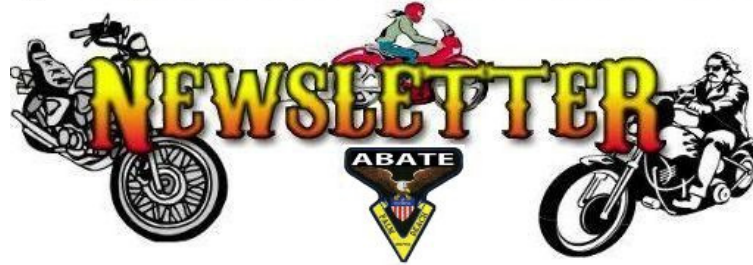


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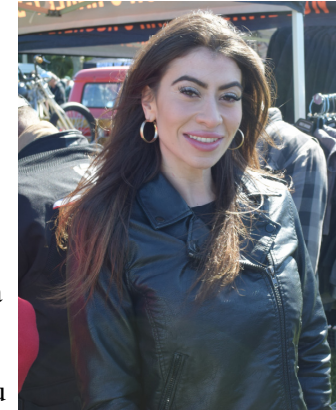
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President's Message

Dan "Slo Motion" Henderson

This month's cover is graced by Amanda who I met at the Dania Beach Vintage Motorcycle Show. She was working at the Peterson's Harley tent. I had a nice talk with this charming young lady.



EDITORIAL GUIDELINES

You are encouraged to submit letters about ABATE related to events, articles, photographs, commentaries, etc. Please do not submit slanderous nor accusing letters, profanity nor nudity. Abate of Florida, Inc., will not accept any advertising that discriminates against any type of motorcyclist

We have our chapter elections coming in June. Nomination will be at the April and May meetings, with the election in June. You can nominate yourself if interested in a position. To learn what they do go to state forms page to read and learn about duties <https://abatefloridainc.com/2021-forms> you might have to sign into page for access.

These videos have replaced the Leadership seminars we used to have in July. We used to have a requirement for Board members to have to have attended several State meetings, that is a good thing to do to learn how ABATE of Florida Inc. does business. April is the next State meeting hosted by Treasure Coast. That is one that is good to travel to as up and back on same day. Your membership must be up to date to run and vote.

We have a date for our May is Motorcycle Month event, Sunday May 8. How we just need a place. However Snooze brought up that is Mother's Day so we were able to change date to the 22nd

2nd Friday night is bike Night at Ink Link/Rack' n Balls Pub. They do for various groups and might do benefit for us

Ron (Bobby Walmart) has gotten more information on the Poker event. He has it at Connelly's 441 and Belvedere as they have done before so a good base. The date will be Sunday April 10 starting at noon. So good that state meetin is close on the 9th so can do both.



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UPCOMING Event Schedule All events subject to change

Tuesday Bike Nights L.O.F. Motorsports Jupiter Stadium Grill

Wednesday Bike Night Gorilla Motors at Johnny Qs

Saturday nights Fly n Wheels Open House

Thursdays Pirates Well Bike Night 7 pm A1A Lake Park

March 4 to 13 Daytona Bikeweek

March 5 & 6 Palm Beach Harley Customer Appreciation 11 am to 4 pm

Thursday March 10 Bike night at Handlebars (old Judy's A1A) Tequesta

Friday March 11 Ink Link/Rack' n Balls Pub Bike Night 7pm to 11pm

Friday March 11 AOA WPB Open House 8pm -?

Saturday March 12 PH Harley Grill and Chill and Bike Wash 12-5

Thursday March 17 Palm Beach Harley St. Paddy's Bike Bash,, Bikini Competition 6-9

Friday March 18 Black Piston's WPB Open House

March 18 &19 ABATE Estero River Legendary Party

Sat. 19 Palm Beach Harley Daytona Open House 12-5

3rd Sunday March 20 Palm Beach Chapter Meeting ABATE of FL. Inc. 12:30pm

Johnny Q's 3801 10th Ave. N, Palm Springs

Sunday March 20 Palm Beach Harley Daytona party 12-5

Friday March 25 Lone Legion WPB Open House

Saturday Feb. .26 Palm Beach Harley Grill and Chill 12-5

Thursday. March 31 PBHD Backstage Party 6-9

Thursday March 31 Ralph's Bike Night

FIRST ANNUAL

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ABATE of Florida, Inc. Mission Statement

WHO WE ARE

We are a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts from all walks of life. We lobby and educate the government and the general public to promote motorcycling in a safe and positive image. We endeavor to enlist the cooperation and participation of all organizations and individuals that share a similar interest in preserving our American tradition of FREEDOM. We promote motorcycle safety, training, & political awareness. We ARE NOT A CLUB NOR A GANG. We fund our work through events, toy runs, poker runs, campouts, and other motorcycle activities. We are your neighbors & friends who work, pay taxes, and get involved with our community. We serve and support our country and believe in freedom. We use all legal means to protect our rights without infringing on the rights of others. We are Pro-choice NOT anti-helmet, it is up to you to decide.

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.

MEMBERSHIP

When you become a member of ABATE OF FLORIDA, INC. you are helping make a difference in the ongoing mission to protect your right to ride and enjoy the motorcycle of your choice, your choice of riding apparel, and when and where you can ride a motorcycle. These are issues that are real and present in today's "protect yourself from yourself" political environment. This holds true for all levels of government. There will always be those who see our love for motorcycling as a negative and will try any means to control and if possible prohibit motorcycle use.

On the local level our members get out to 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).

As one can see we have our ear to the ground and our resolve tempered like steel. As Americans we have had it demonstrated to us time and again the vigilance is armor of free men and women. We shall not let the armor rust or weaken. With your support we can re-enforce and strengthen the armor for now and generations to come.

What else do you get with your membership? All members receive with their paid membership, the Membership Card, Event Discounts and Updates, Voting Privileges, Free Newsletter Classified Advertisements, a Chapter Newsletter, and a free \$4,000 Accidental Death or Dismemberment Insurance Policy from the American Income Life Insurance Company.

Memberships are open to anyone 18 years of age or older, no matter what type of motorcycle you ride, if any at all! We welcome all riders—in clubs, associations, independents, and sport riders to join us.

