

Planning and Budgetary Processes Committee
Taxation and Budget Reform Commission
Senate Office Building, Room 401
Tallahassee, Florida
July 20, 2007
10:45 a.m. – 12:45 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)

Members Present:

Carlos Lacasa, Chair
Mark Bostick
Mike Hogan
Jacinta Mathis
Bob McKee
Les Miller
Jade Moore
Nancy Riley
Greg Turbeville

Members Excused:

Sandy D'Alemberte
Darryl Rouson

Chairman Lacasa called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

Staff called the roll and announced the presence of a quorum.

The committee first entertained a presentation by Cynthia Kelly, Staff Director for the Florida Senate Fiscal Policy Committee, related to the state budgeting structure and process. Ms. Kelly addressed the group on the budget powers inherent in the constitution shared specific details on the budget process. When asked, she explained that, from her committee's standpoint, the current state budget process works well and does not need to be amended.

Chairman Lacasa requested that the committee take up a discussion at a later time on sunset review provisions as they relate to tax exemptions.

The committee then entertained a presentation by Dr. Jim Zingale, Executive Director of the Florida Department of Revenue, related to Florida's taxation structure and process. Dr. Zingale explained that demographic studies projecting Florida's population trends through 2030 break down as follows: the percentage of children will hold steady, the percentage of working adults will shrink, and the percentage of elderly will grow

significantly. He suggested this indicates that Florida will need less money in its social services programs since children require the most funding for education, corrections, etc. He also reminded the group that the big “baby boomer” population impact is still at least seven years out.

Chairman Lacasa requested that staff arrange for a future presentation on detailed demographic projections from the Office of Economic and Demographic Research.

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

Chairman Lacasa closed the meeting with a discussion on future meeting dates. It was suggested that the committee meet next in association with the Governmental Services and Structure Committee in Orlando in the next 2-3 weeks.

There being no time for further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.