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CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by President Passidomo at 9:30 a.m. A quorum present—39:

Madam President	Collins	Osgood
Albritton	Davis	Perry
Avila	DiCeglie	Pizzo
Baxley	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Powell
Book	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Simon
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Broxson	Ingoglia	Torres
Burgess	Jones	Trumbull
Burton	Martin	Wright
Calatayud	Mayfield	Yarborough

Excused: Senator Rodriguez

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Senator Polsky:

Thank you, Madam President, for the opportunity to open this special session with a Jewish prayer: Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha'olam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higi'anu lazman hazeh. Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this moment.

God, grant us the strength to make decisions that promote the security, well-being, and prosperity of both our State of Florida and the people of Israel. May we be inspired by the values of justice, unity, and compassion.

As we embark on this session, we ask for your presence and your blessings to be with us, that our discussions may be constructive, and our decisions may reflect the principles of justice and fairness. We also pray for the State of Israel, its leaders, and its people. May they find safety, security, and a lasting peace. May the nation of Israel continue to thrive and be a beacon of hope for the world. In your name, we offer this prayer, seeking your guidance and your grace.

I'd like to close with the ancient Hebrew prayer for peace and healing called Mi Sheberach: May the source of strength who blessed the ones before us be filled with compassion to bless those in need of healing with refuah shlema—the renewal of body and spirit—and let us say Amen.

PLEDGE

Senator Mayfield led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

SPECIAL ORDER CALENDAR

SB 2-C—A bill to be entitled An act relating to disaster relief; creating s. 193.4518, F.S.; defining terms; providing a tangible personal property assessment limitation, during a certain timeframe and in certain counties, for certain agricultural equipment rendered unable to be used due to Hurricane Idalia; specifying conditions for applying for and receiving the assessment limitation; providing procedures for petitioning the value adjustment board if an application is denied; providing applicability; providing a sales tax exemption for the purchase, within a certain timeframe and in certain counties, of certain fencing materials used to replace or repair fences damaged by Hurricane Idalia on agricultural lands; specifying that the exemption is available only through a refund by the Department of Revenue of previously paid taxes; specifying requirements for applying for the refund; providing criminal penalties for furnishing a false affidavit; providing construction and retroactive applicability; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules; providing a sales tax exemption for the purchase, within a certain timeframe and in certain counties, of building materials used to replace or repair nonresidential farm buildings damaged by Hurricane Idalia; specifying that the exemption is available only through a refund by the department of previously paid taxes; defining the terms “building materials” and “nonresidential farm building”; specifying requirements for applying for the refund; providing criminal penalties for furnishing a false affidavit; providing construction and retroactive applicability; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules; providing an exemption from certain fuel taxes for fuel purchased, within a certain timeframe, for use for agricultural shipment or hurricane debris removal after Hurricane Idalia; specifying that the exemption is available only through a refund by the department; defining terms; specifying requirements for applying for the refund; providing criminal penalties for furnishing a false affidavit; providing applicability and construction; providing for retroactive operation; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules; amending s. 215.5586, F.S.; revising legislative intent; specifying a requirement for the Department of Financial Services in implementing the My Safe Florida Home Program; authorizing the department to accept applications for the program up to the amount of available funds; providing an appropriation for certain applications for the program; prohibiting the department from continuing to accept certain applications or creating a waiting list in anticipation of additional funding in the absence of express authority from the Legislature to do so; providing an appropriation for administration of the My Safe program; amending s. 252.37, F.S.; providing legislative intent; requiring the Division of Emergency Management and local governments to enter into certain agreements to receive specified funds; providing requirements for such agreements; providing for availability of funds; requiring the division to report progress on a certain timetable to specified parties; providing for expiration; providing an appropriation for the Public Assistance Program; providing requirements for appropriated funds; authorizing the undisbursed appropriation to carry forward to a certain date; amending s. 252.71, F.S.; extending the date for future review and repeal of provisions related to the Florida Emergency Management Assistance Foundation; amending s. 288.066, F.S.; revising the maximum length of a loan term under the Local Government Emergency Revolving Bridge Loan Program; authorizing the Department of Commerce to amend certain previously executed loan agreements under certain circumstances; providing an appropriation for the Hurricane Housing Recovery Program; requiring such appropriations to be used for specified

