20	5	80	Crow (R)	80

**HOUSE — BY RANK — 2000 (CONTINUED)**

<b>TOTAL FOR POSITION OF AIF</b>	<b>TOTAL AGAINST POSITION OF AIF</b>	<b>% OF VOTES WITH AIF</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE</b>	<b>RANK</b>
24	6	80	Green (R)	80
20	5	80	Kosmas (D)	80
20	5	80	Miller, Jefferson (R)	80
16	4	80	Rojas (R)	80
19	5	79	Alexander (R)	85
27	7	79	Casey (R)	85
22	6	79	Farkas (R)	85
27	7	79	Harrington (R)	85
23	6	79	Hill (D)	85
23	6	79	Kyle (R)	85
22	6	79	Littlefield (R)	85
15	4	79	Logan (D)	85
19	5	79	Miller, Lesley (D)	85
26	7	79	Morroni (R)	85
19	5	79	Turnbull (D)	85
23	6	79	Villalobos (R)	85
26	7	79	Wasserman-Schultz (D)	85
18	5	78	Chestnut (D)	98
25	7	78	Prieguez (R)	98
21	6	78	Rayson (D)	98
21	6	78	Ritchie (D)	98

**HOUSE — BY RANK — 2000 (CONTINUED)**

<b>TOTAL FOR POSITION OF AIF</b>	<b>TOTAL AGAINST POSITION OF AIF</b>	<b>% OF VOTES WITH AIF</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE</b>	<b>RANK</b>
30	9	77	Fasano (R)	102
20	6	77	Greene (D)	102
23	7	77	Sublette (R)	102
19	6	76	Ball (R)	105
22	7	76	Boyd (D)	105
19	6	76	Levine (D)	105
22	7	76	Sanderson (R)	105
24	8	75	Jacobs (D)	109
21	7	75	Kilmer (R)	109
24	8	75	Lee (D)	109
24	8	75	Reddick (D)	109
20	7	74	Bloom (D)	113
17	6	74	Brown (D)	113
17	6	74	Goodlette (R)	113
16	6	73	Bucher (D)	116
16	6	73	Wilson (D)	116
22	9	71	Heyman (D)	118
22	11	67	Ritter (D)	119
15	9	63	Frankel (D)	120
2	4	33	Healey (D)	121
<b>2712</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	

## HOUSE — BY ALPHABETICAL — 2000

TOTAL FOR POSITION OF AIF	TOTAL AGAINST POSITION OF AIF	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	RANK
26	3	90	Albright (R)	3
19	5	79	Alexander (R)	85
24	4	86	Andrews (R)	39
37	3	93	Argenio (R)	1
21	3	88	Argenziano (R)	11
21	3	88	Arnall (R)	11
26	4	87	Bainter (R)	32
19	6	76	Ball (R)	105
23	3	88	Barreiro (R)	11
25	4	86	Bense (R)	39
26	4	87	Betancourt (D)	32
26	6	81	Bilirakis (R)	72
21	3	88	Bitner (R)	11
20	7	74	Bloom (D)	113
22	7	76	Boyd (D)	105
22	4	85	Bradley (R)	46
22	3	88	Bronson (D)	11
17	6	74	Brown (D)	113
27	4	87	Brummer (R)	32
16	6	73	Bucher (D)	116

**HOUSE — BY ALPHABETICAL — 2000 (CONTINUED)**

<b>TOTAL FOR POSITION OF AIF</b>	<b>TOTAL AGAINST POSITION OF AIF</b>	<b>% OF VOTES WITH AIF</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE</b>	<b>RANK</b>
20	4	83	Bullard (D)	60
18	4	82	Bush (D)	71
25	6	81	Byrd (R)	72
22	3	88	Cantens (R)	11
27	7	79	Casey (R)	85
18	5	78	Chestnut (D)	98
20	4	83	Constantine (R)	60
21	5	81	Cosgrove (D)	72
21	3	88	Crady (D)	11
18	3	86	Crist (R)	39
20	5	80	Crow (R)	80
19	3	86	Detert (R)	39
23	3	88	Diaz de la Portilla (R)	11
26	5	84	Dockery (R)	55
22	4	85	Edwards (D)	46
21	5	81	Effman (D)	72
19	4	83	Eggelletion (D)	60
22	6	79	Farkas (R)	85
30	9	77	Fasano (R)	102
21	3	88	Feeney (R)	11



**HOUSE — BY ALPHABETICAL — 2000 (CONTINUED)**

<b>TOTAL FOR POSITION OF AIF</b>	<b>TOTAL AGAINST POSITION OF AIF</b>	<b>% OF VOTES WITH AIF</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE</b>	<b>RANK</b>
22	4	85	Fiorentino (R)	46
19	4	83	Flanagan (R)	60
15	9	63	Frankel (D)	120
24	3	89	Fuller (R)	8
23	4	85	Futch (R)	46
21	2	91	Garcia (R)	2
23	4	85	Gay (R)	46
27	3	90	Goode (R)	3
17	6	74	Goodlette (R)	113
27	4	87	Gottlieb (D)	32
24	6	80	Green (R)	80
20	6	77	Greene (D)	102
22	4	85	Greenstein (D)	46
22	5	81	Hafner (D)	72
27	7	79	Harrington (R)	85
25	4	86	Hart (R)	39
2	4	33	Healey (D)	121
19	4	83	Henriquez (D)	60
22	9	71	Heyman (D)	118
23	6	79	Hill (D)	85



**HOUSE — BY ALPHABETICAL — 2000 (CONTINUED)**

<b>TOTAL FOR POSITION OF AIF</b>	<b>TOTAL AGAINST POSITION OF AIF</b>	<b>% OF VOTES WITH AIF</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE</b>	<b>RANK</b>
24	8	75	Jacobs (D)	109
29	6	83	Johnson (R)	60
21	3	88	Jones (R)	11
28	4	88	Kelly (R)	11
21	7	75	Kilmer (R)	109
20	5	80	Kosmas (D)	80
23	6	79	Kyle (R)	85
20	3	87	Lacasa (R)	32
24	5	83	Lawson (D)	60
24	8	75	Lee (D)	109
19	6	76	Levine (D)	105
22	6	79	Littlefield (R)	85
15	4	79	Logan (D)	85
20	4	83	Lynn (R)	60
22	4	85	Maygarden (R)	46
23	3	88	Melvin (R)	11
20	3	87	Merchant (R)	32
20	5	80	Miller, Jefferson (R)	80
19	5	79	Miller, Lesley (D)	85
31	6	84	Minton (D)	55

**HOUSE — BY ALPHABETICAL — 2000 (CONTINUED)**

<b>TOTAL FOR POSITION OF AIF</b>	<b>TOTAL AGAINST POSITION OF AIF</b>	<b>% OF VOTES WITH AIF</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE</b>	<b>RANK</b>
26	7	79	Morrone (R)	85
25	3	89	Murman (R)	8
28	5	85	Ogles (R)	46
24	4	86	Patterson (R)	39
24	5	83	Peaden (R)	60
22	5	81	Posey (R)	72
25	7	78	Prieguez (R)	98
22	3	88	Pruitt (R)	11
21	5	81	Putnam (R)	72
21	6	78	Rayson (D)	98
24	8	75	Reddick (D)	109
21	6	78	Ritchie (D)	98
22	11	67	Ritter (D)	119
20	3	87	Roberts (D)	32
16	4	80	Rojas (R)	80
26	3	90	Rubio (R)	3
26	3	90	Russell (R)	3
22	3	88	Ryan (D)	11
22	7	76	Sanderson (R)	105
23	3	88	Sembler (R)	11
17	4	81	Smith, Christopher (D)	72

**HOUSE — BY ALPHABETICAL — 2000 (CONTINUED)**

<b>TOTAL FOR POSITION OF AIF</b>	<b>TOTAL AGAINST POSITION OF AIF</b>	<b>% OF VOTES WITH AIF</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE</b>	<b>RANK</b>
24	3	89	Smith, Kelley (D)	8
27	5	84	Sobel (D)	55
22	3	88	Sorensen (R)	11
22	3	88	Spratt (D)	11
22	4	85	Stafford (D)	46
29	4	88	Stansel (D)	11
19	3	86	Starks (R)	39
22	3	88	Suarez (D)	11
23	7	77	Sublette (R)	102
21	3	88	Thrasher (R)	11
24	5	83	Trovillion (R)	60
36	4	90	Tullis (R)	3
19	5	79	Turnbull (D)	85
23	6	79	Villalobos (R)	85
26	5	84	Wallace (R)	55
26	7	79	Wasserman-Schultz (D)	85
24	5	83	Waters (R)	60
27	5	84	Wiles (D)	55
16	6	73	Wilson (D)	116
21	3	88	Wise (R)	11
<b>2712</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	

**THE FLORIDA HOUSE**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL

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**HB 473 — Motor  
Vehicle Emission  
Testing by  
Rep. Curt Levine  
(D-Boca Raton)**

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**T**he Clean Outdoor Air Act was established in 1997 when the EPA adopted more stringent clean-air standards and a new method of measuring air quality. In the year 2000, the EPA will determine compliance of the new standards. Any area not meeting the standards will be declared in "non-attainment" and the state will be required to submit a "State Implementation Plan" (SIP) to bring the area into compliance by the year 2010 or beyond. During 1999 and 2000, each of Florida's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Plans for the period 2000-2020, will be reviewed for conformity with the SIP. Any area not meeting the conformity requirements will be subject to withholding of all federal transportation funding for new projects in the area until the plan is brought into compliance.

Florida faces some difficult choices in handling this EPA requirement. If any areas are declared in non-attainment, a new SIP will be required for those areas or the state must challenge the EPA determination or the Clean Air Act requirements. Any MPO plan that is determined to be in nonconformance will have to be modified by eliminating transportation projects or, again, the EPA or Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements must be challenged in federal court. This option could impact the ability of industry to expand or relocate in Florida. If air quality deteriorates, it also will impact the health of citizens and impact medical costs.

If Florida moves forward with a revised limited program aimed at attainment and conformity, Florida must find control strategies for fixed and mobile sources. A combination of fixed and mobile source restrictions is the most effective program to address air quality. These likely would include more controls on fixed sources such as industrial and electric utility boilers. This may also include reformulated fuel, low sulfur fuel, or seven-point re-vapor pressure fuel to eliminate fuel-related pollution.

AIF supports maintaining auto emissions testing to protect air quality attainment so that Florida businesses and industries are not forced to bear the brunt of the new EPA requirements.

- Record 1A: On February 21, 2000, the House Transportation Committee passed the bill favorably by a vote of 10 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On April 10, 2000, HB 473 was combined with CS/HB 819.

**HB 473 was laid on the table; refer to CS/HB 819.**

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**SB 772 —  
Transportation/  
Highway Safety Laws  
by the Senate  
Transportation  
Committee and  
Sen. Dan Webster  
(R-Winter Garden)**

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**T**he legislature enacted Senate Bill 772, which included an amendment repealing the motor vehicle inspection program. This choice to repeal the existing program may significantly impact industry, as a limit on state vehicle inspection programs will facilitate a move toward controls on fixed sources.

It was AIF's position that maintaining auto emissions testing to protect air quality attainment was crucial so that Florida's business and industries were not unduly impacted by new EPA requirements.

On February 22, 2000, the Senate Transportation committee passed the bill favorably on a vote of 9 yeas to 0 nays. A "Nay" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 2, 2000, the Senate passed the bill by a vote of 40 yeas and 0 nays.

- Record 2A: On May 5, 2000, the House passed the bill as amended on a vote of 120 yeas to 0 nays. A "Nay" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 5, 2000, the Senate concurred in the House amendments and passed the bill a vote of 38 yeas and 1 nays. A "Nay" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**SB 772 was passed by both the House and Senate and is pending action from the governor.**

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**CS/HB 819 — Motor  
Vehicle Emissions  
Inspections by the  
House Environmental  
Protection Committee  
and Rep. Jim Fuller  
(R-Jacksonville)**

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**T**he Clean Outdoor Air Act was established in 1997 when the EPA adopted more stringent clean-air standards and a new method of measuring air quality. In the year 2000, the EPA will determine compliance of the new standards. Any area not meeting the standards will be declared in "non-attainment" and the state will be required to submit a "State Implementation Plan" (SIP) to bring the area into compliance by the year 2010 or beyond. During 1999 and 2000, each of Florida's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Plans for the period 2000-2020, will be reviewed for conformity with the SIP. Any area not meeting the conformity requirements will be subject to withholding of all federal transportation funding for new projects in the area until the plan is brought into compliance.

Florida faces some difficult choices in handling this EPA requirement. If any areas are declared in non-attainment, a new SIP will be required for those areas or the state must challenge the EPA determination or the Clean Air Act requirements. Any MPO plan that is determined to be in nonconformance will have to be modified by eliminating transportation projects or, again, the EPA or Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements must be challenged in federal court. This option could impact the ability of industry to expand or relocate in Florida.

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**CS/HB 819 Continued**

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If air quality deteriorates, it also will impact the health of citizens and impact medical costs.

If Florida moves forward with a revised limited program aimed at attainment and conformity, Florida must find control strategies for fixed and mobile sources. A combination of fixed and mobile source restrictions is the most effective program to address air quality. These likely would include more controls on fixed sources such as industrial and electric utility boilers. This may also include reformulated fuel, low sulfur fuel, or seven-point re-vapor pressure fuel to eliminate fuel-related pollution.

AIF supports maintaining auto emissions testing to protect air quality attainment so that Florida businesses and industries are not forced to bear the brunt of the new EPA requirements.