RENEWAL REMINDERS

One membership concern is that we have lost a lot of members due to their not be aware of renewal dates. It has been many years since we did mailings, sometimes due to money issues. So Jeff will be working with Debbi to rebuilt this campaign. It was discussed and decided to bring back the newsletter notification last. Life members will not be on this list but will be told of changes and to be sure ADD beneficiary forms are on file at State office IMPORTANT to have active membership for this accident insurance and updated forms. Another reason not to be on list are members who aren't aware they have expired I have already found that several members at last meeting were not on active list. I think I know of others so working to let them know. **Membership expires on the last day of the Month/Year column.**

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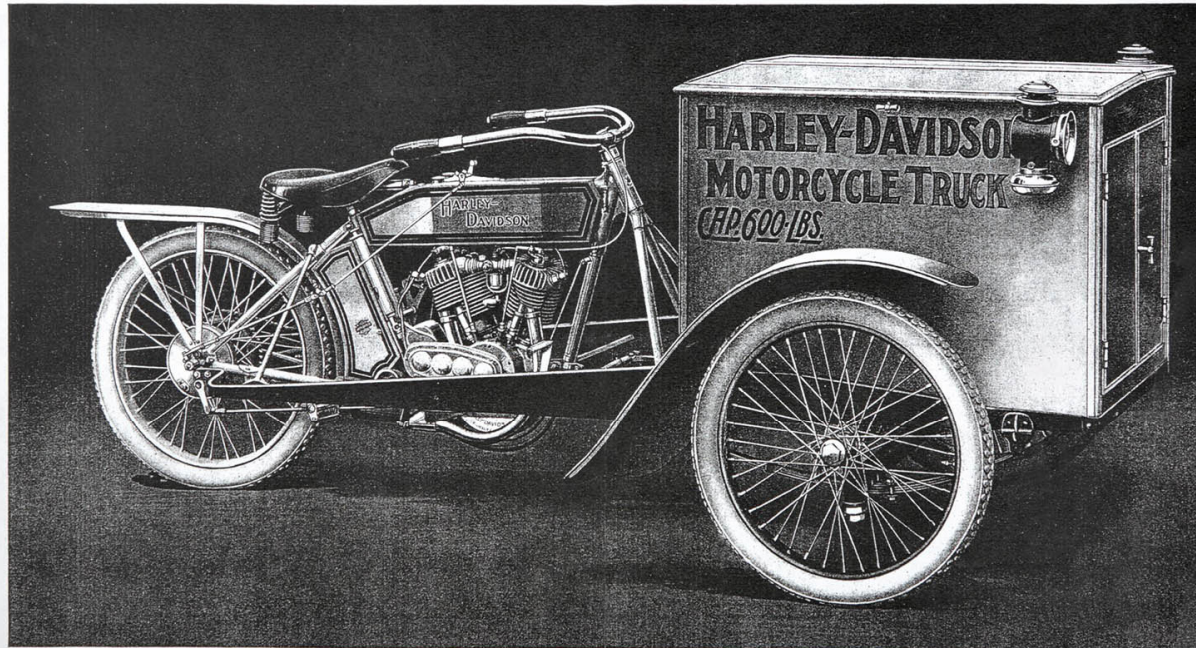
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Help to remind members to renew to keep their ADD insurance active. Tell them of the change in chapter meetings. Everyone's help is needed for membership.

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Calling a film a “documentary” can typecast the thing as a dry, unimaginative recitation of facts, figures, dates, and times. Such is not the case with *Walter: The Missing Link —Discovery of a Centennial Motorcycle*.

This latest release from writer/director/producer James Cutting is an absorbing account of the long history, preservation, recovery, and restoration of a 1913 Harley-Davidson 9G Forecar, eventually named Walter.

The film provides an overview of three-wheeled vehicles and various configurations that have been used. From that technical introduction to where the Forecar fit in, the history specific to Walter is recalled.

This particular machine was purchased new by Lemke Electric of Milwaukee—one of Harley-Davidson’s original equipment suppliers for electrical components—which Lemke delivered in their new Forecar.

The next owner was Joe “Ally” Schuster, a skilled mechanic who owned Schuster’s Garage, who had long-held plans for the complete restoration of the machine. As is often the case for such projects, day-to-day life got in the way, and the Forecar sat in the

haymow of a barn for 40 years.

Finally, in 1964, Schuster and his old friend Rich Dickinson got the machine out of the haymow and began the restoration process in earnest. About that time, word of the existence of a 9G model Forecar reached Walter C. Davidson—of the founding Davidson family—at Harley-Davidson.

Given the fact that up until that time, even Harley-Davidson experts believed that none of the 9G Forecar models survived, Davidson was extremely interested in Schuster's project. Acquiring it became an objective for Davidson, so he invited Joe Schuster and grandson, Mike, to visit the Harley-Davidson offices and plant in Milwaukee.

After being given the facility tour and the royal treatment overall, Davidson got down to business, offering Joe \$20,000 cash, any brand-new Harley-Davidson motorcycle he wanted, and any accessories and apparel he wanted in exchange for his Forecar—as is.

Tempting as the offer must have been, Joe declined, explaining that he planned to complete the restoration with grandson Mike. That level of commitment to the project by Joe resulted in Mike carrying the project on with equal devotion after Joe's death in 1967.

Cutting reveals the remarkable work done by Mike and the many skilled artisans he brought in on the restoration project over the next 20 years. There were also some interesting turns with a bit of mystery in the story concerning parts and components—the Troxel leather saddle, for example.

Sometime early in Walter's history, the original leather spring saddle went missing—presumed stolen. Years later, the saddle was returned—in near-new condition—becoming one of the few components in the build that needed virtually no additional repair work and with no definitive explanation for its disappearance.

In 2000, Mike was diagnosed with cancer, and the resulting medical costs forced him to consider selling the Forecar. He began seeking advice and appraisals on the potential value of the machine. Estimates ranged from \$600,000 to \$1.2 million, even though the vehicle had not yet been fully reassembled.

During this process, Mike met several key people in the eventual sale of the machine, and it became known to producer Cutting. Indeed, it was Cutting who suggested the nickname "Walter" for the historic Harley-Davidson and helped locate a new owner.

In a unique twist in the reassembly part of the story, Mike was given an area in the Washington County Historical Society Museum to complete the reassembly process in full view of the public.

In 2013, as part of the Harley-Davidson 110th Anniversary celebration in Milwaukee, Walter was displayed at the H-D Museum. From 2014 through 2018, Walter was on display at the National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa, Iowa.

In 2018, classic motorcycle broker Glen Bator of Bator International was brought in to assist with the sale of Walter. The following year, Walter's sale to Nick Felgate of Calgary was concluded, but that wasn't the end of the story.

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Up to this point, despite being physically reassembled and mechanically complete as original, Mike Schuster had decided not to start that incredibly rare engine during his time as owner.

The Felgates, as the new owners, felt it would truly bring Walter's story to a fitting conclusion if the machine could be restored to running status. In yet another ironic twist to the tale, the original Bosch magneto was found to need rebuilding—it was one of the types of electrical components Lemke Electric would have used Walter to



deliver to the Harley-Davidson plant back in its working days! Thanks to some cross-border heroics, a rebuilt Bosch ZEV magneto was procured on short notice and installed. With Mike Schuster doing the honors on the pedal-starter, the ancient engine fired to life once more.

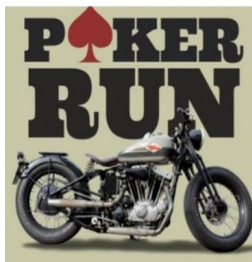
*Walter: The Missing Link —
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includes comments on the machine by numerous figures, including Jay Leno, and presents the story of a one-of-a-kind machine, its long, winding road to restoration, and its place in the history of a community, a company, and a family.

