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Committee Week Three

Property Tax Reform

The preliminary recommendations of the Property Tax Reform Committee, appointed by Governor Bush were presented in several House and Senate committees. These preliminary recommendations include:

Doubling of the Homestead Exemption;
Making Save Our Homes Portable;
Capping Annual Property Taxes on Businesses and Renters; and
Providing a \$25,000 Exemption on Tangible Personal Property Tax.

Additionally, testimony was provided in committee from many interested parties, including the Florida Association of Counties, the Florida League of Cities, Tax Watch and Americans for Tax Reform.

Legislative Public Hearings on Property Tax Reform

Local elected officials and the public were strongly encouraged to attend the Legislative Public Hearings on Property Tax Reform. These meetings are being held statewide. The Broward County meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 12, 2007 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in Bailey Hall located at the Broward Community College Central Campus.**

Speakers will be taken in the order they sign in with the public speaking first. If you are

unable to attend and would like to submit comments, you can do so by going to www.flsenate.gov and link to the Submit Comments on Property Tax Reform icon.

Southeast Florida Legislative Delegation

Senators and Representatives from Broward, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach and Monroe Counties, met on Wednesday, February 7th, as the Southeast Florida Legislative Delegation to discuss priorities for the 2007 Session.

Mayor Eggelton attended and presented the Tri-County Commission Proposed 2007 State Legislative Priorities:

Affordable Housing;
Beach Erosion;
Human Services;
Transportation; and
Proposed Imposition Expenditure and/or Revenue Caps on Local Government.

Florida Airports Council

The Florida Airports Council held their 2007 State Summit in Tallahassee February 7 -9, 2007. Aviation staff participated in the Summit and met with several members of the Broward Legislative Delegation and Legislative Committee staff to advocate on behalf of Broward County Aviation issues.