

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

**APPROPRIATIONS**  
**Senator Negrón, Chair**  
**Senator Benacquisto, Vice Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Thursday, March 6, 2014  
**TIME:** 1:00 —3:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

**MEMBERS:** Senator Negrón, Chair; Senator Benacquisto, Vice Chair; Senators Bean, Bradley, Galvano, Gardiner, Grimsley, Hays, Hukill, Joyner, Latvala, Lee, Margolis, Montford, Richter, Ring, Smith, Sobel, and Thrasher

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	<b>SB 860</b> Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security (Similar CS/CS/H 7015, Compare H 873, S 418, S 970)	Military and Veterans Affairs; Revising requirements for the Educational Dollars for Duty program developed by the Adjutant General; establishing the Florida Veterans' Walk of Honor and the Florida Veterans' Memorial Garden; providing administration and funding, without appropriation of state funds, by the Department of Veterans' Affairs; creating Florida Is for Veterans, Inc., as a nonprofit corporation within the Department of Veterans' Affairs; creating the Veterans Employment and Training Services Program within the Department of Veterans' Affairs, etc.  AP      03/06/2014 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 19 Nays 0

Consideration of proposed committee bill:

2	<b>SPB 7066</b>	Tax Administration; Removing the requirement that the department review the level of assessment of use-valued properties in its reviews of county assessment rolls; providing monetary and criminal penalties for a dealer's willful failure to collect certain taxes or fees after receiving notice of such duty to collect from the Department of Revenue; deleting provisions relating to the imposition of criminal penalties after Department of Revenue notice of requirements to register as a dealer or to collect taxes, etc.	Submitted as Committee Bill Yeas 19 Nays 0
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3	<b>CS/CS/SB 140</b> Transportation / Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security / Bradley (Compare CS/CS/H 7015)	Driver Licenses; Providing that the spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces is not required to obtain a Florida driver license because he or she enters his or her children in public school in this state under certain circumstances; providing that a dependent of a member of the United States Armed Forces is not required to obtain a Florida driver license under certain circumstances; providing that the spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces is granted an automatic extension for the expiration of a certain class of driver license under certain circumstances, etc.  MS 10/08/2013 Fav/CS TR 11/07/2013 Fav/CS ED 02/18/2014 Favorable AP 03/06/2014 Temporarily Postponed	Temporarily Postponed

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**A proposed committee substitute** for the following bill (CS/SB 208) is expected to be considered:

4	<b>CS/SB 208</b> Commerce and Tourism / Hukill (Similar H 127)	Motorsports Entertainment Complexes; Providing for a monthly distribution of a specified amount of sales tax revenue to a complex certified as a motorsports entertainment complex by the Department of Economic Opportunity; specifying that the department may certify only one motorsports entertainment complex; authorizing the Auditor General to verify the expenditure of specified distributions and to notify the Department of Revenue of improperly expended funds so that it may pursue recovery, etc.  CM 01/08/2014 Fav/CS AFT 02/06/2014 Fav/CS AP 03/06/2014 Fav/CS RC	Fav/CS Yeas 17 Nays 1
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With subcommittee recommendation - Finance and Tax

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5	<b>CS/SB 218</b> Transportation / Grimsley (Similar H 259, Identical H 345, Compare H 1161, S 1048)	Transportation; Providing an exception for payment of certain utility work necessitated by a project on the State Highway System for municipally owned utilities or county-owned utilities located in rural areas of critical economic concern and authorizing the Department of Transportation to pay for such costs under certain circumstances; exempting from permitting certain signs placed by tourist-oriented businesses, certain farm signs placed during harvest seasons, certain acknowledgement signs on publicly funded school premises, and certain displays on specific sports facilities, etc.  TR 11/07/2013 Fav/CS CU 01/14/2014 Favorable CM 02/17/2014 Favorable AP 03/06/2014 Temporarily Postponed	Temporarily Postponed
6	<b>CS/SB 248</b> Health Policy / Children, Families, and Elder Affairs (Similar CS/H 573, Compare H 91, H 263, S 186, S 508)	Assisted Living Facilities; Providing that Medicaid managed care plans are responsible for enrolled mental health residents; providing that managing entities under contract with the Department of Children and Families are responsible for mental health residents who are not enrolled with a Medicaid managed care plan; revising the requirement that an extended congregate care license be issued to certain facilities that have been licensed as assisted living facilities under certain circumstances and authorizing the issuance of such license if a specified condition is met, etc.  HP 01/08/2014 Fav/CS JU 02/04/2014 Favorable AP 03/06/2014 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 18 Nays 0
7	<b>CS/SB 424</b> Criminal Justice / Lee (Similar CS/CS/H 255)	Discriminatory Insurance Practices; Providing that unfair discrimination on the basis of gun ownership in the provision of personal lines property or personal lines automobile insurance is a discriminatory insurance practice; clarifying that insurers are not prevented from charging supplemental premiums or sharing information between an insurer and its agent if a separate rider has been requested, etc.  BI 01/14/2014 Fav/2 Amendments CJ 02/03/2014 Fav/CS AP 03/06/2014 Fav/CS	Fav/CS Yeas 17 Nays 2

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8	<b>CS/SB 708</b> Banking and Insurance / Bean (Similar H 759, Compare H 471, CS/H 565, CS/H 633, H 743, S 1210, S 1260)	Insurance Claims; Adding mediators and neutral evaluators to the list of individuals or entities that the Department of Financial Services or the Office of Insurance Regulation may investigate for alleged improper conduct; providing that a claim for residential property insurance cannot be denied based on certain credit information; establishing a Claims Bill of Rights for residential property insurance policyholders; revising qualifications for mediators of personal injury claims, etc.  BI 02/11/2014 Fav/CS AP 03/06/2014 Temporarily Postponed	Temporarily Postponed

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