While you can download the movie, or buy the DVD or Blu-ray Disc, if you want to watch *Walter: The Missing Link —Discovery of a Centennial Motorcycle* on the big screen, the documentary will be shown at the Barrymore Theater in Madison, Wisc., as part of The Slimey Crud Motorcycle Gang Film Festival in the Spring of 2022

<https://ultimatemotorcycling.com/2022/01/01/walter-the-missing-link-review-harley-davidson-motorcycle-doco/>

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The helmet behind the bike is a universal sign
Biker in Distress....

Seen this on a group page and couldn't believe
how many didn't know this. Thought I would
share



DELEGATE REPORT

Our last state meeting was in Monticello This was my first as a fill in delegate. We had a good ride going up. We joined members from the Southeast and Lighthouse chapters.

Nominations for state officers were held. The sitting board was nominated to remain in position. There will be another nomination held at the next meeting if any one wants to run.

We discussed the bills we are putting forward: GB 743 vulnerable road users bill and HB 2573 ABATE safety and education bill. We were urged to reach out to our representatives to ask for their consideration.

The state party is still in the planning phase. The location is still uncertain. More will be discussed at the next meeting.

I was given gun raffle tickets for the drawing in December. See Dan, Snooze or me for tickets.

There was discussion to see if there was interest in an ABATE motorcycle tag.

This was my first ride to the Capitol. It was a great experience! We had a police escort that made the ride awesome. We had a memorial service on the Capitol steps to honor Members that have passed. The weather was a bit cool but well worth it. There were members staying until Tuesday to ask for consideration of our bills to be brought forward.

Ride safe! Ride smart!

Jeff

STATE MEETINGS

Host Chapter & Location

2022 State Meetings

April 9 Treasure Coast
June 19 Forest Ft McCoy
Aug. 21 Ft. McCoy State
Oct. 16 Lake
Dec. 18 Gator Alley

ABATE of FL Inc. Palm Beach Chapter

GBNF

Ed "Gunner" Bassett
 Frank "Pipes" Cook
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 Danny Palm
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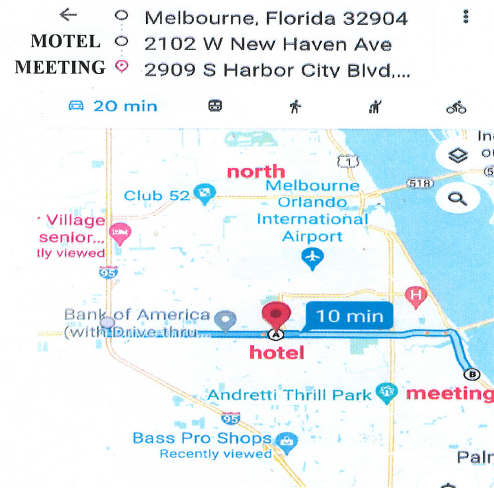
State Meeting

Saturday, April 9, 2022

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Board Meeting @ 12:00 PM

Delegates Meeting @ 2:00 PM



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WEEKLY EVENTS

Subject to change and updates due to COVID and Govt mandates

Tues Jupiter Stadium Grill LOF Motorsports Bike Night

Wed Bike Night with Gorilla Motors Johnny Q's 6:30- 10 3801 19th Ave N Palm Springs FL

Thursdays Pirates Well Bike Night 9477 Alt. A1A Lake Park 7pm
2nd Thurs Handlebars US1 Tequesta 6 PM (old Judy's)
3rd Thurs Palm Beach Harley and Treasure Coast Harley dealerships Bike Nights
Last Thurs Underground Cycles Ralph's Bike Night Jupiter

1st Fri Enforcers MC Party (?)
2nd Fri Ink Link bight night
2nd Fri AOA WPB Open House
3rd Fri Black Pistons WPB Open House
3rd Fri Outcast MC Hang Out 656 MLK Jr Blvd Riviera Bch 8PM
4th Fri Lone Legion MC Brotherhood Open House

SAT night Fly 'n Wheels Open House
Sat PBH Abacoa Concert Series 7:30 to 10 pm
SAT Palm Beach Harley Grill Days events and bikini bike washes

SUNDAY usually something at Palm Beach Harley
3rd Sunday ABATE Palm Beach meeting 12:30 Johnny Q's 3801 19th Ave N Palm Springs FL



ABATE of FL Inc. PALM BEACH CHAPTER

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- 3rd Sunday Apr. 17
- 3rd Sunday May 15
- 3rd Sunday June 19
- 3rd Sunday July 17
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- 3rd Sunday Sept. 18
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10 Big Issues at Session Halftime By Jim Saunders

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Legislature's 60-day session reached its halfway point Wednesday. Here are snapshots of 10 big issues in the session:

— **ABORTION:** The Republican-controlled House and Senate are moving forward with a proposal that would prevent physicians from providing abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy. The heavily debated proposal is similar to a Mississippi law that is being reviewed by the U.S. Supreme Court.

— **BUDGET:** Flush with cash from federal stimulus money and higher-than-expected state tax collections, lawmakers appear headed toward passing a record budget for the fiscal year that will start July 1. The Senate last week rolled out a \$108.6 billion proposal, while the House proposed a \$105.3 billion spending plan.

— **EDUCATION:** Some of the session's fiercest debates are playing out on education bills, including House and Senate measures that involve how race-related issues are taught in schools — an outgrowth of Gov. Ron DeSantis' push to prevent teaching of critical race theory. Lawmakers also could address school discussions about sexual orientation and gender identity.

— **ELECTIONS:** The House and Senate have started moving forward with proposals that include adding steps for voting by mail and creating a state office to investigate alleged election irregularities.

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Republicans contend the bills would help curb fraud, while Democrats say they would make it harder for people to vote.

— **HEALTH CARE AND COVID-19:** Senate Republicans appear poised to approve the confirmation of state Surgeon General Joseph Ladapo, who has drawn heavy opposition from Democrats because of his views on COVID-19. Lawmakers also are looking at issues such as staffing standards for nursing homes, which face worker shortages.

— **IMMIGRATION:** In a priority of DeSantis, Republican lawmakers are pursuing bills that seek to boost immigration enforcement and penalize companies that transport undocumented immigrants into Florida. Opponents contend, in part, that the bills could prevent unaccompanied immigrant children from being brought into Florida for care and shelter.

— **INSURANCE:** With homeowners seeing hefty rate increases or losing policies, it remains unclear how lawmakers will address problems in the property-insurance system. A Senate proposal, in part, targets roof-damage claims that insurers blame for increased costs. A House proposal focuses on issues related to the state-backed Citizens Property Insurance Corp.

— **LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:** Calling it the “Local Business Protection Act,” the Senate passed a bill that could lead to businesses filing lawsuits against cities and counties if ordinances cause lost profits of 15 percent or more. The issue, which has drawn heavy attention from local governments, is pending in House committees.

— **REDISTRICTING:** Lawmakers have passed new maps for state House and Senate districts as part of the once-a-decade reapportionment process. But a map for congressional districts remains in limbo after the DeSantis administration offered a proposal that includes revamping a North Florida district that was designed to help elect Black candidates.

