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## *The Ausley Update* — Legislative Update —

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### Dear Constituent and Friend,

Legislative Week #7 is in the books, which means we have just 2 weeks left in the 2021-2022 legislative session. Budget conference has officially started, with meetings throughout the weekend in an attempt to resolve the differences between the House and Senate budgets. As a member of 2 conference committees, I am doing my best to ensure that our budget priorities make it in the final budget.

I am looking forward to presenting my "Broadband for All" bill this week in its last committee before going to the Floor. This will put us one step closer to a real plan to make sure broadband becomes available to all

Floridians and not just some. Access to high speed internet continues to be a critical need, and I am thankful that so many have reached out in support of this bill. I will have an update on this next week.



We debated and passed a lot of bills this week including HB1 -- the troubling anti protest bill. As I said on the floor, we have so many real issues to address as we come out of this pandemic, and chief among them is how to address the inherent inequities in our system which are the very reason people are protesting. I stood and will continue to stand in strong opposition to HB 1 as I believe we should be encouraging free speech and not stifling it.

With session coming to a close, I am starting to think about issues outside of the

legislative process as well as ideas for next session. This week included a great dialogue with students from the PACE Center for Girls, and an important conversation with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities about Billy Joe Rish State Park. I love ALL of the parks and recreation areas in Senate District 3, but Rish Park is special as it is an outdoor recreation area specifically for citizens with disabilities. Unfortunately, the park suffered major damage during Hurricane Michael, and it remains closed to the public. I am committed to working with all stakeholders to make sure we can get this park up and running as soon as possible.

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**2021 SESSION DATES**

April 30, 2021: 60th day – last day of Regular Session

**AUSLEY's HIGHLIGHTS**

Honoring Mayor Emeritus Vernell Ross of Gadsden County!



All of issues are important, and I want to hear from you so please keep in touch and let us know what we can do to help at [ausley.loranne.web@flsenate.gov](mailto:ausley.loranne.web@flsenate.gov) or 850-487-5003.

*It is an honor and pleasure to serve you in the Florida Senate!*

Sincerely,

*Loranne Ausley*

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