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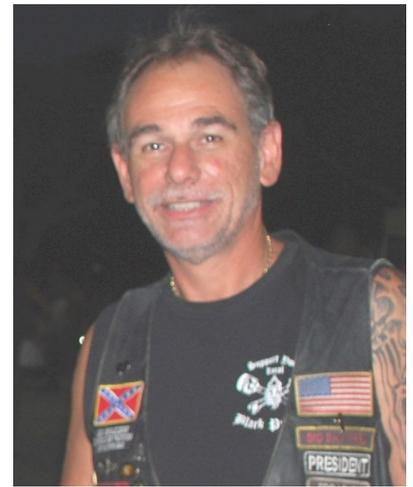
President's Message

Big Bad Fred Joseph

Can't wait to see everyone at our party being held at Renegades on December 11th. If you can make any meetings or rides for the year? I sure hope you will consider coming out to our annual party and supporting your brothers, sisters, and organization?

Remember, most motorcycle problems are caused by the nut that connects the handlebars to the saddle. Ride Safe.

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OUR GOALS

To become a powerful and viable political force in legislative matters concerning the motorcyclist.
To promote the safe riding habits without infringing on individual freedoms.
To motivate the bikers to write letters to legislators before, during, and after the legislative session.
To furnish a newsletter to keep all bikers informed in regards to upcoming legislation.

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On the local level our members get out the vote and support candidates who are sympathetic to our issues. We also will endeavor to lobby local governments whenever there are issues that need to be addressed, affecting local motorcycle use, ownership, and any discrimination that may result from said use of ownership.

At the state level we have a paid registered lobbyist who regularly visits our state capital in Tallahassee to lobby our legislators on the issues concerning the motorcycling public in Florida. He also finds reliable House and Senate sponsors for the bills we support. On the national level we are aligned with Motorcycle Riders Foundations (MRF), and the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), along with several other international motorcycle rights organizations (MRO's).

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Monday Dec 5 Mob of Brothers MC Open House

Tuesday Dec 6 UBCPBC Christmas Party

Thursday Dec 8 Black Pistons MC Open House

Sunday Dec 11 Bill's Bikes Toy Run WPB

Sunday Dec 11 Palm Beach ABATE Holiday Rally Renegades 1-5 PM

Tuesday Dec 13 Lone Legion Brotherhood MC Open House

Thursday Dec.15 Palm Beach Harley Bike Night 5-9 45th St. West Palm Beach

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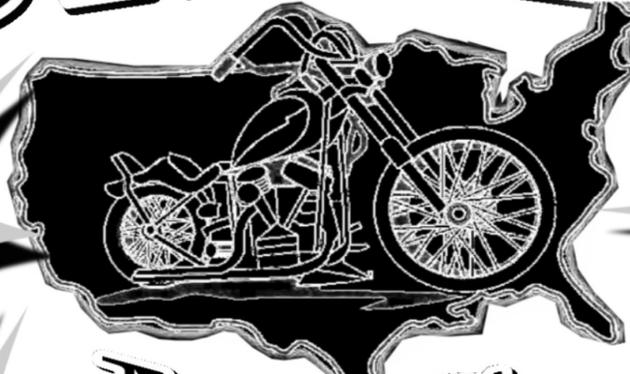
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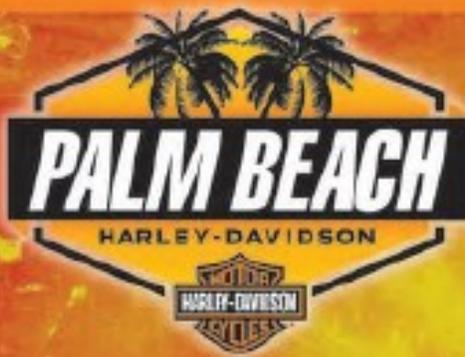
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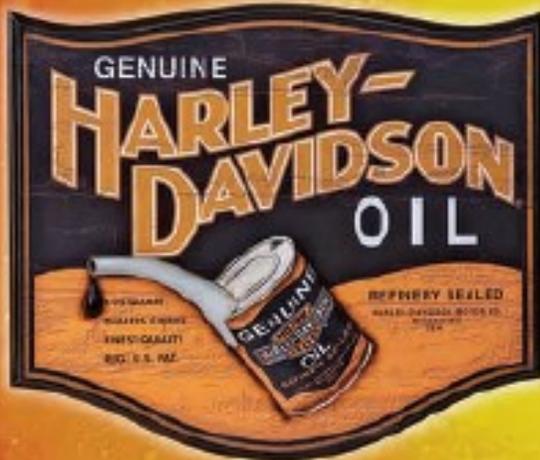
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Ken "Snooze" Gerecke

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At this meeting the state will be having the ABATE of Florida Inc. Christmas gun drawing so if you bought tickets good luck ! If you win you will be notified shortly after the drawing. 1st prize is a new Henry 30-30 lever action rifle, second prize is a new 12 gauge O&U shotgun.

Not a whole lot of legislative news right now but next year's legislative session promises to be one of the most difficult ones for us in a long time. That is why I am asking everyone to contact their local state senators and representatives and ask them to support us during the legislative session in Tallahassee. Remember this is about our rights as motorcyclists !!!

Ride Safe Ride Smart !!

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February 11, 2017 Inerstate

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June 10, 2017 Vintage

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JOINT EFFORT - LACONIA MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION JOINS FORCES FOR MARKETING WITH DAYTONA AND STURGIS EVENTS

November 18, 2016 Published in Local News By GAIL OBER, LACONIA DAILY SUN

LACONIA — The Laconia Motorcycle Association has agreed to join forces with the other two major motorcycle rallies in the country for marketing and advertising.

Executive Director Charlie St. Clair said the agreement with the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally held annually in August and the Daytona Bike Rally held annually in March will bring more money into the Rally News, which, along with a new website and attendance at motorcycle shows, is the primary vehicle used for marketing Laconia Motorcycle Week.

"The money thing is tough," said St. Clair at a meeting at the Belknap Mill Thursday night held to gather feedback about last year's Motorcycle Week.

St. Clair said they are fortunate to have the major sponsors they have, like Progressive Insurance, Amsoil, and Hot Leathers, along with others, and support from its board members, which include the city of Laconia and town of Meredith, Faro Italian Grille, the Naswa, Ames Corporation, Hot Leathers and Weirs Action Committee. "We also enjoy the support of our rally patrons," he said.

St. Clair said there has been a proliferation of many smaller motorcycle events over the years, about 800 of them, and while he doesn't consider them "rallies" in the sense that Laconia's Motorcycle Week is, they are siphoning off some of the people from the three major United States events.

"This has never been done in this country," St. Clair said. "We're not competing. We complement each other. Any competition is a challenge. We want (motorcyclists) to come to one of the big three."

Board President Cynthia Makris welcomed back the Weirs Action Committee as a board member of the Laconia Motorcycle Association. The WAC withdrew from their position on the board in 2014 when, facing financial hardships, the Motorcycle Association restored its dues from \$2,000 back to \$5,000.

Over the summer and after the 2016 rally, the two sides reached a compromise such that the WAC would pay the \$5,000 in dues and the Laconia Motorcycle Association would withdraw its bid for the parking concessions at Endicott Park.

Other information passed on to residents was that the New Hampshire Motor Speedway would be expanding its operations, which will include a North East Motor Sports Museum that will have a display at both of their scheduled NASCAR races and Laconia Motorcycle Week.

The speedway has also rejoined of Motorcycle Week Association as a board member.

For the first time, there were no complaints about policing, although both city and state police sent representatives to the conference. Those attending last night's meeting gave the police a round of applause for the great job they did this past year.

While some mention was made regarding the fiasco surrounding Laconia Fest, St. Clair said that the concept was a good one and he hopes that someone will come forward who can make a similar event work.