— **TAXES:** Lawmakers near the end of the legislative session will likely agree on a tax-cut package, though it remains unclear whether they will approve a DeSantis proposal to suspend gasoline taxes for five months starting July 1. Lawmakers are looking at increasing the homestead property-tax exemption for teachers, military members and first responders.

Advances: Week of February 28, 2022

TALLAHASSEE --- Net metering probably isn't a kitchen-table issue for most Floridians.

But it has become one of the most heavily debated issues of the 2022 legislative session, as the rooftop-solar industry and environmental groups try to fend off net-metering bills that are moving through the House and Senate.

The issue involves the interplay between utilities and rooftop solar owners, including credits that utilities provide for electricity generated by rooftop solar systems. The short version of the complicated issue is that the House and Senate bills would require revamping rules for the credits.

The rooftop-solar industry and environmental groups say the changes would lead to homeowners being less likely to see financial advantages of installing systems — and would damage the industry.

But supporters of the changes contend that the state's current rules result in people without rooftop solar systems subsidizing rooftop-solar owners. That argument stems, at least in part, from utilities continuing to face overall costs of operating the electrical grid.

The debate will play out again Tuesday, when the House bill (HB 741) is expected to be heard on the House floor. Meanwhile, the Senate version (SB 1024) is scheduled to be heard Tuesday in the Rules Committee.

Backroom Briefing: No Challenges, Yet

News Service of Florida By Jim Turner

TALLAHASSEE --- House Speaker Chris Sprowls revealed Tuesday as he announced that legislative redistricting plans had not drawn any challenges at the Florida Supreme Court.

At the end of a House floor session, Sprowls said he hoped people who argued the state House and Senate maps are unconstitutional “will acknowledge the mistake that they made.”

“There were those who said that our state House map was gerrymandered,” Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, said. “They said that it was wildly unconstitutional. That the map was indefensible. More disturbing, insinuations were made that called into question the integrity of some of our members, and worse, some of our staff who worked on the redistricting maps.”

“Not a single brief, I repeat, not a single brief, challenging the state legislative maps has been filed with the Florida Supreme Court,” Sprowls continued. “I’d be a little remiss if I didn’t put a little more emphasis on that. Not a single group, not a single individual, challenged a single House district in the Florida Supreme Court. Not one solitary argument was presented to challenge our maps before the court. And I would note that the court are the final arbiters of whether our maps comply with ... the Florida Constitution.”

Lawmakers early this month approved the House and Senate maps (SJR 100) as part of the once-a-decade reapportionment process, which in the past has sparked fierce legal battles. Without challenges filed at the Supreme Court by a Monday deadline, the Supreme Court waived oral arguments and is slated to issue a ruling by March 9.

The maps need to be in place before qualifying for this year’s elections begins June 13.

Opponents raised concerns that Florida’s growing minority populations haven’t been adequately addressed in the district changes, which likely will maintain Republican control of the Legislature into the 2030s.

The maps could lead to the Republican majorities in the Senate slipping by one seat and the House by seven seats, based on voting patterns in the 2020 election.

Opponents pointed to the House map maintaining 18 protected Black districts and 12 protected Hispanic districts, while the Senate kept its number of Hispanic districts at four. They contended that does not match up with minority populations.

On Tuesday, Rep. Joe Geller, an Aventura Democrat who is his party’s ranking member on the House Redistricting Committee, said he still expects legal challenges over “minority voter packing and cracking, lack of language-minority voter protection,” and he contended challenges filed at the Supreme Court would only have slowed access to a trial in another court..

“If the House map is thrown out for being constitutionally deficient under Fair Districts, or because it violates the Voting Rights Act, it will be after a full trial with all the facts in the sunshine,” Geller said in a statement. “It would not likely be after the extremely limited review available at the Florida Supreme Court right now. This is especially the case given the extremely compressed timeline the court is operating under for this initial review.”

Court battles forced lawmakers to redraw state Senate and congressional maps after the 2012 round of redistricting. Voters in 2010 passed what are known as the Fair Districts constitutional amendments to try to prevent gerrymandering.

This year’s redesign of congressional districts remains unresolved, at least in part because Gov. Ron DeSantis has floated Republican-heavy map proposals. The Senate passed a congressional plan that differs significantly from the DeSantis proposals. The House Congressional Redistricting Subcommittee will take up its proposal on Friday.

LONG WAY FROM TALLAHASSEE The lobbying firm Ballard Partners, which has offices in Tallahassee, Washington, D.C. and a number of other cities, said this week it opened an office in Istanbul that will be headed by former Ambassador Matt Bryza with former Florida Congressman Robert Wexler as special adviser.

A news release said the move is designed to “assist American and Turkish companies develop new busi-

ness partnerships and successful operations in Turkey and the United States.”

NEVER TOO EARLY TO POLL DeSantis would easily withstand a challenge from any of the top three Democratic gubernatorial candidates, according to a poll conducted just under nine months from the November election.

Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy released poll results Tuesday that showed DeSantis up 51 percent to 43 percent over Democratic Congressman Charlie Crist, 53-42 over Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried, and 53-37 over state Sen. Annette Taddeo, D-Miami.

The poll of 625 registered voters had a 4 percentage-point margin of error. It was conducted from Feb. 7 through Feb. 10.

Separately, Mason-Dixon’s poll said 26 percent of Democratic voters were undecided in the gubernatorial primary. The poll showed Crist ahead of Fried by a margin of 44 percent to 27 percent. Taddeo received support from 3 percent, with the results having a 5 percentage-point margin of error.

Kevin Cate, an adviser to Fried, tweeted, “no difference in the general with @NikkiFried vs. @CharlieCrist. But lots more room for Nikki to grow because she's new and we haven't even really started yet. Lots of work to go, but we're ready.”

GOING AFTER DESANTIS The American Business Immigration Coalition Action announced a “six-figure” Spanish-language media buy in the Miami-Fort Lauderdale market targeting DeSantis over his move to stop issuing or renewing licenses to shelters that house unaccompanied minors.

The ad comes as lawmakers consider bills (SB 1808 and HB 1355) that would again wade into the issue of so-called “sanctuary cities” and crack down on transportation companies that bring undocumented immigrants into the state.

“DeSantis wants to eliminate immigrant children's shelters in Florida, like the ones that housed Cuban children who came alone during the Pedro Pan exodus in the 1960s,” the English translation of the ad said. “To please his political base, DeSantis wants to convince us that the suffering of those children was more worthy of help than that of these Venezuelan and Haitian children who are fleeing dictatorship, socialism and violence.”

In taking a hardline stance on illegal immigration, DeSantis and Attorney General Ashley Moody have criticized the Biden administration over immigration policies for months, filed lawsuits against the federal government and sent Florida law-enforcement officers to help at the border of Texas and Mexico.

TWEET OF THE WEEK: “Lying is a sin.” --- Christina Pushaw (@ChristinaPushaw), spokeswoman for Gov. Ron DeSantis, taking aim at remarks by Archbishop of Miami Thomas Wenski, who criticized the governor’s positions on shelters housing unaccompanied immigrant children.