- Record 3A: On March 30, 2000, the House Environmental Protection Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute, combined with HB 473, by a vote of 13 yeas to 1 nay. A “Yea” vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.
- Record 3B: On April 18, 2000, the House Finance and Taxation Committee passed the bill favorably with one amendment by a vote of 14 yeas to 1 nay. A “Yea” vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.
- Record 3C: On April 26, 2000 the House Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Committee passed the bill favorably with one amendment by a vote of 10 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.
- Record 3D: On May 2, 2000, the House passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 119 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

**CS/HB 819 died in the Senate Committee on Transportation.**



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**CS/CS/CS/SB 1406 —  
State Regulation of  
Land/Brownfield by  
the Senate Fiscal  
Policy; Commerce  
Committee; Economic  
Opportunities  
Committee; Natural  
Resources Committee;  
and Sen. Jack Latvala  
(R-Palm Harbor)**

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**T**he term “brownfield” is used to describe vacant properties that show signs of low-level contamination.

In 1997, the legislature passed the Brownfields Redevelopment Act (Section 376.77-376.84, Florida Statutes) authorizing local governments to designate brownfield areas by resolution if certain criteria are met, including public notice requirements and the establishment of an advisory committee to improve public participation. The act also required that risk-based corrective action (RBCA) be applied at brownfield sites and directed the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to adopt a cleanup-criteria rule.

The 1997 legislation established a framework for brownfield redevelopment. Legislation in 1998 provided the much-needed financial incentives and the formation of public/private partnerships for rehabilitation of these areas.

SB 1406 provides additional meaningful incentives to brownfield redevelopment, including job credits and property tax credits, sales tax exemptions for building materials, and other incentives similar to those existing in enterprise zones. The bill also allows for tax-increment financing and redevelopment in brownfield sites, increases the limited state loan guaranty of primary lenders loans, and creates a brownfield redevelopment grants program.

In its legislative agenda for the 2000 Session, the DEP proposed extending the risk-based corrective action concept to all sites contaminated with pollutants, hazardous substances, or hazardous wastes, regardless of eligibility for the petroleum, brownfields, or dry-cleaning programs. This “global RBCA” provision was included in SB 1406, but was removed from SB 1406 prior to final passage.

AIF supports legislation providing real economic incentives to private entities for investment in the rehabilitation of brownfield areas.

On March 6, 2000, the Senate Natural Resources Committee passed as a committee substitute the bill by a vote of 8 yeas to 0 nays. A “**Yea**” vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

On March 15, 2000, the Senate Comprehensive Planning, Local and Military Affairs Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 8 yeas to 0 nays. A “**Yea**” vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

On April 25, 2000, the Senate Fiscal Policy Committee passed the bill as a committee substitute on a vote of 5 yeas to 0 nays. A “**Yea**” vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

On May 2, 2000, the Senate passed the bill as amended on a vote of 38 yeas to 0 nays. A “**Yea**” vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

■ Record 4A: On May 5, 2000, the House passed the bill as amended on a vote of 66 yeas to 48 nays. A “**Yea**” vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

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**CS/CS/CS/SB 1406**

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- Record 4B: On May 5, 2000, the House asked the Senate to return the bill. Motion to reconsider adopted. Reconsidered; amendments reconsidered, withdrawn. Amendment(s) adopted, committee substitute passed as amended on a vote of 119 yeas to 1 nay. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 5, 2000, the Senate concurred and passed the bill on a vote of 35 yeas to 1 nay. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**CS/CS/CS/SB 1406 passed both the House and Senate and is pending action by the governor.**

# HOUSE AVERAGE ON ENVIRONMENTAL = 67%

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Motor Vehicle Emissions Inspections	2a-Transportation/Highway Safety Laws	3a-Motor Vehicle Emissions/Inspection	3b-Motor Vehicle Emissions/Inspection	3c-Motor Vehicle Emissions/Inspection	3d-Motor Vehicle Emissions/Inspection	4a-Brownfield Financial Incentives	4b-Brownfield Financial Incentives
4	1	80	Albright (R)		A		F		F	F	F
2	2	50	Alexander (R)		A				F	A	F
4	1	80	Andrews (R)		A			F	F	F	F
3	1	75	Argenio (R)		A				F	F	F
3	1	75	Argenziano (R)		A				F	F	F
3	1	75	Arnall (R)		A				F	F	F
3	1	75	Bainter (R)		A				F	F	F
3	1	75	Ball (R)		A				F	F	F
3	1	75	Barreiro (R)		A				F	F	F
4	1	80	Bense (R)	F	A				F	F	F
4	1	80	Betancourt (D)		A		F		F	F	F
4	1	80	Bilirakis (R)		A		F		F	F	F
3	1	75	Bitner (R)		A				F	F	F
2	2	50	Bloom (D)		A				F	A	F
2	2	50	Boyd (D)		A				F	A	F
3	1	75	Bradley (R)		A				F	F	F
3	1	75	Bronson (D)		A				F	F	F

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# HOUSE AVERAGE ON ENVIRONMENTAL (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Motor Vehicle Emissions Inspections	2a-Transportation/Highway Safety Laws	3a-Motor Vehicle Emissions/Inspection	3b-Motor Vehicle Emissions/Inspection	3c-Motor Vehicle Emissions/Inspection	3d-Motor Vehicle Emissions/Inspection	4a-Brownfield Financial Incentives	4b-Brownfield Financial Incentives
2	2	50	Brown (D)		A				F	A	F
4	1	80	Brummer (R)		A		F		F	F	F
2	2	50	Bucher (D)		A				F	A	F
3	1	75	Bullard (D)		A				F	F	F
2	1	67	Bush (D)		A				F		F
3	1	75	Byrd (R)		A				F	F	F
3	1	75	Cantens (R)		A				F	F	F
2	2	50	Casey (R)		A				F	A	F
3	2	60	Chestnut (D)	F	A				F	A	F
2	2	50	Constantine (R)		A				F	A	F
2	1	67	Cosgrove (D)		A				F		F
4	1	80	Crady (D)	F	A				F	F	F
2	2	50	Crist (R)		A				F	A	F
2	2	50	Crow (R)		A				F	A	F
3	1	75	Detert (R)		A				F	F	F
3	1	75	Diaz de la Portilla (R)		A		F		F		F
3	2	60	Dockery (R)		A	F			F	A	F

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2	2	50	Edwards (D)		A				F	A	F
3	2	60	Effman (D)		A			F	F	A	F
3	2	60	Eggelletion (D)		A	F			F	A	F
3	1	75	Farkas (R)		A				F	F	F
4	1	80	Fasano (R)		A		F		F	F	F
3	1	75	Feeney (R)		A				F	F	F
3	2	60	Fiorentino (R)		A	A			F	F	F
2	2	50	Flanagan (R)		A				F	A	F
2	2	50	Frankel (D)		A				F	A	F
5	1	83	Fuller (R)	F	A			F	F	F	F
4	1	80	Futch (R)		A			F	F	F	F
3	1	75	Garcia (R)		A				F	F	F
1	2	33	Gay (R)		A				F		A
2	1	67	Goode (R)		A				F		F
2	2	50	Goodlette (R)		A				F	A	F
3	2	60	Gottlieb (D)		A		F		F	A	F
3	1	75	Green (R)		A				F	F	F

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TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Motor Vehicle Emissions Inspections	2a-Transportation/Highway Safety Laws	3a-Motor Vehicle Emissions/Inspection	3b-Motor Vehicle Emissions/Inspection	3c-Motor Vehicle Emissions/Inspection	3d-Motor Vehicle Emissions/Inspection	4a-Brownfield Financial Incentives	4b-Brownfield Financial Incentives
2	2	50	Greene (D)		A				F	A	F
3	2	60	Greenstein (D)		A	F			F	A	F
2	2	50	Hafner (D)		A				F	A	F
5	1	83	Harrington (R)	F	A			F	F	F	F
5	1	83	Hart (R)		A	F		F	F	F	F
1	0	100	Healey (D)	F							
2	2	50	Henriquez (D)		A				F	A	F
2	2	50	Heyman (D)		A				F	A	F
3	2	60	Hill (D)		A	F			F	A	F
2	3	40	Jacobs (D)		A		A		F	A	F
3	2	60	Johnson (R)		A			F	F	A	F
3	1	75	Jones (R)		A				F	F	F
3	1	75	Kelly (R)		A				F	F	F
3	1	75	Kilmer (R)		A				F	F	F
2	2	50	Kosmas (D)		A				F	A	F
5	1	83	Kyle (R)	F	A	F			F	F	F
3	1	75	Lacasa (R)		A				F	F	F

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3	1	75	Lawson (D)		A				F	F	F
2	2	50	Lee (D)		A				F	A	F
2	2	50	Levine (D)		A				F	A	F
3	1	75	Littlefield (R)		A				F	F	F
1	2	33	Logan (D)		A					A	F
2	2	50	Lynn (R)		A				F	A	F
3	1	75	Maygarden (R)		A				F	F	F
3	1	75	Melvin (R)		A				F	F	F
3	1	75	Merchant (R)		A				F	F	F
3	1	75	Miller, Jefferson (R)		A				F	F	F
2	2	50	Miller, Lesley (D)		A				F	A	F
4	1	80	Minton (D)		A	F			F	F	F
2	2	50	Morrone (R)		A				F	A	F
4	1	80	Murman (R)		A	F			F	F	F
4	1	80	Ogles (R)		A		F		F	F	F
3	1	75	Patterson (R)		A				F	F	F
3	1	75	Peaden (R)		A				F	F	F
4	1	80	Posey (R)	F	A				F	F	F

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TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Motor Vehicle Emissions Inspections	2a-Transportation/Highway Safety Laws	3a-Motor Vehicle Emissions/Inspection	3b-Motor Vehicle Emissions/Inspection	3c-Motor Vehicle Emissions/Inspection	3d-Motor Vehicle Emissions/Inspection	4a-Brownfield Financial Incentives	4b-Brownfield Financial Incentives
4	1	80	Prieguez (R)		A	F			F	F	F
3	1	75	Pruitt (R)		A				F	F	F
2	2	50	Putnam (R)		A				F	A	F
2	2	50	Rayson (D)		A				F	A	F
3	2	60	Reddick (D)		A			F	F	A	F
2	2	50	Ritchie (D)		A				F	A	F
2	2	50	Ritter (D)		A				F	A	F
3	1	75	Roberts (D)		A				F	F	F
2	1	67	Rojas (R)		A				F		F
4	1	80	Rubio (R)		A		F		F	F	F
4	1	80	Russell (R)		A			F	F	F	F
3	2	60	Ryan (D)		A	F			F	A	F
3	1	75	Sanderson (R)		A				F	F	F
4	1	80	Sembler (R)		A	F			F	F	F
2	2	50	Smith, Christopher (D)		A				F	A	F
5	1	83	Smith, Kelley (D)	F	A			F	F	F	F
2	2	50	Sobel (D)		A				F	A	F
3	1	75	Sorensen (R)		A				F	F	F

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TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Motor Vehicle Emissions Inspections	2a-Transportation/Highway Safety Laws	3a-Motor Vehicle Emissions/Inspection	3b-Motor Vehicle Emissions/Inspection	3c-Motor Vehicle Emissions/Inspection	3d-Motor Vehicle Emissions/Inspection	4a-Brownfield Financial Incentives	4b-Brownfield Financial Incentives
3	1	75	Spratt (D)		A				F	F	F
2	2	50	Stafford (D)		A				F	A	F
4	1	80	Stansel (D)		A		F		F	F	F
3	1	75	Starks (R)		A				F	F	F
3	2	60	Suarez (D)		A	F			F	A	F
2	2	50	Sublette (R)		A				F	A	F
3	1	75	Thrasher (R)		A				F	F	F
4	1	80	Trovillion (R)	F	A				F	F	F
5	1	83	Tullis (R)		A	F	F		F	F	F
2	2	50	Turnbull (D)		A				F	A	F
3	1	75	Villalobos (R)		A				F	F	F
3	1	75	Wallace (R)		A				F	F	F
3	2	60	Wasserman-Schultz (D)		A		F		F	A	F
4	1	80	Waters (R)		A		F		F	F	F
3	2	60	Wiles (D)		A		F		F	A	F
2	2	50	Wilson (D)		A				F	A	F
3	1	75	Wise (R)		A				F	F	F
<b>351</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>								

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**HEALTH CARE**

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## HEALTH CARE

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**CS/HB 149 — HMO's/  
Inpatient Hospital  
Services by the House  
Health Care Services  
Committee and  
Rep. Alex Villalobos  
(R- Miami)**

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**T**his legislation mandated that managed care organizations could not contract with hospitalists for inpatient services. Hospitalists are physicians who specialize in inpatient hospital care. No managed care organization in Florida currently requires their use. AIF opposed this bill, as it potentially would require an insurer to pay twice for the same service due to contractual relationships with hospitalists and other providers. This added cost would be passed on to the employer paying for the health care benefit.

- Record 1A: On February 8, 2000, the House Health Care Services Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 14 yeas to 0 nays. A “Nay” vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.
- Record 1B: On March 8, 2000, the House Governmental Operations Committee passed the bill favorably with three amendments by a vote of 4 yeas to 0 nays. A “Nay” vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.
- Record 1C: On March 16, 2000, the House Health Care Licensing and Regulation Committee passed the bill favorably by a vote of 9 yeas to 3 nays. A “Nay” vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.
- Record 1D: On May 1, 2000, the House passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 116 yeas to 0 nays. A “Nay” vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

**CS/HB 149 died in messages to the Senate.**

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**CS/HB 399 — Newborn  
Hearing Screening  
by the House Health  
Care Services  
Committee and  
Rep. Manuel Prieguez  
(R-Miami)**

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**T**he bill provides access to additional hearing tests for newborns when deemed medically necessary. AIF supported this legislation after it was successfully amended by the House Health Care Services Committee to provide for medical necessity utilization.

