

Planning and Budgetary Processes Committee
Taxation and Budget Reform Commission
Senate Office Building, Room 410
Tallahassee, Florida
Friday, November 30, 2007
12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Committee members: Carlos Lacasa, Chair; Mark Bostick, Sandy D'Alemberte, Mike Hogan, Jacinta Mathis, Bob McKee, Les Miller, Jade Moore, Nancy Riley, Darryl Rouson, Greg Turbeville

Committee Members Present:

Mark Bostick (telephone)
Sandy D'Alemberte
Jacinta Mathis
Bob McKee
Les Miller
Jade Moore
Darryl Rouson
Greg Turbeville
Carlos Lacasa, Chair

Members Excused:

Mike Hogan
Nancy Riley

Chair Lacasa called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Staff called the roll and announced that a quorum was present. The Chair acknowledged that Commissioner Miller was not present and opened the floor for discussion on other member issues.

Commissioner D'Alemberte indicated that he had submitted a proposal related to the fiscal stability of Florida and funding for a crisis. The commissioner discussed the potential impact of multiple crisis instances which could affect the fiscal stability of Florida. These instances included multiple hurricanes and the impact on the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund, insurance assessments added to insurance rate adjustments, and an outbreak of the West Nile Virus or other catastrophic events. Commissioner D'Alemberte recommended that the committee schedule presenters from the Citizen's Insurance Company, managers of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund and representatives from the Governor's Office to address the fiscal crisis issue. Chair Lacasa stated that the committee would attempt to schedule appearances for the December 14th meeting.

The Chair recognized Commissioner Miller to discuss his proposal upon his arrival. Commissioner Miller presented his proposal, CP003 - a resolution proposing an amendment to Section 3 of Article III of the State Constitution to change the

commencement date of regular session of the Legislature to the second Tuesday in January from commencement date in March and permit the Legislature to establish alternative commencement dates by law.

Commissioner Turbeville proposed additional language which would identify that the purpose of changing the commencement date is to provide additional time for local government and school boards to plan and implement internal budgets. Commissioner Mathis questioned whether the language proposed by Commissioner Turbeville indicated that the budget session would begin in January and there would be subsequent sessions for other issues. After discussion of the intent of the language and clarification, Commissioner Turbeville indicated that he would work with staff to draft appropriate language.

Commissioner Miller closed on the proposal, the staff called the roll, and the proposal passed unanimously.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Any presentation documents and audio recordings of the meeting are posted on the commission website at www.floridatbrc.org for further review.