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The 2011 Legislative Session came to a close earlier this month and I am happy to be back home. Last week I had the pleasure of attending the Melbourne Chamber Post Session Meeting and the Economic Summit hosted by the Indian River County Chamber. I also had the privilege of addressing the Indian River County Realtor Association, as well as touring the Treasure Coast Intermodal Campus located in St. Lucie County.

I plan to update you regarding the 2011 Legislative Session in each of the upcoming newsletters. You sent me to Tallahassee to make hard choices during difficult times. We worked hard to prioritize critical needs and did what was necessary to produce a responsible balanced budget without raising taxes or fees.

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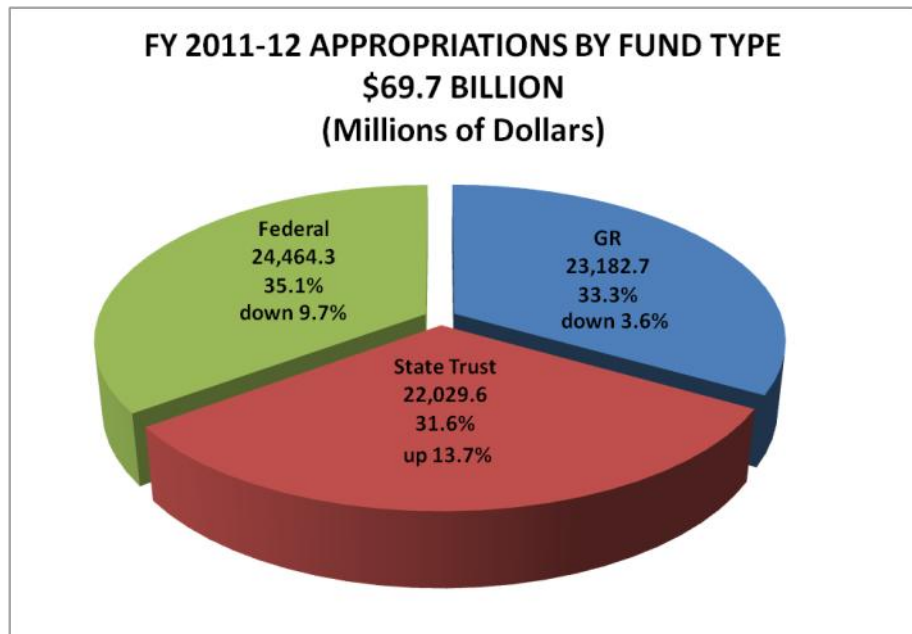
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Florida's Old and New Capitols

FY 2011-12 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

The House passed a total state budget of \$69,676.6 billion, which is \$841.5 million less than last year's budget. General Revenue accounts for \$23,182.7 billion, which is \$863.3 million less than last year's budget. The FY 2011-12 spending plan will leave \$1 billion in general revenue fund reserves, \$492 million in the budget stabilization fund and \$789 million in the Lawton Chiles Endowment Fund for a total of \$2,281.0 million in reserves.



[2011 Appropriations Documents](#)

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The Indian River County Chamber will host their Post Session Luncheon

Date: TBA

Please note that the event will not take place on June 3, as originally advertised

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FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT



After several months of analysis, Florida Power & Light Company has presented the City of Vero Beach with a Letter of Intent to purchase its electric system. They have also set up a FAQ page on their website which addresses common questions regarding this issue.

You can visit the following link or click on the FPL logo above to review information regarding the current proposal and offer.

http://www.fpl.com/landing/vero_beach.shtml

FLORIDA ECONOMY

During the 2011 Legislative Session the Florida House passed numerous pieces of legislation aimed at fostering private sector job creation. This year, the Florida Legislature eliminated the corporate income tax for nearly half of the Florida businesses who currently pay it, created the Department of Economic Opportunity and State Economic Enhancement & Development (SEED) Trust Fund to consolidate economic development, workforce development, community planning and affordable housing initiatives, and modernized Florida's growth management system and unemployment compensation program.

Measures aimed to encourage private sector job creation include:

- Corporate Income Tax Relief: CS/HB 7185 increases the corporate income tax exemption from \$5000 to \$25,000.
- Department of Economic Opportunity: SB 2156 creates the Department of Economic Opportunity, which consolidates the Agency for Workforce Innovation, Department of Community Affairs, and the Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development
- SEED Trust Fund: HB 7205 creates the SEED Trust Fund within the Department of Economic Opportunity.
- Growth Management: CS/HB 7207 modernizes Florida's growth management system by removing layers of state oversight to give local governments control while focusing the state on important state resources and facilities.
- Unemployment Compensation Tax Relief: CS/CS/HB 7005 modernizes Florida's unemployment system and reduces taxes for most Florida businesses, providing businesses the financial security to continue to employ workers.

2012 LOCAL DELEGATION MEETINGS & REDISTRICTING



The House Redistricting Committee and the Senate Committee on Reapportionment plan to hold public meetings on redistricting for the Central Florida region between July 25-28. The public meeting schedule is also available at www.floridaredistricting.org.

After holding public meetings on redistricting throughout the summer the 2012 Legislative Session will begin on **January 10, 2012** and end on **March 9, 2012**, at which time the new districts will be approved. Because session will begin earlier this year all local delegation meetings will be scheduled earlier. Depending on the start of committee meetings the Indian River County Delegation meeting will take place in late August or early September this year.