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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

LAST MONTH WE WERE ASKED TO ANSWER A "CALL TO ACTION" IN CONTACTING REPRESENTATIVE DRAKE PRIOR TO INCLUDING HB 403 ON THE AGENDA TO BE HEARD BY THE HOUSE TRANS-



PORTATION AND HIGHWAY SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE TUESDAY 3/22. DESPITE OUR EFFORTS AND WITH DOC REICHENBACH MEETING WITH REP. DRAKE THE MONDAY BEFORE THE MEETING THE BILL WAS EXCLUDED FROM THE AGENDA. I CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER WHY THERE HAS BEEN SO MUCH OPPOSITION TO THIS BILL WHEN "RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATION" (ROWV) ACCIDENTS ARE BECOMING EPIDEMIC AND IT'S NOT JUST ACCIDENTS INVOLVING MOTORCYCLISTS THEY ARE AFFECTING ALL MOTORISTS AND EVEN BICYCLIST. LAST YEAR IT WAS LEFT TO DIE ON THE TABLE BECAUSE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM ALATCHUA COUNTY REFUSED TO SIGN OFF ON THE BILL STATING THAT THE ONLY WAY HE WOULD SUPPORT THE BILL WAS IF IT ONLY APPLIED TO MOTORCYCLISTS WEARING PROPER SAFETY EQUIPMENT INCLUDING HELMETS. RATHER THAN LET THAT ISSUE RAISE ITS HEAD AGAIN IT WAS DECIDED TO LET IT DIE, HAVE SOME OF THE VERBAGE CHANGED AND WAIT UNTIL 2011 TO REINTRODUCE THE BILL.

OUR "STIFFER PENALTY BILL" HB 403 WAS FILED BY DENNIS BAXLEY (REP) FOR PART OF MARION COUNTY AND IT'S COMPANION BILL SB 608 WAS SPONSORED AND FILED BY SEN. GREG EVERS OF DISTRICT 2 ON MARCH 8TH.

PRIOR TO THE HEARING ANOTHER TRAGIC EXAMPLE OF WHY THIS LEGISLATION IS SO IMPORTANT OCCURRED WHEN A FORMER STATE SENATOR DAVID ZIEN OF WISCONSIN WAS INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT RIDING HIS HARLEY DURING "BIKE WEEK" RESULTING IN THE AMPUTATION OF HIS LEFT LEG JUST ABOVE THE KNEE AND TWO STEEL PLATES IMPLANTED IN HIS HIP. THE COLLISION OCCURRED WHEN AN SUV DRIVEN BY RYAN MATHENY FROM OHIO DRIVING WITH A SUSPENDED LICENSE ATTEMPTED TO CHANGE LANES LOSING CONTROL AND FLIPPING THE SUV IN FRONT OF ZIEN CAUSING HIM TO TAKE EVASIVE ACTION BUT ENDED UP CRASHING INTO THE SUV. MATHENY WHO SUFFERED ONLY MINOR INJURIES WAS CITED FOR DRIVING WITH A SUSPENDED LICENSE WAS ALSO CHARGED WITH "IMPROPER LANE CHANGE" FOR WHICH HE WAS FINED \$60. MATHENY COULD POSSIBLY RECEIVE PROBATION ON THE SUSPENDED LICENSE CHARGE BUT IN ALL LIKELIHOOD IT WILL BE DROPPED BY THE STATE. NO MENTION WAS MADE WHETHER THERE WERE ANY FIELD TESTS DONE TO DETERMINE IF MATHENY WAS IMPAIRED BY DRUGS OR ALCOHOL. IF YOU'VE EVER BEEN STOPPED ON A MOTORCYCLE YOU KNOW YOUR GOING TO BE ASKED TO TAKE A BREATHALYZER TEST AND/OR A BLOOD TEST.

OBVIOUSLY, THE FACT THAT MATHENY WAS DRIVING ILLEGALLY MADE NO DIFFERENCE TO THE JUDGE IN THIS CASE OR THE HUNDREDS OF OTHERS THAT ARE JUST SWEEPED AWAY IN COURT TO MOVE ON TO THE NEXT CASE WITHOUT THE JUDGE GETTING ALL THE FACTS. I BELIEVE THIS IS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE — CONT'D

WHY SO MANY CASES ARE NEVER HEARD IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND THE PERPETRATOR OF THE ROWV WALKS AWAY WITHOUT BEING PROSECUTED REGARDLESS OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES. THE POLICE ARE AS MUCH TO BLAME AS THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FOR NOT ACCURATELY STATING THE FACTS. ESPECIALLY WHEN IT INVOLVES A MOTORCYCLIST, THE MEDIA REPORTS ARE BLATANTLY BIASED AND WITH VERY LITTLE LEGAL WRANGLING THE FACTS AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE SUPPRESSED OR JUST DISREGARDED AND THE JUDGE MAKE HIS DECISION BASED ON NOTHING MORE THAN A POLICE REPORT.

THE VICTIM OR THEIR FAMILY IN A CASE OF SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH IS NOT BEING HEARD AND THE JUDGE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE HARDSHIP AND BURDEN THAT FALLS ON THEM WHEN A FAMILY MEMBER IS INCAPACITATED OR KILLED. WHERE IS THE COMPASSION AND JUSTICE WE AS CITIZENS ARE ENTITLED TO? HOW CAN ANY JUDGE NOT KNOW OF THE IMPACT AN ACCIDENT SERIOUS ENOUGH TO REQUIRE PROLONGED REHABILITATION AND LOSS OF WAGES WILL HAVE ON THAT FAMILY, NOT TO MENTION THE COST OF THE TREATMENT ITSELF? WHAT ABOUT THE LOSS OF A FAMILY MEMBER IS THERE NO REGARD FOR THAT VICTIM'S LIFE BEING LOST AND ENTIRE FAMILIES LIVES DISRUPTED, CHILDREN LOSE A MOTHER OR FATHER OR IN SOME CASES BOTH? WHO WILL CARE FOR THOSE FAMILIES WHEN THE BREADWINNER IS TAKEN FROM THEM?

I FIND IT APPALLING THAT OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM HAS BECOME SO INCENSED THAT IT ALLOWS SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY INJURED OR KILLED THROUGH NO FAULT OF HIS OR HER OWN AND BECAUSE OF THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANOTHER BE CAST ASIDE WITH LITTLE OR NO RECOURSE. THERE IS NO PROTECTION BY LAW BECAUSE THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE LAW REGARDING THESE CASES IS LITTLE MORE THAN AN ANNOYANCE TO THE PERSON THAT CAUSED THE ACCIDENT. THE ATTORNEYS SHOW UP MAKE THEIR PITCH FOR THE DEFENDANT THE JUDGE HEARS HALF TRUTHS AND VERY LITTLE IF ANY OF THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE ACCIDENT RESULTING IN THE MAJORITY OF CASES BEING DISMISSED OR AS IN THIS CASE IMPOSING A FINE THAT IS LESS THAN THE FINE FOR THROWING GARBAGE ON THE ROAD OR RUNNING A TOLL BOTH. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHO PASSED THIS WORTHLESS PIECE OF CRAP LAW IN THE FIRST PLACE. WHY IS IT FOR THE MOST PART BEING IGNORED?