House Offers Tax ‘Holidays,’ No Gas Tax Break By Jim Turner

TALLAHASSEE --- A House panel Thursday will take up a package that would provide a wide range of tax breaks but does not include Gov. Ron DeSantis’ big-ticket proposal to suspend the state’s gasoline tax for five months.

The House Ways & Means Committee will consider a bill (PCB WMC 22-01) that includes 14-day sales tax “holidays” in May on gear for the hurricane season and in late July on back-to-school items such as clothes, school supplies and personal computers.

The bill also would bring back a “Freedom Week” tax holiday around Independence Day. During that period, shoppers could avoid paying sales taxes on tickets to music events, sporting events, movies, theaters, parks, fairs and museums, purchases of items for camping, fishing and boating and purchases of surfboards, canoes, kayaks and bicycles.

A new tax holiday would go for seven days around Labor Day for purchases of items including work boots, power tools, toolboxes for vehicles and LED flashlights.

With the state’s coffers brimming from federal stimulus money and higher-than-expected tax collec-

tions, the House and Senate ultimately will have to agree on a final package of tax cuts. But both chambers, at least so far, have not embraced DeSantis' proposal to suspend the 25-cent-a-gallon gas tax for five months starting in July.

During an appearance Tuesday in Fort Walton Beach, DeSantis said his office was "working with the Legislature" on the gas-tax proposal, which has an estimated cost of \$1 billion. Legislative leaders last week expressed concerns the gas-tax break would go to too many non-Floridians who visit the state. Lawmakers last year passed an estimated \$196.3 million package that included 10-day tax holidays for disaster-preparedness supplies, back-to-school shoppers and a first-time Freedom Week.

A House staff analysis said the new proposal would have "significant negative indeterminate impacts" on state general revenue, but economists have not projected the costs of many parts of the bill.

Economists recently estimated a Freedom Week, with many of the items included in the House proposal, could save Floridians about \$57.7 million, up from \$54.7 million in 2021.

Other aspects of the House proposal include a reduction in the sales tax for new mobile homes from 6 percent to 3 percent, an exemption from the sales tax on admissions to Formula One Grand Prix races, and relief for homestead property made unlivable for 30 days or more by future catastrophic events.

The House also would provide a tax break to what are known as Class II and Class III "short line" freight railroads. They could get tax credits against corporate income taxes equal to 50 percent of the investment in maintaining or improving tracks and based on the total miles of track.

The state has two Class II lines: Florida East Coast Railway, with 351 miles, and the Alabama Gulf Coast Railway, running from Pensacola north to the state line, according to House staff analysis. Florida also has less than a dozen Class III rail operations covering 819 miles.

The package also includes temporary tax exemptions for impact-resistant windows, doors and garage doors for residential properties; children's books; baby and toddler clothing, shoes and diapers; and Energy Star certified refrigerators, water heaters and washers and dryers.

State Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis called the proposal for impact-resistant windows, doors and garage doors "a practical way of saving folks money while incentivizing homeowners to better protect their homes from hurricanes" that "in some cases" could reduce insurance costs.

Advances: Week of February 15, 2022

TALLAHASSEE --- It could be a long day in the Florida House.

When the House holds a floor session Tuesday, it will take up a proposed \$105.3 billion budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1 and a series of accompanying budget bills.

Democrats likely will pepper Republican leaders with questions about issues such as a proposal to shift \$200 million away from school districts that required students last year to wear masks during the COVID-19 pandemic.

But the budget discussion likely will be just a warmup.

The House is scheduled later Tuesday to consider a bill (HB 5) that would prohibit doctors from performing abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy. Abortion issues always spark heavy debate, but this year's proposal — modeled after a Mississippi law that is under review at the U.S. Supreme Court — would place a major restriction on abortions.

As of Friday afternoon, Democrats had filed 17 proposed amendments to the bill. Few, if any, of the amendments likely will pass. But that doesn't mean the debate will cool down.

Backroom Briefing: Expanding Air Florida

News Service of Florida By Jim Turner

TALLAHASSEE --- Florida skies could soon become a friendlier way to travel for more than just the governor.

Three years after the state purchased an airplane for Gov. Ron DeSantis, the Florida Senate is moving

forward with a \$31.3 million plan to add two planes to transport other state leaders on a first-come, first-served basis. DeSantis' wealthy predecessor, former Gov. Rick Scott, had sold the state's fleet and used his own jet.

Without comment, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Wednesday approved the proposal (SPB 2512) to expand the fleet.

Sen. Ben Albritton, a Wauchula Republican who chairs the Agriculture, Environment, and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee, said state leaders need to travel across the state. He called the proposal a "thoughtful approach" as the Senate and House prepare to negotiate a final budget for the fiscal year that will start July 1.

"You'll remember that then-Gov. Scott sold those aircraft because we were going through the Great Recession. And now we've had the blessing of a really robust economy," said Albritton, who is positioned to become Senate president in November 2024. "So, now's a good time for us to be able to get back to a place where our elected officials have more accessibility directly into Florida and be able to have more contact with constituents. If you've ever driven from Pensacola to Key West, it's a challenge."

Under the proposal, the \$15.5 million Cessna Citation Latitude, approved during the 2019 legislative session would remain the exclusive domain of the governor's travels.

One of the new aircraft would be available to the lieutenant governor, Cabinet officers and members of the Florida Supreme Court.

The other new plane could be used by the House speaker, Senate president and chairs of legislative standing committees, along with secretaries and executive directors of executive branch departments and chairs of the Florida Gaming Control Commission, the Public Service Commission and the Florida Commission on Offender Review.

BEIJING BOYCOTT With the Winter Olympic games underway in Beijing, DeSantis called it a mistake to have allowed American athletes to compete.

President Joe Biden enacted a diplomatic boycott of the games, but during an interview Monday with Fox News Digital, DeSantis called it disgraceful to make China appear a "normal" country, considering its human-rights abuses of Uyghur Muslims.

"This is a genocide Olympics," DeSantis said. "And the thing is, as you see the broadcasts on NBC, where they're whitewashing this stuff, you look at these corporate sponsors that are signing up on that. These corporations in America, they'll blow a gasket for these small issues in the United States. But yet, they're willing to underwrite games for the country that is committing genocide. I think it's a disgrace what is going on. But I think the terrible ratings are a recognition that a lot of Americans realize this is wrong."

DeSantis, widely considered a potential Republican presidential candidate in 2024, also used the appearance on a friendly media outlet to disagree with the Biden administration over its handling of tensions between Russia and Ukraine. About 150 members of the Florida National Guard are stationed in western Ukraine, where they had been on a scheduled training rotation.

"I think that we have a lot of problems here in the United States," DeSantis said. "We've given Ukraine a lot of support over the years. Under the Trump administration, we provided huge amounts of lethal aid, and so I think that they've been equipped to defend themselves, but to put American troops in the midst of that is not something that I want to see, particularly with Floridians."