(Editor's note: This story has been edited to correct several errors regarding sports, the Motorcycle Week board, and other <http://laconiadailysun.com/newsx/local-news/99776-laconia-motorcycle-association-joins-forces-for-marketing-with-daytona-and-sturgis>

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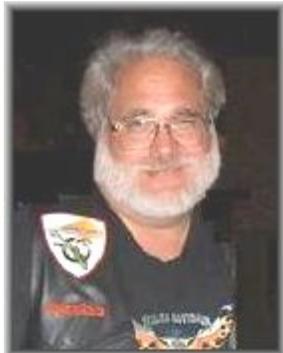
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GOOGLE MOTORCYCLE ALERTS, NEWS, and RANDOM EDITOR THOUGHTS

Some brief info and the links to follow for more. Dan Henderson

Data had sent me this Nov. 14 accident report at Lake Worth and Haverhill. There is an empty helmet sitting in front of the bike, but that would imply that he was carrying it rather than wearing it. Unfortunately, he died. As usual, it was the truck's fault. Update here:

<http://www.mypalmbeachpost.com/news/news/local/pbso-man-dies-days-after-car-crash-in-greenacres/ntCTm/>

I found recently "Family members identified the motorcyclist as Jose Burgos. He's hospitalized in critical condition. A gofundme page has been set to help with expenses." <http://cbs12.com/news/local/motorcycle-crash-at-lake-worth-and-haverhill>

Two men were arrested in the death of a woman after the pair hit her with their motorcycles while they were racing in suburban West Palm Beach in January, according to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

<http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/crime--law/two-men-charged-after-motorcycles-struck-killed-woman-january/4FPAiKVuVA3lv5v1fY03JP/>

BIG TWIN TRIKE We swear that we have seen more than only Valspar Automotive's SEMA booth—two of our Day One favorites also were from the Valspar stand—but this five-wheeled Big Twin trike is just too cool. It also has a history dating back to 1969, when it exploded onto the custom-bike scene. A magazine built the trike—if you can call a five-wheeled vehicle by a three-wheeler's name—and toured it to various shows, winning awards and the like, but later the creation fell off the map, only to be rediscovered in 2011 and sold.



<http://www.msn.com/en-us/autos/sema/the-best-of-sema-2016-day-two-a-five-wheeled-motorcycle-an-electric-datsun-and-more/ss-AAjRDOs?li=BBnb7Kz#image=2>

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In term of size and market share, Zero Motorcycles is the clear leader in the electric motorcycle segment. And that's mainly because the company has been consistent over the past few years in releasing significantly improved model lineups with better battery pack technology and more power. They haven't been known to sit on a successful model, but they improve on them quite frequently instead.

<https://electrek.co/2016/11/08/zero-motorcycles-unveils-2017-electric-bike-lineup-range-power/>

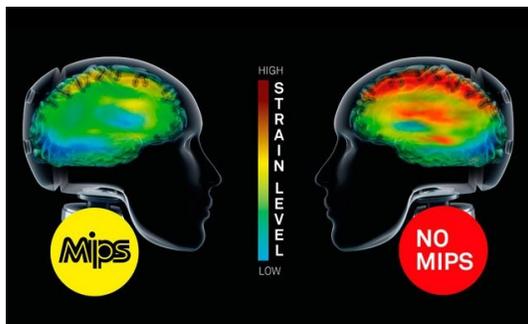
For the latest news in electric motorcycles, Zero is extending range to 200 miles

<https://www.engadget.com/2016/11/09/zero-motorcycles-2017-range-power/>



HUSQVARNA VITPILEN 401 MOTORCYCLE Like a piece of Ikea furniture, the Husqvarna Vitpilen 401 Motorcycle has a funny-sounding name and an eye-catching design. It's powered by an advanced, single-cylinder 375cc engine that outputs 44 hp. Performance is helped along by the lightweight steel-trellis frame, sleek bodywork, and hybrid steel/aluminum exhaust. LED lights provide visibility after dark, a Bosch ABS system ensures you can slow down safely, and the long single seat only adds to the stripped-down, progressive look. Arriving in autumn 2017. <http://uncrate.com/stuff/husqvarna-vitpilen-401-motorcycle/>

With the upcoming possibility of a mandatory Florida helmet law, I will be researching helmet technology. I love the opening paragraph of this story as what I have always thought. DOT is NOT a good rating method. I only liked the Zox brand as actually makes a better fitting helmet in larger sizes at a reasonable price. I hate the hard lining in so many brands that are ill fitting and actual are more dangerous. Good to hear of more designs in this story that have the suspension linings like the Zox <https://zoxhelmets.com/en-US>. I had enjoyed the Nava brand when I first rode 30 years ago as was light weight with good features but no longer available. I did find an Italian company with that name on the Internet but not sure if same. I am all for freedom of choice. With our crazy traffic I do choose to wear one IF can have a good and comfortable one so glad the technology is coming. Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson



Motorcycle.com / [Safety](#) / Helmet Tech: Reducing Rotational Brain Violence

Helmet Tech: Reducing Rotational Brain Violence

6D, Leatt and MIPS are all working to better protect your gray matter. Don't Miss Stories on Motorcycle.com

Tom Roderick September 29, 2016 **2**

If the technologies driving motorcycle components progressed at the same rate as [motorcycle helmet](#) technology we'd still be riding around on drum brakes. Where's the motorcycle helmet equivalent of cutting-edge technologies such TC, C-ABS or semi-active suspension? The general construction of [motorcycle helmets](#) hasn't changed much since leather lids became passé: a hard outer shell, impact-absorbing EPS (expanded polystyrene) liner, comfort padding. Helmets are certainly lighter, quieter, more comfortable and safer than their bygone counterparts, but I would have argued 20 years ago that the features touted by failed helmet company start-up, [Skully](#), would have been commonplace by now.

Sena Unveils Smart Helmet With Noise Control + Video

Make no mistake, helmet manufacturers and the technology companies that support them are dutifully working toward improving helmet functionality, and there has been some recent breakthrough technologies introduced from proprietary helmet companies **6D**, and **Leatt**, as well as **MIPS**.

MIPS is the acronym for **Multi-directional Impact Protection System**, a system that reduces rotational forces via deflection technology. Basically, according to MIPS, when a crash occurs, your helmeted head is more likely than not to hit the ground at an angle, creating rotational forces. MIPS provides a thin, low-friction layer inside the helmet allowing for some rotation to occur separate from your skull, thus deflecting the energy in another direction and reducing the impact to your brain. The video below provides a visual representation of MIPS in action deflecting rotational forces.

The difference between MIPS, 6D and Leatt is where 6D's elastomeric isolation dampers, and Leatt's Turbine Technology with Armourgel reduce rotational forces *and* maximize shock absorption, MIPS focuses solely on minimizing rotational forces. Also, whereas 6D's and Leatt's technologies are proprietary to their own helmets, MIPS is meant to be adapted to any currently produced helmet regardless of manufacturer. The list of helmet companies now offering MIPS is growing, but right now includes: **Answer**, **Bell**, **Fly**, **Fox**, **MSR**, **O'Neal**, **One Industries**, and **Troy Lee Designs**.

Answer Racing is one of the early adopters of MIPS, offering the technology as an \$80 upgrade for its Evolve 3.0 helmets. Until recently MIPS was confined to bicycle helmets and [off-road helmets](#), however, **Bell announced last June that it will be incorporating MIPS into its MX-9 Adventure, and Qualifier DLX street helmets** this fall. Bell also says the new **Pro Star** (\$1199.95) and **Race Star** (\$699.95) street helmets utilize a proprietary triple liner – "Flex" system – that replaces the single thick EPS layer. The three-layer system works together to better absorb impacts, as well as provide a reduction in rotational energy. According to AMP Factory's (owner of Answer, Fly, and Fox) Phil Davy, a streetable helmet utilizing MIPS from an AMP Factory helmet OEM will soon join Bell's and 6D's offerings.