- Record 2A: March 16, 2000, the House Health Care Services Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 14 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.
- Record 2B: On March 30, 2000, the House Governmental Rules and Regulations Committee passed the bill favorably with two amendments by a vote of

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6 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

- Record 2C: On April 11, 2000, the House Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee passed the bill favorably by a vote of 9 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

- Record 2D: On April 24, 2000, the House passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 113 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 1, 2000, CS/HB 399 was substituted for CS/SB 1428 on the Senate Floor.

On May 3, 2000, the Senate passed the bill favorably by a vote of 40 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**CS/HB 399 passed both the House and the Senate and is pending action by the governor.**

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**HB 433 — Pharmacists  
Licensure by  
Endorsement by  
the House Health  
Care Licensing  
and Regulation  
Committee and  
Rep. Adam Putnam  
(R-Bartow)**


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**C**urrently in the state of Florida, there is a shortage of pharmacists. Drug stores cannot open new facilities until they find qualified personnel; the situation is especially severe for pharmacies that would like to operate 24-hour facilities.

This bill would allow a pharmacist licensed in another state to become a pharmacist in Florida without having to take the national licensure examination at the time of application. This is called “licensure by endorsement” and is currently applicable in 48 states. Currently, only Florida and California do not allow licensure by endorsement.

A pharmacist in another state wishing to come to Florida to work must submit proof of the “active licensed practice of pharmacy” in tow of the immediately preceding five years or evidence of successful completion of either board-approved postgraduate training or a board-approved clinical competency examination within the year preceding application. The bill prohibits the Department of Health from issuing a license to any applicant who is being investigated for acts that would violate regulations applicable to Florida-licensed pharmacists until the investigation is complete, or to any pharmacist whose license has been suspended or revoked in another state, or to any applicant whose license to practice pharmacy is currently the subject of any disciplinary proceeding.

- Record 3A: On January 19, 2000, the House Health Care Licensing and Regulation Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 11 yeas to 2 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

- Record 3B: On February 22, 2000, the House Governmental Rules and Regulations Committee failed to pass the bill by a vote of 3 yeas to 4 nays.

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**HB 433 Continued**


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A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

- Record 3C: On March 8, 2000, the House Governmental Rules and Regulations Committee, upon reconsideration, passed the bill favorably with three amendments by a vote of 7 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 3D: On April 18, 2000, the House Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee passed the bill favorably by a vote of 8 yeas to 3 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**CS/HB 433 died on the House Calendar.**

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**CS/HB 673 — Clinical  
Laboratory Services  
by the House Health  
Care Licensing and  
Regulation Committee  
and Rep. Bill Posey  
(R-Rockledge)**


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**T**his measure would have created greater accountability and responsiveness by clinical laboratories. AIF supported this bill after successfully amending it in the House Health Care Licensing Committee.

- Record 4A: On February 22, 2000, the House Health Care Licensing and Regulation Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 12 yeas to 1 nay. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**CS/HB 673 died in the House Insurance Committee.**

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**HB 913 — Adverse  
Determinations in  
Medicine by  
Rep. Robert Casey  
(R-Gainesville)**


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**T**his bill would have restricted managed care organizations from allowing any one other than a physician make adverse determinations on claims. By doing so, it provided that doctors would be making “doctor decisions” regarding services being sought by a subscriber. AIF supported this legislation after it was successfully amended by Rep. Everett Kelly (R-Tavares) in the House Health Care Licensing and Regulation Committee to provide that the doctor making the adverse determination must be in good standing and have a valid medical license from any state.

- Record 5A: On March 8, 2000, the House Health Care Licensing and Regulation Committee passed substitute amendment number two by Rep. Kelly, which was a substitute amendment to amendment number one by Rep. Robert Casey (R-Gainesville), favorably by a vote of 8 yeas to 6 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

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**HB 913 Continued**


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- Record 5B: On March 8, 2000, the House Health Care Licensing and Regulation Committee passed the bill favorably with one amendment by a vote of 11 yeas to 1 nay. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**HB 913 died on the House Calendar.**

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**CS/CS/CS SB 1508 —  
Health Maintenance  
Organizations; Billing,  
Late Payments, and  
Treatment by the  
Senate Banking &  
Insurance Committee,  
the Senate Health,  
Aging and Long-Term  
Care Committee, the  
Senate Fiscal Policy  
Committee and  
Sen. Ginny Brown-  
Waite (R-Spring Hill)**

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**U**nlike SB 706, this bill equitably dealt with the payment of health insurance claims. The business community (together with doctors, hospitals, insurers, etc.) worked tirelessly on this legislation along with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) and the Department of Insurance. This end result of this effort closely followed findings and recommendations of the Prompt Pay Task Force that studied this entire issue for over a year. The chair of the Task Force was AHCA secretary Ruben King-Shaw.

On April 3, 2000, the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 11 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On April 12, 2000, the Senate Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On April 25, 2000, the Senate Fiscal Policy Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute combined with CS/SB 706 and SB 2234, by a vote of 5 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 2, 2000, the Senate passed the bill favorably by a vote of 39 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

- Record 6A: On May 4, 2000, the House passed the bill favorably by a vote of 115 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**CS/CS/CS/SB 1508 passed both the House and the Senate and is pending action by the governor.**



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**CS/HB 1953 —  
Telehealth Insurance  
Services to Patients by  
the House Health Care  
Licensing and  
Regulation**

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**T**his bill would have greatly restricted Floridians' ability to access innovative health care services being provided around the globe. While in the legal limits of Florida, a citizen would have been unable to contact by fax, email, telephone, teleconference, etc., a health care provider for medical advice or service anywhere outside of Florida unless that provider had a Florida medical license. AIF felt this legislation was too broad and overly restrictive and wrought with numerous unintended consequences that would discourage the utilization of rapidly evolving medical technology.

- Record 7A: On March 8, 2000, the House Health Care Licensing and Regulation Committee passed PCB 00-8 favorably with 1 amendment by a vote of 6 yeas to 3 nays. A "Nay" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On March 14, 2000, House Health Care Licensing and Regulation PCB 00-8 became HB 1953.

- Record 7B: On March 23, 2000, the House Health Care Licensing and Regulation Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 10 yeas to 2 nays. A "Nay" vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 7C: On April 5, 2000, the House Governmental Operations Committee passed the bill favorably with two amendments by a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays. A "Nay" vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 7D: On May 1, 2000, the House passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 116 yeas to 1 nay. A "Nay" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**CS/HB 1953 died in the Senate Criminal Justice Committee.**

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**HB 2061 —  
Commission on  
Mandated Health  
Benefits by the House  
Insurance Committee**

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**T**his legislation would have finally erected a mechanism to provide scientific, empirical data on the effects of health insurance mandates on the costs of Florida health care policies.

AIF opposed an amendment in the House Health Care Services Committee on March 30 by Rep. Bill Sublette (R-Orlando, which virtually gutted the original legislation. The amendment was adopted 12 to 5. Language similar to the original version of HB 2061, however, was included in HB 2339, which AIF supported and was eventually enacted.

- Record 8A: On March 14, 2000, the House Insurance Committee passed House Insurance PCB 00-02 favorably with one amendment by a vote of 14 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On March 17, 2000, House Insurance PCB 00-02 became HB 2061

- Record 8B: On March 30, 2000, the House Health Care Services Committee

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**HB 2061 Continued**


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failed to pass a motion making the bill a committee substitute by a vote of 4 yeas to 13 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

- Record 8C: On March 30, 2000, the House Health Care Services Committee passed the bill favorably with one amendment by a vote of 12 yeas to 5 nays. A “Nay” vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

**HB 2061 died in the House Governmental Operations Committee.**

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**CS/SB 2086 — Small  
Employers Health  
Alliances by the  
Senate Banking and  
Insurance Committee  
and Sen.Jim King  
(R-Jacksonville)**


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**T**his legislation makes it easier for small employers to obtain health-care policies for their employees by creating small employer health alliances. AIF supported this bill because, together with HB 687 and SB 1300, it reformed the small-group purchasing cooperatives to provide access to affordable health care for many Floridians.

On March 27, 2000, the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 10 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

On April 5, 2000, the Senate Health, Aging and Long-Term Care Committee passed the bill favorably by a vote of 7 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

On April 28, 2000 the Senate passed the bill favorably by a vote of 40 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

- Record 9A: On May 4, 2000, the House passed the bill favorably by a vote of 118 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

**CS/SB 2086 passed both the House and Senate and is pending action by the governor.**

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**CS/HB 2339 — Patient  
Protection Act  
of 2000 by the  
House General  
Appropriations  
Committee and  
Rep. Tom Feeney  
(R-Oviedo)**

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**T**his bill was the most comprehensive piece of managed care legislation to pass during the 2000 Session. AIF played a leading role in creating this bill, which greatly benefits health plan subscribers and employees while being fair to employers and balanced in its approach to insurers. For example, the independent review panel, which handles coverage disputes, was strengthened, enhanced, and required to act more quickly. Doctors with valid medical licenses in good standing will have the ultimate say in whether a certain procedure or service is covered. In addition, doctors and hospitals are required to post the state's toll-free number for consumer complaints regarding health coverage.

- Record 10A: On April 13, 2000, the House Health Care Licensing and Regulation Committee passed the bill favorably with nine amendments by a vote of 10 yeas to 2 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.
- Record 10B: On April 25, 2000, the House General Appropriations Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 17 yeas to 3 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.
- Record 10C: On May 1, 2000, the House passed the bill favorably by a vote of 108 yeas to 8 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

On May 5, 2000, CS/HB 2339 was substituted for CS/CS/CS/SB 2154.

On May 5, 2000, the Senate passed the bill favorably by a vote of 23 yeas to 15 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

**CS/HB 2339 passed both the House and Senate and is pending action by the governor.**

# HOUSE AVERAGE ON HEALTH CARE = 67%

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-HMOs/Inpatient Hospital Services	1b-HMOs/Inpatient Hospital Services	1c-HMOs/Inpatient Hospital Services	1d-HMOs/Inpatient Hospital Services	2a-Newborn Hearing Screening	2b-Newborn Hearing Screening	2c-Newborn Hearing Screening	2d-Newborn Hearing Screening	3a-Licensure/Pharmacists By Endorsement	3b-Licensure/Pharmacists By Endorsement	3c-Licensure/Pharmacists By Endorsement	3d-Licensure/Pharmacists By Endorsement	4a-Clinical Lab Services/HMO Coverage	5a-Adverse Determinations/Medical Fields	5b-Adverse Determinations/Medical Fields	6a-HMO/Billing/Late Payments/Treatment	7a-Telehealth Insurance	7b-Telehealth Insurance	7c-Telehealth Insurance	7d-Telehealth Insurance	8a-Mandated Health Benefits/Commission	8b-Mandated Health Benefits/Commission	8c-Mandated Health Benefits/Commission	9a-Small Employer Health Alliances	10a-Patient Protection Act of 2000	10b-Patient Protection Act of 2000	10c-Patient Protection Act of 2000
4	2	67	Albright (R)				A				F								F				A			F			F	
4	2	67	Alexander (R)				A				F								F				A			F			F	
3	2	60	Andrews (R)				A				F								F				A			F				
16	2	89	Argenio (R)			A	A		F		F	F	F	F		F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F		F	F		F
4	2	67	Argenziano (R)				A				F								F				A			F			F	
4	2	67	Arnall (R)				A				F								F				A			F			F	
5	2	71	Bainter (R)				A				F								F				A	F		F			F	
4	4	50	Ball (R)		A		A				F								F			A	A			F			F	
4	2	67	Barreiro (R)				A				F								F				A			F			F	
4	2	67	Bense (R)				A				F								F				A			F			F	
4	2	67	Betancourt (D)				A				F								F				A			F			F	
5	5	50	Bilirakis (R)	A			A	F			F								F				A		A	A	F			F
5	2	71	Bitner (R)				A				F								F				A			F		F	F	
5	5	50	Bloom (D)	A			A				F								F				A		F	A	F		A	F
6	5	55	Boyd (D)	A			A	F			F								F				A		A	A	F		F	F
5	2	71	Bradley (R)				A				F								F				A			F		F	F	
5	2	71	Bronson (D)				A				F								F				A			F		F	F	
4	2	67	Brown (D)				A				F								F				A			F			F	