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I CAN ONLY SURMISE THAT BECAUSE THE LAW IS SO WEAK AND DOES NOTHING TO COMPENSATE VICTIMS OF ACCIDENTS OF THIS NATURE AND BECAUSE OF INCREASING VOLUME OF CASE LOADS THAT JUDGES JUST VIEW THEM AS TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS AND BLOW THEM OFF. IT CAN ONLY BE PERCEIVED TO BE AN INFRACTION UNLESS THE JUDGE GETS THE WHOLE STORY. A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF BECOMING INVOLVED AND THE DIFFERENCE IT CAN MAKE IS RELAYED IN AN ARTICLE YOU WILL FIND IN THIS ISSUE WHERE ABATE GULF COAST CHAPTER ATTENDED A HEARING IN REGARD TO A ROWV ACCIDENT WHERE THE FACTS SURROUNDING THE ACCIDENT AND THE IMPACT IT HAD ON THE FAMILY WERE MADE KNOWN.

WHY HAVE LEGISLATORS PUT UP SO MUCH RESISTANCE TO DEALING WITH OUR "STIFFER PENALTIES BILL"? IS IT BECAUSE IT IS BEING FILED BY PRO MOTORCYCLE REPRESENTATIVES AND SUPPORTED BY MOTORCYCLISTS OR JUST BECAUSE IT CONTAINS A MORE COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT WHERE THE CURRENT LAW FALLS SHORT OF DETERRING PEOPLE FROM COMMITTING THESE MINDLESS AND IRRESPONSIBLE ACTS WITHOUT FEAR OF PROSECUTION.

IN MY OPINION IT'S BOTH, I WILL BE ATTENDING THE STATE MEETING AND RIDE TO THE CAPITOL TO MEET WITH LEGISLATORS OR THEIR AID'S NEXT MONDAY AND ASKING THAT SAME QUESTION. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU BROTHERS AND SISTERS TO DO YOUR PART IN CONTACTING YOUR LOCAL AND STATE LEGISLATORS TO SUPPORT THESE BILLS, IT'S NEVER GOING TO HAPPEN IF WE DON'T GET THEM TO UNDERSTAND THIS ISN'T JUST A PROBLEM EXCLUSIVE TO MOTORCYCLISTS, THEIR OWN FAMILY MEMBERS CAN BECOME VICTIMS. I JUST HEARD A NEWS BROADCAST WHERE A SCHOOL BUS PULLED OUT IN FRONT OF A TRUCK AND A 5TH GRADER WAS KILLED. WHAT'S IT GOING TO TAKE TO MAKE THESE LEGISLATORS AWARE THAT THE CURRENT LAW ISN'T WORTH THE PAPER IT IS WRITTEN ON. JUDGES NEED TO GET THE FACTS BEFORE MAKING HALF HEARTED DECISIONS AND WE AS MEMBERS OF ABATE MUST BECOME MORE DILIGENT IN CONTACTING THEM AND COMMUNICATING THE NEED TO PASS THIS LEGISLATION. STAND UP, SPEAK OUT AND GET INVOLVED, ABATE IS FOR ALL MOTORCYCLISTS AND WE'RE FIGHTING FOR OUR RIGHTS AND FREEDOM.

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ON MARCH 29TH, 2011; 12 TO 15 OF THE GULF COAST CHAPTER MEMBERS ACCOMPANIED ME TO THE COURTHOUSE FOR THE HEARING ON THE FAILURE TO YIELD TRAFFIC CITATION. THE COURT ROOM WAS SO SMALL THAT WE FILLED UP HALF. WHEN THE CASE IN QUESTION CAME UP BEFORE THE JUDGE IT BECAME FAIRLY OBVIOUS THAT THE JUDGE (JOHN SIMON) WAS FAMILIAR WITH ABATE. I HAD WRITTEN THE JUDGE PRIOR TO THE HEARING TO EXPRESS OUR POINT OF VIEW AND THAT WE WOULD BE THERE. WHEN THE DEFENDANT WAS CALLED FORWARD SHE WAS READ HER CHARGES AND TOLD TO READ THE LETTER I HAD WRITTEN TO THE COURT.



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JUDGE SIMON SEES OUR CAUSE AND SUPPORTS IT. I AM CONVINCED HOWEVER THAT IF WE HAD NOT APPEARED, THE SENTENCE MAY HAVE BEEN LIGHTER.

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY SIMPLY SHOWING UP. THE THREE DEPUTIES ON DUTY ALL SHOOK MY HAND AFTER THE HEARING AND SAID THAT HAD NEVER HEARD IT PUT THE WAY WE PUT IT. SINCE THE HEARING YESTERDAY I HAVE RECEIVED 3 CALLS FROM FAMILY THANKING US FOR SHOWING UP. THE JUDGE MADE IT A POINT AT THE END TO STATE HE HAD SEEN OUR BUMPER STICKERS AND HIGHWAY SIGNS.

I WANT TO THANK MY CHAPTER FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE CAUSE. IF WE SHOW UP. MOST WILL LISTEN. ALWAYS WRITE TO THE COURT IN ADVANCE. IT CARRIES A LOT OF WEIGHT. SEE YOU ALL IN TALLY. SATCH

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ABATE OF FLORIDA IS NOT A CLUB, WE ARE A MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS & SAFETY ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO PROMOTING MOTORCYCLE SAFETY WHILE REMAINING EVER VIGILANT OF THE LEGISLATIVE ISSUES CONCERNING MOTORCYCLISTS' NATIONWIDE.

THERE ARE NO MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

BECAUSE WE ARE NOT A CLUB THERE ARE NO MANDATORY RIDES OR MEETINGS TO ATTEND. WE DO NOT REQUIRE OUR MEMBERS TO WEAR OUR PATCH. IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY A MEMBER OF A MOTORCYCLE CLUB OR ANY OTHER MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION WE WELCOME YOUR SUPPORT AS A MEMBER.

YOUR COLORS OR PATCH ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN OUR HOUSE

WE SUPPORT MOTORCYCLIST'S RIGHTS, SAFETY AND AWARENESS OF ALL MOTORCYCLISTS AND WELCOME THE SUPPORT YOUR CLUB OR RIDING ASSOCIATION AS WELL AS ALL INDEPENDENTS, REGARDLESS OF WHAT KIND OF MOTORCYCLE YOU RIDE.

WE ARE NOT ANTI-HELMET, WE ARE ANTI-HELMET LAW

ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT ABATE IS THAT WE ARE ANTI-HELMET. NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH. WE ARE "ANTI-HELMET LAW" IF YOU CHOSE TO RIDE WITH OR WITHOUT A HELMET IT'S YOUR CHOICE, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO DECIDE WHETHER WEARING A HELMET IS RIGHT FOR YOU. ABATE IS AN ORGANIZATION FIGHTING TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

WE ARE CURRENTLY PREPARING FOR THE OPENING OF THE NEW LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS. OUR LEGISLATIVE AGENDA INCLUDES "STIFFER PENALTIES" FOR RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATORS (ROWV), STILL THE NUMBER 1 KILLER OF MOTORCYCLISTS. A BAN ON CELL PHONE USE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE OF ANY KIND AND MANDATORY DRIVERS EDUCATION COURSES AND CLASSES IN THE FLORIDA SCHOOL SYSTEM. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO MAKE OUR VOICE HEARD AS MOTORCYCLISTS.

