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MEMORANDUM

To: Rules Committee
From: Lizbeth Benacquisto, Chair
Subject: Executive Order of Suspension 19-14, In re Mr. Scott Israel
Date: September 25, 2019

Pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rule 12.7, President Galvano has referred the advisory Report and Recommendation of Special Master Dudley Goodlette regarding Executive Order 19-14 to the Rules Committee for its consideration and report.

The President has also convened the Senate in Special Session beginning Monday, October 21, 2019, and ending Friday, October 25, 2019, for consideration of the removal or reinstatement of Mr. Scott Israel as Sheriff of Broward County.

For your planning purposes, I will be noticing a Rules Committee meeting for Monday, October 21, 2019, from 10:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. for the committee to consider and report on Executive Order 19-14.

The order of business for the meeting will include: a presentation of the Special Master's Report and Recommendation by Special Master Dudley Goodlette; comment from counsel for the Governor; comment from counsel for Mr. Scott Israel; and public testimony. The committee will then debate and vote upon a motion regarding the report of the Rules Committee, which will be provided to the President and the Senate for consideration by the Senate.

Written arguments and evidence submitted during proceedings, as well as links to recordings of the Special Master hearing, remain publicly available on the Senate website (<http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/ExecutiveSuspensions>). Additionally, there are 23 pages of confidential documents, which are available for inspection only by Senators. To inspect these documents, please contact Christie Letarte at 850-487-5575.

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As noted previously, because we are tasked by Florida's Constitution to sit in judgment of the merits of this suspension, Senators should refrain from speaking publicly about the merits or substance of any executive suspension except in the Rules Committee meeting and the sitting of the Senate in Special Session.