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As we move into week five of the 2012 Legislative Session I wanted to provide you with an update of two bills I have filed for this year.

I am happy to report that **HB 15**, designating the Alma Lee Loy Bridge in Indian River County has passed favorably out of committees and is now ready to be heard on the House floor.

I am also happy to report the **HB 413**, relating to Chiropractic Medicine has passed favorable out of its last committee and is now headed to the floor. The bill is a package that I've worked on with the Florida Chiropractic Association and the Board of Chiropractic Medicine,

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HOUSE MEMBERS PASS HOUSE, SENATE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING MAPS

Members of the House of Representatives on Thursday, February 2, 2012, discussed bills approved by the Redistricting Committee on the floor and voted on the three amendments filed to those bills.

On Friday, February 3, members passed the following Redistricting bills:

• State House Map SJR 1176: Plan H000H9049: PDF map

· Congressional Map SB 1174: Plan H000C9047: PDF map

· State Senate Map SJR 1176: Plan S0009008: PDF map

You can find the maps at the House website by visiting the following link: http://myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Redistricting/Redistricting2012.aspx

In the next step of the Redistricting process, the three bills approved by the House of Representatives will go to the Senate for passage. Page 2 Volume 4, Issue 3

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Terms to Understand

Appropriations Bill – a general appropriations bill or any other bill the title text of which begins "An act making appropriations,"

"An act making special appropriations," or "An act making supplemental appropriations."

Implementing Bill – a bill, effective for one fiscal year, implementing an appropriations bill.

Conforming Bill — a bill designated as such by the Speaker that amends the Florida Statutes to conform to an appropriations bill.

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GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT 2012-13

On Wednesday, February 1, the House Appropriations Committee passed the House version of the General Appropriations Act for the 2012-13 fiscal year. The House's budget includes \$24.3 billion in General Revenue, \$20.4 billion in state trust funds and \$24.5 billion in federal funds for a total budget of \$69.2 billion.

The House is planning to have its final vote on the General Appropriations Act Thursday, February 9. Once the Act has been approved by the House and the Florida Senate has passed its budget bill, the next step in the process is the budget conference. During the conference, representatives from the House and Senate, appointed by the Speaker and President, respectively, work to create a single budget. Following a successful conference, appointed members produce a single report, the General Appropriations Act, to be presented to the Governor for passage.

TAX RELIEF



Members of the House Finance and Tax Committee approved unanimously House Bill 7087 on Wednesday, February 1. The bill, a package of incentives to improve economic development in the state, includes provisions that provide new or expanded sales tax exemptions for manufacturing and aircraft repair as well as expanded tax credits for community development entities.

The legislation also expands distributions of cigarette tax proceeds to further development of biomedical and cancer research in the state. It adds two enterprise zones, increases the current corporate income tax exemption of net income from \$25,000 to \$50,000 and makes changes to current entertainment industry tax incentives to increase film shooting days in Florida.

VISIT TALLAHASSEE



A visit from some constituents served by United for Families. This wonderful agency is charged with developing community-based services and support for children and families in Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee counties.