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THERE ARE OVER 7,800 MEMBERS OF ABATE IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA WITH OVER 35 ACTIVE CHAPTERS. WE FEEL PALM BEACH COUNTY HAS HUGE POTENTIAL IN BECOMING ONE OF THE LARGEST CHAPTERS IN THE STATE. WITH ITS LARGE EXPANSE AND THOUSANDS OF MOTORCYCLISTS', PALM BEACH COUNTY CHAPTER CAN BECOME A VIABLE AND INFLUENTIAL VOICE IN RAISING MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS, SAFETY AND AWARENESS. THE CHAPTER BORDERS WILL BE PRIMARILY NORTHERN BROWARD COUNTY AND ALL OF PALM BEACH COUNTY.

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Vice President's Message

WELL THIS YEARS DAYTONA BIKE WEEK HAS COME AND GONE. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE MEMBERS THAT CAME AND STAYED AT THE ABATE CAMPGROUND. AS USUAL WE HAD A GOOD TIME! FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT WEREN'T THERE, PLAN ON IT FOR NEXT YEAR. ABATE DOES A GREAT JOB OF RUNNING THE CAMPGROUND. AS USUAL THE FOOD WAS GOOD

AND THE PRICES VERY REASONABLE. THIS IS A GOOD TIME ON A LOW BUDGET. THIS IS ALSO AN IMPORTANT FUND RAISER FOR THE STATE AND A GREAT WAY FOR THE MEMBERS TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT.

WE GOT 2 BIG EVENTS COMING UP THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 8-11. IT'S LEESBURG BIKEFEST AND ABATE'S ANNUAL FREEDOM RIGHTS RALLY! THIS YEARS LEESBURG BIKEFEST SHOULD BE THE BEST ONE YET! JACKYL WILL BE THE HEADLINING BAND ON SATURDAY, SLAUGHTER WILL BE ON FRIDAY NIGHT. THERE WAS ALSO A SPREAD ABOUT IT IN THIS MONTHS EASYRIDERS MAGAZINE. THERE HAS BEEN SOME CONFUSION AND FALSE RUMOURS AROUND THAT THERE'S NO ABATE CAMPGROUND THIS YEAR AT LEESBURG. THAT IS NOT TRUE! SO LET ME CLARIFY. THERE IS THE USUAL ABATE CAMPGROUND AT THE EAGLES IN LAKE COUNTY. THIS CAMPGROUND IS RUN BY THE LAKE COUNTY CHAPTER, NOT BY THE STATE. IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON ATTENDING LEESBURG THE CAMPGROUND WILL BE OPEN, PRICE IS \$13 PER PERSON PER NIGHT FOR TENT CAMPING. AT THE SAME TIME THE FREEDOM RIGHTS RALLY WILL BE AT THE MONTICELLO KOA CAMPGROUND OFFERING FREE TENT CAMPING. ON MONDAY IS THE RIDE TO THE CAPITAL. FOR THOSE ATTENDING LEESBURG OR BOTH, THERE'S A RIDE PLANNED ON SUNDAY LEAVING THE EAGLES HEADING TO MONTICELLO FOR THE RALLY THERE. SO IF YOU CAN SPARE THE TIME, DO BOTH! MAKE THE RIDE TO MONTICELLO ON SUNDAY AND THE RIDE TO THE CAPITAL ON MONDAY. A LARGE TURNOUT FOR THE RIDE TO THE CAPITAL GREATLY HELPS OUR CAUSE.

COMING UP JUNE 25TH IS OUR EVENT. AS USUAL WE'RE GOING TO NEED AS MANY VOLUNTEERS AS POSSIBLE TO HELP OUT. SO KEEP THAT DAY OPEN ON YOUR CALENDAR!

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17 ABATE PALM BEACH CHAPTER MEETING 11:30 AM AOA MC-WPB ANNUAL	18	19	20 Island Jack's Bike Night WPB Mickey's Bike Night	21	22	23
24 CMA EASTER SERVICE Mickey's Mystic 7 MC Party	25	26	27 Island Jack's Bike Night WPB Mickey's Bike Night	28	29	30 Sgt. Adam Rosenthal Benefit Delray beach

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1 Southern MC Annual	2	3	4 Island Jack's Bike Night -WPB Mickey's Bike Night	5 Palm Beach H-D Bike Night 45 th Street WPB	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11 Island Jack's Bike Night -WPB Mickey's Bike Night	12	13	14 USMV MC WPB Annual
15 ABATE PALM BEACH MEETING 11:30 AM Soldier of Jesus MC Annual	16	17	18 Island Jack's Bike Night -WPB Mickey's Bike Night	19	20	21 Wings of Gold Port St. Lucie Party
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CONGRESSMAN WEST PROPOSES WASTEFUL DEFENSE SPENDING CUTS

(WASHINGTON) ---CONGRESSMAN ALLEN WEST (FL-22) WILL INTRODUCE TODAY THREE SEPARATE PIECES OF LEGISLATION TO CUT WASTEFUL DEFENSE SPENDING. THE LEGISLATION WILL BE VOTED ON BY AMERICAN CITIZENS THROUGH THE *YouCut* PROJECT.

“THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS A SPENDING PROBLEM,” WEST SAID. “WHILE THE DEMOCRATS CONTINUE TO PROPOSE TO ADD TRILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN NEW SPENDING AND NEW TAXES, I AM KEEPING MY PROMISE TO MY CONSTITUENTS TO RESPONSIBLY CUT GOVERNMENT SPENDING IN ORDER TO GET THE AMERICAN FISCAL HOUSE BACK IN ORDER.

AS I HAVE STATED, ALL GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS MUST BE THOROUGHLY SCRUTINIZED, INCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. AFTER SERVING 22 YEARS IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY, I AM AWARE OF AREAS WHERE SAVING MONEY IS VERY POSSIBLE. THESE CUTS ARE AIMED AT WASTEFUL DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SPENDING AND WILL NOT AFFECT THE OVERALL MISSION OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM IN PROTECTING OUR NATIONAL SECURITY.”

CONGRESSMAN WEST WILL INTRODUCE THE FOLLOWING THREE PIECES OF LEGISLATION TO BE VOTED ON VIA THE *YouCut* PROGRAM:

HOUSE RESOLUTION TO REDUCE THE PRINTING AND REPRODUCTION BUDGET BY 10%. WOULD GENERATE \$35.7 MILLION IN SAVINGS IN FY12, REACHING NEARLY \$180 MILLION IN SAVINGS THROUGH FY16.

HOUSE RESOLUTION TO REDUCE FUNDING FOR DEFENSE STUDIES, ANALYSIS AND EVALUATIONS BY 10%. WOULD GENERATE A SAVINGS OF \$24 MILLION IN FY12, RETURNING UP TO \$120 MILLION TO THE TREASURY THROUGH FY16.

HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RESTRICT PAYOUT OF ANNUAL NATIONWIDE ADJUSTMENT AND LOCALITY PAY FOR BELOW SATISFACTORY WORKERS. WOULD GENERATE APPROXIMATELY \$21 MILLION IN SAVINGS WHILE INCREASING PRODUCTIVITY IN THE WORKFORCE. AS EMPLOYEES BECOME MORE SATISFACTORY IN FUTURE YEARS, THE SAVINGS WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$80 MILLION THROUGH FY16. AMERICAN CITIZENS HAVE FROM TODAY



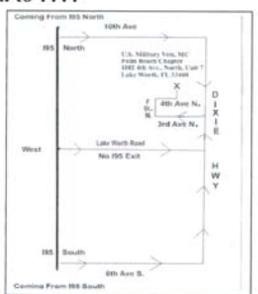
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AMERICANS CAN CAST THEIR VOTE BY CLICKING: [VOTE HERE](#)

"I CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER WAY TO ALLOW THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO HAVE A VOICE ABOUT THE KIND OF CUTS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO THEM THAN BY ALLOWING THEM TO VOTE DIRECTLY VIA THE YOU-CUT PROJECT," WEST SAID. "I ENCOURAGE ALL CONSTITUENTS OF THE 22ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF FLORIDA AND ALL AMERICANS TO VOTE THIS WEEK AND BE A PART OF DEMOCRACY AT ITS BEST."

BACKGROUND: THE YOU-CUT PROJECT IS A FIRST OF A KIND PROJECT, DESIGNED TO DEFEAT THE PERMISSIVE CULTURE OF RUNAWAY SPENDING IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS. IT ALLOWS AMERICANS TO VOTE, BOTH ONLINE AND BY CELL PHONE, ON SPENDING CUTS THAT AMERICANS WANT TO SEE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ENACT. EACH WEEK THAT THE HOUSE IS IN SESSION, THE WINNING ITEM WILL BE OFFERED ON THE FLOOR FOR AN UP-OR-DOWN VOTE.

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- 2 & 3 - Peterson's South Anniversary Weekend
2 - AOA West Palm Bch Stinky 1%'ers party <<<< **NEW**
***3 - States MC Pompano Annual**
8, 9, 10 - 15th Annual Leesburg Bikefest
9 - SE Police Rodeo
16 - USMV MC Martin County party
***16 - Outcasts MC Annual <<<<<<<<< DATE CHANGE**
23 - Mystic 7 MC party
24 - CMA Easter Service

MAY

- *1 - Southern MC Annual**
6 & 7 - National COC Convention
***14 - USMVMC West Palm Annual**
***15 - Soldiers for Jesus MC Annual**
21 - Wings of Gold MC Pt St. Lucie party
***22 - Wings of Gold MC Miami Annual**
***29 - Fiasco Brothers Annual <<<<<<< DATE CHANGE**
29 - SE ABATE Memorial Day Event

JUNE

- *5 - AOA MC Treasure Coast Annual**
***11 - New Attitudes MC Annual**
***12 - Wings of Gold MC West Palm Annual**
19 - Peterson's North Store Fathers Day Event
25 - Palm Beach ABATE party
***26 - WOG MC Ft. Laud Stars & Stripes Annual**

JULY

- 3 - USMVMC South Broward party
10 - AOA MC West Palm Beach <<<<<<<<< **CANCELED**
16 - Wheels of Man MC Chili Cook-Off & party
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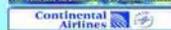
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LEGISLATIVE & DELEGATE REPORT

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STIFFER PENALTIES H403/S608 UPDATES

HB 403 UPDATE FROM THE STATE OFFICE:

I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE BEEN BUSY CALLING AND E-MAILING REP. DRAKE TO GET OUR HB 403 ON THE AGENDA. BUT AT THIS POINT HE HAS NOT PLACED IT ON THE AGENDA FOR THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAY SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE. WE ALL KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO

GET PASSED THIS COMMITTEE, BECAUSE IT WILL DIE IF NOT PASSED BY THIS COMMITTEE.

DOC IS BUSY UP IN TALLY WITH TALKS GOING ON UP THERE BECAUSE OUR BILL HAS A LOT OF SUPPORT. HOWEVER, WE CAN STILL DO A BIG PART BY KEEPING THE PHONES BUSY AND E-MAILS HUMMING. I HAVE TALKED TO SOME LEGISLATOR'S OFFICES THAT TOLD ME THEY HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY SEVERAL ABATE PEOPLE THIS WEEK.

I HAVE ASKED A LOT FROM YOU THE PAST TWO WEEKS, BUT I NEED YOUR HELP AGAIN! THIS TIME WE ARE GOING TO FOCUS OUR CALLS ON THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAY SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE. IF WE CAN GET ENOUGH PEOPLE TO CALL AND E-MAIL THEM ABOUT HB 403, MAYBE THEY WILL CONVINCED REP. DRAKE TO PUT UP THE BILL SO THE BIKERS WILL STOP CALLING. I HAVE ALREADY CALLED EACH MEMBERS OFFICE AND ASKED FOR THEIR HELP IN GETTING HB 403 ON THE AGENDA. ALL THE OFFICE WERE FRIENDLY AND SAID THEY WOULD PASS THE MESSAGE ON TO THE REPRESENTATIVE. THIS IS BASICALLY WHAT I SAID:

" MY NAME IS _____, I AM A MEMBER OF ABATE OF FLORIDA, THE STATE'S LARGEST MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION. I AM CALLING TO ASK FOR REP. _____ HELP WITH

HB 403. IT IS SCHEDULED TO GO TO THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAY SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE, HOWEVER, WE ARE HAVING TROUBLE GETTING IT ON THE AGENDA. I WAS HOPING THAT SINCE REP. _____ IS A MEMBER OF THAT COMMITTEE HE/SHE COULD HELP US GET IT ON THE AGENDA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH."

MOST ASKED ABOUT WHAT THE BILL WAS ABOUT, WHICH I EXPLAINED AND SAID THEY WOULD MAKE SURE THE REPRESENTATIVE GETS THE INFORMATION. MOST SAID THEY ALREADY KNOW ABOUT ABATE AND DOC, SO THAT MADE ME VERY HAPPY. ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE JACKSONVILLE AREA SAID THEY ALREADY KNEW ABOUT OUR BILL FROM THE ABATE MEMBERS THERE.

SO, AGAIN I STAND BEFORE YOU WITH MY HAT IN MY HAND, ASKING FOR YOUR HELP.

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAY SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS AND WHAT AREA THEY ARE FROM. IF THEY ARE YOUR REPRESENTATIVE, TELL THEM THAT YOU VOTE AND INVITE THEM TO SPEAK AT YOUR CHAPTER MEETING THIS SUMMER!!!

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THANKS, I KNOW WE CAN DO THIS!

DARRIN "SCRIBE" BROOKS, STATE LEGISLATIVE TRUSTEE, ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC.