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TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-HMOs/Inpatient Hospital Services	1b-HMOs/Inpatient Hospital Services	1c-HMOs/Inpatient Hospital Services	1d-HMOs/Inpatient Hospital Services	2a-Newborn Hearing Screening	2b-Newborn Hearing Screening	2c-Newborn Hearing Screening	2d-Newborn Hearing Screening	3a-Licensure/Pharmacists By Endorsement	3b-Licensure/Pharmacists By Endorsement	3c-Licensure/Pharmacists By Endorsement	3d-Licensure/Pharmacists By Endorsement	4a-Clinical Lab Services/HMO Coverage	5a-Adverse Determinations/Medical Fields	5b-Adverse Determinations/Medical Fields	6a-HMO/Billing/Late Payments/Treatment	7a-Telehealth Insurance	7b-Telehealth Insurance	7c-Telehealth Insurance	7d-Telehealth Insurance	8a-Mandated Health Benefits/Commission	8b-Mandated Health Benefits/Commission	8c-Mandated Health Benefits/Commission	9a-Small Employer Health Alliances	10a-Patient Protection Act of 2000	10b-Patient Protection Act of 2000	10c-Patient Protection Act of 2000
4	2	67	Brummer (R)				A				F								F				A			F			F	
2	3	40	Bucher (D)				A												F				A			F			A	
2	2	50	Bullard (D)				A																A			F			F	
3	2	60	Bush (D)				A				F												A			F			F	
4	5	44	Byrd (R)	A			A	F											F				A		A	A	F			F
4	2	67	Cantens (R)				A				F								F				A			F			F	
10	5	67	Casey (R)	A			A	F	F	F	F		F	F	F				F				A		A	A	F			F
4	2	67	Chestnut (D)				A				F								F				A			F			F	
4	2	67	Constantine (R)				A				F								F				A			F			F	
5	2	71	Cosgrove (D)				A				F								F				A	F		F			F	
3	2	60	Crady (D)				A				F								F				A			F				
4	1	80	Crist (R)								F								F				A			F			F	
4	2	67	Crow (R)				A				F								F				A			F			F	
4	2	67	Detert (R)				A				F								F				A			F			F	
3	2	60	Diaz de la Portilla (R)				A												F				A			F			F	
6	2	75	Dockery (R)				A				F								F				A	F		F		F	F	
4	2	67	Edwards (D)				A				F								F				A			F			F	
4	2	67	Effman (D)				A				F								F				A			F			F	

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TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-HMOs/Inpatient Hospital Services	1b-HMOs/Inpatient Hospital Services	1c-HMOs/Inpatient Hospital Services	1d-HMOs/Inpatient Hospital Services	2a-Newborn Hearing Screening	2b-Newborn Hearing Screening	2c-Newborn Hearing Screening	2d-Newborn Hearing Screening	3a-Licensure/Pharmacists By Endorsement	3b-Licensure/Pharmacists By Endorsement	3c-Licensure/Pharmacists By Endorsement	3d-Licensure/Pharmacists By Endorsement	4a-Clinical Lab Services/HMO Coverage	5a-Adverse Determinations/Medical Fields	5b-Adverse Determinations/Medical Fields	6a-HMO/Billing/Late Payments/Treatment	7a-Telehealth Insurance	7b-Telehealth Insurance	7c-Telehealth Insurance	7d-Telehealth Insurance	8a-Mandated Health Benefits/Commission	8b-Mandated Health Benefits/Commission	8c-Mandated Health Benefits/Commission	9a-Small Employer Health Alliances	10a-Patient Protection Act of 2000	10b-Patient Protection Act of 2000	10c-Patient Protection Act of 2000
3	2	60	Eggelletion (D)				A				F								F				A				F			
6	5	55	Farkas (R)	A			A	F			F				F				F				A		A	A	F			F
8	8	50	Fasano (R)		A	A	A				F	F				F	A	F	F	A	A	A	A				F	F		F
5	2	71	Feeney (R)				A				F								F				A				F		F	F
4	2	67	Fiorentino (R)				A				F								F				A				F			F
4	2	67	Flanagan (R)				A				F								F				A				F			F
3	4	43	Frankel (D)				A				F								F				A				F		A	A
5	2	71	Fuller (R)				A				F								F				A				F		F	F
4	2	67	Futch (R)				A				F								F				A				F			F
4	1	80	Garcia (R)				A				F								F								F			F
4	2	67	Gay (R)				A				F								F				A				F			F
8	2	80	Goode (R)				A	F			F								F					F	A	F	F		F	F
4	2	67	Goodlette (R)				A				F								F				A				F			F
6	2	75	Gottlieb (D)				A	F											F				A		F	F	F			F
7	5	58	Green (R)	A			A	F		F	F				F				F				A		A	A	F			F
5	4	56	Greene (D)				A			F	F				F				F				A	A			F			A
4	2	67	Greenstein (D)				A				F								F				A				F			F
6	3	67	Hafner (D)				A			F	F				F				F				A	A			F			F

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TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-HMOs/Inpatient Hospital Services	1b-HMOs/Inpatient Hospital Services	1c-HMOs/Inpatient Hospital Services	1d-HMOs/Inpatient Hospital Services	2a-Newborn Hearing Screening	2b-Newborn Hearing Screening	2c-Newborn Hearing Screening	2d-Newborn Hearing Screening	3a-Licensure/Pharmacists By Endorsement	3b-Licensure/Pharmacists By Endorsement	3c-Licensure/Pharmacists By Endorsement	3d-Licensure/Pharmacists By Endorsement	4a-Clinical Lab Services/HMO Coverage	5a-Adverse Determinations/Medical Fields	5b-Adverse Determinations/Medical Fields	6a-HMO/Billing/Late Payments/Treatment	7a-Telehealth Insurance	7b-Telehealth Insurance	7c-Telehealth Insurance	7d-Telehealth Insurance	8a-Mandated Health Benefits/Commission	8b-Mandated Health Benefits/Commission	8c-Mandated Health Benefits/Commission	9a-Small Employer Health Alliances	10a-Patient Protection Act of 2000	10b-Patient Protection Act of 2000	10c-Patient Protection Act of 2000
9	5	64	Harrington (R)			F	A				F	F				F	A	F	F	A	A		A				F	F		F
4	2	67	Hart (R)				A				F								F				A				F			F
1	4	20	Healey (D)									F					A	A	A		A									
4	2	67	Henriquez (D)				A				F								F				A				F			F
7	5	58	Heyman (D)			A	A				F	F				F	F	F			A		A				F	A		F
5	3	63	Hill (D)				A			F	F				A				F				A				F			F
6	2	75	Jacobs (D)				A		F		F			F					F				A				F			F
10	4	71	Johnson (R)			A	A				F	F				F	A	F	F	F	F		A				F	F		F
5	2	71	Jones (R)				A				F								F				A				F		F	F
10	3	77	Kelly (R)			F	A				F	F				F	F	F	F	A			A				F	F		F
4	3	57	Kilmer (R)				A				F		A						F				A				F			F
3	2	60	Kosmas (D)				A				F								F				A							F
4	5	44	Kyle (R)	A			A				F								F				A		A	A	F			F
4	2	67	Lacasa (R)				A				F								F				A				F			F
5	2	71	Lawson (D)				A				F								F				A	F			F			F
7	4	64	Lee (D)				A				F	A					F	F	F		A		A	F			F			F
4	2	67	Levine (D)				A				F								F				A				F			F
6	4	60	Littlefield (R)		A		A			F	F				F				F				A	A			F			F

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TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-HMOs/Inpatient Hospital Services	1b-HMOs/Inpatient Hospital Services	1c-HMOs/Inpatient Hospital Services	1d-HMOs/Inpatient Hospital Services	2a-Newborn Hearing Screening	2b-Newborn Hearing Screening	2c-Newborn Hearing Screening	2d-Newborn Hearing Screening	3a-Licensure/Pharmacists By Endorsement	3b-Licensure/Pharmacists By Endorsement	3c-Licensure/Pharmacists By Endorsement	3d-Licensure/Pharmacists By Endorsement	4a-Clinical Lab Services/HMO Coverage	5a-Adverse Determinations/Medical Fields	5b-Adverse Determinations/Medical Fields	6a-HMO/Billing/Late Payments/Treatment	7a-Telehealth Insurance	7b-Telehealth Insurance	7c-Telehealth Insurance	7d-Telehealth Insurance	8a-Mandated Health Benefits/Commission	8b-Mandated Health Benefits/Commission	8c-Mandated Health Benefits/Commission	9a-Small Employer Health Alliances	10a-Patient Protection Act of 2000	10b-Patient Protection Act of 2000	10c-Patient Protection Act of 2000
4	2	67	Logan (D)				A			F													A			F		F	F	
4	2	67	Lynn (R)				A			F								F					A			F			F	
5	3	63	Maygarden (R)				A			F				A				F					A			F		F	F	
5	2	71	Melvin (R)				A			F								F					A	F		F			F	
4	2	67	Merchant (R)				A			F								F					A			F			F	
4	2	67	Miller, J (R)				A			F								F					A			F			F	
3	3	50	Miller, L. (D)				A			F								F					A			F			A	
10	5	67	Minton (D)			A	A			F	F					F	F	F	F	A	A		A			F	F	F	F	
9	5	64	Morroni (R)			A	A			F	F					F	F	F	F	A	A		A			F	F		F	
6	2	75	Murman (R)				A		F	F				F				F					A			F			F	
8	4	67	Ogles (R)			A	A			F	F					F	F	F		A		A				F	F		F	
5	2	71	Patterson (R)				A			F								F					A	F		F			F	
5	4	56	Peaden (R)	A			A	F		F								F							A	A	F		F	
4	4	50	Posey (R)		A		A			F								F				A	A			F			F	
5	5	50	Prieguez (R)	A			A	F		F								F					A		A	A	F		F	
5	2	71	Pruitt (R)				A			F								F					A			F		F	F	
4	2	67	Putnam (R)				A			F								F					A			F			F	

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4	3	57	Rayson (D)				A				F								F				A	F			F			A
4	4	50	Reddick (D)				A				F		A	F					F				A				F			A
4	2	67	Ritchie (D)				A				F								F				A				F			F
5	7	42	Ritter (D)			A	A					A				F	A	F	F		A		A				F	A		F
4	2	67	Roberts (D)				A				F								F				A				F			F
2	2	50	Rojas (R)				A				F												A							F
4	2	67	Rubio (R)				A				F								F				A				F			F
4	2	67	Russell (R)				A				F								F				A				F			F
4	1	80	Ryan (D)								F								F				A				F			F
6	5	55	Sanderson (R)				A			F	F				A				F				A		A	A	F		F	F
5	2	71	Sembler (R)				A				F								F				A				F		F	F
3	2	60	Smith,C. (D)				A				F								F				A				F			
4	2	67	Smith,K. (D)				A				F								F				A				F			F
10	3	77	Sobel (D)	A			A	F	F		F		F	F					F				A		F	F	F			F
4	2	67	Sorensen (R)				A				F								F				A				F			F
4	2	67	Spratt (D)				A				F								F				A				F			F
6	2	75	Stafford (D)				A			F	F				F				F				A				F			F

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6	3	67	Stansel (D)	A			F			F								F				A		A	F	F			F	
4	2	67	Starks (R)				A			F								F				A				F			F	
4	1	80	Suarez (D)							F								F				A				F			F	
5	5	50	Sublette (R)	A			A	F										F				A	F	A	A	F			F	
4	2	67	Thrasher (R)				A			F								F				A				F			F	
6	3	67	Trovillion (R)				A	F	F		A	F						F				A				F			F	
12	3	80	Tullis (R)			F	A			F	F				F	F	F	F	F	F	A		A	F		F	F		F	
4	2	67	Turnbull (D)				A			F								F				A				F			F	
6	5	55	Villalobos (R)			A	A			F					F	A	F	A			A	A				F	F		F	
7	3	70	Wallace (R)				A	F	F		A	F						F				A				F		F	F	
6	5	55	Wasserman-Schultz (D)	A			A	F		F								F				A		F	F	F		A	A	
5	2	71	Waters (R)				A			F								F				A	F			F			F	
5	2	71	Wiles (D)				A			F								F				A	F			F			F	
3	3	50	Wilson (D)				A			F								F				A				F			A	
5	2	71	Wise (R)				A			F								F				A				F		F	F	
602	336	64	TOTAL																											

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**HB 219 — Florida  
Building Code by  
Rep. Lee Constantine  
(R-Altamonte Springs)**

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**A**fter the devastating hurricanes of the 1990s, it was painfully obvious that the existing codes were inadequate. AIF has been working with the Statewide Building Code Commission for the past two years to address this problem. SB 4, along with HB 219, were the result of this effort. While AIF would like to see some strengthening in some areas, AIF believes the new code as adopted by the legislature is much better than before. AIF will continue to monitor the new code and will suggest changes as needed.

