

State Senator Audrey Gibson

Session in Review - Week 5

April 3-7, 2017



Dear Constituent and Friend,

As we wrapped up week 5 in the legislative session, the full Senate Appropriations committee convened Wednesday to debate and vote on bills and our State budget.

CS/SB 1206: Rights and Responsibilities of Patients adds the right of a patient to allow a person of his or her choice to patient areas of a health care facility or a provider's office as he or she receives inpatient or outpatient treatment or consults with their health care provider. The bill clarifies that the physician may discuss an individuals condition and treatment while a person that the patient has brought with them is present.

I was happy to support this bill because it gives comfort to loved ones during an important appointment or procedure.

SB 954: Canvassing of Vote-by-mail Ballots requires the Supervisor of Elections to immediately notify a voter upon receipt of their vote-by-mail ballot with a missing or mismatched signature. The voter is allowed to submit an affidavit if their signature does not match the signature on file on their voter registration application. A Florida driver license, Florida identification card, United States passport, debit or credit card, military identification, student identification, retirement center identification, neighborhood association identification, public assistance identification, veteran health identification card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Florida license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm or, an employee identification card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government, the state, a county, or a municipality are acceptable forms of identification for verifying a missing or mismatched signature on a ballot.

I supported this good bill on the Senate floor!

As we continue through Session, I will keep you informed of various issues of impact. If you have questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact my office.

As always, it is an Honor and a Pleasure to serve you in the Florida Senate!

Sincerely,

Audrey Gibson
State Senator
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Session snapshots:



Congresswoman Corrine Brown, AME Presiding Elder Elizabeth Yates, and members of The Jacksonville (FL) Chapter of the Links, Inc.



Florida Legislative Black Caucus "State of Black Florida" members were joined by Senator Debbie Mayfield - Senate District 17



On the Senate floor with Senator Rob Bradley - Senate District 5 and Senator Randolph Bracy - Senate District 11