HEY IT WORKS, I GOT A NOTE BACK FROM BERMAN WITH NOTE IF YOU ARE A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 86 AND YOU HAVE A PRESSING ISSUE OR ARE SEEKING IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT MY OFFICE AT 561-266-6645. THANK YOU. SINCERELY, LORI BERMAN - SO IF YOU ARE IN DELRAY AS I AM, CALL HER ALSO. SLO MOTION. MEANWHILE THINGS ARE GOING OVER BETTER IN THE SENATE. FROM STATE OFFICE:

SB 608 CONTINUES TO ROLL THROUGH THE SENATE AS IT PASSES THE SENATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE WITH A VOTE OF 5 - 0. DOC AGAIN TESTIFIED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE. YOU CAN LISTEN TO THE POD CAST OF THE MEETING AT [HTTP://WWW.FLSENATE.GOV/COMMITTEES/SHOW/CJ](http://www.flsenate.gov/committees/show/cj) AND CLICK ON THE POD CAST LINK FOR THE 3/22/2011 MEETING. OUR BILL COMES UP AT THE 1 HOUR AND 9 MINUTE MARK IN THE PROGRAM, SO YOU MAY JUST SKIP TO THAT SECTION.

DOC TOLD ME THAT THE SENATORS COMMENTED THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED HUNDREDS OF CALLS FROM ABATE MEMBERS ABOUT THIS BILL. OUR VOICE IS BEING HEARD IN THE SENATE AND I THANK EACH ONE OF YOU THAT HAVE CALLED AND/OR SENT AN E-MAIL TO THE LEGISLATORS. WE JUST HAVE TO KEEP THIS BALL ROLLING UNTIL IT PASSES. THEN WE CAN START CALLING THE

GOVERNOR!!!

SB 608 WILL NOW BE HEARD IN THE SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE. THIS COMMITTEE IS HUGE WITH 20 SENATORS SITTING ON IT, SO THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THAT YOUR SENATOR WILL BE ON THIS ONE. AS YOU KNOW, A CONSTITUENT CALLING TO ASK FOR SUPPORT CARRIES A LITTLE MORE WEIGHT. MY SENATOR IS ON THIS, AND I HAVE ALREADY SPOKEN AND E-MAILED HIS OFFICE ASKING FOR SUPPORT OF SB 608.

HERE ARE OUR MEMBERS OF THE SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE. LET'S LET THEM HEAR OUR VOICE!!!

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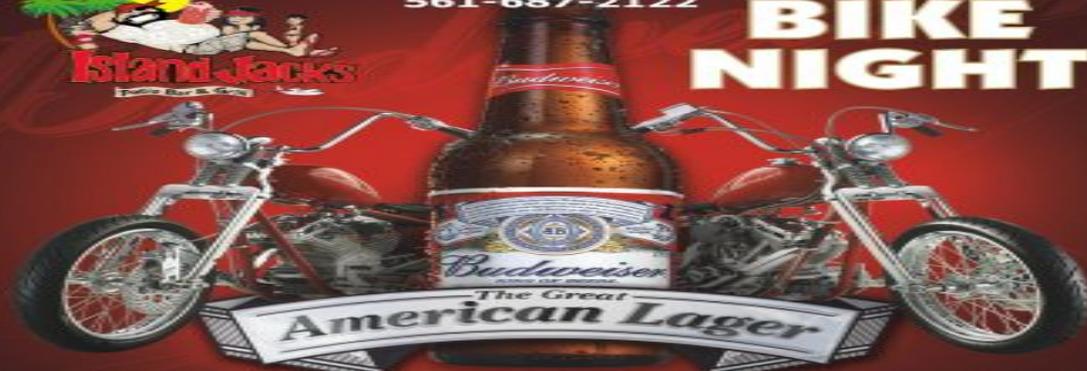
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THOSE OF US THAT ATTENDED THE DELRAY Bch. COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS BACK IN 2008 WHEN FORMER MAYOR ELLIS TRIED TO PASS AN ORDINANCE TO BAN MOTORCYCLES FROM A 5 BLOCK SECTION OF ATLANTIC AVE., MIGHT REMEMBER WOODIE McDUFFIE AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE AND THE ONLY ONE THAT TOOK THE TIME TO MEET WITH US ON ATLANTIC AVE. TO ASSESS THE SITUATION AND RECOMMEND THAT THE ORDINANCE BE SCRAPPED. HE ALSO ASSURED ME THAT WE ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN DELRAY Bch. AND SPOKE WITH THE CHIEF OF POLICE IN OUR BEHALF TO SUSPEND ANY DISCRIMINATORY ACTIONS STOPPING MOTORCYCLISTS TO CHECK FOR E.P.A. STAMPS ON MOTORCYCLE EXHAUST SYSTEMS. SINCE THEN WOODIE HAD BEEN ELECTED AS DELRAY'S MAYOR AND WE HAVE ENJOYED AN OPEN, STRAIGHT FORWARD DIALOG IN MUTUAL RESPECT.

I HAD KEPT IN CONTACT WOODIE THROUGHOUT THE OCEAN RIDGE CONTROVERSY AND HE SUPPORTED OUR EFFORTS TO END THE DISCRIMINATORY ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE OCEAN RIDGE POLICE STOPPING MOTORCYCLES ONLY FOR LOUD PIPES. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, HE ALSO ENDED THE USE OF THE S.W.A.T. TEAMS PRESENCE WHEN WE ATTENDED HEARINGS AT THE COURT-HOUSE. I NEVER MADE A CALL OR SENT AN EMAIL TO WOODIE THAT HE DIDN'T RETURN AND I WOULD CONSIDER THIS A FAVOR TO MAYOR McDUFFIE TO HELP MAKE THIS BENEFIT A HUGE SUCCESS.

I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU ALL TO PLAN TO ATTEND THIS RIDE AND BENEFIT TO HELP MAINTAIN OUR RELATIONSHIP IN GOOD FAITH AND IN SUPPORT OF THE FAMILY OF OFFICER ROSENTHAL. THIS WILL BE A POLICE ESCORTED RIDE DOWN I 95 TO 595 EAST TO I 7TH ST. CAUSEWAY AND NORTH ON A I A BACK TO DELRAY FOR THE BBQ.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO PASS THIS ALONG TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND RIDERS, EVERYONE IS INVITED.