■ Record 1A: On April 19, 2000, the House Community Affairs Committee passed the bill favorably with one amendment by a vote of 6 yeas to 1 nay. A **"Yea"** vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

■ Record 1B: On April 26, 2000, the House Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Committee passed the bill favorably with one amendment by a vote of 10 yeas to 0 nays. A **"Yea"** vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

■ Record 1C: On May 2, 2000, the House passed the bill as amended by a vote of 119 yeas to 0 nays. A **"Yea"** vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

HB 219 was substituted for CS/SB 4

On May 3, 2000, the Senate passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 40 yeas to 0 nay. A **"Yea"** vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

■ Record 1D: On May 5, 2000, the House concurred with the Senate and passed the bill on a vote of 119 yeas to 0 nays. A **"Yea"** vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

**SB 219 was passed by both the House and Senate and approved by the Governor. (Chapter No. 2000-141)**

# HOUSE AVERAGE ON INSURANCE = 100%

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Florida Building Code	1b-Florida Building Code	1c-Florida Building Code	1d-Florida Building Code
2	0	100	Albright (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Alexander (R)			F	F
4	0	100	Andrews (R)	F	F	F	F
2	0	100	Argenio (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Argenziano (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Arnall (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Bainter (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Ball (R)			F	F
3	0	100	Barreiro (R)	F		F	F
2	0	100	Bense (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Betancourt (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Bilirakis (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Bitner (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Bloom (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Boyd (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Bradley (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Bronson (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Brown (D)			F	F

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TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Florida Building Code	1b-Florida Building Code	1c-Florida Building Code	1d-Florida Building Code
2	0	100	Brummer (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Bucher (D)			F	F
2	1	67	Bullard (D)	A		F	F
2	0	100	Bush (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Byrd (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Cantens (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Casey (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Chestnut (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Constantine (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Cosgrove (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Crady (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Crist (R)			F	F
3	0	100	Crow (R)		F	F	F
2	0	100	Detert (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Diaz de la Portilla (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Dockery (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Edwards (D)			F	F
3	0	100	Effman (D)		F	F	F

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TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Florida Building Code	1b-Florida Building Code	1c-Florida Building Code	1d-Florida Building Code
2	0	100	Eggelletion (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Farkas (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Fasano (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Feeney (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Fiorentino (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Flanagan (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Frankel (D)			F	F
3	0	100	Fuller (R)		F	F	F
3	0	100	Futch (R)		F	F	F
2	0	100	Garcia (R)			F	F
3	0	100	Gay (R)	F		F	F
3	0	100	Goode (R)	F		F	F
2	0	100	Goodlette (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Gottlieb (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Green (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Greene (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Greenstein (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Hafner (D)			F	F

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TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Florida Building Code	1b-Florida Building Code	1c-Florida Building Code	1d-Florida Building Code
2	0	100	Harrington (R)			F	F
3	0	100	Hart (R)		F	F	F
			Healey (D)				
2	0	100	Henriquez (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Heyman (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Hill (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Jacobs (D)			F	F
3	0	100	Johnson (R)		F	F	F
2	0	100	Jones (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Kelly (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Kilmer (R)			F	F
3	0	100	Kosmas (D)	F		F	F
2	0	100	Kyle (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Lacasa (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Lawson (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Lee (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Levine (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Littlefield (R)			F	F

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# HOUSE AVERAGE ON INSURANCE (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Florida Building Code	1b-Florida Building Code	1c-Florida Building Code	1d-Florida Building Code
2	0	100	Logan (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Lynn (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Maygarden (R)			F	F
1	0	100	Melvin (R)				F
2	0	100	Merchant (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Miller, Jefferson (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Miller, Lesley (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Minton (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Morrone (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Murman (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Ogles (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Patterson (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Peadar (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Posey (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Prieguez (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Pruitt (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Putnam (R)			F	F

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# HOUSE AVERAGE ON INSURANCE (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Florida Building Code	1b-Florida Building Code	1c-Florida Building Code	1d-Florida Building Code
2	0	100	Rayson (D)			F	F
3	0	100	Reddick (D)		F	F	F
3	0	100	Ritchie (D)	F		F	F
2	0	100	Ritter (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Roberts (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Rojas (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Rubio (R)			F	F
3	0	100	Russell (R)		F	F	F
2	0	100	Ryan (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Sanderson (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Sembler (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Smith, Christopher (D)			F	F
3	0	100	Smith, Kelley (D)		F	F	F
2	0	100	Sobel (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Sorensen (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Spratt (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Stafford (D)			F	F

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# HOUSE AVERAGE ON INSURANCE (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Florida Building Code	1b-Florida Building Code	1c-Florida Building Code	1d-Florida Building Code
2	0	100	Stansel (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Starks (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Suarez (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Sublette (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Thrasher (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Trovillion (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Tullis (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Turnbull (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Villalobos (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Wallace (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Wasserman-Schultz (D)			F	F
2	0	100	Waters (R)			F	F
2	0	100	Wiles (D)			F	F
1	0	100	Wilson (D)			F	
2	0	100	Wise (R)			F	F
<b>254</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>				

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## **LEGAL AND JUDICIAL**

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## LEGAL AND JUDICIAL

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**HB 135 — Citizen  
Participation in  
Government Act by  
Rep. Mike Fasano  
(R-New Port Richey)**

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**T**he term SLAPP is an acronym for "Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation." SLAPP suits arise when a citizen or citizens' group brings suit in opposition to a permit under a statute (e.g., 403.412, F.S.) that authorizes their standing to bring suits in a civil court or in an administrative proceeding. These statutes are used, and often abused, solely for the purpose of delay in order to increase the costs of projects so they become unfeasible for businesses to continue. In the process, the citizens' group injures the business.

In response to these slow-moving, unmeritorious lawsuits against them, businesses and developers may bring a so-called SLAPP suit for civil rights violations, defamation, malicious prosecution, abuse of process, tortious interference with a business relationship, tortious interference with a contract, civil conspiracy, or other intentional torts. The number of SLAPP suits are increasing every year because relaxed standing requirements and increased political activism on environmental issues is increasing the number of obstructive suits filed by public interest groups.

Critics of SLAPP suits complain that they discourage public participation and have no merit. Citizens' groups have begun bringing "SLAPP-back" actions, often winning dismissal of the SLAPP suit, while the developer must defend against both the initial suit and the SLAPP-back suit.

During the 1993 and 1994 sessions, bills were filed that would have closed the courts to businesses faced with citizen harassment. AIF opposed these proposals because they would have limited the ability of businesses to defend their interests. Since 1998, however, the SLAPP bills that have been filed have limited the ability of government to sue private citizens that have used public forums to seek redress of grievances.

HB 135 and its companion CS/SB 306 were the 2000 session editions of the latter kind of SLAPP legislation. Throughout the session AIF closely monitored both bills to make sure that no amendment were added that would limit the ability of injured businesses to seek redress of grievances against individuals or groups that use harassment tactics to thwart or delay regulatory proceedings.

- Record 1A: On November 2, 1999, the House Judiciary Committee passed the bill favorably with one amendment by a vote of 5 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.



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**HB 135 Continued**


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■ Record 1B: On February 9, 2000, the House General Government Appropriations Committee passed the bill favorably by a vote of 10 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

■ Record 1C: On April 19, 2000, the House passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 112 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On April 28, 2000 HB 135 was substituted for CS/SB 306.

On April 28, 2000 the Senate passed the bill favorably by a vote of 40 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**HB 135 passed both the House and Senate and is pending action by the governor.**

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**CS/HB 1425 — Solid  
Waste Management  
by the House  
Environmental  
Protection Committee  
and Rep. Rudy Garcia  
(R-Hialeah)**


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**E**ntitled the “Fair Competition Bill,” HB 1425 by Rep. Rudy Garcia (R-Hialeah) passed the Legislature during the last week of session. This legislation ensures fair competition between local governments and the private companies that provide solid waste management services. HB 1425 was combined with HB 316 by Rep. Jim Tullis (R-Jacksonville), which clarified existing law that recovered material dealers were not subject to franchise fees by local governments. Sen. Jim Hargrett (D-Tampa) had the Senate companion bill, which was incorporated into HB 1425.

Other features of the bill include an exemption from disposal fees for non-profit organizations if the local government agrees to waive the fee, as well as the elimination of the Florida Packaging Council and the Applications Demonstration Center for Resource Recovery from Solid Organic Materials. The bill also includes language to change the terminology used to describe actions taken to close a hazardous waste storage, treatment, or disposal facility.

■ Record 2A: On April 5, 2000, the House Community Affairs Committee passed the bill favorably with one amendment by a vote of 10 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

■ Record 2B: On April 12, 2000, the House Environmental Protection Committee passed the bill favorably as committee substitute by a vote of 13 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

■ Record 2C: On May 1, 2000, the House passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 118 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

■ Record 2D: On May 2, 2000, the House, upon reconsideration, passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 117 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 2, 2000, CS/HB 1425 was substituted for SB 436.

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**CS/HB 1425 Continued**


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On May 2, 2000, the Senate passed the bill on a vote of 37 yeas to 1 nay. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**CS/HB 1425 was passed by both the House and Senate and is pending action by the governor.**

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**CS/CS/HB 2023 —  
Administrative  
Procedure/Business  
Network by General  
Government  
Appropriations  
Committee; Judiciary  
Committee and  
Rep. Allan Bense  
(R-Panama City)**


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**T**he Administrative Procedure Act (APA) provides the procedures for private businesses and citizens for the redress of grievances against regulatory agencies.

In 1996, the Legislature passed significant reforms to the APA that significantly altered the manner in which state government interacted with private citizens in Florida. The amended APA provided for agency flexibility through waiver variance, new and strengthened provisions for private litigants to collect attorney fees from state agencies in rule challenge proceedings, and stronger legislative oversight of agencies and included provisions, which strongly discouraged the use of unadopted policies by agencies.

Despite the progress made reforms in 1996 and 1999, there were additional issues that needed to be addressed to improve the functioning of the APA.

HB 2023 and its companion, SB 2556, would have required third-party interveners in APA proceedings to file a bond to ensure financial responsibility and discourage frivolous actions brought for harassment and delay. The legislation would also have amended Florida's Equal Access to Justice Act to allow for recovery of attorney fees by small businesses with a net worth of \$5,000,000 or less, and to allow recovery of attorney fees and costs against agencies for up to \$75,000. The language also provided for expedited hearings with accelerated time sequences upon agreement between the administrative agency and the original parties to an APA proceeding.

- Record 3A: On March 29, 2000, the House Judiciary committee passed the bill on a vote of 6 yeas to 2 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 3B: On April 5, 2000, the House Governmental Rules & Regulations committee passed the bill with 1 amendment on a vote of 7 yeas to 1 nay. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 3C: On April 18, 2000, the House General Government Appropriations Committee passed the bill as a committee substitute on a vote of 6 yeas to 2 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 3D: On May 2, 2000, the House passed the bill with amendments on a vote of 106 yeas to 11 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**HB 2023 died in the Senate Judiciary committee.**

# HOUSE AVERAGE ON LEGAL AND JUDICIAL = 97%

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Citizen Participation in Government Act	1b-Citizen Participation in Government Act	1c-Citizen Participation in Government Act	2a-Solid Waste Management Services	2b-Solid Waste Management Services	2c-Solid Waste Management Services	2d-Solid Waste Management Services	3a-Admin.Procedure/Business NetWorth	3b-Admin.Procedure/Business NetWorth	3c-Admin.Procedure/Business NetWorth	3d-Admin.Procedure/Business NetWorth
4	0	100	Albright (R)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Alexander (R)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Andrews (R)				F	F	F	F				
5	0	100	Argenio (R)				F		F	F		F		F
4	0	100	Argenziano (R)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Arnall (R)				F		F	F				F
6	0	100	Bainter (R)			F	F		F	F			F	F
4	0	100	Ball (R)				F		F	F				F
5	0	100	Barreiro (R)				F	F	F	F				F
8	0	100	Bense (R)		F	F	F		F	F	F		F	F
4	0	100	Betancourt (D)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Bilirakis (R)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Bitner (R)				F		F	F				F
3	0	100	Bloom (D)						F	F				F
4	0	100	Boyd (D)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Bradley (R)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Bronson (D)				F		F	F				F

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# HOUSE AVERAGE ON LEGAL AND JUDICIAL (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Citizen Participation in Government Act	1b-Citizen Participation in Government Act	1c-Citizen Participation in Government Act	2a-Solid Waste Management Services	2b-Solid Waste Management Services	2c-Solid Waste Management Services	2d-Solid Waste Management Services	3a-Admin.Procedcure/Business NetWorth	3b-Admin.Procedcure/Business NetWorth	3c-Admin.Procedcure/Business NetWorth	3d-Admin.Procedcure/Business NetWorth
3	1	75	Brown (D)				F		F	F				A
6	0	100	Brummer (R)		F		F		F	F	F			F
2	1	67	Bucher (D)						F	F				A
5	0	100	Bullard (D)				F	F	F	F				F
3	1	75	Bush (D)				F		F	F				A
7	0	100	Byrd (R)		F	F	F		F	F	F			F
4	0	100	Cantens (R)				F		F	F				F
5	0	100	Casey (R)				F		F	F		F		F
3	1	75	Chestnut (D)				F		F	F				A
4	0	100	Constantine (R)				F		F	F				F
3	1	75	Cosgrove (D)				F		F	F				A
4	0	100	Crady (D)				F		F	F				F
3	0	100	Crist (R)				F			F				F
4	0	100	Crow (R)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Detert (R)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Diaz de la Portilla (R)				F		F	F				F
5	0	100	Dockery (R)				F	F	F	F				F

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# HOUSE AVERAGE ON LEGAL AND JUDICIAL (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Citizen Participation in Government Act	1b-Citizen Participation in Government Act	1c-Citizen Participation in Government Act	2a-Solid Waste Management Services	2b-Solid Waste Management Services	2c-Solid Waste Management Services	2d-Solid Waste Management Services	3a-Admin.Proceddure/Business NetWorth	3b-Admin.Proceddure/Business NetWorth	3c-Admin.Proceddure/Business NetWorth	3d-Admin.Proceddure/Business NetWorth
6	0	100	Edwards (D)		F		F		F	F	F			F
3	0	100	Effman (D)				F		F	F				
4	0	100	Eggelletion (D)			F		F	F					F
4	0	100	Farkas (R)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Fasano (R)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Feeney (R)				F		F	F				F
5	0	100	Fiorentino (R)				F	F	F	F				F
4	0	100	Flanagan (R)						F	F	F			F
4	0	100	Frankel (D)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Fuller (R)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Futch (R)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Garcia (R)				F		F	F				F
6	0	100	Gay (R)				F	F	F	F			F	F
5	0	100	Goode (R)				F	F	F	F				F
4	0	100	Goodlette (R)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Gottlieb (D)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Green (R)				F		F	F				F