Bell Helmets Shows Us Race Star And Pro Star Lids

Like MIPS, 6D helmets were initially available only in off-road models, but as of this year 6D ventured into the street segment with ATS-1 (\$895). We recently received an ATS-1 for evaluation, so look for a future review of it, but for now let's focus on the technology driving the company's claims of increased safety.



A close-up of 6D's elastomeric dampers. One end of the damper is anchored in the EPS liner closest to the helmet's shell, while the other end is anchored in the EPS liner closest to your skull. The result is six degrees of three-dimensional movement, hence the name 6D.

An array of 29 elastomeric isolation dampers situated between the dual EPS liners within 6D helmets are what provides the **Omni-Directional Suspension** (ODS). The result is a claimed reduction in energy transfer to the brain during low-, medium-, and high-speed impacts for both angular (rotational) and linear (straight-on) varieties.

According to 6D's website, the ATS-1 is certified to exceed U.S. DOT FMVSS 218, and ECE 22.05 standards, meaning the helmet was able to pass the battery of tests that comprise each organization's safety standards – both of which focus primarily on linear impacts. Neither of the helmets discussed in this article meet Snell standards, but there's nothing inherent in their designs that would prevent a manufacturer from constructing a helmet that could achieve Snell's higher impact thresholds. Currently, there are no standardized testing criteria for determining a pass/fail scenario for angular impacts. Mattias Eidelbrekt, head of sales for MIPS, says the ECE is currently working on incorporating rotational testing into its standardized helmet-testing regimen.

Until DOT and ECE determine what constitutes standardized testing for rotational impacts, we must rely on the claims of the manufacturers and the independent laboratories conducting the testing such as Dynamic Research in Torrance, California.

Recently on *MO*, in John Burns' **Unsung Heroes** article, Dave Thom, senior consultant at Collision and Injury Dynamics, Inc., (and famous within our industry for co-authoring the groundbreaking Hurt Report published in 1981) was quoted as saying,

“There are definitely new technologies emerging that will improve helmets and head protection. Dr. Terry Smith worked with Professor Hurt and I at USC and recently presented a paper at an international meeting. All of the ‘anti-rotation’ technologies reduced rotational acceleration on the particular test Terry used. The problem is that there isn't a standardized test yet and there are no accepted pass/fail criteria, so it's all somewhat experimental at this point. With that said, I wore my new **6D ATS-1** to work today.”



The “Turbines” inside Leatt helmets absorb and dissipate impact energy, as well as allow the EPS liner to move freely thus helping to reduce rotational forces. Best known for its innovative line of neck braces, Leatt has expanded into a wide variety of safety equipment including knee braces, body armor, and, of course, helmets. Leatt currently does not have street helmets in its model lineup, but its

motocross helmets offer what it calls 360° Turbine Technology that's similar to 6D's Omni-Directional Suspension.

Unlike 6D and its elastomeric isolation dampers situated between the dual EPS liners, Leatt places 11 Turbines between a single EPS liner and a rider's head. According to Leatt, the Turbines are made of **Armourgel**, a material that absorbs and dissipates up to a claimed 80% of impact forces. Leatt claims that the Armourgel Turbines in its helmets help to reduce the severity of concussion-level head impacts by up to 30%, and rotational acceleration impacts by up to 40%.

If Leatt were to follow 6D's and Bell's trend, a streetable helmet would seemingly already be in the works. However, the company tends to focus solely on the off-road market, making a street helmet from Leatt less likely.

Leatt Helmet Range and Tech Features

It seems obvious that helmet manufacturers such as 6D, Bell and Leatt and companies like MIPS are serious about improving the safety of the helmets you and I wear by examining what's happening within a helmet, as well as inside your head, during a crash, and devising ways to reduce the various types of brain trauma. It'll be interesting to see how this technology develops, and if/when other mainstream manufacturers (Arai, Shoei) get in on the act.

Now, about those heads-up displays?

BMW Introduces HUD Helmet Concept

http://www.motorcycle.com/safety/helmet-tech-reducing-rotational-brain-violence.html?utm_content=more0&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=motorcycle_review&utm_source=newmo20161006

More information <http://www.mipsprotection.com/>

<http://www.motorcycle-superstore.com/4292/mngr/mips-technology-in-motocross-helmets.aspx>

<http://www.chaparral-racing.com/blog/2014/08/24/buy-mips-helmet/>

<https://www.bellhelmets.com/mips/>

<http://www.therideadvice.com/a-look-at-present-and-future-motorcycle-helmet-safety/>

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT
DAN "SLOW-MOTION" HENDERSON

Elections are FINALLY over! The sidebars will show the updates and I have added phone numbers if available for calls. Many of the five new members have no office info yet. The District # will link to the site. I have emailed all the Florida Senate and House to congratulate them and to work/meet with them. So far Berman, Hager, Clemens and Slossberg have replied to meet with me, The Federal Legislators lists have not yet updated.

HOUSE GETS 11 NEW MEMBERS FROM CENTRAL FLORIDA

With Florida lawmakers poised to be sworn in Nov. 22 in Tallahassee, 11 new House members from the Central part of the state locked up seats during Tuesday's elections. Those 11 winners were Ormond Beach Republican Tom Leek in House District 25; Daytona Beach Democrat Patrick Henry in House District 26; **Hudson** Republican Amber Mariano in House District 36; Winter Haven Republican Sam Killebrew in House District 41; Orlando Democrat Amy Mercado in House District 48; Orlando Democrat Carlos Guillermo Smith in House District 49; Palm Bay Republican Randy Fine in House District 53; Vero Beach Republican Erin Grall in House District 54; Tampa Republican Jackie Toledo in House District 60; St. Petersburg Democrat Ben Diamond in House District 68; and St. Petersburg Democrat Wengay Newton in House District 70, according to the state Division of Elections website.

TEN NEW HOUSE MEMBERS TO HEAD NORTH

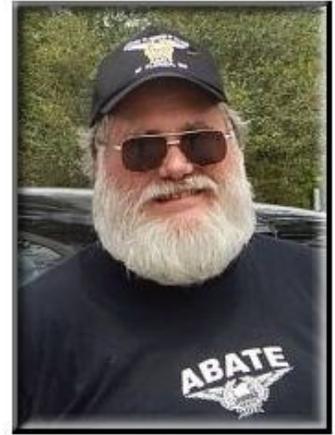
Largely split between Republicans and Democrats, 10 new House members from Southwest and Southeast Florida will go to the state Capitol after winning elections Tuesday. The winners included Sarasota Republican Alex Miller in House District 72; Sarasota Republican Joe Gruters in House District 73; Naples Republican Byron Donalds in House District 80; Loxahatchee Republican **Rick Roth** in House District 85; Wellington Democrat **Matt Willhite** in House District 86; Boca Raton Democrat **Emily Slosberg** in House District 91; Naples Republican Bob Rommel in House District 106; Miami Democrat Nicholas Duran in House District 112; and Coral Gables Democrat Daisy Baez in House District 114, according to the state Division of Elections website. Also, Miami Democrat Robert Asencio held a 68 -vote lead over Miami Republican David Rivera in House District 118, a slim margin that could necessitate a recount.

NORTH FLORIDA GETS 12 NEW HOUSE MEMBERS

The elections of a dozen new state House members from North Florida were cemented Tuesday night. Those new members who won Tuesday were Pensacola Republican Frank White in House District 2; Destin Republican Mel Ponder in House District 4; Tallahassee Democrat Ramon Alexander in House District 8; Tallahassee Democrat Lorraine Ausley in House District 9; Neptune Beach Republican Cord Byrd in House District 11; Jacksonville Republican Clay Yarborough in House District 12; Jacksonville Democrat Tracie Davis in House District 13; Jacksonville Democrat Kimberly Daniels in House District 14; Jacksonville Republican Jason Fischer in House District 16; Palatka Republican Bobby Payne in House District 19; Newberry Republican Chuck Clemons in House District 21; and Marion County Republican Stan McClain in House District 23.