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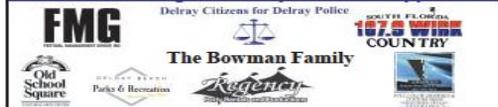
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National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)

MOTORCYCLISTS AWAIT ROADBLOCK RULING MOTORCYCLE RIDERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE ANXIOUSLY AWAITING A DECISION FROM THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK WHICH THEY HOPE WILL DECLARE NEW YORK'S "MOTORCYCLE ONLY" ROADBLOCKS TO BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL. THE SO-CALLED "SAFETY CHECKPOINTS", WHICH TARGET WELL-KNOWN MOTORCYCLE EVENTS, FORCE MOTORCYCLISTS TO LEAVE THE ROADWAY, REGARDLESS OF ANY WRONGDOING, AND HAVE THEIR PERSONS AND PROPERTY INSPECTED FOR EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS, PROPER PAPERWORK, DUI AND STOLEN VIN NUMBERS. THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (NHTSA) IS NOW PROVIDING FEDERAL FUNDING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TO CONDUCT SUCH MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS NATIONWIDE DESPITE OBJECTIONS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND LEGAL CHALLENGES FROM THE BIKER COMMUNITY. THE NEW YORK LAWSUIT IS THE FIRST TO CHALLENGE THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF MOTORCYCLE CHECKPOINTS. THE PLAINTIFFS ARE BEING REPRESENTED BY PRONER & PRONER, LED BY N.Y. AID TO INJURED MOTORCYCLISTS (A.I.M.) ATTORNEY MITCH PRONER, A MOTORCYCLE-RIDING LAWYER WHO HAS A LONG HISTORY OF DOING "PRO BONO" (FREE) LEGAL WORK TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF MOTORCYCLISTS. THE PRONER LAW FIRM COMMENCED THE LAWSUIT ON BEHALF OF FOUR MOTORCYCLISTS WHO WERE DETAINED AT TWO SEPARATE CHECKPOINTS, AS WELL AS REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF ABATE OF NEW YORK AND THE NATIONAL COALITION OF MOTORCYCLISTS (NCOM). THE CHECKPOINTS IN QUESTION ARE FUNDED BY A GRANT FROM THE NEW YORK GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AND THE TROOPERS WHO WORK THEM ARE PAID OVERTIME. ALTHOUGH THE STATED PURPOSE OF THE CHECKPOINTS IS TO PROMOTE SAFETY, THE MAJORITY OF THE MORE THAN A THOUSAND TICKETS WHICH WERE ISSUED DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF THE CHECKPOINTS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH SAFETY AND INSTEAD FOCUSED ON NON-SAFETY VIOLATIONS SUCH AS LOUD PIPES. THE WRITTEN GUIDELINES FOR THE CHECKPOINTS SPECIFICALLY STATE THAT ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF THE CHECKPOINTS IS TO LOOK FOR STOLEN AND FORGED VINs AND THE POLICE READILY ADMIT THAT THEY OFTEN HAVE UNDERCOVER MEMBERS OF THEIR GANG AND AUTO THEFT UNITS WORKING THE CHECKPOINTS LOOKING FOR SIGNS OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. ACCORDING TO PRONER, THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS REPEATEDLY MADE IT CLEAR THAT ANY ROADWAY CHECKPOINT WHOSE PRIMARY PURPOSE IS GENERAL CRIME CONTROL CONSTITUTES AN UNREASONABLE SEARCH AND SEIZURE UNDER THE FOURTH AMENDMENT AND IS PRESUMPTIVELY UNCONSTITUTIONAL. NOTWITHSTANDING THAT FACT, THE PROGRESS REPORTS WHICH THE POLICE PREPARED ON THE CHECKPOINTS SPECIFICALLY STATE THAT THE GRANT FUNDS ARE USED "FOR OVERTIME FOR INTELLIGENCE GATHERING AND THE SUBSEQUENT CRIMINAL AND TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT." THE POLICE ADMIT THAT THE CHECKPOINTS, WHICH FOCUS ONLY ON EQUIP-

MENT VIOLATIONS AND FORGED AND STOLEN VINs, DO NOT ADDRESS ANY OF THE MAJOR CAUSES OF MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS SUCH AS RECKLESS DRIVING, DRIVER INATTENTIVENESS AND ALCOHOL IMPAIRMENT. THE CASE, WAGNER ET AL. V. THE COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY, ET AL. COULD WIND UP IN THE U.S. SUPREME COURT. THE FUTURE OF MOTORCYCLISTS' RIGHTS HANGS IN THE BALANCE.

BILLS INTRODUCED TO PROHIBIT MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS EVEN AS GEORGIA POLICE PREPARED TO LAUNCH THE NATION'S FIRST FEDERALLY-FUNDED MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS DURING DAYTONA BIKE WEEK, LAWMAKERS IN WASHINGTON WERE TAKING STEPS TO CUT FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE CONTROVERSIAL PRACTICE. WISCONSIN REPS. JIM SENSENBRENNER, PAUL RYAN AND TOM PETRI INTRODUCED HOUSE RESOLUTION 904 ON MARCH 3RD THAT WOULD PROHIBIT THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION FROM PROVIDING FUNDS TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE USE OF MOTORCYCLE-ONLY TRAFFIC CHECKPOINTS. "THE FIRST STEP IN MOTORCYCLE CRASH PREVENTION SHOULD BE RIDER EDUCATION AND INCREASED AWARENESS. TAXPAYER MONEY SHOULD NOT BE SPENT ON HELMET CHECKPOINTS THAT DO NOT PREVENT CRASHES," PETRI SAID IN A NEWS RELEASE. "ALSO, IT'S OUTRAGEOUSLY INTRUSIVE. NOBODY IS SUGGESTING PULLING CARS OFF THE ROAD FOR UNSCHEDULED INSPECTIONS, SO WHY ARE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS BEING HARASSED?" "WE STAND IN SOLIDARITY AGAINST THE UNCONSTITUTIONAL USE OF MOTORCYCLE-ONLY CHECKPOINTS BEING IMPLEMENTED IN GEORGIA, AND MAY BE COMING TO YOUR STATE SOON," SAID ESCONDIDO PAUL, NATIONAL LT. COMMANDER OF THE US DEFENDERS, IN ISSUING A CALL TO ACTION (CTA) URGING ALL MOTORCYCLISTS TO CONTACT THEIR FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO "SOLICIT THEIR SUPPORT AGAINST GRANT MONEY BEING USED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO INDUCE OTHER STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH DISCRIMINATORY ACTIONS!" IN RELATED NEWS, BILLS HAVE BEEN RECENTLY INTRODUCED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (HB 148) AND CALIFORNIA (AB 1047) TO PROHIBIT ANY STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FROM ACCEPTING FEDERAL FUNDING TO ESTABLISH MOTORCYCLE-ONLY ROADSIDE CHECKPOINTS.

SUPREME COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF MILITARY FUNERAL PROTESTORS FREEDOM OF SPEECH WAS CONSIDERED BY OUR FOUNDING FATHERS TO BE OUR MOST IMPORTANT CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT, WHICH IS WHY IT IS THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE BILL OF RIGHTS, BUT THE U.S. SUPREME COURT'S RECENT RULING FAVORING THE RIGHTS OF HATEFUL PROTESTORS OVER THE DIGNITY OF A MILITARY FUNERAL DOESN'T SIT WELL WITH SOME MOTORCYCLISTS. IN PARTICULAR, THE PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS WERE FORMED IN 2005 TO PROTECT THE FUNERALS OF FALLEN WARRIORS AND SHIELD MOURNERS FROM THE INCENDIARY DEMONSTRATIONS WAGED BY WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH, WHICH CLAIMS SOLDIERS' DEATHS ARE "DIVINE RETRIBUTION" FOR AMERICAN TOLERANCE OF HOMOSEXUALITY. THE HIGH COURT RULED 8-1 ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9TH WITH ONLY JUSTICE SAM ALITO DISSENTING, THAT THE FIRST AMENDMENT PROTECTS HATEFUL PROTESTS AT MILITARY FUNERALS, DESPITE THE PAIN THEY CAUSE GRIEVING FAMILIES. "OUR SOLDIERS FOUGHT TO GIVE WESTBORO THE RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH," SAID MIKE TODD, A MEMBER OF THE PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS FROM READING, MICHIGAN, NOTING THE IRONY. ALTHOUGH DESCRIBING THE COURT'S HOLD-