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# HOUSE AVERAGE ON LEGAL AND JUDICIAL (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Citizen Participation in Government Act	1b-Citizen Participation in Government Act	1c-Citizen Participation in Government Act	2a-Solid Waste Management Services	2b-Solid Waste Management Services	2c-Solid Waste Management Services	2d-Solid Waste Management Services	3a-Admin.Procedure/Business NetWorth	3b-Admin.Procedure/Business NetWorth	3c-Admin.Procedure/Business NetWorth	3d-Admin.Procedure/Business NetWorth
3	0	100	Greene (D)				F		F					F
5	0	100	Greenstein (D)				F	F	F	F				F
4	0	100	Hafner (D)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Harrington (R)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Hart (R)				F	F		F				F
			Healey (D)											
4	0	100	Henriquez (D)				F		F	F				F
2	1	67	Heyman (D)						F	F				A
5	0	100	Hill (D)				F	F	F	F				F
4	1	80	Jacobs (D)				F		F	F		A		F
4	0	100	Johnson (R)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Jones (R)				F		F	F				F
6	0	100	Kelly (R)			F	F		F	F			F	F
5	0	100	Kilmer (R)				F		F	F		F		F
4	1	80	Kosmas (D)				F	F	F	F				A
4	0	100	Kyle (R)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Lacasa (R)				F		F	F				F

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# HOUSE AVERAGE ON LEGAL AND JUDICIAL (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Citizen Participation in Government Act	1b-Citizen Participation in Government Act	1c-Citizen Participation in Government Act	2a-Solid Waste Management Services	2b-Solid Waste Management Services	2c-Solid Waste Management Services	2d-Solid Waste Management Services	3a-Admin.Procedure/Business NetWorth	3b-Admin.Procedure/Business NetWorth	3c-Admin.Procedure/Business NetWorth	3d-Admin.Procedure/Business NetWorth
4	1	80	Lawson (D)				F		F	F			A	F
4	0	100	Lee (D)				F		F	F				F
4	2	67	Levine (D)		F		F		F	F	A			A
4	0	100	Littlefield (R)				F		F	F				F
3	0	100	Logan (D)						F	F				F
4	0	100	Lynn (R)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Maygarden (R)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Melvin (R)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Merchant (R)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Miller, Jefferson (R)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Miller, Lesley (D)				F		F	F				F
7	0	100	Minton (D)			F	F	F	F	F			F	F
5	0	100	Morrone (R)				F	F	F	F				F
5	0	100	Murman (R)				F	F	F	F				F
4	0	100	Ogles (R)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Patterson (R)				F		F	F				F
6	0	100	Peaden (R)			F	F		F	F	F			F
4	0	100	Posey (R)				F		F	F				F

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# HOUSE AVERAGE ON LEGAL AND JUDICIAL (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Citizen Participation in Government Act	1b-Citizen Participation in Government Act	1c-Citizen Participation in Government Act	2a-Solid Waste Management Services	2b-Solid Waste Management Services	2c-Solid Waste Management Services	2d-Solid Waste Management Services	3a-Admin.Procedure/Business NetWorth	3b-Admin.Procedure/Business NetWorth	3c-Admin.Procedure/Business NetWorth	3d-Admin.Procedure/Business NetWorth
5	0	100	Prieguez (R)				F	F	F	F				F
4	0	100	Pruitt (R)				F		F	F				F
5	0	100	Putnam (R)			F	F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Rayson (D)				F		F	F				F
5	0	100	Reddick (D)				F		F	F		F		F
3	1	75	Ritchie (D)				F	F	F					A
4	2	67	Ritter (D)			F	F		F	F			A	A
4	0	100	Roberts (D)				F		F	F				F
4	1	80	Rojas (R)				F		F	F	A			F
4	0	100	Rubio (R)				F		F	F				F
5	0	100	Russell (R)				F	F	F	F				F
5	0	100	Ryan (D)				F	F	F	F				F
3	0	100	Sanderson (R)						F	F				F
6	0	100	Sembler (R)			F	F		F	F			F	F
3	0	100	Smith, Christopher (D)				F		F	F				
4	0	100	Smith, Kelley (D)				F		F	F				F
5	0	100	Sobel (D)				F		F	F		F		F
5	0	100	Sorensen (R)				F	F	F	F				F

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# HOUSE AVERAGE ON LEGAL AND JUDICIAL (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Citizen Participation in Government Act	1b-Citizen Participation in Government Act	1c-Citizen Participation in Government Act	2a-Solid Waste Management Services	2b-Solid Waste Management Services	2c-Solid Waste Management Services	2d-Solid Waste Management Services	3a-Admin.Procedure/Business NetWorth	3b-Admin.Procedure/Business NetWorth	3c-Admin.Procedure/Business NetWorth	3d-Admin.Procedure/Business NetWorth
4	0	100	Spratt (D)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Stafford (D)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Stansel (D)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Starks (R)				F		F	F				F
5	0	100	Suarez (D)				F	F	F	F				F
4	0	100	Sublette (R)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Thrasher (R)				F		F	F				F
5	0	100	Trovillion (R)				F		F	F		F		F
5	0	100	Tullis (R)				F	F	F	F				F
4	1	80	Turnbull (D)				F	F	F	F				A
4	0	100	Villalobos (R)				F		F	F				F
5	0	100	Wallace (R)				F		F	F		F		F
4	0	100	Wasserman-Schultz (D)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Waters (R)				F		F	F				F
3	0	100	Wiles (D)						F	F				F
4	0	100	Wilson (D)				F		F	F				F
4	0	100	Wise (R)				F		F	F				F
510	16	97	TOTAL											

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**THE FLORIDA HOUSE**

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**TAXATION**

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## TAXATION

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**CS/HB 67 — Intangible  
Personal Property Tax  
by the House Finance  
& Taxation Committee  
and Rep. Mike Fasano  
(R-New Port Richey)**

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**T**his bill provides that, beginning January 1, 2001, accounts receivable will be exempt from the Florida intangibles tax. The bill also reduces the annual tax on intangible personal property from 1.5 mills to 1.0 mill.

The bill also revises the treatment of Florida trusts for intangibles tax purposes. It relieves Florida trustees from paying intangible taxes on trust assets, and provides that a Florida resident with beneficial interest in a trust is responsible for reporting his or her share of the trust's assets and paying the intangible tax. Florida financial institutions will now be able to attract out-of-state capital without having that investment subjected to Florida intangibles tax.

Changes to the intangibles tax will be effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2001.

- Record 1A: On April 18, 2000, the House Finance and Taxation Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute, combined with HB 187, by a vote of 14 yeas to 1 nay. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 1B: On May 2, 2000, the House passed the bill favorably by a vote of 112 yeas to 3 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 5, 2000, CS/HB 67 was substituted for CS/SB 60.

On May 5, 2000, the Senate passed the bill favorably by a vote of 39 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**CS/HB 67 passed both the House and Senate and is pending action by the governor.**

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**CS/SB 388 — Tax  
Exemptions for Non-  
Profit Organizations  
by the Senate Fiscal  
Resource Committee**

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**T**his bill provides a sales tax exemption to any organization holding a current exemption from federal income tax pursuant to 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

On November 4, 1999, the Senate Fiscal Resource Committee passed PCB 00-1 favorably by a vote of 7 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

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**CS/SB 388 Continued**


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On November 4, 1999, Senate Fiscal Resource Committee PCB 00-1 became SB 388.

On February 23, 2000, the Senate Fiscal Resource Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

On April 4, 2000, the Senate passed the bill favorably by a vote of 38 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

- Record 2A: On May 4, 2000, the House passed the bill favorably by a vote of 119 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

**CS/ SB 388 passed both the House and Senate and is pending action by the governor.**

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**CS/HB 695 — Alcoholic  
Beverage Surcharge  
by the House  
Regulated Service  
Committee and  
Rep. David Bitner  
(R-Port Charlotte)**


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**T**his bill would have continued the repeal of the alcoholic beverage surcharge, which was begun by the 1999 Legislature. Specifically, this bill reduced the surcharges on liquor, wine, cider, and beer sold for on-premises consumption by one-half.

- Record 3A: On March 28, 2000, the House Regulated Services Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute, combined with HB 1165, by a vote of 7 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.
- Record 3B: On April 18, 2000, the House Finance and Taxation Committee passed the bill favorably with one amendment by a vote of 13 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote **for** the AIF position.

**CS/HB 695 died on the House Calendar. (see CS/CS/SB 770)**

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**CS/CS/SB 770 —  
Alcoholic Beverage  
Surcharge/Reduction  
by the Senate Fiscal  
Resource Committee,  
the Senate Regulated  
Industries Committee  
and Sen. Jack Latvala  
(R-Palm Harbor)**

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**T**his bill started out as an attempt to reduce the surcharge on alcoholic beverages sold for consumption on the premises. This was the second installment of a three-year effort to repeal the surcharge.

On the last day of the session, this bill became a vehicle to revise the parimutuel law and grant substantial tax relief to the parimutuel industry. In addition, a provision favored by AIF relating to the exemption of machinery and equipment was placed in the bill by amendment. The Senate removed the machinery and equipment provision and passed the bill with the other two provisions.

On February 23, 2000 the Senate Fiscal Resource Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 5 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On March 16, 2000, the Senate Regulated Industries Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute, combined with SB 286, by a vote of 9 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On April 4, 2000, the Senate passed the bill favorably by a vote of 37 yeas to 1 nay. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

- Record 4A: On May 5, 2000, the House passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 107 yeas to 4 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 5, 2000, the Senate concurred with the House amendments and passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 39 yeas to 0 nays. A "Nay" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 5, 2000, the Senate, upon reconsideration of the amendment vote, failed to pass Senate amendment one to House Amendment 1 by a vote of 16 yeas to 21 nays. A "Nay" is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 5, 2000, the Senate passed Senate Amendment 2 to House Amendment 1 favorably by a vote of 19 yeas to 16 yeas. A "Nay" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 5, 2000, the Senate, upon reconsideration, passed the bill favorably with amendments to the House amendments by a vote of 29 yeas to 7 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

- Record 4B: On May 5, 2000, the House concurred with the Senate amendments and passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 101 yeas to 16 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 5, 2000 the Senate concurred with the House amendments and passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 33 yeas to 4 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**CS/CS/SB 770 passed both the House and Senate and is pending action by the governor.**

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**CS/HB 1105 — Farming  
and Forestry  
Equipment Sales  
Tax Exemption  
by the House Finance  
and Taxation  
Committee and  
Rep. Adam Putnam  
(R-Bartow)**

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**T**his bill revises the application of the partial sales and use-tax exemption on self-propelled, power-drawn, or power-driven farm equipment by replacing a list of specified activities for use of equipment with the requirement that the equipment be used in "agriculture production." A definition of the term "agriculture production" is provided.

Also, the bill reduces the sales tax rate on qualifying farm equipment from 3 percent to 2.5 percent effective January 1, 2001.

- Record 5A: On March 23, 2000, the House Agriculture Committee passed the bill favorably with one amendment by a vote of 8 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 5B: On April 26, 2000, the House Finance and Taxation Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 10 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 5C: On May 3, 2000, the House passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 116 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 3, 2000, the Senate substituted CS/HB 1105 for CS/SB 1868.

On May 5, 2000, the Senate passed the bill favorably by a vote of 39 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**CS/HB 1105 passed both the House and Senate and is pending action by the governor.**

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**CS/CS/CS/SB 1338 —  
Telecommunications  
Taxation by the  
Senate Fiscal Resource  
Committee, the  
Senate Regulated  
Industries Committee,  
the Senate Fiscal  
Resource Committee  
and Sen. Jim Horne  
(R-Orange Park)**

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**T**his bill substantially rewrites Florida's communications tax law. It creates the new Chapter 202, Florida Statutes, the Communications Services Tax Simplification Law, and provides that communications services be subject to a uniform statewide tax rate and a local tax to be administered by the Florida Department of Revenue.

Neither the state nor local communications services tax rates are set in the bill. The industry and local governments are directed to supply pertinent information to the Department of Revenue for use by the Revenue Estimating Conference for calculating revenue neutral rates to be presented to the legislature for review and approval during the 2001 Regular Session. Unless action is taken by the legislature before June 30, 2001, the act is repealed.

On March 23, 2000, the Senate Fiscal Resource Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 6 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.



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**CS/CS/CS/SB 1338**  
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On April 13, 2000, the Senate Regulated Industries Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 7 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On April 26, 2000, the Senate Fiscal Resource Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 8 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 2, 2000, the Senate passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 37 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

- Record 6A: On May 4, 2000, the House passed the bill favorably by a vote of 108 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

CS/CS/CS/SB 1338 passed both the House and Senate and is pending action by the governor.

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**HB 2433 — Tax**  
**Administration**  
**Package by the House**  
**Finance & Taxation**  
**Committee**


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**T**his bill makes numerous changes to the Florida Tax Code as follows:

- amends the statute of limitations for audits so that effective July 1, 2002, the limitation period is three years for all open periods
- transfers the responsibility for the collection of civil penalties assessed by the Elections Commission from the Department of Revenue to the Elections Commission
- deletes a duplicate filing requirement for certain insurance companies
- provides for the sharing of specified information by the Department of Revenue with the Department of Management Services and the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
- provides optional filing periods for certain entities required to pay gross receipts tax
- allows the Department of Revenue to suspend reporting requirements for terminal operators and bulk carriers when identical data becomes available to the department from the Internal Revenue Service
- clarifies the exemption from the indexed tax of 20 percent of the manufactured asphalt used for any government public works project
- clarifies the manner in which interest is applied to tax deficiencies
- provides authority to the Department of Revenue to enter into contracts with public or private vendors to develop and implement a voluntary system for sales and use-tax collection and administration

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In addition, the bill does the following:

- adds specialty chemical or bioaugmentation products to the sales tax exemption on equipment or machinery for pollution control
- extending the sales tax exemption for machinery & equipment used in the production of electrical or steam energy if 15 percent or less of all electrical or steam energy generated was produced by burning nonresidual fuel
- adds SIC code 35 to the exemption for repair and labor charges. SIC code 35 was inadvertently left out of the bill last year. The Department of Revenue has implemented the law as if SIC code 35 were included
- adds savings association holding companies to the list of entities exempt from the intangibles tax.
- provides a retroactive exemption for renewals of promissory notes for revolving obligations, if the renewal extends the existing agreement for certain term obligations.

