

THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE



May 5, 2011

The Honorable Mike Haridopolos
President of the Senate

The Honorable Dean Cannon
Speaker, House of Representatives

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

Your Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on SB 2152, same being:

An act relating to transportation.

having met, and after full and free conference, do recommend to their respective houses as follows:

1. That the House of Representatives recede from its Amendment 1.
2. That the Senate and House of Representatives adopt the Conference Committee Amendment attached hereto, and by reference made a part of this report.

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The Conference Committee Amendment for SB 2152, relating to transportation, provides for the following:

- Clarifies that the Florida Department of Transportation is authorized to adjust toll rates by rule and is not subject to the provisions of ss. 120.54(3)(b) and 120.541., F.S.;
- Authorizes the use of excess toll revenues from the Alligator Alley Toll Road to develop and operate a fire station at mile marker 63 on Alligator Alley to provide, fire, rescue, and emergency management services to the adjacent counties along Alligator Alley;
- Repeals the Brevard County Expressway Authority, Broward County Expressway Authority, Pasco County Expressway Authority, St. Lucie County Expressway Authority, Seminole County Expressway Authority, and Southwest Florida Expressway Authority;
- Repeals various sections of law relating to and authorizing lease purchase agreements between certain transportation authorities and FDOT;
- Clarifies that an airport providing communications services within its own confines is exempt from the definition of telecommunications company;
- Corrects cross references in various sections of law to conform to changes made in this amendment;
- Directs state agencies to develop and adopt assessment protocols for evaluating damaged equipment before a request for purchase is approved; and
- Provides an effective date.