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House Bills Filed for 2006

Legislature Still Working, Though Not in Session

*House and Senate staffs
are busy working on
interim committee*

*projects, many of which will result in legislation for the 2006 Legislature's
consideration. Both the House and Senate have scheduled interim
committees meetings to start in September and October.*



Only a few weeks have passed since Gov. Jeb Bush acted on the last of the 2005 bills presented to him for consideration. Meanwhile House members have begun filing bills for the 2006 Legislature, which starts in March. Among the more interesting bills to clients are two:

HJR 31 by Rice (R-Indian Shores) is a proposed Constitutional amendment that would reverse the effect of the recent US Supreme Court opinion on governments' taking of property through **eminent domain** actions for economic development reasons.

HB 37 by Adams (R-Oviedo) responds to the recent incidents of **consumer data** breaches and would allow victims of identity thief

to "freeze" their credit report until issues are remedied. A civil penalty is created and aimed at credit reporting agencies that fail to comply.

Noteworthy 2006 Interim Legislative Committee Projects

Following are select interim committee projects undertaken by legislative staff in advance of the 2006 Legislature. Many interim projects result in proposed committee legislation introduced for action during the next available Legislative Session.

House Councils and Committees:

- *Commerce:* Direct Shipping of Wine
- *Education:* Charter Schools

- *Fiscal*: Effect of the Dept. of Transportation’s Funding Policies on Arterial Roads and MPO Priorities.
- *State Administration*: Personal Information Protection
- *State Infrastructure*: 2005 Growth Management Act Review
- *State Infrastructure*: Development of Regional Impact Affordable Housing Mitigation

Senate Committees:

- *Banking & Insurance*: Workers’ Compensation Rating System
- *Community Affairs*: Land Use Boards of Appeal
- *Community Affairs*: 2005 Growth Management Act Glitch Bill
- *Health Care*: Medicaid Fraud & Abuse
- *Judiciary*: Compensation for Wrongful Incarceration
- *Judiciary*: Streamlining the State Constitution
- *Regulated Industries*: Direct Shipping of Wine

Interim Committee Weeks

September 12 – 16, 2005	House
October 17 – 21, 2005	House & Senate*
November 7 – 10, 2005	House
December 5 – 9, 2005	House
January 9 – 13, 2006	House
January 23 – 27, 2006	House
February 6 – 10, 2006	House
February 13 – 17, 2006	House
February 20 – 24, 2006	House
March 7, 2006	Opening Day
May 5, 2006	Last Day

* *The Senate has announced only one week of meetings to date.*

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Leadership on Deck

The designees for future Speaker of the House and Senate President are working through the summer months to underpin the early re-election efforts of their committed member “votes.” These campaigns involve mostly incumbent legislators who have promised to vote for the respective



designee’s election to leadership in the Organizational Session immediately following the 2006 elections.

Sen. Ken Pruitt (R-Port St. Lucie) is lined up to become the 2007-08 President of the Senate. He was first elected to the

Legislature in 1990 and served in the House until his election to the Senate in 2000. Pruitt is presently the chairman of the Senate Rules Committee.



(Photo by Mark Foley)

Rep. Marco Rubio (R-Miami-Dade) is the Speaker of the House Designee for the 2007-08 term. Rubio was first elected to the Florida House in 2000. He is a practicing attorney in Miami-Dade County and will be the first Cuban-American Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Destin's **Rep. Ray Sansom** is the early slated Speaker Designee to follow Rubio for the 2009-10 term. Sansom is a former Okaloosa County commissioner who directs community affairs for the Okaloosa School District. *(Photo by Mark Foley)*



Special Election Yields Political Newcomer in the Florida House



Jackson County Chipola Community College teacher **Marti Coley** (R-Marianna) won easy election to the Florida House

in a recent Special Election to fill the seat of her husband, David, who died from illness in the spring. House Speaker Allan Bense has appointed her to serve on the committees on Civil Justice; Pre K-12; Utilities & Telecommunications; and Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations. *(Photo by Mark Foley)*

Administration in Motion

Jeb Bush has appointed his Chief of Staff, **Denver Stutler**, as the new Secretary of the Dept. of Transportation. **Mark Kaplan** has moved into the Chief of Staff position. Kaplan came from the Lt. Governor's Office.

Dr. John Agwunobi, the Secretary of the Dept. of Health, is moving to Washington, DC, to become an Assistant Secretary at the US Dept. of Health & Human Services.

Former Disney executive **Tom Lewis, Jr.**, has replaced Bill Simon as the Secretary of the Dept. of Management Services.

Alan Levine, Secretary of the Agency for Health Care Administration remains unconfirmed by the Florida Senate.

Political Money Line

Campaign contributions to major Florida Cabinet candidates as reported June 30, 2005, to the Division of Elections:

Governor

Jim Davis, Dem.	\$811,726.
Rod Smith, Dem.	\$725,798.
Scott Maddox, Dem.	\$303,521.
Charlie Crist, Rep.	\$3,840,000.
Tom Gallagher, Rep.	\$3,081,000.

Attorney General

Joe Negron, Rep.	\$602,570.
Burt Saunders, Rep.	\$56,855.
Everett Rice, Rep.	\$107,655.

Chief Financial Officer

Charlie Clary, Rep.	\$20,650.
Randy Johnson, Rep.	\$116,475.
Tom Lee, Rep.	<i>(Recently Announced)</i>

Commissioner of Agriculture

Charlie Bronson, Rep.	<i>(Recently Announced)</i>
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Keep State Political Contributions Within the Limits of the Law

Florida law limits an individual, corporation, or a political action committee to a \$500 contribution to any one candidate in any one election cycle.

For the 2006 Elections, there are two election cycles: the primary cycle, which is currently running, and likely ending August 31, 2006; and the general election cycle, likely ending November 2, 2006. (These are estimated dates since The Division of Elections has yet to post official notice of 2006 reporting deadlines.) These periods are for state and county races; city races may or may not observe these cycles. This means a contribution to a particular candidate *must be received by that candidate on or before the cycle deadline*. It also means the most an individual candidate can legally receive from one

person or entity is \$1,000 (\$500 given in the primary cycle; \$500 given in the general cycle).

Contributions to a candidate may be monetary or "in-kind." An example of an in-kind contribution is the purchase of food for a fundraising event. The sum of contribution types may *not* exceed \$500 per election cycle. In other words, one can not make a \$500 monetary contribution and also contribute \$250 in-kind during the same cycle. Hence, many fundraisers have "host committees," where each host of the event contributes \$500 in-kind to cover the costs associated with the event.

Both types of contributions are reportable by the candidate under the law *and also by a giving entity if the entity is making contributions through a CCE (generally referred to as a PAC)*

Contributions made directly by a company or individual are not reportable by the company or individual (however the candidate must report receiving these contributions).

Candidate Qualifying Deadline:

Noon, Friday, July 21, 2006

Contribution Deadline for First Cycle:

Thursday, August 31, 2006*

Primary Election (First Cycle):

Tuesday, September 5, 2006*

Contribution Deadline for Second Cycle:

Thursday, November 2, 2006*

General Election (Second Cycle):

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

* *Estimated Pending Until Official Notice.*

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