- Record 7A: On April 18, 2000, the House Finance and Taxation Committee passed PCB 00-01 by a vote of 14 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On April 24, 2000, House Finance and Taxation PCB 00-01 became HB 2433

- Record 7B: On May 2, 2000, the House passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 115 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 5, 2000, HB 2433 was substituted for CS/SB 1070.

On May 5, 2000, the Senate passed the bill favorably by a vote of 39 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**HB 2433 passed both the House and Senate and is pending action by the governor.**

# HOUSE AVERAGE ON TAXATION = 97%

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Intangible Personal Property Tax Exemption	1b-Intangible Personal Property Tax Exemption	2a-Tax Exemption/Non-Profit Organization	3a-Reduction/Alcohol Surcharge	3b-Reduction/Alcohol Surcharge	4a-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	4b-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	5a-Sales Tax/Farm Equipment	5b-Sales Tax/Farm Equipment	5c-Sales Tax/Farm Equipment	6a-Telecommunications Taxation	7a-3 Tax Glitch Issues	7b-3 Tax Glitch Issues
11	0	100	Albright (R)	F	F	F		F	F	F		F	F	F	F	F
6	1	86	Alexander (R)		F	F			F	A			F	F		F
7	1	88	Andrews (R)		F	F	F		F	A			F	F		F
7	0	100	Argenio (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Argenziano (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Arnall (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Bainter (R)		F	F			F	F	F		F			F
6	1	86	Ball (R)		F	F			F	A			F	F		F
7	0	100	Barreiro (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
6	1	86	Bense (R)		F	F			F	A			F	F		F
10	0	100	Betancourt (D)	F	F	F			F	F		F	F	F	F	F
10	0	100	Bilirakis (R)	F	F	F		F	F	F		F	F	F		F
6	0	100	Bitner (R)		F	F			F	F			F			F
7	0	100	Bloom (D)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Boyd (D)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
6	0	100	Bradley (R)		F	F				F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Bronson (D)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
5	1	83	Brown (D)		A	F			F				F	F		F

F - Vote for position of AIF • A - Vote against position of AIF

# HOUSE AVERAGE ON TAXATION (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Intangible Personal Property Tax Exemption	1b-Intangible Personal Property Tax Exemption	2a-Tax Exemption/Non-Profit Organization	3a-Reduction/Alcohol Surcharge	3b-Reduction/Alcohol Surcharge	4a-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	4b-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	5a-Sales Tax/Farm Equipment	5b-Sales Tax/Farm Equipment	5c-Sales Tax/Farm Equipment	6a-Telecommunications Taxation	7a-3 Tax Glitch Issues	7b-3 Tax Glitch Issues
10	1	91	Brummer (R)	F	F	F		F	F	A		F	F	F	F	F
7	0	100	Bucher (D)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Bullard (D)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Bush (D)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
6	0	100	Byrd (R)		F	F			F	F			F			F
8	0	100	Cantens (R)	F	F	F				F			F	F	F	F
7	0	100	Casey (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
5	0	100	Chestnut (D)		F	F			F	F						F
7	0	100	Constantine (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Cosgrove (D)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Crady (D)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Crist (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
6	0	100	Crow (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		
5	0	100	Detert (R)		F	F							F	F		F
10	0	100	Diaz de la Portilla (R)	F	F	F		F	F	F			F	F	F	F
7	0	100	Dockery (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Edwards (D)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Effman (D)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F

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# HOUSE AVERAGE ON TAXATION (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Intangible Personal Property Tax Exemption	1b-Intangible Personal Property Tax Exemption	2a-Tax Exemption/Non-Profit Organization	3a-Reduction/Alcohol Surcharge	3b-Reduction/Alcohol Surcharge	4a-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	4b-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	5a-Sales Tax/Farm Equipment	5b-Sales Tax/Farm Equipment	5c-Sales Tax/Farm Equipment	6a-Telecommunications Taxation	7a-3 Tax Glitch Issues	7b-3 Tax Glitch Issues
6	0	100	Eggelletion (D)		F	F			F	F			F			F
6	0	100	Farkas (R)		F	F				F			F	F		F
11	0	100	Fasano (R)	F	F	F	F	F	F	F			F	F	F	F
7	0	100	Feeney (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Fiorentino (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
6	0	100	Flanagan (R)		F	F			F	F			F			F
3	3	50	Frankel (D)		A	F			A	A				F		F
6	0	100	Fuller (R)			F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Futch (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Garcia (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
8	0	100	Gay (R)		F	F	F		F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Goode (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
5	2	71	Goodlette (R)		F	F			A	A			F	F		F
11	0	100	Gottlieb (D)	F	F	F		F	F	F		F	F	F	F	F
7	0	100	Green (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Greene (D)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Greenstein (D)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Hafner (D)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F

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# HOUSE AVERAGE ON TAXATION (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Intangible Personal Property Tax Exemption	1b-Intangible Personal Property Tax Exemption	2a-Tax Exemption/Non-Profit Organization	3a-Reduction/Alcohol Surcharge	3b-Reduction/Alcohol Surcharge	4a-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	4b-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	5a-Sales Tax/Farm Equipment	5b-Sales Tax/Farm Equipment	5c-Sales Tax/Farm Equipment	6a-Telecommunications Taxation	7a-3 Tax Glitch Issues	7b-3 Tax Glitch Issues
6	1	86	Harrington (R)		F	F				A	F		F	F		F
7	0	100	Hart (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
			Healey (D)													
6	0	100	Henriquez (D)		F	F			F	F			F			F
7	0	100	Heyman (D)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	1	88	Hill (D)		F	F	F		F	A			F	F		F
9	2	82	Jacobs (D)	A	A	F		F	F	F		F	F	F	F	F
7	0	100	Johnson (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
6	0	100	Jones (R)		F	F			F	F			F			F
6	0	100	Kelly (R)		F	F				F			F	F		F
5	2	71	Kilmer (R)		F	F			A	A			F	F		F
7	0	100	Kosmas (D)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Kyle (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Lacasa (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Lawson (D)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
6	1	86	Lee (D)		F	F			F	A			F	F		F
6	0	100	Levine (D)		F	F			F	F			F	F		
6	1	86	Littlefield (R)		F	F			F	A			F	F		F

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# HOUSE AVERAGE ON TAXATION (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Intangible Personal Property Tax Exemption	1b-Intangible Personal Property Tax Exemption	2a-Tax Exemption/Non-Profit Organization	3a-Reduction/Alcohol Surcharge	3b-Reduction/Alcohol Surcharge	4a-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	4b-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	5a-Sales Tax/Farm Equipment	5b-Sales Tax/Farm Equipment	5c-Sales Tax/Farm Equipment	6a-Telecommunications Taxation	7a-3 Tax Glich Issues	7b-3 Tax Glich Issues
4	0	100	Logan (D)		F	F			F	F						
7	0	100	Lynn (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Maygarden (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Melvin (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
6	0	100	Merchant (R)		F	F			F	F			F			F
6	2	75	Miller, Jefferson (R)		F	F			A	A	F		F	F		F
7	0	100	Miller, Lesley (D)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Minton (D)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Morrone (R)		F	F	F		F	F			F	F		
7	0	100	Murman (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
9	0	100	Ogles (R)	F	F	F		F	F	F			F	F	F	
7	0	100	Patterson (R)		F	F			F	F	F		F			F
7	0	100	Peaden (R)		F	F			F		F		F	F		F
7	0	100	Posey (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Prieguez (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Pruitt (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	1	88	Putnam (R)		F	F			F	A	F		F	F		F

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# HOUSE AVERAGE ON TAXATION (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Intangible Personal Property Tax Exemption	1b-Intangible Personal Property Tax Exemption	2a-Tax Exemption/Non-Profit Organization	3a-Reduction/Alcohol Surcharge	3b-Reduction/Alcohol Surcharge	4a-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	4b-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	5a-Sales Tax/Farm Equipment	5b-Sales Tax/Farm Equipment	5c-Sales Tax/Farm Equipment	6a-Telecommunications Taxation	7a-3 Tax Glitch Issues	7b-3 Tax Glitch Issues
7	0	100	Rayson (D)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Reddick (D)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Ritchie (D)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
8	0	100	Ritter (D)		F	F	F		F	F			F	F		F
6	0	100	Roberts (D)		F	F				F			F	F		F
5	0	100	Rojas (R)		F				F	F			F			F
11	0	100	Rubio (R)	F	F	F		F	F	F		F	F	F	F	F
7	0	100	Russell (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Ryan (D)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Sanderson (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
6	0	100	Sembler (R)			F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Smith, Christopher (D)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
6	0	100	Smith, Kelley (D)			F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Sobel (D)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Sorensen (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
8	0	100	Spratt (D)		F	F			F	F	F		F	F		F
7	0	100	Stafford (D)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F

F - Vote for position of AIF • A - Vote against position of AIF

# HOUSE AVERAGE ON TAXATION (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% OF VOTES WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Intangible Personal Property Tax Exemption	1b-Intangible Personal Property Tax Exemption	2a-Tax Exemption/Non-Profit Organization	3a-Reduction/Alcohol Surcharge	3b-Reduction/Alcohol Surcharge	4a-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	4b-Alcoholic Beverage Surcharge/Reduction	5a-Sales Tax/Farm Equipment	5b-Sales Tax/Farm Equipment	5c-Sales Tax/Farm Equipment	6a-Telecommunications Taxation	7a-3 Tax Glitch Issues	7b-3 Tax Glitch Issues
12	0	100	Stansel (D)	F	F	F		F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
5	0	100	Starks (R)			F				F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Suarez (D)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Sublette (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Thrasher (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
6	1	86	Trovillion (R)		F	F			F	A			F	F		F
10	0	100	Tullis (R)	F	F	F		F		F		F	F	F	F	F
6	0	100	Turnbull (D)		F	F			F	F				F		F
7	0	100	Villalobos (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
7	0	100	Wallace (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
10	0	100	Wasserman-Schultz (D)	F		F	F	F	F	F			F	F	F	F
7	0	100	Waters (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
11	0	100	Wiles (D)	F	F	F		F	F	F		F	F	F	F	F
6	1	86	Wilson (D)		F	F			F	A			F	F		F
7	0	100	Wise (R)		F	F			F	F			F	F		F
844	24	97	TOTAL													

F - Vote for position of AIF • A - Vote against position of AIF

**THE FLORIDA HOUSE**

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**UNEMPLOYMENT  
COMPENSATION**

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## UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

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**HB 617 — Base Periods  
of Unemployment  
Compensation by  
Rep. Willie Logan  
(D-Opalocka)**

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**T**his bill provided for adoption of an alternate method of calculation of past wages upon which unemployment compensation benefits and premiums would be based. It also gave employers ten days to challenge a calculation of past wages by the Division of Unemployment Compensation and supply quarterly based wage reports to substantiate their side of the dispute. The bill also provided that any excess payments made to an unemployed individual by the division could not be recovered or recouped unless the overpayment was based on misrepresentations by the recipient.

AIF opposed the legislation because there was no real reason for changing to an alternate calculation method or for allowing unemployed individuals to reap a windfall from overpayments caused by agency mistakes or for putting additional reporting requirements on employers.

- Record 1A: On February 21, 2000, the House Business Development and International Trade Committee passed the bill favorably by a vote of 8 yeas to 0 nays. A “Nay” vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 1B: On March 21, 2000, the House Insurance Committee passed the bill favorably by a vote of 8 yeas to 6 nays. A “Nay” vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 1C: On April 18, 2000, the House Transportation and Economic Development Appropriations Committee failed to pass the bill by a vote of 5 yeas to 5 nays. A “Nay” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**HB 617 died in the House Transportation and Economic Development Committee.**

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**HB 637 —  
Unemployment  
Compensation and  
Domestic Violence by  
Rep. Marjorie Turnbull  
(D-Tallahassee)**

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**T**his legislation originally provided that victims of domestic violence could receive unemployment compensation if they were unable to return to their places of employment or work as a result of the domestic violence or abuse perpetrated upon them by a spouse or other individual. While AIF supported the concept of making relief available to victims of domestic violence, AIF opposed making the employers of this state, through the unemployment compensation system, pay for the acts of an individual who abused another person.

Representatives of AIF worked with Rep. Turnbull to adopt an amendment to the bill providing funding for the program from general revenue, as long as the victim was no longer living with the abuser.