STATE HOUSE MEMBERS MOVE TO SENATE

With Tuesday's election results, the Florida Senate is poised to see an influx of new members who have served in the House.



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U.S. Senators

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Patrick Murphy

U.S. HOUSE

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Brian Mast (R)

District 20

Alcee Hastings

District 21

Lois Frankel

District 22

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Winners

Tuesday included state Rep. Doug Broxson, a Gulf Breeze Republican in Senate District 1; Rep. Keith Perry, a Gainesville Republican in Senate District 8; Rep. Randolph Bracy, an Orlando Democrat in Senate District 11; Rep. Dennis Baxley, an Ocala Republican in Senate District 12; former Rep. Linda Stewart, an Orlando Democrat in Senate District 13; Rep. Victor Torres, an Orlando Democrat in Senate District 15; Rep. Debbie Mayfield, a Vero Beach Republican in Senate District 17; House Majority Leader Dana Young, a Tampa Republican in Senate District 18; Rep. Darryl Rouson, a St. Petersburg Democrat in Senate District 19; Rep. Greg Steube, a Sarasota Republican in Senate District 23; Rep. Kathleen Passidomo, a Naples Republican in Senate District 28; Rep. **Bobby Powell**, a West Palm Beach Democrat in Senate District 30; Rep. Jose Javier Rodriguez, a Miami Democrat in Senate District 37; Rep. Daphne Campbell, a Miami Democrat in Senate District 38; and Rep. Frank Artiles, a Miami Democrat in Senate District 40.

CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION GETS 10 NEW MEMBERS

Running in newly redrawn districts, Florida's congressional delegation will get 10 new members after Tuesday's elections. Those members are Republican Matt Gaetz in Northwest Florida's Congressional District 1; Republican Neal Dunn in North Florida's Congressional District 2; Republican John Rutherford in Northeast Florida's Congressional District 4; Democrat Al Lawson in North Florida's Congressional District 5; Democrat Stephanie Murphy in Central Florida's Congressional District 7; Democrat Darren Soto in Central Florida's Congressional District 9; Democrat Val Demings in Orange County's Congressional District 10; Democrat Charlie Crist in Pinellas County's Congressional District 13; Republican Brian Mast in the Treasure Coast's Congressional District 18; and Republican Francis Rooney in Southwest Florida's Congressional District 19.

CORCORAN NAMES HOUSE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Ready to formally take charge of the Florida House this month, incoming Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, on Wednesday named 11 lawmakers to his leadership team.

The announcement came after Tuesday's elections ensured that all of Corcoran's choices, including the chairmen of nine committees, would return to the House for the next two years.

Corcoran named **Rep. Carlos Trujillo, R-Miami, to lead the powerful appropriations committee**. Trujillo, who fended off a challenge Tuesday from Democrat Patricio Moreno, was one of five Miami-Dade County Republicans named by Corcoran to leadership positions.

Among the others, Corcoran named **Rep. Jeanette Nunez, R-Miami, to serve as speaker pro tempore**, one of his top lieutenants. Also, **Rep. Jose Oliva, a Miami Lakes Republican who is slated to become speaker in 2018, will chair the Rules & Policy Committee**.

The House and Senate will hold an organization session Nov. 22 that will include installing new leaders and swearing in members. Corcoran has long been preparing to serve as speaker, replacing outgoing Speaker Steve Crisafulli, R-Merritt Island.

Corcoran has made changes in the House's committee structure, and the 120 members are expected to receive their committee assignments in mid-December, according to a memo issued Wednesday. Also still to be appointed are subcommittee chairmen, including the leaders of appropriations subcommittees that play a key role in drawing up the annual state budget.

Along with announcing the appointment of Nunez and committee chairmen, Corcoran named **Rep. Ray Rodrigues, R-Estero, as House majority leader**. In that role, Rodrigues will help ensure that Republican members support Corcoran's agenda.

In the other appointments announced Wednesday:

--- **Rep. Jose Felix Diaz, R-Miami**, will serve as chairman of the Commerce Committee, which will oversee a wide range of issues such as agriculture, utilities and insurance.

--- **Rep. Michael Bileca, R-Miami**, will serve as chairman of the Education Committee.

--- **Rep. Rep. Matt Caldwell, R-North Fort Myers**, will serve as chairman of the Government Accountability Committee, which will oversee issues such as local and federal affairs, natural resources and transportation.

--- **Rep. Travis Cummings, R-Orange Park**, will serve as chairman of the Health & Human Services Committee.

--- **Rep. Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor**, will serve as chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

--- **Rep. Larry Metz, R-Yalaha**, will serve as chairman of the Public Integrity & Ethics Committee.

--- **Rep. Jim Boyd, R-Bradenton**, will serve as chairman of the Ways & Means Committee.

The House will hold training meetings for members the week of Dec. 5 before holding five weeks of committee meetings in January and February. The 2017 legislative session will start March 7.

HOUSE GOP OVERHAULS SPEAKER ELECTION RULES

Republicans hoping to become leader of the Florida House would face restrictions aimed at slowing down the selection of future speakers, under rules set to be approved by GOP lawmakers next week. The proposal, offered by incoming Speaker Richard Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, would address a practice of would-be speakers trying to line up support for the powerful position before they have even served in the House. Those efforts can come as much as six years before an opening for speaker. The changes could also upend any arrangements already made by candidates who are running for the top post in the House during the legislative term that begins after the 2022 elections. Corcoran had already indicated that he wanted to slow down the process of choosing the party's leaders after a series of byzantine and occasionally bitter fights over the top spot. But the draft of the new rules for the Republican caucus, released Monday, marks the first concrete proposal for how to achieve that. The draft is set to be voted on Nov. 21. In an interview Monday with The News Service of Florida, Corcoran said the rules would prevent would-be speakers who don't have to deal with contested primaries or general elections in their districts from getting an unfair advantage. "If we're going to have a 100-yard dash ... everybody should start from the starting line at the same time at the same place," he

said. "There's nothing fair about having someone start at the 50-yard mark."

The rules would bar House members who want to be speakers from campaigning for support from their colleagues until after they had served together. Support couldn't be rounded up until after a full class of lawmakers had gone through their first session. Because House members are limited to four two-year terms, a group elected in the same year is generally referred to as a "class." Each class selects the Republican candidate to serve as speaker during their final term. Candidates for speaker would also be barred from raising or spending money to try to influence Republican primaries that could decide the leadership race. The new rules would apply to the speakership race for the class first elected this year. It would not apply to Corcoran or the two men expected to follow him as speaker: Rep. Jose Oliva, R-Miami Lakes, and Rep. Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor.

NEW LAWMAKERS TO GET FIRST TASTE OF TALLAHASSEE

A week after voters decided dozens of races across the state, newly elected lawmakers will gather Tuesday in Tallahassee for training sessions. The House will hold two days of sessions on topics ranging from "Understanding Bills and Resolutions" to "Anatomy of a Committee Meeting." The Senate also is slated to hold a one-day orientation meeting for its new members, according to a notice posted on its website. The training comes in advance of an organization session Nov. 22 that will include the formal swearing-in of members. The 120-member House will have 46 new members, while the 40-member Senate will have 20 newcomers.

NEGRON READY TO TAKE HELM OF SENATE

After running powerful budget committees in the House and Senate and emerging last year from a contentious leadership fight, Stuart Republican Joe Negron is set to take the gavel Tuesday as president of the Florida Senate.

Negron, a 55-year-old attorney, will formally replace Orlando Republican Andy Gardiner during a one-day organization session of the Legislature. Across the Capitol's fourth floor, Land O' Lakes Republican Richard Corcoran will take over as House speaker.

