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The Delegation Digest 2020 Legislative Session

Session Week 7 February 24-28, 2020

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A different view of the Capitol, looking from the west at the Stormstong sculpture.

Week Recap

Week Seven of the 2020 legislative session was relatively quiet with committee meetings and session in both chambers.

Both the House and the Senate held session on Wednesday where Senators' Rader, Powell and Harrell along with Representative Roth had bills heard for final passage, now on to the Governor for signature.

SB	0540-Insurance	Guaranty	Associations	by	Senator Rader
HB	0061-Adoption	Benefits	by	Representative	Roth
SB	1590-Juror	Sanctions	by	Senator Powell	
SB	0100-Dispensing	Medicinal	Drugs	by	Senator Harrell

Budget conference still was not announced, and each chamber is working over their allocations and offers before conferencing.

Member Highlights



Representative Caruso met Pebbles the Penguin,

she traveled from Tampa to visit the capitol.
Thank you Florida Aquarium and Congratulations on your 25th Anniversary.

Bills and Policy

Many of the delegation members had substantive bills heard during committee meetings this week.

Tuesday, February 25

SB 0800 Division of State Technology by Senator Harrell
SB 1688 Early Learning and Early Grade Success by Senator Harrell
SB 0926 Health Care Practitioner Licensure by Senator Harrell
SB 1206 Applied Behavior Analysis Services by Senator Harrell
SB 1296 Health Access Dental Licenses by Senator Berman

Wednesday, February 26

HB 0945 Children's Mental Health by Representative Silvers
SB 0358 Decedents' Property by Senator Berman
SB 0500 Prohibited Acts by Health Care Practitioners by Senator Harrell
SB 1516 Organ Donation by Senator Harrell

Thursday, February 27

SB 1120 Substance Abuse Services by Senator Harrell
SB 1370 Patient Safety Culture Surveys by Senator Harrell

To keep track of any legislation mentioned in this update please visit the [Florida House of Representatives](#) and the [Florida Senate](#) webpages for up-to-date information

Local Bills

The Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation members have three local bills this legislative session:

HB 975 - Indian Trail Improvement District, Palm Beach County by Representative Roth,

HB 753 - Town of Lake Clarke Shores, Palm Beach County by Representative Silvers

HB 673 - Port of Palm Beach District, Palm Beach County by Representative Willhite.

All have died in committee.

Appropriations



This was a quiet week for budget negotiations, appropriation committee chairs and staff are working behind the scenes to come up with allocations for each area to bring into conference which is the next step for House and Senate negotiators. The legislature is charged with passing a final budget before the March 13 end of the Legislative Session. The 2020-2021 fiscal year will start on July 1.

[Click Here](#) for the Senate Budget

[Click Here](#) for the House Budget

Member Photos





Girl Scouts from across the Sunshine State gathered at the Capitol Wednesday.

Around 100 of Florida's 54,352 scouts participated in activities revolving around the four pillars of Girl Scouts – STEM, outdoors, entrepreneurship and life skills.



Wednesday, February 26th was the 24th Annual Seersucker Day at the Capitol. Representative Willhite sponsored the event for the fourth year in a row. Rep. Dan Daley from Broward and Tom Valeo, Legislative Aide to Rep. Willhite wore their finest.





The horse-drawn hearse that carried President Abraham Lincoln following his assassination was displayed in the Capitol Courtyard on Tuesday. This 100 year old national treasure has not been shown outside of the Tallahassee Automobile

Museum in more than two decades. Also being shown, a 1939 Packard ambulance and a 1953 Packard hearse.

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