

**The Florida Senate**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

**AGRICULTURE**  
**Senator Siplin, Chair**  
**Senator Bullard, Vice Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Monday, January 23, 2012

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

**PLACE:** Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Office Building

**MEMBERS:** Senator Siplin, Chair; Senator Bullard, Vice Chair; Senators Alexander, Dockery, Garcia, Hays, Montford, and Simmons

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	<b>CS/SB 222</b> Commerce and Tourism / Siplin (Similar CS/H 827)	Limited Agricultural Associations; Providing for the conversion of limited agricultural associations to corporations not for profit; specifying a fee for filing a limited agricultural association's certificate of conversion to a domestic corporation; requiring the filing of a certificate of conversion and articles of incorporation with the Department of State; providing that the conversion does not affect any obligation or liability of the association; providing that all rights, property, and obligations of the association are vested in the corporation; specifying that the association is not required to wind up its affairs or pay its liabilities and distribute its assets, etc.  CM 01/09/2012 Fav/CS AG 01/23/2012 Fav/CS BC	Fav/CS Yeas 7 Nays 0
2	<b>SB 1132</b> Hays (Compare H 1197)	Beekeeping; Revising definitions relating to the Florida Right to Farm Act to include beekeeping; revising the definition of the term "apiary" and adding a definition for the term "apiculture"; providing that authority to regulate honeybee colonies is preempted to the state, etc.  AG 01/23/2012 Favorable BC	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0
3	<b>SB 1184</b> Norman (Identical H 1021, Compare H 1399, S 1866)	Agriculture; Prohibiting certain governmental entities from charging stormwater management assessments or fees on certain bona fide farm operations except under certain circumstances; revising the Florida Uniform Traffic Control Law to authorize the use of citrus harvesting equipment and citrus fruit loaders to transport certain agricultural products and to authorize the use of certain motor vehicles to transport citrus; authorizing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to adopt rules establishing certain standards for regulating commercial feed or feedstuff; prohibiting the knowing entry upon and unauthorized recording of sounds or images of a farm or farm operation, etc.  AG 01/23/2012 Fav/CS TR BC	Fav/CS Yeas 7 Nays 0

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4	<b>SB 1254</b> Siplin (Similar CS/H 7021, Compare H 4187, H 4189)	Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Establishing the Division of Food, Nutrition, and Wellness within the department; deleting provisions for a food safety pilot program and a permitting program for persons who test milk or milk products; creating the Agricultural Feed, Seed, and Fertilizer Advisory Council; revising requirements for the assessment of penalties and enforcement of violations by manufacturers and distributors of commercial feed or feedstuff; revising the geographic jurisdiction of soil and water conservation districts to include certain territory outside of the districts' boundaries; revising requirements and procedures for the dissolution or discontinuance of soil and water conservation districts, etc.  AG 01/23/2012 Fav/CS EP BC	Fav/CS Yeas 7 Nays 0
5	<b>SB 1496</b> Evers (Identical H 1251)	Agritourism; Providing legislative intent to eliminate duplication of regulatory authority over agritourism; prohibiting a local government from prohibiting, restricting, regulating, or otherwise limiting an activity of agritourism, etc.  AG 01/23/2012 Favorable CA	Favorable Yeas 6 Nays 1
6	Presentation by:  Mr. Donell Gwinn Gwinn Brothers Farm McAlpin, Florida		Presented
7	Other Related Meeting Documents		