On his way to the Senate presidency, Negron has focused heavily on water issues that are critical in his Treasure Coast district. He also has often sided with personal liberties, such as when pushing legislation that restricted the use of drones for police surveillance.

Negron is a self-described "conservative person of faith" who practices corporate law for the prominent and politically connected Gunster law firm. He admits to being a "dork" who in high school would read the Congressional Record in his bunk bed.

Twenty-six years after his first campaign, one of a number that he lost, Negron remains a policy wonk. But supporters say he also never forgot where he came from, which was just a few miles southeast of his current home.

"He's hasn't lost any of his humility. He hasn't lost any of his love and appreciation for his community," said former Senate President Ken Pruitt, a Port St. Lucie Republican who has been one of Negron's mentors. "This is a business of give and take, looking at the bigger picture. He doesn't get paralyzed by it either."

Married with three adult children, Negron grew up in Hobe Sound, a small, unincorporated bedroom community in southern Martin County, resting just north of Jonathan Dickinson State Park and across the Intracoastal Waterway from the wealth of Jupiter Island.

The overall feel of the community has changed little over the decades. Streets retain the layout and names from a failed real estate venture from the 1920s. It wasn't too long ago that a Publix opened and McDonald's became the area's second fast food drive-thru.

"When I drive up and down Gomez Avenue in Hobe Sound, I see dozens of families that I knew growing up that worked hard to provide for their families," Negron said during an interview this week. "When I knock on their doors, it's very rewarding to see kids I grew up with who grew up in families where hard work was a central organizing theme."

Negron, the oldest of seven brothers, said free time meant playing any sport that was offered, from basketball, baseball, golf and tennis to ping pong and street ball.

"If there was a ball and they kept score, the Negrons were interested," Negron said. "We were taught sometimes you win, sometimes you lose. You're gracious in victory and magnanimous in defeat."

But Negron's parents, Joe and Pat, also instilled in him and his brothers a strong work ethic and that "all work should be respected."

"My mother told us we were born to work," Negron said.

That meant part-time jobs after school and in the summer. His father was a middle- and high-school teacher who also ran a cleaning company in which the boys rotated cleaning office buildings in the evening.

Negron attended Stetson University, where he studied political science and worked for the campus newspaper. One summer job was in the Martin County bureau of the Miami Herald. Interested in government service, he also served as an intern for former U.S. Rep. Skip Bafalis, a Republican from West Palm Beach who had earlier put Negron on the Congressional Record mailing list.

"He saw my interest, and he encouraged it," Negron said of Bafalis.

Negron earned his law degree from Emory University and received a Master of Public Administration through a Zuckerman Fellowship that allowed him to attend Harvard University.

As Senate president, Negron will be one of the most powerful political figures in the state during the next two years. His political career, however, has included bumps and setbacks.

In recent years, for example, Negron became locked in a tense battle with Sen. Jack Latvala, R-Clearwater, to become Senate president --- a battle that involved trying to gather enough support from other GOP senators. Negron ultimately won the battle late last year, with Latvala becoming chairman of the powerful Appropriations Committee.

Negron made his first run for the state House at age 28 as a Democrat. At the time, he was a few years into his marriage with his wife, Rebecca --- a future Martin County School Board member who unsuccessfully ran for Congress this year --- while working at a private

law practice in Stuart.

He lost in the primary.

Negron said he then registered with the GOP because "felt more at home with Republicans in Martin County."

"Republicans in Martin County care about the environment," Negron said. "They also believe we have a responsibility to make sure that we live in a supportive community. And most of that is done through the private sector and not-for-profits."

Negron lost GOP runoff contests in 1992 and 1999 before unseating incumbent Rep. Art Argenio, a Republican then living in Hobe Sound, in 2000.

Negron said the defeats gave him "a reasonable view" of himself and "a respect for people who are in the arena, regardless of the outcome."

Once in office, he rose through the House, eventually becoming chairman of the powerful Appropriations Committee. He left the House with a term left in 2006 to pursue a statewide contest for Attorney General.

However, before the primary Negron gave way to the better-financed and politically connected former Congressman Bill McCollum. But Negron wasn't out of the arena long.

That fall, Negron was thrust into the national spotlight when he was selected by local Republican leaders to run in place of Congressman Mark Foley, who stepped down due to a high-profile scandal. Negron replaced Foley after election ballots had already been finalized.

"You talk about being the sacrificial lamb," Pruitt said. "It didn't phase him (Negron) a bit. He took it on and ran with it. And when he lost, and it was not by a lot, he knew it wasn't about him. Campaigns have a way of keeping you very well grounded --- not that Joe Negron needed that."

Pruitt also gave Negron a chance to get back into the state Legislature earlier than planned.

In 2009, Pruitt resigned a year before his term ended, allowing Negron to win a special election and have additional time in the body to gather support for a presidential run.

Negron later went on to become chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee from 2012 to 2014.

As president, Negron has already said he will push to eliminate punitive juvenile-justice laws, boost higher education and seek to reduce discharges of pollution from Lake Okeechobee by directing conservation money to buy sugar farmland for water storage in the Everglades.

Freshman Democratic Sen. Linda Stewart of Orlando pointed to Negron's environmental work as a reason she is encouraged about working with him.

"I'm an environmentalist, so he has those credentials that will be helpful to my ideas," Stewart said.

Negron, however, hasn't always been viewed as a proponent of green causes.

While in the House, the Florida League of Conservation Voters never ranked Negron above 40 percent on its positions, according to the Project Vote Smart web site.

But as water conditions have deteriorated in Martin and St. Lucie counties from polluted releases out Lake Okeechobee, his efforts in the Senate to protect the region have driven up his standing.

His latest efforts include a \$2.4 billion proposal to buy 60,000 acres of land south of the lake. The proposal has already drawn opposition from some lawmakers who would like attention and money for water issues in other parts of the state.

Earlier this year, Negron was behind an effort, known as Legacy Florida, which will set aside up to \$200 million a year for the Everglades, \$50 million annually for the state's natural springs and \$5 million each year for Lake Apopka. In 2014, as the appropriations chairman he secured \$231.9 million for several South Florida water-related projects, including bridging a portion of the Tamiami Trail.

Eric Draper, executive director of Audubon Florida and a lobbyist on environmental causes, said he had a good relationship with Negron while the Republican was in the House.

"The insiders will tell you he's single-mindedly focused on Lake Okeechobee and coastal issues, but I like to think that he might have a broader concern about the environment," Draper said.

CORCORAN LOOKS FOR 'TRANSFORMATIONAL' TIME AS SPEAKER

One of the most memorable speeches by Richard Corcoran, who will officially become speaker of the Florida House next week, had nothing to do with his goals for what the Legislature would achieve. It had everything to do with stopping something he despised.

It was 2015, and the Senate was proposing a variation of Medicaid expansion that Corcoran and many other House Republicans adamantly opposed. In a fiery speech on the House floor, Corcoran made it clear that there would be no compromise.

"They want us to come dance," Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, said. "We're not dancing. We're not dancing this session, we're not dancing next session, we're not dancing next summer."

The House did not dance, the Legislature did not pass a budget on time and a special session was called in June. The health-care legislation that Corcoran denounced never became law.

It was quintessential Corcoran --- determined and willing to do what is necessary to approve what he sees as a good idea, or snuff out what he sees as a bad one. Someone willing to upset the status quo. A change agent, but perhaps in the same way that a wrecking ball is a change agent.

"I don't mean this literally, but he's going to blow the place up," said former lawmaker Mike Fasano, a longtime Corcoran friend who is now Pasco County tax collector. "And I mean that in a good way."

Much remains undefined about Corcoran, but what is known can seem contradictory: the lawmaker who wrapped up the

speakership before his first session, but now vows to shut down early leadership contests; the man who blasts lobbyists, a profession that includes his brother; the insider who expresses disgust at the behavior of the Tallahassee establishment even as he is about to take on one of its most coveted positions.

