

# The Dean Document

## 2012 Legislative Session

### Greetings from Tallahassee!

Week three came and went with plenty to talk about. My office has received your phone calls and e-mails. I have heard the opinions of my constituents loud and clear. Each day, I enjoy of going through all messages and e-mails I receive.

Many of you have voiced your concerns over the current financial shortfall the Legislature must address in this year's budget proposal.

While discussing important legislation which comes across my desk, it is my obligation to ask the question "How much will this proposed language cost the taxpayers of our state" ? I will continue to analyze the balance of expense versus necessity. Some of our most vital institutions, healthcare, education and public safety are the largest expenditures our state faces. Please know we will make the bold decisions to help ensure, just like in any family's budget, expenses do not exceed income.

Making decisions to cut budget allocations is not an easy task, but it is a decision I make to ensure the next generation of Floridians are inheriting a better State. I encourage you to contact my office and follow this very important issue as we continue to work on the budget in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,



## THE FLORIDA SENATE HONORS FLORIDA'S VETERANS



The Florida Senate recognized and celebrated Floridians in our nation's Armed Forces during Military Day this week. To honor their sacrifices and help veterans upon their return to civilian life, the Senate unanimously passed Senate Bill 922, an omnibus military affairs bill sponsored by Senator Mike Bennett, R-Bradenton.

The bill provides a number of provisions to benefit Florida's veterans and military service members. Among its provisions, the bill will establish in-state tuition rates for all veterans, priority course registration for veterans and pre-trial intervention and special courts for veterans. In addition, it provides special preference for wartime veteran small business owners, special license plates for certain veterans as well as road designations to commemorate and honor the courageous sacrifices of Florida's service men and women.

Included in Senate Bill 922 was Senator Dean's language from Senate Bill 406. This legislation recognizes veterans who have fought for and served our country. SB 406 is a road designation bill and includes several veterans from Senator Dean's Senate District 3, including United States Army Specialist Fourth Class Thomas Berry Corbin of Old Town and Cross City, Samuel Calhoun Chavous Jr. of Cross City, Marine Lance Corporal Brian R. Buesing of Cedar Key, and Army Sergeant Karl A. Campbell of Chiefland.

"On Military Day, we pause to recognize and honor the selfless sacrifice Florida's men and women, who serve our country in the United States Armed Forces" said Senator Dean.

The Florida Senate also adopted a resolution to honor two Florida Medal of Honor recipients – Staff Sergeant Robert Miller was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions during Operation Enduring Freedom, and Sergeant First Class Paul Smith was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions during Operation Iraqi Freedom. To learn more about Military Day, visit [www.flsenate.gov](http://www.flsenate.gov).

## Senate Bill 802 Premises Liability

Senate Bill 802, sponsored by Senator Dean, was placed on the Senate Judiciary Committee agenda to be considered and voted on January 31, 2012. This bill would provide more opportunities for the public to enjoy outdoor recreation and provide some liability protection to landowners who allow public onto their lands.

Under current law, liability protection is provided to landowners who enter into a lease with the state. If Senate Bill 802 were to be signed into law, the liability protection would be expanded to landowners when they enter into a written agreement with the state and does not limit the written agreement to a lease. This bill does not alleviate landowners of liability for intentional injury to persons or property on their land.

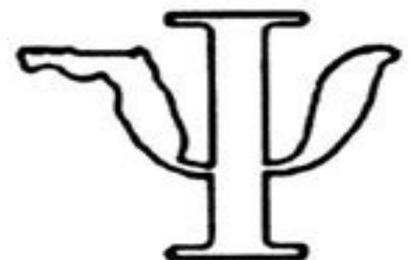
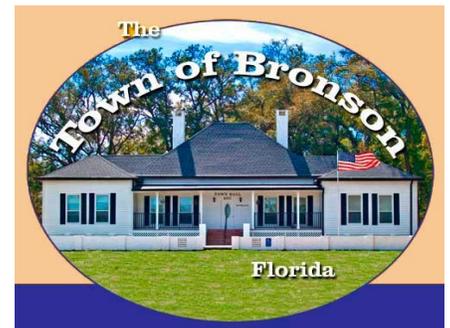
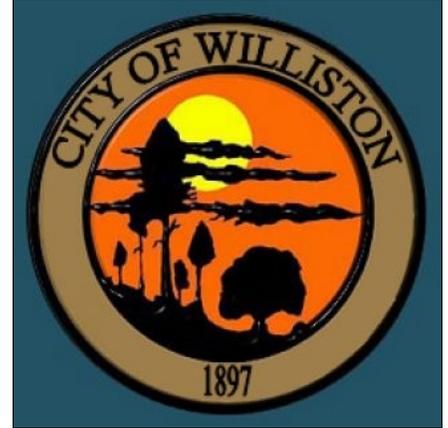
Last week, Senate Bill 802 was passed unanimously by the Senate Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee, the committee which Senator Dean chairs. The companion, House Bill 313, has passed two of its three referred committees without receiving an unfavorable vote.

### Who Stopped by 302 Senate Office Building this Week?

Senator Charlie Dean had the privilege to meet with many new faces this week in his Tallahassee office. Here is a list of just some of the folks who stopped in to say hi:

- Levy County School Board Members
- Suwannee County School Board Members
- Florida Psychological Association
- Alzheimer's Association
- Suwannee Valley League of Cities
- Town of Bronson
- City of Williston
- Christian Family Coalition

\* Please contact my office if your group would like to stop by during Session





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**Thank you to everyone who responded to last weeks question!**

Dennis Markos

Lola Allard

Charles Huelsmann

Jack Moler