

The Dean Document

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Week Three is Finished!

The Florida Legislature continued to work in Tallahassee this week. During the third week of the annual Legislative Session, we continued to discuss the budget, which is the only bill the Legislature is required to pass each Session.

This week, budget subcommittees finalized their proposals for Florida’s budget. With the subcommittee proposals completed, the budget now must be approved by the Senate Committee on Appropriations. Once approved by the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the budget can be considered by the full Senate.

After passing the Senate, and, after the House of Representatives passes



their version of the budget, we can then begin to work out the differences between the two chambers’ budgets and send a final budget to the Governor for approval.

I was also excited by the continued progress of Amendment 1 implementation as the trust fund restructuring bills are now ready to be heard by the full Senate on the Senate Floor. I look forward

to continuing to work with my colleagues on this important issue and to ensure we follow the will of 75% of Florida’s voters.

It is my honor to serve you in the Florida Senate and, as always, please do not hesitate to contact me if I may ever be of service to you.

Sincerely,





Senator Dean with members of the Citrus County Day at the Capitol group

Citrus and Marion County Day

On Thursday, representatives from Citrus and Marion Counties, located in Senator Dean's district, visited Tallahassee as part of their day at the Capitol. The groups, which included business leaders, elected officials, and members of the community, brought their concerns to the Capitol, including funding for water projects, economic development, tax cuts for citizens throughout Florida, and support for local schools.

Senator Dean, who addressed the groups from Citrus and Marion Counties,

stressed the importance of local input and also of coming to the Capitol. "These groups are fantastic. As the Senator who represents Citrus and Marion Counties in the Florida Senate, it is always great to see groups come to Tallahassee with their concerns. I believe receiving input from our constituents is the most important role we have in the Florida Legislature."

In addition to addresses from members of the local Legislative Delegations, the groups from Citrus and Marion Counties also spent time visiting

other members of the Legislature, the Florida Cabinet, and representatives of Florida's agencies to share their concerns.

The visit from Citrus and Marion Counties also coincided with visits from Clerk of Courts throughout Senator Dean's district who brought their concerns to the Capitol as part of the Clerk of Court Day at the Capitol.

If your group is interested in planning a day at the Capitol, please do not hesitate to contact Senator Dean's office at 850-487-5005 at any time.

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- *Senator Charlie Dean*

Senate Bill 672 Passes Committee

On Monday, the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice unanimously passed Senate Bill 672, Relating to Service of Process, sponsored by Senator Charlie Dean.

The bill, which would result in cost savings for Sheriffs across the State of Florida, would allow process servers to post a witness subpoena for a deposition at a person's last known address after one visit instead of after

three visits, which is currently required by state law. Witness subpoenas can also be mailed for criminal traffic offenses, misdemeanors, and second and third degree felonies.

"I believe this is a common sense bill," stated Senator Dean. "We can ensure the justice process runs smoothly while also saving Sheriffs throughout the state money. I look forward

to the support of my colleagues as this bill continues to move this Legislative Session."

Following passage on Monday, Senate Bill 672 has been referred to the Senate Committee on Rules, its final committee of reference before being heard by the full Senate on the Senate Floor.

For more information on Senate Bill 672, please visit www.flsenate.gov.

Trust Fund Bills Ready for the Floor

On Wednesday, the trust fund bills related to Amendment 1, Senate Bills 576, 578, 580, 582, 584, and 586, sponsored by Senator Charlie Dean, passed the Senate Committee on Appropriations, their final committee of reference before they can be heard by the full Senate on the Senate Floor.

These proposals restructure any trust funds which were receiving money from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund. This restructuring will provide transparency and accountability for each dollar spent on an Amendment 1 program; making certain no general revenue funds or other sources of revenue are

commingled with Land Acquisition Trust Fund dollars.

“The voters told us they wanted ultimate transparency and accountability in how these Amendment 1 dollars are spent,” said Senator Charlie Dean, the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation. “These bills achieve the goal voters laid out for us. With this restructuring, there will be no commingling of funds and Floridians will have the ability to track every single dollar spent on an Amendment 1 project. This is an important step and honors the will of the voters.”

After passage on Wednesday, the six bills

are now ready to be heard by the full Senate on the Senate Floor.

The bills have passed the Senate Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government, and the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

In addition to the trust fund bills’ passage, the Senate Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation, this week, continued to workshop a proposal for water policy.

For more information on these bills, please visit www.flsenate.gov at any time.

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FFA Visits Senate

On Thursday, Senator Dean was visited by representatives from Future Farmers of America (FFA) groups throughout his district. These groups came as

part of FFA Day at the Capitol.

The students brought their concerns to the Senator including funding and their desire for a strong agricultural industry in Florida.

If you are planning to visit the Capitol, please do not hesitate to contact Senator Dean’s office at 850-487-5005 or stop by 311 Senate Office Building.



Senator Dean with members of the Williston FFA

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Governors of Florida



Governor William Dunn Moseley

Born in North Carolina in 1795, William Dunn Moseley pursued a legal career in his native state before serving in the North Carolina State Senate for eight years. In 1835, Moseley moved to Florida after purchasing land in Lake Miccosukee, located in Jefferson County. In 1840, Moseley was elected to the Territorial House of Representatives and, in 1844, he was elected to the Territorial Senate.

Florida became the 27th state of the Union on March 3, 1845, and in the first statewide election for governor, held the same year, Moseley ran successfully and became Florida's first elected Governor and also the first Governor of the State of Florida under statehood.

As governor, Moseley encouraged agriculture in the state, especially the planting of citrus, avocados, tobacco, and cotton. He was a strong supporter of states' rights and favored the establishment of state-funded public schools. The State Capitol was completed and fully occupied in the first year of his administration. After his term of office, Moseley moved to Palatka, where he became a planter and raised citrus fruit. He died on January 4, 1863.

Question of the Week: Who did William Dunn Moseley defeat in the first election for Governor?

The first correct answer receives a mention in next week's Dean Document!

Congratulations to Mike Harmes from Crystal River, Florida who was the first person to get last week's answer "Key West, Florida" correct!