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The House was in Session last week and passed several bills of interest. After more than 10 hours of debate over two days, the House approved

HB 5, a 15-week abortion ban, which



provides no exception for rape, incest, or pregnant survivors of human trafficking. The bill tests the limits of Roe v. Wade and is similar to a Mississippi law under the review of the U.S. Supreme Court. The bill includes provisions not related to the abortion ban including, creating a tobacco education program for pregnant women, establishing an infant mortality review process, increasing infant mortality-reduction initiatives, and enhancing Florida's abortion reporting requirements to include instances of human trafficking. The proposal will appear before the Senate Appropriations Committee this week.

Florida's Inmate Welfare Trust Fund could soon expand in size and scope under a bill passed in a unanimous 117-0 vote Wednesday in the House. The Department of Corrections uses



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