ING AS NARROW, CHIEF JUSTICE JOHN ROBERTS WROTE FOR THE MAJORITY, SAYING OF FREE SPEECH; "IT CAN STIR PEOPLE TO ACTION, MOVE THEM TO TEARS OF BOTH JOY AND SORROW, AND -- AS IT DID HERE -- INFLICT GREAT PAIN ... WE CANNOT REACT TO THAT PAIN BY PUNISHING THE SPEAKER." HE SAID THE NATIONAL COMMITMENT TO FREE SPEECH REQUIRES PROTECTION OF "EVEN HURTFUL SPEECH ON PUBLIC ISSUES TO ENSURE THAT WE DO NOT STIFLE PUBLIC DEBATE." THE CASE AROSE FROM A PROTEST AT THE FUNERAL OF A MARINE WHO HAD DIED IN IRAQ, LANCE CPL. MATTHEW SNYDER. AS WITH HUNDREDS OF OTHER FUNERALS, MEMBERS OF THE WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH OF TOPEKA, KAN., APPEARED WITH SIGNS BEARING SUCH MESSAGES AS "THANK GOD FOR DEAD SOLDIERS" AND "AMERICA IS DOOMED". ALBERT SNYDER SUED REGARDING THE INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS AT THE FUNERAL OF HIS SON, AND WON AN \$11 MILLION JURY AWARD THAT WAS LATER REDUCED BY A JUDGE TO \$5 MILLION, BUT THE VERDICT WAS OVERTURNED BY A FEDERAL APPEALS COURT THAT RULED THE CONSTITUTION SHIELDED THE CHURCH MEMBERS FROM LIABILITY. THE SUPREME COURT'S DECISION UPHOLDS THE APPEALS COURT RULING THAT THREW OUT A \$5 MILLION JUDGMENT TO THE DEAD MARINE'S FATHER. DISSIDENTING JUSTICE ALITO STRONGLY DISAGREED, LIKENING THE PROTEST TO FIGHTING WORDS, NOT PROTECTED BY THE FIRST AMENDMENT. "OUR PROFOUND NATIONAL COMMITMENT TO FREE AND OPEN DEBATE IS NOT A LICENSE FOR THE VICIOUS VERBAL ASSAULT THAT OCCURRED IN THIS CASE," HE WROTE. WESTBORO'S ANTAGONISTIC TACTICS HAVE RESULTED IN A TORRENT OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY RARELY RIVALED IN THE ANNALS OF FIRST AMENDMENT HISTORY, WITH 41 STATES AND THE U.S. CONGRESS HAVING PASSED LAWS LIMITING FUNERAL PROTESTS, USUALLY ESTABLISHING MINIMUM DISTANCES AND TIME CONSTRAINTS, WHILE NUMEROUS MUNICIPALITIES HAVE ALSO PASSED FUNERAL-PROTEST ORDINANCES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

RIDING OUT THE RECESSION WITH GASOLINE PRICES APPROACHING \$4 A GALLON, COMMUTERS ARE TURNING TO MORE FUEL EFFICIENT MOTORCYCLES TO SAVE MONEY. SALES AND INTEREST ARE UP ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AND MANY MOTORCYCLE DEALERS ANTICIPATE THE POPULARITY OF MOTORCYCLES TO INCREASE EVEN MORE. SIGNS THAT THE TWO-WHEELED WORLD IS GETTING BACK ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY ARE COMING FROM NOT ONLY IMPROVING MOTORCYCLE SALES, BUT ALSO BY THE FINANCIAL HEALTH OF BIKERS THEMSELVES. FEWER BIKERS APPEAR TO BE MAKING LATE PAYMENTS OR DEFAULTING ON THEIR MOTORCYCLE LOANS, ACCORDING TO A REPORT ISSUED BY FITCH RATINGS, A CREDIT RATING AGENCY WORKING WITH HARLEY-DAVIDSON'S FINANCIAL SERVICES (HDFS) DIVISION. IN ADDITION, THE REPORT ALSO NOTES THE IMPROVING MARKET FOR PREVIOUSLY OWNED MOTORCYCLES IS AGAIN GAINING STRENGTH, IN PART DUE TO REDUCED INVENTORY LEVELS AT DEALERS. THIS WOULD ALLOW FOR ANY REPOSSESSED MOTORCYCLES TO BE SOLD FOR A BETTER PRICE THAN THEY MAY HAVE THE YEAR BEFORE.

NEW JERSEY LIFTS BAN ON SUNDAY MOTORCYCLE SALES NEW JERSEY MOTORCYCLE DEALERS ARE REJOICING THAT THEY CAN NOW SELL BIKES ON SUNDAYS. GOVERNOR CHRIS CHRISTIE SIGNED A BILL INTO LAW ALLOWING THE SUNDAY MOTORCYCLE SALES ON MARCH 3;

THOUGH THE MEASURE DOES NOT AFFECT THE STATE'S BAN ON SUNDAY AUTOMOBILE SALES, NOR DOES IT APPLY IN BERGEN COUNTY WHERE BLUE LAWS CONTINUE TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF MOST NONESSENTIAL ITEMS ON SUNDAYS. STATE SENATOR DONALD NORCROSS INTRODUCED THE LEGISLATION AFTER A CAMDEN COUNTY DEALERSHIP COMPLAINED ABOUT LOSING CUSTOMERS TO STORES IN NEARBY PENNSYLVANIA AND DELAWARE AS A RESULT OF THE SUNDAY BAN, ADDING THAT MOST MOTORCYCLE BUYERS TEND TO MAKE PURCHASES ON WEEKENDS. "WITH OUR DEALERSHIPS CLOSED FOR BUSINESS ON SUNDAY, CONSUMERS WERE HEADING ACROSS THE RIVER TO MAKE THEIR PURCHASES AT BIKE SHOPS IN NEIGHBORING STATES," SAID NORCROSS. "ESPECIALLY IN THIS ECONOMY, WE NEED TO GIVE BUSINESSES THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE." MOTORCYCLE BUSINESSES IN INDIANA AND WISCONSIN HAVE ALSO BEEN TRYING TO OVERTURN BANS ON SUNDAY BIKE SALES.