purposes; requiring the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to coordinate with the division and the Department of Commerce for a specified purpose; providing an appropriation for hurricane repair and recovery projects within counties with a certain Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster designation; authorizing certain entities to apply for such appropriated funds; requiring such entities requesting funding for certain purposes to secure certain matching funds by the time of making the application; requiring certain certifications for applications for appropriated funds; authorizing the division to request budget amendments up to a specified amount to fund gaps in certain projects; requiring the division and certain entities to coordinate for a specified purpose; specifying criteria for providing appropriated funds as grants or loans; requiring reimbursed funds to be deposited into the General Revenue Fund; providing for appropriations for the Small County Outreach Program for certain counties; amending chapter 2023-304, Laws of Florida; revising a prohibition on counties and municipalities proposing or adopting certain amendments to their comprehensive plans or land development regulations; revising the expiration date of such prohibition; providing an appropriation for certain planning and design grants; authorizing certain fiscally constrained counties to apply for appropriated funds; requiring the division to prioritize certain applications; requiring the division to conduct a certain assessment and consider certain information; amending s. 288.0655, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Commerce to award certain grants to certain fiscally constrained counties; providing a purpose and eligible uses for such grants; providing for expiration; providing an appropriation for the grants; repealing s. 570.82, F.S., relating to Agricultural Economic Development Program disaster loans and grants and aid; creating s. 570.822, F.S.; defining terms; establishing the Agriculture and Aquaculture Producers Natural Disaster Recovery Loan Program within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing the purpose of the program; establishing the authorized use of the loans; requiring that structures or buildings constructed with loan funds meet certain standards; requiring the department to adopt such standards by rule; requiring that the loans be low-interest or interest-free; providing loan limits; establishing eligibility requirements for loans; establishing application periods; setting the terms of repayment; providing for a reduction in the principal balance by a certain amount each year; restricting the amount the department may use for deferred loans; requiring repayment upon the sale of the property within a certain timeframe; specifying requirements for the department in administering the program; requiring the department to create and maintain a separate account in the General Inspection Trust Fund for the program; requiring that loan payments be returned to the loan program; providing that appropriated funds are not subject to reversion; requiring the department, or a specified third-party administrator, to manage the loan fund; requiring the department to coordinate with certain entities; requiring the department to adopt rules; requiring the department to provide an annual report to the Legislature by a specified date; specifying requirements for the report; providing for the expiration of the program on a specified date, unless reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature; amending s. 201.25, F.S.; exempting loans made by the Agriculture and Aquaculture Producers Natural Disaster Recovery Loan Program from certain taxes; requiring the department to adopt emergency rules to implement the program; providing for the expiration of such authority; requiring the Chief Financial Officer to transfer a specified amount from the General Revenue Fund to the General Inspection Trust Fund within the department within a specified timeframe; providing appropriations for the program and a cost-sharing grant program for timber landowners in specified counties; limiting the amount the department may use to administer the programs; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules to implement the cost-sharing grant program; requiring the department to coordinate with certain entities; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Simon moved the following amendment which was adopted:

Amendment 1 (813094)—Delete line 950 and insert:
by a lien, subordinate only to any mortgage held by a financial institution as defined in s. 655.005, on property or other collateral as set forth in

Pending further consideration of **SB 2-C**, as amended, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for HB 1-C** was withdrawn from the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

