



THE FLORIDA SENATE
SENATOR WILTON SIMPSON
President

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators
FROM: Wilton Simpson
SUBJECT: Committee Leadership Assignments
DATE: December 2, 2020

The day-to-day, year-round work that takes place within our Senate committees is a critical component of the legislative process. In my view, the tremendous responsibility to chair a Senate committee is the most significant and impactful leadership role Senators have during their tenure. With this in mind, over the last several weeks, I have been considering our committee structure, and which Senators I believe can best serve the Senate in various committee leadership positions.

I have attached a list of chair and vice chair assignments by committee. Moving forward, I have requested that the staff director assigned to each committee contact the chair and vice chair by the end of the week to begin the process of formulating a schedule for the upcoming interim committee weeks.

You will notice I have added a Select Committee on Pandemic Preparedness and Response. The select committee will review all facets of the state response to the ongoing pandemic, and identify, as necessary, areas where there may be a specific role for the Legislature to make improvements to benefit our state moving forward.

As mentioned in a prior communication, I do not intend to make appointments to the Committee on Reapportionment until we get a little closer to the timeframe when the bulk of the committee work in this subject area will occur. I will provide updates regarding that specific timeframe as they become available.

Finally, I am working to finalize the membership of each committee and look forward to completing those assignments in the coming days. Thank you for your patience, as I know we are all eager to continue on with the important work ahead.

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Jennifer Bradley, Vice Chair

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Kelli Stargel, Chair
Aaron Bean, Vice Chair

**Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Environment, and General
Government**

Ben Albritton, Chair
Ray Rodrigues, Vice Chair

Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice

Keith Perry, Chair
Jeff Brandes, Vice Chair

Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

Doug Broxson, Chair
Manny Diaz, Vice Chair

Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services

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Lauren Book, Chair
Ben Albritton, Vice Chair

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Tom Wright, Vice Chair

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Criminal Justice

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Dennis Baxley, Chair
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Ana Maria Rodriguez, Chair
Janet Cruz, Vice Chair

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Lauren Book, Vice Chair

Rules

Kathleen Passidomo, Chair
Ileana Garcia, Vice Chair

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Gayle Harrell, Chair
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Select Committee on Pandemic Preparedness and Response

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Ben Albritton, Alt. Chair

Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight

Bobby Powell, Alt. Chair

Joint Legislative Auditing Committee

Dennis Baxley, Alt. Chair

Joint Select Committee on Collective Bargaining

Ray Rodrigues, Alt. Chair