- Record 2A: On March 21, 2000, the House Business Development and International Trade Committee passed the bill favorably with 1 amendment by a vote of 9 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.
- Record 2B: On April 10, 2000, the House Insurance Committee passed the bill favorably with 1 amendment by a vote of 13 yeas to 3 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**HB 637 died on the House Calendar.**

# HOUSE AVERAGE ON UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION = 58%

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Unemployment Compensation/Base Periods	1b-Unemployment Compensation/Base Periods	1c-Unemployment Compensation/Base Periods	2a-Domestic Violence/Unemployment Comp.	2b-Domestic Violence/UnemploymentComp.
			Albright (R)					
			Alexander (R)					
1	0	100	Andrews (R)			F		
2	0	100	Argenio (R)		F			F
			Argenziano (R)					
			Arnall (R)					
1	1	50	Bainter (R)		F			A
			Ball (R)					
			Barreiro (R)					
			Bense (R)					
1	1	50	Betancourt (D)	A			F	
			Bilirakis (R)					
			Bitner (R)					
			Bloom (D)					
			Boyd (D)					
1	1	50	Bradley (R)	A			F	
			Bronson (D)					
			Brown (D)					

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# HOUSE AVERAGE ON UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Unemployment Compensation/Base Periods	1b-Unemployment Compensation/Base Periods	1c-Unemployment Compensation/Base Periods	2a-Domestic Violence/Unemployment Comp.	2b-Domestic Violence/UnemploymentComp.
			Brummer (R)					
			Bucher (D)					
			Bullard (D)					
			Bush (D)					
2	0	100	Byrd (R)		F			F
			Cantens (R)					
			Casey (R)					
			Chestnut (D)					
			Constantine (R)					
1	1	50	Cosgrove (D)		A			F
			Crady (D)					
			Crist (R)					
0	1	0	Crow (R)			A		
			Detert (R)					
			Diaz de la Portilla (R)					
1	1	50	Dockery (R)		A			F
			Edwards (D)					
0	1	0	Effman (D)			A		

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# HOUSE AVERAGE ON UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Unemployment Compensation/Base Periods	1b-Unemployment Compensation/Base Periods	1c-Unemployment Compensation/Base Periods	2a-Domestic Violence/Unemployment Comp.	2b-Domestic Violence/UnemploymentComp.
			Eggelletion (D)					
			Farkas (R)					
			Fasano (R)					
			Feeney (R)					
			Fiorentino (R)					
			Flanagan (R)					
			Frankel (D)					
1	0	100	Fuller (R)			F		
0	1	0	Futch (R)			A		
			Garcia (R)					
			Gay (R)					
1	0	100	Goode (R)					F
			Goodlette (R)					
			Gottlieb (D)					
			Green (R)					
			Greene (D)					
			Greenstein (D)					
			Hafner (D)					

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# HOUSE AVERAGE ON UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Unemployment Compensation/Base Periods	1b-Unemployment Compensation/Base Periods	1c-Unemployment Compensation/Base Periods	2a-Domestic Violence/Unemployment Comp.	2b-Domestic Violence/UnemploymentComp.
			Harrington (R)					
1	1	50	Hart (R)			A	F	
			Healey (D)					
			Henriquez (D)					
1	1	50	Heyman (D)		A			F
			Hill (D)					
			Jacobs (D)					
1	0	100	Johnson (R)			F		
			Jones (R)					
			Kelly (R)					
1	1	50	Kilmer (R)	A			F	
			Kosmas (D)					
			Kyle (R)					
			Lacasa (R)					
1	1	50	Lawson (D)		A			F
1	1	50	Lee (D)		A			F
			Levine (D)					
			Littlefield (R)					

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# HOUSE AVERAGE ON UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Unemployment Compensation/Base Periods	1b-Unemployment Compensation/Base Periods	1c-Unemployment Compensation/Base Periods	2a-Domestic Violence/Unemployment Comp.	2b-Domestic Violence/UnemploymentComp.
			Logan (D)					
			Lynn (R)					
			Maygarden (R)					
2	0	100	Melvin (R)		F			F
			Merchant (R)					
			Miller, Jefferson (R)					
			Miller, Lesley (D)					
			Minton (D)					
			Morroni (R)					
			Murman (R)					
			Ogles (R)					
1	1	50	Patterson (R)		F			A
			Peaden (R)					
			Posey (R)					
1	1	50	Prieguez (R)	A			F	
			Pruitt (R)					
			Putnam (R)					

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# HOUSE AVERAGE ON UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Unemployment Compensation/Base Periods	1b-Unemployment Compensation/Base Periods	1c-Unemployment Compensation/Base Periods	2a-Domestic Violence/Unemployment Comp.	2b-Domestic Violence/UnemploymentComp.
1	1	50	Rayson (D)		A			F
1	2	33	Reddick (D)	A		A	F	
1	1	50	Ritchie (D)	A			F	
			Ritter (D)					
			Roberts (D)					
			Rojas (R)					
			Rubio (R)					
2	0	100	Russell (R)			F	F	
			Ryan (D)					
0	1	0	Sanderson (R)	A				
			Sembler (R)					
			Smith, Christopher (D)					
1	0	100	Smith, Kelley (D)			F		
			Sobel (D)					
			Sorensen (R)					
			Spratt (D)					
			Stafford (D)					

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# HOUSE AVERAGE ON UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ISSUES (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Unemployment Compensation/Base Periods	1b-Unemployment Compensation/Base Periods	1c-Unemployment Compensation/Base Periods	2a-Domestic Violence/Unemployment Comp.	2b-Domestic Violence/UnemploymentComp.
			Stansel (D)					
			Starks (R)					
			Suarez (D)					
2	0	100	Sublette (R)		F			F
			Thrasher (R)					
			Trovillion (R)					
1	0	100	Tullis (R)					F
			Turnbull (D)					
			Villalobos (R)					
1	1	50	Wallace (R)	A			F	
			Wasserman-Schultz (D)					
0	2	0	Waters (R)		A			A
1	1	50	Wiles (D)		A			F
			Wilson (D)					
			Wise (R)					
33	24	58	<b>TOTAL</b>					

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**THE FLORIDA HOUSE**

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**WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

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## WORKERS' COMPENSATION

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**HB 2441 — Workers'  
Compensation  
Reinsurance Premiums  
by the House  
Insurance Committee**

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**T**he House Insurance Committee, under the direction of Chairman Stan Bainter (R-Eustis), produced HB 2441, which contained a variety of proposed changes to the workers' compensation statute and the operations of the workers' compensation system. The bill contained such proposals as

- clarifying the legislative intent for the definitions of "net premiums written" and "net premiums collected"
- reducing the assessment rate for calendar year 2001
- authorizing the Division of Workers Compensation to recover certain underpayments of assessments
- creating a task force to evaluate the funding and administrative mechanisms of the workers' compensation system

The bill contained many provisions supported by AIF as improvements in the overall operation of the workers' compensation system, as well as provisions dealing with ceded premiums and large deductible issues.

- Record 1A: On April 24, 2000 the House Insurance Committee passed PCB 00-04 by a vote of 9 yeas to 0 nays. A "Yea" vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On April 26, House Insurance PCB 00-04 became HB 2441

**HB 2441 died on the House Calendar.**

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**CS/SB 2532 —  
Workers'  
Compensation Net  
Premiums by the  
Senate Banking and  
Insurance Committee  
and Sen. Pat Thomas  
(D-Quincy)**

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**T**his bill clarified legislative intent pertaining to the terms “net premiums written” and “net premiums collected” as they are used in the workers’ compensation law. The bill also provided legislative intent language that ceded reinsurance premiums in accordance with what the Division of Workers’ Compensation felt was the original intent of the statute relating to assessment for the Workers’ Compensation Administration Trust Fund and the Special Disability Trust Fund.

AIF opposed the general concept of amending the current statutes to include these items in the amounts taxed for the two trust funds.

On April 24, 2000, the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee passed the bill favorably as a committee substitute by a vote of 7 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

On May 5, 2000, the Senate passed the bill favorably as amended by a vote of 35 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

- Record 2A: On May 5, 2000, the House passed the bill favorably by a vote of 109 yeas to 0 nays. A “Yea” vote is a vote for the AIF position.

**CS/SB 2532 passed both the House and Senate and was signed by the governor.**



# HOUSE AVERAGE ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION = 100%

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Workers' Compensation/Reinsurance	2a-Workers' Compensation/Net Premiums
1	0	100	Albright (R)		F
1	0	100	Alexander (R)		F
1	0	100	Andrews (R)		F
2	0	100	Argenio (R)	F	F
1	0	100	Argenziano (R)		F
1	0	100	Arnall (R)		F
2	0	100	Bainter (R)	F	F
			Ball (R)		
1	0	100	Barreiro (R)		F
1	0	100	Bense (R)		F
1	0	100	Betancourt (D)		F
1	0	100	Bilirakis (R)		F
1	0	100	Bitner (R)		F
1	0	100	Bloom (D)		F
1	0	100	Boyd (D)		F
1	0	100	Bradley (R)		F
1	0	100	Bronson (D)		F

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# HOUSE AVERAGE ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Workers' Compensation/Reinsurance	2a-Workers' Compensation/Net Premiums
1	0	100	Brown (D)		F
1	0	100	Brummer (R)		F
1	0	100	Bucher (D)		F
1	0	100	Bullard (D)		F
1	0	100	Bush (D)		F
1	0	100	Byrd (R)		F
1	0	100	Cantens (R)		F
1	0	100	Casey (R)		F
1	0	100	Chestnut (D)		F
1	0	100	Constantine (R)		F
1	0	100	Cosgrove (D)		F
1	0	100	Crady (D)		F
			Crist (R)		
1	0	100	Crow (R)		F
1	0	100	Detert (R)		F
1	0	100	Diaz de la Portilla (R)		F
2	0	100	Dockery (R)	F	F

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# HOUSE AVERAGE ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Workers' Compensation/Reinsurance	2a-Workers' Compensation/Net Premiums
1	0	100	Edwards (D)		F
1	0	100	Effman (D)		F
1	0	100	Eggelletion (D)		F
1	0	100	Farkas (R)		F
1	0	100	Fasano (R)		F
			Feeney (R)		
1	0	100	Fiorentino (R)		F
1	0	100	Flanagan (R)		F
1	0	100	Frankel (D)		F
			Fuller (R)		
1	0	100	Futch (R)		F
1	0	100	Garcia (R)		F
1	0	100	Gay (R)		F
1	0	100	Goode (R)		F
			Goodlette (R)		
1	0	100	Gottlieb (D)		F
1	0	100	Green (R)		F

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# HOUSE AVERAGE ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Workers' Compensation/Reinsurance	2a-Workers' Compensation/Net Premiums
1	0	100	Greene (D)		F
1	0	100	Greenstein (D)		F
1	0	100	Hafner (D)		F
1	0	100	Harrington (R)		F
1	0	100	Hart (R)		F
			Healey (D)		
1	0	100	Henriquez (D)		F
1	0	100	Heyman (D)		F
1	0	100	Hill (D)		F
1	0	100	Jacobs (D)		F
1	0	100	Johnson (R)		F
1	0	100	Jones (R)		F
1	0	100	Kelly (R)		F
1	0	100	Kilmer (R)		F
1	0	100	Kosmas (D)		F
1	0	100	Kyle (R)		F
			Lacasa (R)		

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# HOUSE AVERAGE ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Workers' Compensation/Reinsurance	2a-Workers' Compensation/Net Premiums
2	0	100	Lawson (D)	F	F
2	0	100	Lee (D)	F	F
1	0	100	Levine (D)		F
1	0	100	Littlefield (R)		F
1	0	100	Logan (D)		F
1	0	100	Lynn (R)		F
1	0	100	Maygarden (R)		F
1	0	100	Melvin (R)	F	
1	0	100	Merchant (R)		F
1	0	100	Miller, Jefferson (R)		F
1	0	100	Miller, Lesley (D)		F
1	0	100	Minton (D)		F
1	0	100	Morrone (R)		F
1	0	100	Murman (R)		F
1	0	100	Ogles (R)		F
2	0	100	Patterson (R)	F	F
1	0	100	Peaden (R)		F
1	0	100	Posey (R)		F

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# HOUSE AVERAGE ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Workers' Compensation/Reinsurance	2a-Workers' Compensation/Net Premiums
1	0	100	Prieguez (R)		F
1	0	100	Pruitt (R)		F
1	0	100	Putnam (R)		F
1	0	100	Rayson (D)		F
1	0	100	Reddick (D)		F
1	0	100	Ritchie (D)		F
1	0	100	Ritter (D)		F
1	0	100	Roberts (D)		F
1	0	100	Rojas (R)		F
1	0	100	Rubio (R)		F
1	0	100	Russell (R)		F
1	0	100	Ryan (D)		F
1	0	100	Sanderson (R)		F
			Sembler (R)		
			Smith, Christopher (D)		
1	0	100	Smith, Kelley (D)		F
1	0	100	Sobel (D)		F
1	0	100	Sorensen (R)		F

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# HOUSE AVERAGE ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION (CONTINUED)

TOTAL FOR	TOTAL AGAINST	% WITH AIF	REPRESENTATIVE	1a-Workers' Compensation/Reinsurance	2a-Workers' Compensation/Net Premiums
1	0	100	Spratt (D)		F
1	0	100	Stafford (D)		F
1	0	100	Stansel (D)		F
1	0	100	Starks (R)		F
1	0	100	Suarez (D)		F
1	0	100	Sublette (R)		F
1	0	100	Thrasher (R)		F
1	0	100	Trovillion (R)		F
1	0	100	Tullis (R)		F
1	0	100	Turnbull (D)		F
1	0	100	Villalobos (R)		F
1	0	100	Wallace (R)		F
1	0	100	Wasserman-Schultz (D)		F
2	0	100	Waters (R)	F	F
2	0	100	Wiles (D)	F	F
			Wilson (D)		
			Wise (R)		
<b>118</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		

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