On motion by Senator Simon—

CS for HB 1-C—A bill to be entitled An act relating to disaster relief; creating s. 193.4518, F.S.; defining terms; providing a tangible personal property assessment limitation, during a certain timeframe and in certain counties, for certain agricultural equipment rendered unable to be used due to Hurricane Idalia; specifying conditions for applying for and receiving the assessment limitation; providing procedures for petitioning the value adjustment board if an application is denied; providing applicability; providing a sales tax exemption for the purchase, within a certain timeframe and in certain counties, of certain fencing materials used to replace or repair fences damaged by Hurricane Idalia on agricultural lands; specifying that the exemption is available only through a refund by the Department of Revenue of previously paid taxes; specifying requirements for applying for the refund; providing criminal penalties for furnishing a false affidavit; providing construction and retroactive applicability; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules; providing a sales tax exemption for the purchase, within a certain timeframe and in certain counties, of building materials used to replace or repair nonresidential farm buildings damaged by Hurricane Idalia; specifying that the exemption is available only through a refund by the department of previously paid taxes; defining the terms “building materials” and “nonresidential farm building”; specifying requirements for applying for the refund; providing criminal penalties for furnishing a false affidavit; providing construction and retroactive applicability; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules; providing an exemption from certain fuel taxes for fuel purchased, within a certain timeframe, for use for agricultural shipment or hurricane debris removal after Hurricane Idalia; specifying that the exemption is available only through a refund by the department; defining terms; specifying requirements for applying for the refund; providing criminal penalties for furnishing a false affidavit; providing applicability and construction; providing for retroactive operation; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules; amending s. 215.5586, F.S.; revising legislative intent; specifying a requirement for the Department of Financial Services in implementing the My Safe Florida Home Program; authorizing the department to accept applications for the program up to the amount of available funds; providing an appropriation for certain applications for the program; prohibiting the department from continuing to accept certain applications or creating a waiting list in anticipation of additional funding in the absence of express authority from the Legislature to do so; providing an appropriation for administration of the My Safe Florida Home program; amending s. 252.37, F.S.; providing legislative intent; requiring the Division of Emergency Management and local governments to enter into certain agreements to receive specified funds; providing requirements for such agreements; providing for allocation of funds; requiring the division to report progress on a certain timetable to specified parties; providing for expiration; providing an appropriation for the Public Assistance Program; providing requirements for appropriated funds; authorizing the undisbursed appropriation to carry forward to a certain date; amending s. 252.71, F.S.; extending the date for future review and repeal of provisions related to the Florida Emergency Management Assistance Foundation; amending s. 288.066, F.S.; revising the maximum length of a loan term under the Local Government Emergency Revolving Bridge Loan Program; authorizing the Department of Commerce to amend certain previously executed loan agreements under certain circumstances; providing an appropriation for the Hurricane Housing Recovery Program; requiring such appropriations to be used for specified purposes; requiring the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to coordinate with the division and the Department of Commerce for a specified purpose; providing an appropriation for hurricane repair and recovery projects within counties with a certain Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster designation; authorizing certain entities to apply for such appropriated funds; requiring such entities requesting funding for certain purposes to secure certain matching funds by the time of making the application; requiring certain certifications for applications for appropriated funds; authorizing the division to request budget amendments up to a specified amount to fund gaps in certain projects; requiring the division and certain entities to coordinate for a specified purpose; specifying criteria for providing appropriated funds as grants or loans; requiring reimbursed funds to be deposited into the General Revenue Fund; providing for appropriations for the Small County Outreach Program for certain counties; amending chapter 2023-304, Laws of Florida; revising a prohibition on counties and municipalities proposing or adopting certain amendments to specified regulations; revising the expiration date of such prohibition; providing an appropriation for certain planning and design grants; authorizing certain fiscally constrained counties to apply for appropriated

funds; requiring the division to prioritize certain applications; requiring the division to conduct a certain assessment and consider certain information; amending s. 288.0655, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Commerce to award certain grants to certain fiscally constrained counties; providing a purpose and eligible uses for such grants; providing for expiration; providing an appropriation for the grants; repealing s. 570.82, F.S., relating to Agricultural Economic Development Program disaster loans and grants and aid; creating s. 570.822, F.S.; defining terms; establishing the Agriculture and Aquaculture Producers Natural Disaster Recovery Loan Program within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; providing the purpose of the program; establishing the authorized use of the loans; requiring that structures or buildings constructed with loan funds meet certain standards; requiring the department to adopt such standards by rule; requiring that the loans be low-interest or interest-free; providing loan limits; establishing eligibility requirements for loans; establishing application periods; setting the terms of repayment; providing for a reduction in the principal balance by a certain amount each year; restricting the amount the department may use for deferred loans; requiring repayment upon the sale of the property within a certain timeframe; specifying requirements for the department in administering the program; requiring the department to create and maintain a separate account in the General Inspection Trust Fund for the program; requiring that loan payments be returned to the loan program; providing that appropriated funds are not subject to reversion; requiring the department, or a specified third-party administrator, to manage the loan fund; requiring the department to coordinate with certain entities; requiring the department to adopt rules; requiring the department to provide an annual report to the Legislature by a specified date; specifying requirements for the report; providing for the expiration of the program on a specified date, unless reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature; amending s. 201.25, F.S.; exempting loans made by the Agriculture and Aquaculture Producers Natural Disaster Recovery Loan Program from certain taxes; requiring the department to adopt emergency rules to implement the program; providing for the expiration of such authority; requiring the transfer of specified amounts from the General Revenue Fund to the General Inspection Trust Fund within the department within a specified timeframe; providing appropriations for specified programs; providing requirements for grant administration under such programs; specifying the amount the department may use to administer the programs; authorizing the department to adopt emergency rules to implement the cost-sharing grant program; requiring the department to coordinate with certain entities; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **SB 2-C**, as amended, and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Simon, by two-thirds vote, **CS for HB 1-C** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—39