CONGRESSIONAL MOTORCYCLE CAUCUS EXPANDS NEWLY-ELECTED U.S. REP. ALLEN WEST (R-FL), WHO WAS ACCUSED BY HIS INCUMBENT FOE OF BELONGING TO A "BIKER GANG" BECAUSE HE WAS SUPPORTED BY THE SOUTH FLORIDA CONFEDERATION OF CLUBS, HAS BECOME ONE OF THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL MOTORCYCLE CAUCUS. THE BI-PARTISAN CAUCUS IS COMPRISED OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT MOTORCYCLING AND WHO WORK TO PROMOTE THE INTERESTS OF MOTORCYCLISTS. THE CMSC HAS ACTIVELY HIGHLIGHTED THE SAFETY OF MOTORCYCLISTS BY PASSING CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTIONS SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF MAY IS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH, DRAWING ATTENTION TO RIDE TO WORK DAY AND ENSURING THAT MOTORCYCLE SAFETY IS REMEMBERED IN THE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION PROCESS. "I'M VERY PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO JOIN THE CONGRESSIONAL MOTORCYCLE CAUCUS TO WORK WITH MY ESTEEMED COLLEAGUES ON ISSUES RELATED TO MOTORCYCLING," SAID WEST, WHO IS INDEED AN ACTIVE MOTORCYCLIST WHO CONTRIBUTES POLITICAL ARTICLES FOR A LOCAL SOUTH FLORIDA BIKER MAGAZINE "WHEELS ON THE ROAD". WEST JOINS WITH FELLOW U.S. REPRESENTATIVES TIM WALBERG (R-MI), TIM GRIFFIN (R-AR), REID RIBBLE (R-WI) AND JEFF DENHAM (R-CA) AS THE MOST RECENT MOTORCYCLE ENTHUSIASTS ON THE CAUCUS. OTHER MEMBERS INCLUDE REPS. G.K. BUTTERFIELD (D-NC), MICHAEL CONAWAY (R-TX), JOHN DUNCAN (R-TN), BOB FILNER (D-CA), RANDY FORBES (R-VA), WALTER JONES (R-NC), DOUG LAMBORN (R-CO) AND TIM WALZ (D-MN). REPS. MICHAEL BURGESS (R-TX) AND GABRIELLE GIFFORDS (D-AZ) FOUNDED THE CONGRESSIONAL MOTORCYCLE SAFETY CAUCUS ON JUNE 26, 2009 AND CURRENTLY SERVE AS CO-CHAIRS OF THE CAUCUS, DESPITE A GUNMAN'S VICIOUS ATTACK ON GIFFORDS. REPS. WEST AND GIFFORDS WERE BOTH RECENTLY SELECTED BY THE NCOM BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO RECEIVE THE COVETED SILVER SPOKE AWARD - LEGISLATIVE AT THE UPCOMING 26TH ANNUAL NCOM CONVENTION OVER MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND MAY 5-8, 2011 AT THE HYATT REGENCY IN ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, OR TO REGISTER FOR THE NCOM CONVENTION, VISIT WWW.ON-A-BIKE.COM OR CALL (800) 525-5355.

AMERICA'S MOST DANGEROUS DRIVERS BY PROFESSION CHANCES ARE THE CAR THAT CUT YOU OFF IN TRAFFIC WAS DRIVEN BY AN ATTORNEY, OR A JUDGE, OR GOVERNMENT

WORKER OR MAYBE EVEN A DOG GROOMER, ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY LISTING THE MOST DANGEROUS DRIVERS BY PROFESSION. A STUDY CONDUCTED BY AN ONLINE INSURANCE AGENCY FOUND THAT LAWYERS SNARED THE NO. 1 SPOT ON A TOP 10 LIST OF "MOST DANGEROUS DRIVERS BY PROFESSION," WITH 44% CLAIMING A PRIOR ACCIDENT WHEN RECEIVING A CAR INSURANCE COMPARISON QUOTE FROM INSURANCE.COM. FINDINGS WERE BASED ON ACCIDENT CLAIMS AS A PERCENTAGE OF QUOTES, THE AGENCY SAID, AND USED ITS PROPRIETARY DATA. HERE IS THE FULL LIST INSURANCE.COM'S STUDY OF MOST DANGEROUS DRIVER'S BY PROFESSION: 1-ATTORNEY/JUDGE; 2-FINANCIAL PROFESSIONALS; 3-GOVERNMENT WORKER (GS6); 4-BARTENDER OR WAITER; 5-BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS; 6-DOG GROOMER; 7-MARKETING/ADVERTISING PROFESSIONALS; 8-BARBER/STYLIST; 9-COACH; AND 10-NURSE. SO WHY DID THESE FOLKS RANK SO HIGH? DISTRACTION. THAT WAS APPARENTLY THE OPPOSITE FOR THOSE ON THE OTHER END OF THE STUDY, DEEMED THE LEAST DANGEROUS DRIVERS. TO THAT END ARE ATHLETES AND HOMEMAKERS, THE AGENCY SAID.

"PROFESSIONS THAT DEMAND MULTI-TASKING - BEING ON THE PHONE, MOVING FAST ON A TIGHT SCHEDULE - ARE PRONE TO MORE DISTRACTIONS AND, FROM THERE, MORE ACCIDENTS," SAID SAM BELDEN, VICE PRESIDENT AT INSURANCE.COM. "ON THE OTHER HAND, THOUGH THE JOB OF A HOMEMAKER DEMANDS MULTI-TASKING, YOUNG CHILDREN ARE OFTEN ALONG FOR ANY CAR RIDE. AND WHEN CHILDREN ARE INVOLVED, PEOPLE TEND TO TAKE THEIR TIME AND USE GREATER CAUTION."

QUOTABLE QUOTE: "IN MATTERS OF CONSCIENCE THE LAW OF MAJORITY HAS NO PLACE." ~ MOHANDAS "MAHATMA" GANDHI (1869-1948) HINDU SPIRITUAL AND POLITICAL LEADER

BREAKING NEWS FLASH:

FORMER WISCONSIN SENATOR DAVE ZIEN INJURED IN MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT As we prepare to go to press, NCOM has just learned that longtime bikers' rights activist DAVE ZIEN, a former Wisconsin state senator and record-setting long distance rider, was involved in an early morning crash on Sunday, March 13th while attending Daytona Bike Week, and was taken by helicopter to the Tallahassee Memorial Medical Center and placed in intensive care. According to news accounts, an SUV traveling in front of Zien on Interstate 10 attempted to change lanes, lost control and flipped onto its side. Zien, 59, was unable to avoid the overturned vehicle. Early reports indicate that Zien lost part of his left leg and suffered a broken right hip. Zien is a longtime member of the NCOM Legislative Task Force who fought against helmet laws and for bikers' rights during his 13 years in the state senate, from 1993 to 2006. He's been inducted into both the Sturgis Motorcycle Hall of Fame and the AMA Motorcycle Hall of Fame and rode more than 1 million miles on a 1991 Harley-Davidson Sport Glide. Visiting him at the hospital, James "Doc" Reichenbach, Chairman of the NCOM Board of Directors, reports that Dave is alert and preparing for extensive surgery on his fractured hip, but remains in good spirits and already talking about riding again. "Please thank everyone for their well-wishes and for keeping me in their hearts," Zien said, adding "I'm lucky to be alive." Please keep Dave in your thoughts and prayers, and NCOM wishes him all the best on his road to recovery.

And that's all the News that fits!



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11:30 am

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- To** print a newsletter to keep all bikers informed with regard to legislative actions and events around the state and throughout the country.
- To** become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning all motorcyclists rights.
- To** provide a lobbyist to represent ABATE of Florida, Inc. on the state and national level.
- To** promote voter registration and motivate members to write their legislators.
- To** promote safe riding habits without infringing on individual rights.
- To** educate the public about motorcycle awareness.