

struction of a waiver by a natural person of the person’s fundamental liberties, rights, and privileges guaranteed by the State Constitution or the United States Constitution; declaring that claims of forum non conveniens or related claims must be denied under certain circumstances; providing that the act may not be construed to require or authorize any court to adjudicate, or prohibit any religious organization from adjudicating, ecclesiastical matters in violation of specified constitutional provisions or to conflict with any federal treaty or other international agreement to which the United States is a party to a specified extent; providing for severability; providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision and Information; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for CS for SB 58**. Senator Hays moved that **CS for HB 351** be read the second time by title. The President announced that the motion failed to receive the required two-thirds vote.

The vote was:

Yeas—25

Mr. President	Flores	Legg
Altman	Galvano	Negron
Bean	Garcia	Richter
Benacquisto	Gardiner	Simmons
Bradley	Grimsley	Simpson
Brandes	Hays	Stargel
Dean	Hukill	Thrasher
Diaz de la Portilla	Latvala	
Evers	Lee	

Nays—14

Abruzzo	Joyner	Smith
Braynon	Margolis	Sobel
Bullard	Montford	Soto
Clemens	Ring	Thompson
Gibson	Sachs	

At the direction of the President, **CS for HB 351** was placed on the Calendar of Bills on Second reading.

CS for SB 632—A bill to be entitled An act relating to specialty license plates; amending s. 320.08056, F.S.; revising the annual use fee for the Florida Wildflower license plate; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; revising provisions for distribution and use of fees collected from the sale of certain specialty license plates; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pending further consideration of **CS for SB 632**, on motion by Senator Soto, by two-thirds vote **HB 265** was withdrawn from the Committees on Transportation; Rules; and Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development.

On motion by Senator Soto—

HB 265—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the Florida Wildflower license plate; amending s. 320.08056, F.S.; revising the annual use fee for the Florida Wildflower license plate; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; revising the amount of proceeds from the sale of the plate that may be used to pay certain costs; providing an effective date.

—a companion measure, was substituted for **CS for SB 632** and read the second time by title.

Pursuant to Rule 4.19, **HB 265** was placed on the calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE RELATING TO EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Honorable Don Gaetz May 2, 2013
President, The Florida Senate

Dear President Gaetz:

The following executive appointments were referred to the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

	<i>For Term Ending</i>
<i>Office and Appointment</i>	
Florida Building Commission	
Appointee: Dean, Nanette	04/05/2017
Commission on Ethics	
Appointees: Carlucci, Matthew F., Sr.	06/30/2014
Ford, Ivan Martin	06/30/2013
Maurer, Susan Horovitz	06/30/2013
Robison, Linda M.	06/30/2013
Weston, Stanley M.	06/30/2013

Board of Trustees, University of South Florida
Appointee: Levy, Stanley I. 01/06/2018

Board of Trustees, University of West Florida
Appointee: Lewis, Suzanne 01/06/2018

The following executive appointments were referred to the Senate Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

	<i>For Term Ending</i>
<i>Office and Appointment</i>	
State Board of Education	
Appointee: Chartrand, Gary	12/31/2014
Board of Governors of the State University System	
Appointee: Carter, Matthew M. II	01/06/2019
Board of Trustees, University of South Florida	
Appointees: Mitchell, Stephen J.	01/06/2016
Ramil, John B.	01/06/2016
Sembler, Debbie Nye	01/06/2016
Board of Trustees, University of West Florida	
Appointees: Cleveland, David E.	01/06/2016
Dana, Pamela J.	01/06/2016
Patel, Jayprakash S.	01/06/2016
Walton, Garrett W.	01/06/2016

The following executive appointments were referred to the Senate Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation and the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections for action pursuant to Rule 12.7 of the Rules of the Florida Senate:

	<i>For Term Ending</i>
<i>Office and Appointment</i>	
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	
Appointee: Rivard, Adrien A. III	08/01/2017
Governing Board of the Northwest Florida Water Management District	
Appointees: Alter, John W.	03/01/2015
Andrews, Angus “Gus” G., Jr.	03/01/2015
Costello, Jonathan M.	03/01/2016
Patronis, Nicholas “Nick” J.	03/01/2015
Spring, Samuel R.	03/01/2016

Executive Director of Northwest Florida Water Management District
Appointee: Steverson, Jonathan Paul Pleasure of
the Board

Office and Appointment

Governing Board of the St. Johns River Water Management District
 Appointees: Bournique, Douglas C. 03/01/2016
 Daniels, Lowry "Lad" A. 03/01/2015
 Drake, Charles W. 03/01/2015
 Robbins, George W. III 03/01/2016

Executive Director of St. Johns River Water Management District
 Appointee: Tanzler, Hans G. III Pleasure of the Board

Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District
 Appointees: Batchelor-Robjohns, Anne "Sandy" 03/01/2016
 Moran, James J. 03/01/2015
 O'Keefe, Daniel T. 03/01/2016
 Portuondo, Juan M. 03/01/2015
 Sargent, Timothy W., Jr. 03/01/2014
 Waldman, Glenn J. 03/01/2014

Executive Director of South Florida Water Management District
 Appointee: Meeker, Melissa L. Pleasure of the Board

As required by Rule 12.7, the committees caused to be conducted an inquiry into the qualifications, experience, and general suitability of the above-named appointees for appointment to the office indicated. In aid of such inquiry, the committees held a public hearing at which members of the public were invited to attend and offer evidence concerning the qualifications, experience, and general suitability of the appointees. After due consideration of the findings of such inquiry and the evidence adduced at the public hearings, the Committee on Ethics and Elections and other referenced committees respectfully advise and recommend that in accordance with s. 114.05(1)(c), Florida Statutes:

- (1) the executive appointments of the above-named appointees, to the office and for the term indicated, be confirmed by the Senate;
- (2) Senate action on said appointments be taken prior to the adjournment of the 2013 Regular Session; and
- (3) there is no necessity known to the committees for the deliberations on said appointments to be held in executive session.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Latvala, Chairman

On motion by Senator Latvala, the report was adopted and the Senate confirmed the appointments identified in the foregoing report of the committee to the offices and for the terms indicated in accordance with the recommendation of the committee:

The vote was:

Yeas—38

Mr. President	Evers	Margolis
Abruzzo	Flores	Richter
Altman	Galvano	Ring
Bean	Garcia	Sachs
Benacquisto	Gardiner	Simmons
Bradley	Gibson	Simpson
Brandes	Grimsley	Smith
Braynon	Hays	Sobel
Bullard	Hukill	Soto
Clemens	Joyner	Stargel
Dean	Latvala	Thompson
Detert	Lee	Thrasher
Diaz de la Portilla	Legg	

For Term Ending Nays—None

Vote after roll call:

Yea—Montford

MOTIONS

On motion by Senator Thrasher, by two-thirds vote, all bills remaining on the Special Order Calendar this day were placed on the Special Order Calendar for Friday, May 3.

On motion by Senator Thrasher, the rules were waived and a deadline of one hour after the availability of engrossed bills was set for filing amendments to Bills on Third Reading to be considered Friday, May 3.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Pursuant to Rule 4.17(1), the Rules Chair, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader submit the following bills to be placed on the Special Order Calendar for Thursday, May 2, 2013: CS for SB 1682, CS for CS for SB 1666, SB 1322, CS for SB 1216, CS for SB 814, CS for SB 696, CS for SB 632, CS for CS for SB 58, CS for CS for SB 1684, CS for CS for SB 1482, CS for CS for CS for SB 84, CS for SB 550.

Respectfully submitted,
John Thrasher, Rules Chair
Lizbeth Benacquisto, Majority Leader
Christopher L. Smith, Minority Leader

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR AND OTHER EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

The Governor advised that he had filed with the Secretary of State **CS for SB 2** which he approved on May 1, 2013.

VETO OF CS FOR CS FOR SB 718

The Honorable Don Gaetz President of the Florida Senate May 1, 2013

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby veto and transmit my objections to Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 718, enacted during the 115th Session of the Legislature of Florida during the Regular Session of 2013 and entitled:

An act relating to family law . . .

Senator Stargel and Representative Workman are to be commended for their efforts in proposing changes to Florida alimony law. I appreciate Representative Workman reaching out to me to express his support of CS for CS for SB 718 and how he believes it will benefit Florida families. CS for CS for SB 718 seeks to modernize Florida's alimony system by leveling the playing field in divorce proceedings, and there are several forward looking elements of this bill. Alimony has long been a key component of our domestic relations law. It represents an important remedy for our judiciary to use in providing support to families as they adjust to changes in life circumstances.

Because the subject matter of this bill involves family relationships, numerous Floridians have forcefully expressed their views on the topic. Many Florida families have been impacted by the difficulties of marital issues, both concerning children and starting over. As a husband, father and grandfather, I understand the vital importance of family. In weighing the issues associated with this bill, however, I have concluded that I cannot support this legislation because it applies retroactively and thus tampers with the settled economic expectations of many Floridians who have experienced divorce.

The retroactive adjustment of alimony could result in unfair, unanticipated results. Current Florida law already provides for the adjustment of alimony under the proper circumstances. The law also ensures that spouses who have sacrificed their careers to raise a family do not suffer financial catastrophe upon divorce, and that the lower earning spouse and stay-at-home parent will not be financially punished. Flor-