In some ways, the history of the next two years of the Legislature hinges on answering some of the questions about Corcoran.

"I think he probably will be the most powerful and most influential speaker we've seen in a very, very long time," said Sen. Tom Lee, a Brandon Republican who worked with Corcoran for two years in budget negotiations.

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Corcoran's involvement in the House stretches back a quarter of a century. He began working in the minority office in 1990, back when Republicans seemed almost as hapless as Democrats do now. Eight years later, Corcoran made his first bid for public office --- running for a House seat against Nancy Argenziano, who crushed him by nearly 45 points.

It was a job offer in 2004 that provided Corcoran with his most promising opportunity. He began heading up the political operation for Marco Rubio, who was to become speaker of the House after the 2006 elections. Corcoran then became chief of staff for Rubio.

The political bug didn't go away. Corcoran filed to run in a special election for a Senate seat in 2008 but didn't qualify for the office in the end. Two years later, he won a three-way race in his current House district in Pasco County. By then, Corcoran was already running to be speaker of the House.

He was hardly alone, and rivals who didn't have to worry about contested campaigns got a jump on Corcoran.

"While I was campaigning in what was a very divisive, heavily fought Republican primary, other people were out legitimately campaigning for the office of speaker," Corcoran said. "And so part of me thought that that could be a fairer system."

Corcoran and his allies had tried to get Republicans to commit not to pledge their support early to any candidate for speaker; the idea fizzled. Corcoran won the speaker's race anyway, but the accelerated contest bothered him --- prompting him to get behind an effort now to bar would-be speakers from campaigning before they have served in at least one legislative session.

Regardless of the means, Corcoran was on track to be one of the most powerful figures in state government. And he wasn't done fighting.

Perhaps the best way to try to figure out how Corcoran will deal with the competing interests that buffet any speaker is to look at how he served the past two years as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, a powerful job in charge of drawing up the budget. The budget fight in 2015 was what prompted Corcoran's broadside against the Senate and lobbyists. The quickened cadence, the zero-to-60 quality of Corcoran as he moved from calmness to outrage, the strident tone --- those were the hallmarks of Corcoran's speeches when an issue gets to him.

It was an example of what Corcoran said he has learned from years in the legislative process.

"You ought to know your philosophy, you ought to know what those principles are inside and out, and then you ought to die for them. And by die, I mean a political death," Corcoran said. "No matter how much pressure the special interests (bring), or how much the status quo fights you, you should die for those principles, because that's the only thing that makes our state, our communities and our nation better."

In this year's legislative session, Corcoran addressed another issue that offended his ideology almost as much as Medicaid expansion, when Gov. Rick Scott asked for \$250 million in business incentives. The House, led by Corcoran, didn't bend.

Lee said that many negotiators, after extracting some concessions, would have allowed perhaps \$50 million to go to the effort. But Corcoran wouldn't.

In the end, Fasano said, that stance led to Scott vetoing some local projects for Corcoran's area.

"Richard knew that it was going to happen," Fasano said. "But he also knew that it was more important not to fund a growing corporate welfare program."

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That unyielding quality, though, leads to one potential pitfall for Corcoran as he assumes a role negotiating over the future of the state. While friends and allies generally consider it a positive, they often portray Corcoran as borderline inflexible when it's a core principle at stake.

"When he puts his mind to something, it's very hard for anyone who may be on the other side to change his mind," Fasano said.

But Lee, himself a former Senate president, said Corcoran is not necessarily difficult to deal with.

"For me, it was easy, because I don't like negotiating with people who hide the ball, and Richard Corcoran will not hide the ball," he said. Fasano said he believes Corcoran has realized the need to compromise because of his experience opposite Lee. And former House Speaker Steve Crisafulli, a Merritt Island Republican who was Corcoran's predecessor, said Corcoran is aware that a time for compromise comes. "I believe that he knows --- based on the issue and the timing and how other people are reacting --- when that time is," Crisafulli said.

In the meantime, Corcoran has gotten to work on molding the House to fit how he thinks it should work, and the results have been more in keeping with Corcoran the firebrand than Corcoran the potential dealmaker.

The new House GOP rules on contests to become speaker mark just one angle of his early efforts at overhauling Tallahassee. A draft of the rules for the full House offered by Corcoran and his leadership team would bar lobbyists from texting lawmakers during committee meetings or floor sessions, require lobbyists to disclose specific issues that they are working on and ban House members from flying on planes provided by lobbyists or their clients.

That has sparked criticism that Corcoran is more than a bit hypocritical. His brother, Michael, is a lobbyist, and the speaker is hardly a stranger to raising campaign funds from the special interests he now assails.

There could be a cause and effect, though.

"Because of his years of experience working around the process, I think he's developed a healthy cynicism towards how business is conducted in Tallahassee," Lee said.

Corcoran put it similarly.

"I probably have a pretty good handle on where the process is in need of improvement to ensure that we're absolutely doing the people's work and not others'," he said.

His goals can sound almost grandiose; Corcoran said he hopes for nothing less than "two of the most transformational years in the

history of the state." An overhaul of the judiciary, which Corcoran sees as having overstepped its bounds, and free-market concepts for health care and education are among the top items.

Some of those proposals have been floated before, but Corcoran brushes off the idea that they now have a chance simply because he is one of the most powerful men in the state.

"Here's what you can never do: You can never keep a good idea down," he said. "Speakers come and go, Senate presidents come and go, legislators come and go, but you can never stop a good idea."

But bad ideas, however defined, can also be difficult to kill in Tallahassee. Lee said that to do that, Corcoran wouldn't be bothered by a late finish to the budget or a summer special session --- something speakers and Senate presidents generally strive to avoid.

"What would bother Richard Corcoran," Lee said, "would be capitulating to a bad set of ideas to get out on time."

AIRPORT GUN MEASURE RETURNS FOR 2017

Rep. Jake Raburn, R-Lithia, has relaunched an effort to allow people to bring guns into airport terminals. Raburn filed a bill (HB 6001) on Wednesday that would change the areas of airports where people are prohibited from carrying weapons or firearms. State law currently bans guns from being brought into the passenger terminal of any airport. The proposal, filed for the 2017 legislative session, wouldn't allow guns to be carried into parts of airports prohibited by federal law. A similar measure was filed during this year's session, but it did not pass.

Raburn's proposal is among several gun-related proposals expected to resurface during the 2017 session, which begins in March. Lawmakers have already indicated plans to revive a measure that would allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to carry guns on college and university campuses, as well as a separate proposal that would let license holders openly display sidearms in public.

CORCORAN OPENS FIRE AS HE BECOMES HOUSE SPEAKER

New House Speaker Richard Corcoran began his two years as the leader of the chamber Tuesday with a round of rhetorical bombardments, lacerating Florida's main teachers union for an "evil" lawsuit while laying down an unyielding stance on budget negotiations.

In a speech during the House's organization session and remarks later to reporters, Corcoran displayed the pugnacious manner and determination that have become his hallmarks and are already raising the odds of a noisy and potentially chaotic legislative session next year.

He attacked the teachers union, the Florida Education Association, for legally challenging a voucher-like program that offers tax credits to businesses that pay for children to attend private schools. He also ruled out considering small-bore budget projects, which often play a key role in easing compromises on other legislative issues, unless the proposals are filed by the first day of the spring session. And he threatened to call out local governments that spend heavily on lobbyists in Tallahassee.

The remarks added a charge to the usually placid organization session, marked by the pageantry of new lawmakers being sworn in and new leaders taking their positions.

Perhaps the most unexpected move by Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, was to call on the Florida Education Association to drop its suit against the voucher-like program. The lawsuit argues that the program drains money that otherwise would go to public schools and is unconstitutional for the same reasons that the Florida Supreme Court struck down a previous voucher scheme.