WHO'S COMMITTING MALPRACTICE? House Judiciary Chairwoman Erin Grall, a Vero Beach Republican and attorney who is in her sixth year trying to end the no-fault auto insurance system, apparently can hold a grudge.

DeSantis last year vetoed a repeal bill. But as a House panel moved forward this week with a new version of the proposal (HB 1525), Grall voiced displeasure about the Office of Insurance Regulation re-

leasing an analysis by Pinnacle Actuarial Resources between the time last year's bill was approved by the Legislature and when DeSantis vetoed the package.

The analysis said repealing the no-fault system and its requirement that motorists carry personal-injury protection coverage would result in an increase in premiums of 13.3 percent for all coverages combined, or \$202 a year for the average vehicle.

On Feb. 2, when this year's Senate version of the repeal (SB 150) drew support from the Banking and Insurance Committee, Sen. Jeff Brandes, R-St. Petersburg, called it "legislative malpractice" for the measure to advance without an updated study about its projected impacts to millions of Floridians.

But when it came to using the word "malpractice," Grall targeted the Office of Insurance Regulation.

"This is what I would say where there is malpractice. I think there was agency malpractice," Grall said this week. "To commission a report on draft legislation, to accept that report, even though the report did not address the components of the bill that was passed, to hold that report until after we left for session, and to present it without the ability to respond to it, is agency malpractice."

Grall said past actuarial studies were designed "to feed a narrative that rates are going to go up." She noted that for years the reports have said one in five motorists on Florida roads are uninsured, but the state Department of Highway and Motor Vehicles has said the number is 7 percent.

She added it is "legislative malpractice to ignore the financial burden that the PIP system unnecessarily places on our constituents. And it is legislated malpractice to continue supporting the special interests that have bastardized the PIP system to their own benefit."

The American Property Casualty Insurance Association maintains the House and Senate proposals would likely result in increased insurance costs, particularly for the approximately 40 percent of drivers who have minimum coverage.

TWEET OF THE WEEK: "You always hear in Tallahassee how the trial lawyers are one of the GOP's biggest enemies, right up there with teachers' unions, but man, the GOP sure seems to be giving trial lawyers a ton of new lawsuit venues this Session." --- Daniel Sweeney (@Daniel_Sweeney) of the South Florida Sun Sentinel.

Advances: Week of February 7, 2022

TALLAHASSEE --- Thud.

That was the sound — OK, at least figuratively — of newly proposed House and Senate budgets hitting the desk.

The Senate proposal weighs in at \$108.6 billion, while the House proposal totals nearly \$105.3 billion. Both of the proposals, released Friday, would be record spending plans for the state and would easily top the current-year budget of roughly \$100 billion.

Appropriations committees in the Senate and House are expected Wednesday to take up the proposals and likely will make tweaks before sending the spending plans to the full Senate and House. Ultimately, the two chambers will have to agree on a final budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, which will start July 1.

As the big numbers might suggest, lawmakers are flush with cash, thanks to federal stimulus money and larger-than-expected tax collections as Florida's economy has recovered during the COVID-19 pandemic.

And with elections coming this fall, don't be surprised if lawmakers look for popular ways to spend the money before heading onto the campaign trail.

House Appropriations Chairman Jay Trumbull, R-Panama City, said in a prepared statement Friday that the House proposal is "bold and resilient."

"The budget presented today by the Florida House reflects the unique needs and challenges posed by rapid growth, a robust economy and protection of our natural resources," Trumbull said. "We provide

record funding for our state parks and students and strategic investments in state worker pay. In addressing today's challenges, we continue our focus on preparing for the future with over \$11 billion in reserves."

Senate Appropriations Chairwoman Kelly Stargel, R-Lakeland, offered a similar message about the Senate proposal.

"The Senate's balanced budget continues our commitment to responsibly spend state revenues on the critical needs of the day, while at the same time planning for investments in our transportation, environmental and public safety infrastructure that will benefit Floridians years into the future," Stargel said in a statement. "We also set aside a significant rainy day fund that will ensure Florida remains ready to take on whatever challenges may come our way."

Cigars, Pipes Could Get Carve-Out

A bill that would allow local governments to restrict smoking at beaches and public parks could be changed to exclude cigars and pipes. Senate sponsor Joe Gruters, R-Sarasota, filed an amendment Friday that would prevent cities and counties from restricting "the smoking of cigars that do not contain a filter or a plastic tip or the smoking of pipe tobacco in a pipe." The Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee is expected to consider the bill (SB 224) and the proposed amendment during a meeting Monday. Under current law, the state controls regulation of smoking throughout Florida. The bill would allow cities and counties to regulate it at beaches and parks that they own. A House version (HB 105), which has been approved by two subcommittees, does not include a carve-out for cigars and pipes.

Weekly Roundup: Locking Horns Over Lines

Weekly political notes from The News Service of Florida By Ryan Dailey

TALLAHASSEE — The once-a-decade redistricting process has headed to the courts but a new congressional map is on hold, as Gov. Ron DeSantis wades into a potential battle over a North Florida district.

The Florida Senate voted unanimously Thursday to approve a plan (SJR 100) that sets new boundaries for the 40 Senate seats and 120 state House seats, sending the redrawn legislative districts to the Florida Supreme Court for review.

"We can and should be very proud of the work we've done here today," Senate President Wilton Simpson, R-Trilby, said. "And now we'll see if the courts are equally as proud."

Opponents have raised concerns that Florida's growing minority populations haven't been adequately addressed in the district changes, which likely will maintain Republican control of the Legislature into the 2030s.

The maps could lead to the GOP's dominance of the Senate slipping by one seat and the House by seven seats, based on voting patterns in the 2020 election.

Work on the congressional map paused this week after DeSantis asked the Supreme Court for an advisory opinion about his effort to revamp what is now Congressional District 5.

The district is held by Congressman Al Lawson, a Black Democrat, and was designed to help with minority representation. It stretches more than 200 miles from Jacksonville to west of Tallahassee.

In a letter to Chief Justice Charles Canady, DeSantis focused, in part, on what is known as a "non-diminishment standard" in the Florida Constitution. That standard prevents districts from being drawn that will diminish the ability of minority voters to elect candidates of their choice.

"Specifically, I ask whether the Florida Constitution's non-diminishment standard requires that congressional districts be drawn to connect minority populations from distant and distinct geographic areas if doing so would provide the assembled minority group sufficient voting strength --- although not a majority of the proposed district --- to elect a candidate of its choice," the governor wrote Tuesday.

Lawson issued a statement expressing disappointment in what he called DeSantis' "continued assault on the rights of Black and minority voters."

The court set a noon Monday deadline for "interested persons" to submit briefs.

Meanwhile, state Attorney General Ashley Moody has 15 days to file a petition with the Supreme Court seeking a ruling on the validity of the redrawn legislative districts. The court will have 30 days to issue an order, with opponents and supporters of the maps able to file briefs.

ELECTIONS As a federal judge weighs the constitutionality of an elections law passed last year, the Florida House on Thursday started moving forward with a new proposal that includes adding steps for voting by mail and creating a state office to investigate alleged elections fraud.

