

THE PERRY POST

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District 9

Friends,

This November 22nd I was officially sworn in as your new District 9 State Senator. Though it is a new district, Marion, Levy, and Alachua Counties are part of Central Florida where I call home.

I am also excited to share that our newly elected Senate President, Kathleen Passidomo, has announced her committee assignments and it is an honor to serve as Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committe on Education, Vice Chair of Rules, as well as my other roles. I look forward to working with President Passidomo, the rest of the leadership team, and my colleagues to better the lives of the constituents in the district and all of Florida.

If I haven't had the chance to meet you in person yet, I hope that will change soon. Feel free to get ahold of me anytime should you need assistance or have any questions.

Sincerely,

W. Keith Perry



STATE NEWS



Senate President Passidomo Announces Committee Assignments







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"Senator Perry has always been a strong advocate for the hardworking, blue-collar men and women of our state, especially skilled laborers who are willing to do the difficult and dangerous work needed to keep our communities growing," Passidomo said."During the pandemic, he fought hard to keep Florida free and open because he believes in the dignity of work and believes government should never take away the right of a person to provide for their family. His common sense perspective on a variety of issues will be an incredible value to my leadership team."

President Passidomo recently Announced Committee Assignments and assigned Senator Perry as Chair of the Appropriations Committe on Education.





Senator Keith Perry Committee Assignments

- <u>Appropriations Committee on Education, Chair</u>
- <u>Rules, Vice Chair</u>
- Appropriations
- <u>Appropriations Committee on Transportation,</u> <u>Tourism, and Economic Development</u>
- <u>Criminal Justice</u>
- <u>Education Postsecondary</u>
- Education Pre-K -12
- <u>Regulated Industries</u>
- Joint Legislative Budget Commission

"What an honor to serve as Chair of the Appropriations Committee on Education for the Florida Senate.

I am also looking forward to working with my colleagues in my other roles and serving the wonderful people in my district and the state of Florida."

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SENATE CONVENES FOR SPECIAL SESSION PASSING CRUCIAL LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE AND AFFORDABILITY ISSUES.



This week, the Florida Senate convened for a Special Session and passed three critical pieces of legislation to decrease the financial burden of property insurance on Floridians, provide vital relief to those impacted by recent Hurricanes, and alleviate commuter costs across the State of Florida

- Senate Bill 2A, builds on prior insurance reforms passed by the legislature. This legislation increases insurer transparency to improve the marketplace for consumers, will reduce frivolous litigation that drives up costs, expedites the claim review process to verify that insurers maintain consistent communication with policyholders, stabilizes state-run Citizens Property Insurance to reduce taxpayer liability, and increases access to reinsurance to stabilize the insurance marketplace.
- Senate Bill 4A, provides property tax relief to homeowners whose homes were uninhabitable for at least 31 days as a result of damage caused by Hurricanes Ian or Nicole. Additionally, the Property tax payment deadline for all individuals living in impacted and eligible counties is extended to June 1, 2023
- Senate Bill 6A, provides a 50% credit to Floridians who utilize Florida's turnpike system and engage in 35+ transactions each month.With the potential to save Floridians \$500 million for this upcoming year, this is one step the Florida Senate can take ensure Floridians keep more of their hard-earned money.



Overview: Property Tax/Insurance Reform & Hurricane Ian Relief SPECIAL SESSION A

LITIGATION

Curbing lawsuit costs by imposing additional limits on litigation,

including making it more difficult for attorneys representing homeowners to obtain fees.



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REINSURANCE

Increasing the availability of reinsurance, the backup coverage purchased by insurance carriers to allow them to spread their risk. Reinsurance has become less available a more expensive.

 Bolstering the financial stability of Citizens Property Insurance Corp., the state-run private insurance company last resort.

ACCOUNTABILITY

- Eliminating the controversial practice known as assignment of benefits (AOB), which allows a homeowner to assign insurance benefits to contractors who do the work.
- Requiring insurers to respond to claims faster and make homeowners file claims sooner.



TRANSPARENCY

 Tightening regulations on insurance companies by requiring them to send any adjusters' reports to the policyholder within seven days after they are created.

HURRICANE IAN RELIEF

 Exempting from property tax homes destroyed by Hurricane Ian and setting aside about \$750 million for various restoration efforts.



This week, Governor Ron DeSantis signs Bills 2A, 4A, and 6A

Gov. Ron DeSantis signed legislation that aims to stabilize a crumbling insurance market, support disaster relief, and toll relief.





DISTRICT 9 NEWS





Senator Perry Visits the FL State Fire College to Honor Our Fallen Firefighters

My Team had the honor of attending the Annual Florida Fallen Firefighter Memorial Service. Those who lost their lives protecting their community and our state were added to the Memorial at the State Fire College so their name would be remembered.

It was a beautiful ceremony and thank you to all the Fire department from around the state who came to pay their respects.