Corcoran asked Democrats to join Republicans in condemning the legal challenge and asking the FEA, a staunch ally of the Democratic Party, to stop the case.

"The teachers union is fixated on halting innovation and competition in education," Corcoran said. "They are literally trying to destroy the lives of 100,000 children. Most of them are minorities, and all of them are poor. ... It is downright evil."

Later, speaking to reporters, Corcoran said the FEA's idea of what constituted fair treatment of educational options is "some subjective, crazy-ass notion that they have that is completely false."

The challenge to buck the FEA surprised some House Democrats, including Minority Leader Janet Cruz of Tampa.

"It was aggressive," Cruz said. "I didn't expect to hear any of that today, and I didn't expect for teachers to be villainized. ... I certainly don't think that teachers are evil. I think that teachers are amazing, and I was disappointed to hear that."

Democratic leaders issued a statement Tuesday afternoon reiterating their support for the lawsuit.

In a post on Facebook, FEA President Joanne McCall asked supporters to call Corcoran's office and ask the speaker to meet McCall. She said the teachers union was "going high as he goes low."

"The Florida Education Association firmly believes that people of opposing views should always engage in civil debate on issues," McCall said in a statement issued by the union. "We would welcome the opportunity to discuss with Speaker Corcoran the reasons FEA has engaged the court in the voucher program. We are here when and if the speaker would like to hear from us."

Corcoran also repeated his pledge not to accept any spending projects that are not filed as House bills by the first day of session. He said the rule, also adopted Tuesday by the House, would help combat an "epidemic level" of budget earmarks.

"No longer will we have to tolerate last-minute appropriations being stuck into our budget with little or no public scrutiny, in the waning hours of session, literally written on the back of a napkin that they got from the bar the night before," Corcoran told the House.

Those earmarks, though, can make it easier for lawmakers to close up work on the annual spending plan and resolve controversies that are often tied to it in the final days of the session. Corcoran suggested to reporters that he was willing to compromise, but only to a point.

"Gridlock in essence doesn't help anybody," he said. "Unless it's gridlock over something that is a diametrical opposition to the principles that you know would make society, Floridians or the nation great. That's not gridlock, that's statesmanship."

Senate President Joe Negron, R-Stuart, said Tuesday that he would advise senators to find House members to support their projects. But Negron said that was customary even before Corcoran's latest proposals.

And while Negron said he didn't think the difference would be insurmountable, he made it clear the Senate would not necessarily strictly follow the House's lead.

"On the Senate side, we're not going to shut down the appropriations process on the (first) day of session," he said. "We have tens of thousands of our constituents who come to Tallahassee during session to bring us all kinds of ideas, some which relate to the budget. And I think it's perfectly appropriate for the Senate during the legislative session to make decisions on items that will be included in the budget and, by the way, things that will be stricken from the budget."

Corcoran also suggested to reporters that he has sweeping plans for a new requirement that lobbyists turn over to the House any contracts related to their work for local governments.

Corcoran, whose brother is a lobbyist, has taken a hard line on restricting contact and interactions between House members and the lobbying corps.

"Now we'll have all these contracts of all these governmental entities and hopefully coming soon is the top 10 list of everything you could imagine: top 10 biggest spenders, top 10 lobbyists who get taxpayer money, top 10 county commissioners who let lobbyists do their job because they stink --- all of that's coming soon," he said.

The legislative session begins March 7.

Bill that was filed in the Florida Senate **LAWMAKER WANTS MORE RECESS TIME FOR STUDENTS**

Elementary school children would have 20 minutes of "unstructured, free-play" recess each day under a bill filed Tuesday by state Sen. Anitere Flores, R-Miami. Flores' bill (SB 78) revives a debate about elementary students needing more free play time, in addition to regular physical education classes. Her bill would require each school district to provide "at least 100 minutes of supervised, safe, and unstructured free-play recess" each week or 20 consecutive minutes per day for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. The free-play recess would be in addition to the requirement that school districts provide 150 minutes of "physical education" each week for students in K-5 and sixth-grade students who are in schools that contain one or more elementary classes. Similar legislation failed to pass in the 2016 session. If approved by the 2017 Legislature, the free-play recess requirement would take effect with the school year beginning in August 201



Here is a Photo of VP Elect Pence riding with ABATE of Indiana President Jay Jackson. Jay said that they get him out for a ride when his schedule allows. Pence is on the red bike on the left

FPL CUSTOMERS TO SEE HIGHER ELECTRIC BILLS

THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, November 28, 2016..... State regulators Tuesday unanimously approved a settlement agreement that includes \$811 million in base-rate increases for customers of Florida Power & Light --- with \$400 million slated to take effect Jan. 1.

FPL, which early this year proposed \$1.3 billion in rate increases, negotiated the settlement with representatives of consumers and two business groups. The Florida Public Service Commission approved the agreement despite continuing objections from the senior-advocacy group AARP and the Sierra Club.

Base rates make up a major portion of electric customers' monthly bills, with other portions involving costs such as power-plant fuel. A common industry benchmark is a residential customer who uses 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity a month. With the settlement approved Tuesday and other changes, such FPL customers will see their bills go from \$91.56 to \$99.02 in January, according to information from the utility. Those bills are estimated to go to \$102.50 in January 2018 and \$103.70 when the Okeechobee County plant starts operating, projected for June 2019.

The Public Service Commission spends months on base-rate cases, with staff members and commissioners wading through extensive financial and technical information and holding hearings --- a process in the FPL case that Commissioner Jimmy Patronis likened to a "meat grinder."

But the settlement agreement, announced in October, cut short some of the decisions regulators would have been forced to make about FPL's original proposal for a larger rate increase. Commission Chairwoman Julie Brown said the agreement will provide "predictability" for consumers.

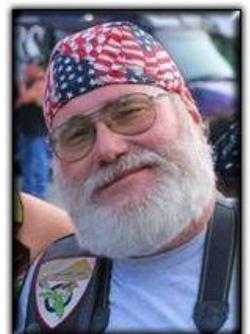
"Taken as a whole, and given the amount of broad support across the customer groups that signed on, the settlement I do believe produces rates that are fair, just and reasonable and are clearly in the public interest," Brown said

TOUGHER TEXTING WHILE DRIVING LAW SOUGHT

A **Broward County Democrat** wants lawmakers in 2017 to toughen the state's ban on **texting** while driving, though similar proposals in the past have repeatedly been rejected. Rep. Richard Stark, D-Weston, filed a bill (HB 47) on Wednesday that would allow police to pull over motorists for **texting** while driving. Under current law, motorists can only be cited for **texting** while driving if they have been pulled over for other reasons --- what is known as a "secondary" offense. Also, Stark's bill would double fines for **texting** while driving in designated school zones or school crossings. The bill is filed for the session that will start in March.

WHAT SHOULD ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. HAVE ON IT'S LELISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THIS YEAR?

I wrote the first paragraph and now this finish one. The rest came from Darin "Scribe" Books, State Legislative and VP. Doc has said he will again attempt to get us the money from motorcycle registrations to be used for safety programs that we have lost for the past several years. He is prepared to fight any mandatory helmet bill. Other than that as he has always said it is up to the delegation and members as to what we work for. Do we continue with the "stiffer penalties" vulnerable road users bill? As I have written in past Legislative Reports, it seems that everyone seems to think such "accidents" are nobodies fault, that drivers are not responsible for their driving. So I feel that someone would be not responsible then if their gun when off or their driving under influence killing someone because it was an "accident" with such thinking. Why work for a law that doubtfully ever be used by police? We talked about what we should do and the last paragraph on tougher texting law was brought up. I really think mandatory driver education, including all drivers, should be an item. What do you think? Send any ideals before the December 10 State meeting to Kenny or me to bring up there. Bikeronlineguide@gmail.com and ken5113fl@att.net - Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson



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American 'Road Rash Queen' to push motorcycle safety message in Richmond

CHERIE SIVIGNON Last updated 10:50, November 10 2016³



Brittany Morrow spent months in hospital and received skin grafts on more than 50 per cent of her body. KEVIN STENT/FAIRFAX NZ

American motorcyclist Brittany Morrow lost so much skin when she was catapulted from the back of a bike in 2005, her thighs were the only places doctors could harvest the healthy tissue needed for grafts.