Madam President	Collins	Osgood
Albritton	Davis	Perry
Avila	DiCeglie	Pizzo
Baxley	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Powell
Book	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Simon
Bradley	Hooper	Stewart
Brodeur	Hutson	Thompson
Broxson	Ingoglia	Torres
Burgess	Jones	Trumbull
Burton	Martin	Wright
Calatayud	Mayfield	Yarborough

Nays—None

SB 4-C—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program; amending s. 1002.394, F.S.; revising the number of certain students eligible to participate in the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **SB 4-C**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **HB 3-C** was withdrawn from the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

On motion by Senator Collins—

HB 3-C—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program; amending s. 1002.394, F.S.; revising the number of certain students eligible to participate in the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **SB 4-C** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Collins, by two-thirds vote, **HB 3-C** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—39

Madam President	Collins	Osgood
Albritton	Davis	Perry
Avila	DiCeglie	Pizzo
Baxley	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Powell
Book	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Simon
Bradley	Hooper	Stewart
Brodeur	Hutson	Thompson
Broxson	Ingoglia	Torres
Burgess	Jones	Trumbull
Burton	Martin	Wright
Calatayud	Mayfield	Yarborough

Nays—None

SB 6-C—A bill to be entitled An act relating to security grants; amending s. 252.3712, F.S.; expanding the Nonprofit Security Grant Program to include additional organizations; specifying that grants may be used for certain materials; revising eligibility criteria to be awarded a grant; requiring that certain rules be adopted by the Division of Emergency Management; requiring the division to provide certain information to the Legislature annually by a specified date; requiring the division to adopt emergency rules by a specified date; providing appropriations; requiring reversion of unexpended funds; providing for future appropriations; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Calatayud moved the following amendments which were adopted:

Amendment 1 (961846)—Delete line 60 and insert:
sum of \$20,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated

Amendment 2 (948778)—Delete lines 69-79 and insert:
sum of \$15,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated to the Department of Education as fixed capital outlay to provide grants to full-time Jewish day schools and Jewish preschools for hardening security measures, including the purchase and installation of security infrastructure, perimeter lighting, materials for door hardening, security camera systems, perimeter fencing, barriers and bollards, and blast-resistant film and shatter-resistant glass for windows. Grants must be awarded no later than March 1, 2024.

Section 5. *For the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the nonrecurring sum of \$10,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund is appropriated*

Pending further consideration of **SB 6-C**, as amended, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **CS for HB 7-C** was withdrawn from the Committee on Fiscal Policy.

On motion by Senator Calatayud—

CS for HB 7-C—A bill to be entitled An act relating to security grants; amending s. 252.3712, F.S.; expanding the Nonprofit Security Grant Program to include additional organizations; specifying that grants may be used for certain materials; revising criteria to be awarded a grant; requiring certain rules be adopted by the Division of Emergency Management; requiring the division to provide certain information to the Legislature annually by a specified date; requiring the division to adopt emergency rules by a specified date; providing appropriations; requiring reversion of unexpended funds; providing for future appropriations; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **SB 6-C**, as amended, and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Calatayud, by two-thirds vote, **CS for HB 7-C** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—39

Madam President	Collins	Osgood
Albritton	Davis	Perry
Avila	DiCeglie	Pizzo
Baxley	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Powell
Book	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Simon
Bradley	Hooper	Stewart
Brodeur	Hutson	Thompson
Broxson	Ingoglia	Torres
Burgess	Jones	Trumbull
Burton	Martin	Wright
Calatayud	Mayfield	Yarborough

Nays—None

On motion by Senator Berman—

SR 8-C—A resolution expressing support for the State of Israel and condemning the attacks and hateful actions by the Hamas terrorist group.