The House Public Integrity & Elections Committee voted 12-6 to approve the proposal (PCB PIE 22-03). Earlier in the week, the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee also approved the Senate version (SB 524) of the bill.

Under the bills, people voting by mail would be required to write in a designated space the last four digits of their driver's license numbers, state identification-card numbers or Social Security numbers.

Another part of the bills would create an "Office of Election Crimes and Security" in the Department of State. The office, in part, could initiate inquiries and conduct preliminary investigations into allegations of election-law violations.

The election-law changes are being considered as Chief U.S. District Judge Mark Walker holds a trial over a sweeping elections law (SB 90) passed by the Legislature last year. Plaintiffs allege that the 2021 law will make it harder for Black and Hispanic voters to cast mail-in ballots and register to vote.

During testimony this week, Walker at times appeared skeptical of plaintiffs' argument that the legislation was designed to target people of color expressly.

"Rather than discriminatory intent when there's no substantial evidence ... of fraud as a justification, isn't it just as easily the justification that the law was passed to keep the former president happy?"

Walker asked.

The League of Women Voters of Florida, the Florida State Conference of the NAACP, Disability Rights Florida and two dozen other groups filed lawsuits challenging the measure. The trial focuses on parts of the law dealing with mail-in ballots and third-party registration groups, which plaintiffs say minority voters rely on more heavily than whites.

The law was part of GOP leaders' efforts nationally to make it harder for people to vote by mail after former President Donald Trump's election loss to Democrat Joe Biden — even though Trump won Florida by a significant margin.

NO EXCEPTION A proposal that would prevent doctors from performing abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy got initial backing Wednesday in the Senate, as Republicans rejected an amendment that would have made exceptions for victims of rape and incest.

The proposed amendment was filed by Minority Leader Lauren Book, D-Plantation.

"As a survivor of sexual assault, I'm deeply, deeply concerned ... (about) what (the bill) will mean for women and girls across the state who may become pregnant as a result of rape," Book said.

Bill sponsor Kelli Stargel, a Lakeland Republican who is chairwoman of the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee, defended the decision to reject the proposed amendment.

"Like I said in the debate, women who have had incestual situations, more often than not, are encouraged to have that abortion so that evidence is gone. That's what happens to these young women in reality. Women who are human trafficked have repeated abortions ... so that they can get back on the street.

If you really want to protect these women, dealing with abortion is not the way to do it," Stargel said.

The measure needs approval from the Senate Appropriations Committee before it could go to the full Senate. The House version of the bill (HB 5) also has moved forward in committees.

STORY OF THE WEEK: Gov. Ron DeSantis on Tuesday asked the state Supreme Court for an advisory opinion about the legality of changing the design of a North Florida congressional district that has elected Al Lawson, a Black Democrat.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "This is essentially, in my opinion, legislative malpractice that we are going to talk about a piece of legislation that affects the lives of millions and millions of Floridians and we have not, over the summer, got an actual study that says, based on the actuaries and based on the counsel that we've received, this is going to reduce rates by x." — Sen. Jeff Brandes, R-St. Petersburg, on a proposal to end the state's decades-old no-fault auto insurance system.

Backroom Briefing: DeSantis Quarterback Hopes Dashed

News Service of Florida By Jim Turner

TALLAHASSEE --- Gov. Ron DeSantis held out hope that the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, the team he grew up rooting for, would get one more season with future Hall of Fame quarterback Tom Brady.

"I saw the reports (of his retirement), and I was like, 'Oh, man.' And then I was glad to hear him say, 'I haven't made a decision yet,'" DeSantis said Tuesday while in Dunedin. "So, who knows what's gonna happen? But all I can say is he's better at (age) 44 than just about any of these other guys at 28 or 30 in their primes."

But DeSantis' hopes were dashed by the time the governor got to Miami for his next morning appearances. Brady, the three-time National Football League most valuable player and five-time Super Bowl MVP, announced on Instagram he was retiring after 22 seasons.

"I have always believed the sport of football is an 'all-in' proposition," Brady, whose teams won seven Super Bowl games, wrote. "If 100 percent competitive commitment isn't there, you won't succeed. And success is what I love so much about our game."

DeSantis, calling himself a "long-suffering Bucs fan," kept the praise flowing after the announcement.

"To be able to have him in Florida for two years was really something that a lot of people, and not just in the Tampa Bay area, really appreciated," DeSantis said while at Vizcaya Museum & Gardens in Miami.

"He is the greatest of all time that's ever put on a pair of football spikes. I don't think it's even close."

DeSantis added he hopes Brady, who spent most of his career with the New England Patriots, remains a Florida resident.

EYES ON SPEED On a separate trip to South Florida, DeSantis might have signaled trouble for a bill moving in the state Senate.

Appearing in Palm Beach County, DeSantis complained about parts of a \$1.2 trillion federal infrastructure law.

"With all the money they're throwing out, they're spending \$15 billion on speed cameras," DeSantis said. "You're driving, they take a picture of your license plate, just send you a bill. I don't like that. Is that more surveillance in our society? I don't know why you would want to go down that road."

DeSantis said federal spending for speed cameras is "over \$10 billion" a few hours later during an appearance in Miami.

Last week, U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg announced federal funding will be available to help communities with road safety, including promoting "speed safety cameras as a proven safety countermeasure."

"That law creates a new Safe Streets and Roads for All program, providing \$6 billion to help cities and towns deliver new, comprehensive safety strategies, as well as accelerate existing, successful safety initiatives," Buttigieg said.

DeSantis' criticism came as a state Senate bill (SB 410) would allow local governments to use traffic cameras to catch speeders in school zones. The bill, which has cleared two Senate panels without opposition, would lead to \$158 fines for owners of vehicles that travel 10 mph or more over speed limits in

school zones.

Bill sponsor Ana Maria Rodriguez, R-Doral, said the proposed change “gives communities a simple, effective and inexpensive way to protect our students.” A House version (HB 189) has not been heard in committees.

NO PROBABLE CAUSE The Florida Commission on Ethics has dismissed complaints that alleged state Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis acted improperly in his dealings with Ronald Rubin, former commissioner of the Office of Financial Regulation.

Rubin served 57 days in 2019 as commissioner before being suspended from the \$166,000-a-year job by Patronis after an employee made a sexual harassment accusation.

Rubin aggressively pushed back against the allegations and Patronis and filed a lawsuit against Tallahassee lobbyist Paul Mitchell, an ally of Patronis.

In announcing the suspension, which ultimately led to Rubin’s firing, Patronis released a redacted version of the initial sexual harassment complaint.

Among other things, the ethics commission found no probable cause Patronis issued a news release that disclosed confidential information to “pressure the resignation of the OFR commissioner and no probable cause regarding an allegation he released confidential information about a sexual harassment complaint investigation to DFS (Department of Financial Services) personnel without the victim's consent.”

