

Session 2004 Report 5

Week 4 Activities

Both the House and Senate have a full calendar for next week (March 29 – April 2) because the following week they will take off for Passover and Good Friday. This will be the first time I can ever remember in the past 20 sessions that they have taken a full week off in the middle of session. Because of the full schedule, there will be some late committee meetings. On Monday, March 29th (the evening of our Legislative Reception) the House has 2 committees scheduled to meet from 6:15 – 9:00 p.m. That will keep many of the members from attending our Reception.

WORK ZONE SAFETY

[HB 1103](#) by *Representative Dave Russell (R-Spring Hill)*
[SB 2414](#) by *Senator Jim Sebesta (R-St. Petersburg)*

SB 2414 passed Senate Transportation this week with no opposition. It has five more committee references. We are hoping to have it withdrawn from at least one of them next week.

We hope that HB 1103 will be placed on the House Finance and Taxation Committee agenda for a hearing next week. We have been talking with the committee members and have had no one tell us they are opposing the bill. So far, we have a majority of the 25 member committee supporting this legislation.

We are not sending out an “URGENT ACTION” alert on HB 1103 for the Finance and Taxation Committee since the majority of the members are supporting us on this bill.

Just another reminder on this: Legislative Alerts and URGENT ACTION Emails

When we send out an email with “URGENT ACTION” that’s what it means. It is time sensitive and we need you to PLEASE act immediately. Every thing moves very quickly during the session and a lot of times we will just have hours to act on something....so please keep that in mind. We will try not to bombard you with these type emails but when they are sent we need your help.

LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

FTBA is co-hosting a Legislative Reception with the Asphalt Contractors Association of Florida, Florida Concrete and Products Association and the Underground Utility Contractors Association of Florida. The reception will be held on Monday, March 29th from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at Hospitality Square, 200 W. College.

State Transportation Trust Fund (STTF) - Budget

Both the House and Senate are working this week on the Appropriations Bills. The Senate met in committee on Thursday and the House is meeting all day Friday.

We have been working with Floridians for Better Transportation to obtain signed pledges from legislators stating they will oppose and vote against any sweep, raid or diversion of transportation trust fund dollars. To date, 25 Senators (out of 40) have signed the pledge and 18 (out of 120) House members.

Use this link to see who has signed on: [Legislators who have signed the Transportation Trust Pledge](#)

For more information on the Legislature, please use the following links:

[Florida Senate](#)

[Florida House of Representatives](#)