WHEREAS, beginning on October 7, 2023, Hamas, a United States-designated Foreign Terrorist Organization, commenced an unprovoked attack on the State of Israel, killing more than 1,400 innocent individuals, including Israelis, Americans, and citizens of other nations, among whom were babies, young children, and the elderly, and raping or torturing countless defenseless individuals, and

WHEREAS, Hamas indiscriminately launched thousands of rockets at private homes, schools, and hospitals and took hundreds of individuals hostage, including young children and the elderly, and

WHEREAS, this breach of Israel's borders represents the most significant threat to its security since the Yom Kippur War in 1973, and

WHEREAS, following the initial attack by Hamas, the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah, backed by the Iranian regime and sharing Hamas' goal of destroying the Jewish state, has also waged a savage and unprovoked attack on the State of Israel and on October 22, 2023, launched antitank missiles into three areas in Israel, and

WHEREAS, the United States also suffered senseless losses, with many Americans brutally murdered and many more missing or taken hostage, and

WHEREAS, Hamas and the Iranian regime have called for the deaths of Israelis, Americans, Jews, and Christians and have sought to incite acts of domestic terrorism against Jewish people and communities around the world, including in the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, the Iranian regime provides financial and logistical support to such terrorist groups as Hamas and Hezbollah and has praised these recent unconscionable atrocities committed against innocent civilians, and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida recognizes the right of the State of Israel to exist as a sovereign and independent nation, and the right and obligation to defend itself, with the full rights and privileges afforded to all nations under international law, and

WHEREAS, the citizens and residents of Israel have the right to live a peaceful existence without the threat of indiscriminate violence and without fear of being attacked or persecuted simply because they are Jewish, and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has a long-standing bond and alliance with the State of Israel and is proud to have the third-largest Jewish population in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida prays for the people of the State of Israel and all those affected by this unjustified and heinous attack, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

That the Senate of the State of Florida does hereby:

(1) Condemn the unprovoked and barbaric attacks by Hamas against Israel, its citizens, and Americans.

(2) Unequivocally support the right of the State of Israel to exist as a sovereign and independent nation.

(3) Support the right of the State of Israel to defend itself and protect its citizens from indiscriminate violence and acts of terrorism.

(4) Demand the immediate end to any financial support, whether direct or indirect, of Hamas, the Iranian regime, Hezbollah, or any other entity that publicly supports these attacks and other terrorist activities.

(5) Reject and condemn persistent threats against Jewish people, institutions, and communities in the State of Florida, the United States, and abroad, including those from individuals and organizations committed to the extermination of the Jewish people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, with the Seal of the Senate affixed, be presented to each member of the Florida Delegation to the United States Congress and the Ambassador of the State of Israel to the United States as a tangible token of the sentiments of the Florida Senate.

—was read the second time by title. On motion by Senator Berman, **SR 8-C** was adopted.

CO-INTRODUCERS

All Senators voting yea, not previously shown as co-introducers, were recorded as co-introducers of **SR 8-C**.

Yeas—38

Madam President	Davis	Perry
Albritton	DiCeglie	Pizzo
Avila	Garcia	Polsky
Baxley	Grall	Powell
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Calatayud	Mayfield	Yarborough
Collins	Osgood	

Nays—None

MOTION

On motion by Senator Hutson, by two-thirds vote, the following remarks were ordered spread upon the Journal.

Senator Berman: Thank you Madam President and thank you for hearing this resolution today in our special session. Madam President, the actions of Hamas on October 7 dramatically altered the world for all people of the Jewish faith, and you have been incredibly supportive, and it is greatly appreciated.

As many of you know, I had plans to travel to Israel on October 15 for a week trip; I was going with 80 of my friends and neighbors from South Palm Beach County Jewish Federation to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel. On October 7, I quickly realized that it would not be happening because of the beyond imaginable unprovoked attack by Hamas. On that day, I started drafting the resolution we are discussing today.