"I didn't even have enough skin to graft all of my wounds at once," she says in an article she wrote about her experience.

Morrow, who is known as the Road Rash Queen, spent months in hospital and received skin grafts on more than 50 per cent of her body. The huge response to her story prompted Morrow to become an advocate for motorcycle safety, urging riders and passengers to wear all the safety gear every time they get on a bike.

On the day she got hurt, Morrow was wearing jeans and a sweatshirt over her bikini along with tennis shoes and an oversized helmet. She was on the back of her friend's sport bike when the helmet's visor snapped open and the force from the wind sent her head up and backwards, ripping her body off the seat.

"When I hit the ground, it was as if every breath I had ever taken rushed out of me in an instant," Morrow says. "I could feel every inch of my body hitting the road."

Nelson-Tasman motorcyclists can hear Morrow's story first hand when she arrives in Richmond next Friday to speak at Club Waimea from 6pm.

Organised by Top of the South, a group involving the Tasman, Nelson and Marlborough councils along with the New Zealand Transport Agency, Morrow's talk is one of two free events for motorcyclists next weekend.

On Saturday, American motorcycle tuner Dave Moss will share some of the knowledge he has gained in 20 years of testing and tuning. From 10am to 1pm in the car park at Speight's Ale House in Nelson, Moss will outline fundamental information for riders about their bikes. His speciality is setting up motorcycles according to the riders' weight, type of use, riding style and ability.

TDC road safety co-ordinator Krista Hobday said the Nelson-Tasman region had a large number of motorcyclists. The region was also a popular destination for riders from other districts.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/nelson-mail/news/86164114/american-road-rash-queen-to-push-motorcycle-safety-message-in-richmond>

ABATE Palm Beach Chapter Meeting Minutes November 20, 2016

Meeting Called to order at 11:37AM 17 Members Present 0 Guest Present

Meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence

PRESIDENT: Thanked everyone for showing for the meeting. Discussion was had and a motion was made. Voted on and passed to keep our chapters original logo. Discussion of patches and stickers to be ordered.

VICE PRESIDENT: Nothing to report.

SECRETARY: Asked if anyone had any objections to last month's meeting minutes as published in chapter newsletter. There were none.

TREASURER: Chapter is in good standing.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership is at 166 members.

SARGENT AT ARMS: Excused.

SAFETY: Listed local events safety is planning to set up at. Will do PB Harley once a month

DELEGATE: State meeting to be held December 10 at Gator Alley Chapter.

LEGISLATIVE: Elections are over. Dan has contacted all local reps to set up meetings.

PR/COMMUNICATIONS: All is well

PRODUCTS: Excused but were available for purchase at meeting. Blowout sale on T shirts continues on, \$5 each while supplies last. Bikers Lives Matter patches to be ordered from state

NEWSLETTER: We need more advertisers.

OLD BUSINESS: Chapter event. Deb is working on vendors and door prizes. Also more door prizes were asked for.

NEW BUSINESS: Volunteers will be needed to help out at our event.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: There will be no more red light cameras in Boynton Beach after January 50/50 was called and won by Hamish who donated his winnings to the chapter.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:31pm



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After the meeting several of us when over to the Belles Motor Madness at the White Elephant in the old Wellington Mall



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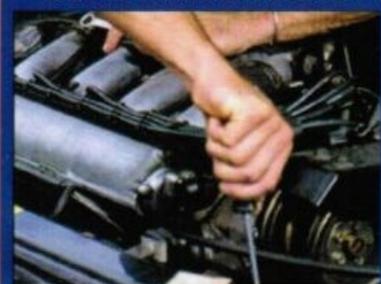


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REQUIREMENTS—must be at least 18 years of age. It does not matter what you or even if you ride. You can be an independent or member of a club or association. All are welcome at meetings.

JOIN FOR THE CAUSE. Everything is voluntary, we understand work and family comes first. We hope you can help in any small way, vote and spread the word. \$20 for Year or \$600 Life which is split between chapter and state.

BENEFITS Your money is used to provide a lobbyist to the state and federal government to watch for our rights and freedom. You get a State *MasterLink* newsletter every 2 months when we bring back from State meeting or read it online. The chapter newsletter is available online at palmbeach.abateflorida.com so is in color and with active Internet links. We print black and white copies for the general public to be informed available at various establishments, chapter meetings, and our table at events. Members get free classified and reduced ad rates.

INSURANCE As an active member in good standing you have a \$4,000 **Accidental Death and Dismemberment** policy from American Income Life. You will get a card in the mail from state office to register your beneficiary for ADD insurance. Do NOT mail it, just be sure your family knows about the policy. If you send it in and they try to meet to sell you more so only if you are interested in more insurance. If they bother you contact our State Office to have it stopped. You can mail to the office as Registered letter to have it done when you family notifies. Be sure to renew in time so are always covered! It does not have to be a motorcycle accident.

MOTORCYCLE INSURANCE ABATE of FL. Inc. Palm Beach Chapter members can get an insurance discount with Leslie Kay Progressive insurance company. Contact them for a quote 1-866-367-1788 www.LeslieKays.com The \$3000 accessory package is normal. The State has arranged with Coastal Insurance Company to offer ABATE members up to 10% discount and \$3000 parts and accessories coverage. They are at 190 Hwy A1A Suite, Satellite Beach FL 32937. Agent Doug Guido's phone is 888-596-2453. So these are two more options to compare with your company

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EMAILINGS If we have your email address it will be added to a mass mailing which you can opt to be removed at end of email. Usually only do twice a month to let you know our Newsletter is online and remind you of chapter meetings. Local events are included and sometimes urgent matters may be included. No one will see your email

PHONE TEXT WE have another way to communicate with members. Your phone number may be added to our President's text alert system

To change or add the chapter email is palmbeach.abateflorida@gmail.com Our website is palmbeach.abateflorida.com
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Another benefit of chapter membership in ABATE of FL Palm Beach is having a free business card in newsletter and free newsletter classified for items to sell or acquire. Support your brothers and sisters when possible, Besides a \$4,000 ADD insurance policy, discount Leslie Kay insurance, we are looking into other benefits for members. We are always in need of more paid advertisers so find any business to benefit from our low rates and support our newsletter and chapter.

A.D.D. INSURANCE POLICY UPDATE

We all realize the \$4,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance policy is one of the best benefits of being an ABATE member. That is one reason to keep your membership up to date. You MUST name someone to get the money in case of death to prevent taxes and being in probate court. So when you receive the yellow card mailed from our state office, you can complete it and mail to insurance company. Most likely an agent will contact you even if you said not to. If they do be, SURE to get their name and number upfront. They do NOT need to visit you even to deliver the certificate. If they insist or get push, contact ABATE of FL. main office and report it but you MUST have the agents' name and number for action to be taken. Otherwise you may just return the completed yellow card to ABATE to have on file. Then be sure your survivors know to contact ABATE for the benefits.

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Membership Dues: \$20 for 1 year or \$600 for Life Membership per person

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Next Palm Beach Chapter Meeting VFW POST 4143

3rd Sunday Dec. 18, 2016 11:30 am

Directions: 2404 Broadway (US1), Riviera Beach - Exit I-95 at Blue Heron Blvd, go east to Broadway (US1) turn south and is 1 block on east side. **Bike Parking is on south side of building.**

Come early, enjoy a good breakfast deal and socialize with other members.

GOALS & PURPOSES OF ABATE

- 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.