## The Florida Senate

## **COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

## **COMMUNITY AFFAIRS** Senator Simpson, Chair Senator Thompson, Vice Chair

**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, January 8, 2014

TIME:

4:00 —6:00 p.m. 301 Senate Office Building PLACE:

**MEMBERS:** Senator Simpson, Chair; Senator Thompson, Vice Chair; Senators Bradley, Hukill, Latvala, Smith,

Soto, Stargel, and Thrasher

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	SB 286 Richter (Similar H 147)	Concrete Masonry Education; Creating the "Concrete Masonry Education Act"; creating the Florida Concrete Masonry Education Council, Inc.; authorizing the council to accept grants, donations, contributions, and gifts under certain circumstances; providing for collection of a voluntary assessment on concrete masonry units; requiring manufacturers who elect to pay the assessment to commit to paying the assessment for a specified period, etc.	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0
		CA 01/08/2014 Favorable RI GO	
2	SB 312 Simpson (Identical H 207, Compare H 121)	Agriculture; Providing that participation in a water retention program may be considered a nonincome-producing use under certain circumstances; providing that certain items in agricultural use, certain nets, gas or electricity used for agricultural purposes, and growth enhancers or performance enhancers used by a qualified agricultural producer for cattle are exempt from the sales and use tax imposed under ch. 212, F.S.; requiring a qualified agricultural producer to apply for an agricultural sales and use tax exemption certificate from the Department of Revenue, etc.  AG 12/09/2013 Favorable CA 01/08/2014 Fav/CS AFT AP	Fav/CS Yeas 9 Nays 0
3	Presentation by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.		Discussed