Let me tell you a little bit about what it is like, and you've heard, to be Jewish in the world right now. Many of you are of the Christian faith, and wear crucifixes, and don't think twice about it. But before a Jewish person puts on a Star of David or a Lion of Judah, we have to weigh whether we are going to be verbally or physically attacked for wearing a piece of jewelry. You've heard we have to think twice about where we are going, and what security will be in place. Many synagogues have metal detectors as well as armed guards, and you don't see that in many churches.

We have to stay away from public places like the Sydney Opera House, Trafalgar Square in London, and even the Brooklyn Bridge when there are protests occurring, so that we don't become the targets. Just this past Monday, an elderly man, Paul Kessler, was attending a peaceful pro-Israel rally in Los Angeles, when he was assaulted by a counter protester. He was pushed over and struck his head. He is now dead.

We worry about our college students away from home who, just for being Jewish, have been subject to intimidation, harassment, physical violence, and even death threats at my husband and daughters' alma mater. We obsessively watch the news, probably too much, and we find ourselves repeatedly calling and texting our friends and relatives in Israel as we are fearful for their safety. Social media continues to inflict wounds showing people taking down posters of hostages and gleefully tearing them up as well as many anti-Semitic chants and jeers. We are full of conflicting emotions: anger, disbelief, pride, depression, devastation, horror, grief, defiance. The fears of pogroms and the Holocaust that our parents and grandparents lived through and that we thought we would never ever have to be worried about, have now become a part of our world.

I know that I can't believe how society has seemingly transformed overnight. How have we failed so badly that people can justify the killing of a baby in an oven? How can it be acceptable to rape women and parade them around? How can it be okay to take children and babies hostage? No reasonable person can condone such barbarity. Nothing can excuse the cruelty of Hamas and their flagrant violation of international law.

To the Palestinian people who do not support Hamas, my heart is heavy, and I do grieve the loss of women, children, and men in Gaza. I regret that the Arab nations have not stepped up to offer refuge to Gazans at a time when they need it. I fear that Hamas is martyring innocent Palestinian lives to advance their political narrative. Their disregard for civilian lives further underscores the need for Hamas' destruction.

As Golda Meir, the former Israeli prime minister, said so clearly 50 years ago and with such relevance today: "When peace comes, we will perhaps, in time, be able to forgive the Arabs for killing our sons, but it will be harder for us to forgive them for having forced us to kill their sons."

In my fourteen years in the legislature, I have proudly supported the United States Constitution and have stood with minority and marginalized communities. I have repeatedly said that an attack against one is an attack against all of us. My world view has been shaped by the Holocaust and the lack of support for my Jewish forebears. I have always been guided and taken to heart the words of Nobel Peace Prize winner, author, and Holocaust survivor Elie Weisel, "To remain silent and indifferent is the greatest sin of all." I also agree with Sir Edmund Burke's well-known statement, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

I am now asking you, my colleagues, to stand with me and support this resolution. We all know words matter. Words can breed hate. Words can incite violence. But words can also show love and compassion. Words can reflect humanity and our values. Our words through this resolution speak loudly. Today, we show all Floridians that we condemn Hamas and its actions. That we support the right of the sovereign State of Israel to exist and to defend itself. That we will not financially support terrorist organizations, and that we condemn the anti-Semitic attacks against Jewish people. Let us be the good people who are not silent and indifferent. Let our words resonate throughout Florida, the United States, and the world.

Thank you to all my colleagues for your love, compassion, humanity, and support.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Senator Calatayud recognized Consul General Maor Elbaz-Starinsky, Consulate General of Israel to Florida, Kansas, Missouri, and Puerto Rico, who was present in the chamber.