TWEET OF THE WEEK: “Yesterday's disgusting display of anti-semitism in Orlando does not reflect the values of Floridians. These thugs and their hateful messaging are not welcome in this state.” ---

House Speaker Chris Sprowls (@ChrisSprowls), after a demonstration by neo-Nazis in Orlando.

Advances: Week of January 31, 2022

TALLAHASSEE --- Some high-profile rumbling will begin Monday morning in the courthouse, or at least on screens and phones, as a trial kicks off in challenges to a state elections law that plaintiffs allege is aimed at making it harder for Black and Hispanic voters to cast ballots.

Chief U.S. District Judge Mark Walker will preside over what’s scheduled to be two weeks of voting-related drama. Walker agreed to hold the trial via Zoom for participants and by phone for observers because of COVID-19.

The law, signed by Gov. Ron DeSantis, was one of the 2021 legislative session’s most controversial issues and came after a relatively smooth 2020 election in the state. Republican lawmakers in Florida and other parts of the country pushed election changes after President Joe Biden defeated former President Donald Trump in 2020, though Trump easily carried Florida.

The law imposes new restrictions on mail-in voting, makes it illegal to hand out water and snacks to voters waiting in line to cast in-person ballots and adds new requirements for voter registration organizations.

The League of Women Voters of Florida, the Florida State Conference of the NAACP, Disability Rights Florida and a number of other groups filed lawsuits challenging the measure.

Lawyers for the plaintiffs allege that numerous provisions in the law are unconstitutional, in part because the “brunt of the harm” will be borne by Black voters, Hispanic voters, elderly voters and voters with disabilities. The lawsuits, which have been consolidated for the trial, also allege parts of the law violate plaintiffs’ First Amendment rights.

GOP lawmakers, however, have contended the law was needed for election security. The state argued in a motion for summary judgment that it “was not enacted in a vacuum.”

During a conference call with reporters Thursday, plaintiffs’ representatives brushed off the Republicans’ rationale for the changes, saying the legislation is the latest effort in the state’s long history of erecting ballot-box barriers for Black and Hispanic voters.

“The goalpost for access to the ballot box has been moved again,” Jasmine Burney-Clark, founder of the

Equal Ground Education Fund and Action Fund, said.

Brenda Wright, senior adviser for legal strategies at Demos, said the plaintiffs intend to offer evidence “to prove what everybody already knows: The laws ... are carefully crafted to hit Black and brown voters the hardest.”

Expect some clashes between Walker, a sharp-tongued jurist, and lawyers for the state and national Republicans, who plan to offer evidence of election-related fraud and dispute that the legislation was intended to discriminate against minority voters.

Walker last month refused the state’s request to scuttle the case, which focuses on issues such as a new restriction on the availability and use of drop boxes where people can drop off vote-by-mail ballots. Under the law, supervisors of elections must have the boxes staffed at all times and can only use the boxes during early voting hours and at early voting sites. Supervisors who violate the requirement face \$25,000 fines.

The court’s “task is to balance defendants’ proffered justifications for the challenged provisions against the burdens, if any, those provisions place on those voters for whom the provisions present an impediment to voting,” Walker wrote in a 21-page order on Dec. 17.

Weekly Roundup: Full Steam Ahead By Ryan Dailey Jan 28, 2022

TALLAHASSEE — Lawmakers are charging through the first three weeks of the 2022 legislative session, with the Senate on Thursday signing off on several high-profile proposals.

Under one bill that overwhelmingly got the green light from senators, government officials couldn’t force churches and other religious institutions to turn congregants away during future emergencies.

Republican lawmakers pushed for the measure (SB 254) because of situations that made headlines in various parts of the country involving churches being forced to close or scale back services early in the COVID-19 pandemic.

During a discussion about the proposal on the Senate floor this week, Sen. Jason Brodeur, the bill’s sponsor, said that the plan is geared toward safeguarding against similar situations in the future.

“It is born out of the pandemic” but wouldn’t only apply during COVID-19, said Brodeur, R-Sanford.

“It applies to all emergency orders that would come in. It would basically say if Publix is open, so is your place of worship. What it doesn’t seek to do is what we’ve seen in some of the other states, where churches, synagogues and mosques were singled out for congregated activities,” he told the chamber.

Three Democrats --- Bobby Powell of West Palm Beach, Lori Berman of Delray Beach and Tina Polsky of Boca Raton --- were the only senators who voted against the bill.

Powell argued earlier this month that the state has a responsibility to protect people.

“There were a number of times that religious institutions decided to gather, and the result of that caused many people their lives,” Powell said during a Jan. 13 committee meeting. “That being said, we’re stewards of the state. We do have a responsibility to always kind of move the state forward. In essence, a religious institution being within the state of Florida, thus authorizing them to buck the system by ignoring emergency orders, is not what I think we’re here to do.”

An even more controversial bill passed by the Senate Thursday could lead to businesses filing lawsuits against cities and counties.

The measure (SB 620) would allow businesses to sue local governments if ordinances cause at least 15 percent losses of profits. Under the bill, businesses that have been in operation for at least three years could file lawsuits seeking lost profits for seven years or the number of years the businesses have been in operation, whichever is less.

Bill sponsor Travis Hutson, a St. Augustine Republican, said the measure --- dubbed the “Local Business Protection Act” --- would make Florida a business-friendly leader.

ABATE of FL Inc. Palm Beach Chapter Minutes

2-20-2022 4 guests 19 members in attendance Start at 12:33 Johnny Q's

President: Dan Henderson. Start with Pledge to Flag and moment of silence for those we lost, include Strongbow, Darkside and Bars from SE ABATE and States. Chapter elections will be in June and you can nominate yourself in March, April and May. Candidates should watch the officer videos on State site and for board need to attend a State Meeting, March is good one as in Melbourne and one day trip only two hours.

VP: Ron Rossi Keep showing up for the open houses. He will not be running for VP again,

Secretary: absent. The minutes from last meeting as in newsletter were accepted

Treasurer: Jeff Adkins. Our finances are good

Membership Jeff Adkins. Got four new members at meeting. Still working on the Zell payment

Sgt at Arms: Quiet Dan Shawback. Everything is good

Safety: Dan Henderson. Ink Link / Rack n Balls has bike night 2nd Friday and does benefit for groups so maybe can have one for us. Palm Beach Harley is having many events in March. I will try to do a table at a couple

Delegate Report: Jeff. Snooze got sick the morning leaving for Tally so Jeff had to represent us.

Report on page 14

Legislative: Ken Gerecke. The session is ending soon, our bills are still in committee

Public Relations: Dan Henderson. Ink Link / Rack n Balls has bike night 2nd Friday and does benefit for groups so maybe can have one for us.

Products sold two small patches so may have to get more and see what they charge for color tees

Old Business : Ron (Bobby Walgreens) has set up the Poker Tournament benefit for us. It will be at Connelly's Bar and Grill (441 and Belvedere) April 10 at noon

New Business : We had a date for our May is Motorcycle Month event. It was going to be May 8 but that is Mother's Day so we got it moved to May 22.

Good of the Order: Daryl won the 50/50

Meeting adjourned: 1:36

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