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# School Bus Safety Bill Passes House Unanimously

I am exhilarated and grateful that the Florida House of Representatives unanimously passed legislation strengthening protections for students traveling to and from school. I am proud that HB 37 got solid bipartisan support, endorsement of educators and families throughout the state, and strong backing from the Palm Beach County Transportation Department.

If approved by the Florida Senate and signed into law by the governor, this legislation will increase driver license suspension penalties and double the fines for drivers who illegally pass a stopped school bus while students are getting on or off.

Rep. Ardian Zika (R-Land O'Lakes) joined me in sponsoring HB 37 and in helping advance our conviction that all of us share a responsibility to make sure every youngster is safe when traveling to and from school.

Emily Slosery

Representative Emily Slosberg, District

Happy St. Patrick's Day!





Rep. Emily Slosberg and Sen. Lori Berman celebrated women's leadership in the state

### Florida Women Voting, Leading, Roaring Forward

Rep. Slosberg hosted "Keep Roaring On: 1920-2020" at the State Capitol in mid-February. The reception celebrated the centennial of the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment giving women the right to vote, and paid homage to outstanding achievements by women in Florida.

In honor of Florida's first woman legislator, Edna Giles Fuller, Rep. Slosberg issued the inaugural awards recognizing pioneering Florida women. Fuller fought for women's rights to vote and serve on juries, she represented Orange County in the Legislature, and advocated for women's involvement in war efforts during World War II.

Inaugural recipients of the Fuller award were Florida Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services Nikki Fried; Rep. Heather Fitzenhagen, Sen. Lori Berman, Rep. Fentrice Driskell, Rep. Dotie Joseph and Staff Sergeant Kat Gates-Skipper, USMC Ret. All were recognized for their work in advancing women's issues and serving Florida citizens.

Women's History Museum Proposed Rep. Slosberg, who is vice-chair of Florida's Women's Legislative Caucus, announced at the "Keep Roaring On" reception that she plans to introduce legislation during the 2021 session establishing a women's history museum in Tallahassee. "The mission of this museum will be to preserve and share the stories of women and inspire future generations of girls to follow in the footsteps of the incredible women who came before them."

### **Save These Dates!**

VOTE! March 17 is election day for Florida's presidential preference primary and uniform municipal elections. If you requested a mail-in ballot or want to vote early, the deadlines are earlier. For more information, go to the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections website: <a href="www.pbcelections.org">www.pbcelections.org</a>
CENSUS! In mid-March every household will get an invitation to help get an accurate count of the people at each address on Census Day, April 1, 2020. Your participation is crucial. For more information, go to <a href="www.2020census.gov">www.2020census.gov</a>
FREE FOOD! On Friday, April 3, Farm Share will distribute food at the back parking lot, Hagen Ranch Road and Atlantic Avenue. For more information, see the last page of this Slosberg Report.

## Stay Safe during Tax Season!

In 2018, the Internal Revenue Service noted a 60% increase in bogus online schemes aimed at stealing money or tax data, especially from elderly citizens. In recent tax seasons, South Florida has been a center for tax-related identity theft. That occurs when someone uses your stolen Social Security number to file a fraudulent tax return claiming a refund that they subsequently receive at a false address. You may not know this has happened until you file your return and discover that a tax return has already been submitted under your Social Security number.

In other cases, IRS imposters contact you insisting that you owe money. They may give you a badge number and know the last four digits of your Social Security number. The scamster often states that you must pay right away or risk arrest. **DO**NOT give the caller any answers, and remember that the IRS will the **never** contact you by telephone, e-mail or text message – they only contact taxpayers in writing. Write down the phone number and name of the phony IRS contact, then hang up and contact the IRS directly (800-829-1040 or irs.gov/balancedue if you think you may owe back taxes). The Consumer Affairs Division of Palm Beach County's Public Safety Department (561-712-6600 or 888-852-7362) can help you report scammers of any kind, and especially this time of year, tax scams.

The IRS summarizes a "Dirty Dozen" tax scams on its website. Check it out by going to https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/dirty-dozen



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