SB 10-C—A bill to be entitled An act relating to scrutinized companies; amending s. 215.473, F.S.; defining terms; revising the definition of the term "scrutinized company"; requiring the State Board of Administration to identify and maintain the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Terrorism Sectors List; requiring the board to update and quarterly make such list publicly available; requiring the State Board of Administration to adhere to specified procedures to assemble companies on such list; providing that companies on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List as of a specified date are deemed, beginning on a certain date, to be on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Terrorism Sectors List until removed pursuant to specified procedures; requiring the board to file a certain report with each member of its Board of Trustees and the Legislature within a specified timeframe after the list is created or updated; requiring the board to no longer scrutinize companies subject to the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Terrorism Sectors List, to no longer assemble the list, and to cease engagement, investment prohibitions, and divestment actions if two specified actions occur; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 287.135, F.S.; providing that certain entities are ineligible to, and may not, bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew certain contracts; requiring that certain contracts entered into or renewed on or after a specified date with an agency or a local governmental entity contain a provision allowing for the termination of such contract under specified circumstances; revising the exception allowing an agency or a local governmental entity to contract with a company on specified lists or engaged in business operations with certain countries; providing the circumstances under which an agency or a local governmental entity may contract with a company on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Terrorism Sectors List; requiring a company to certify that it is not on certain lists at the time the company submits a bid or proposal for a contract or before the company enters into or renews a contract with an agency or a local governmental entity; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 624.449, F.S.; requiring domestic insurers to annually provide to the Office of Insurance Regulation a list of companies in which they have investments which are on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Terrorism Sectors List; reenacting s. 215.47(10)(b), F.S., relating to certain investment decisions made by the State Board of Administration, to incorporate the amendments made to s. 215.473, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing severability; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **SB 10-C**, pursuant to Rule 3.11(3), there being no objection, **HB 5-C** was withdrawn from the Committee on Rules.

On motion by Senator Avila—

HB 5-C—A bill to be entitled An act relating to scrutinized companies; amending s. 215.473, F.S.; defining terms; revising the definition of the term "scrutinized company"; requiring the State Board of Administration to identify and maintain the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Terrorism Sectors List; requiring the board to update

and quarterly make such list publicly available; requiring the board to adhere to specified procedures to assemble companies on such list; providing that companies on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List as of a specified date are deemed, beginning on a certain date, to be on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Terrorism Sectors List until removed pursuant to specified procedures; requiring the State Board of Administration to file a certain report with each member of its Board of Trustees and the Legislature within a specified timeframe after the list is created or updated; requiring the board to no longer scrutinize companies subject to the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Terrorism Sectors List, to no longer assemble companies on the list, and to cease engagement, investment prohibitions, and divestment actions if two specified actions occur; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 287.135, F.S.; providing that certain entities are ineligible to, and may not, bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew certain contracts; requiring that certain contracts entered into or renewed on or after a specified date with an agency or a local governmental entity contain a provision allowing for the termination of such contract under specified circumstances; revising the exception allowing an agency or a local governmental entity to contract with a company on specified lists or engaged in business operations with certain countries; providing the circumstances under which an agency or a local governmental entity may contract with a company on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Terrorism Sectors List; requiring a company to certify that it is not on certain lists at the time the company submits a bid or proposal for a contract or before the company enters into or renews a contract with an agency or a local governmental entity; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 624.449, F.S.; requiring domestic insurers to annually provide to the Office of Insurance Regulation a list of companies in which they have investments which are on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Terrorism Sectors List; reenacting s. 215.47(10)(b), F.S., relating to certain investment decisions made by the State Board of Administration, to incorporate the amendments made to s. 215.473, F.S., in a reference thereto; providing severability; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **SB 10-C** and read the second time by title.

On motion by Senator Avila, by two-thirds vote, **HB 5-C** was read the third time by title, passed, and certified to the House. The vote on passage was:

Yeas—39

Madam President	Collins	Osgood
Albritton	Davis	Perry
Avila	DiCeglie	Pizzo
Baxley	Garcia	Polsky
Berman	Grall	Powell
Book	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Simon
Bradley	Hooper	Stewart
Brodeur	Hutson	Thompson
Broxson	Ingoglia	Torres
Burgess	Jones	Trumbull
Burton	Martin	Wright
Calatayud	Mayfield	Yarborough

Nays—None

BILLS ON SPECIAL ORDERS

Pursuant to Rule 4.17(1), the Rules Chair, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader submit the following bills to be placed on the Special Order Calendar for Wednesday, November 8, 2023: SB 2-C, SB 4-C, SB 6-C, SR 8-C, SB 10-C.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Mayfield, Rules Chair
Ben Albritton, Majority Leader
Lauren Book, Minority Leader

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

The Journals of November 6 and November 7 were corrected and approved.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Senator Mayfield, the Senate adjourned at 11:45 a.m. for the purpose of holding committee meetings and conducting other Senate business to reconvene upon call of the President.