



## **Florida Solar Energy Industries Association**

### **2018 Session Report**

#### **Week 5**

February 9, 2018

This week, the House and Senate passed their respective Budget bills. In the House, few amendments were offered and none were adopted. In the Senate, approximately 60 amendments were filed. While many were withdrawn, most were adopted.

The Session has officially reached its half-way point. Next week will be the start of "bill maneuvering", where bills not moving are offered as amendments; horse trading of issues takes place; and the Governor's office begins to make its presence known by signaling which bills will be looked upon favorably and which bills will need to be changed to meet the Governor's approval.

Also, despite the House and Senate passing budgets within \$100 million dollars of each other, they are still far apart on internal categories, such as education spending, healthcare and affordable housing. Once the Speaker and the Senate President agree upon the overall spending allocations for these various issue silos, announcement of Conference Committee members and conference meeting schedules can begin to be announced.

In the meantime, most renewable energy and solar related measures filed this year are dying or have died a quiet death. There is still some life in the anti-fracking bills, but they are unlikely to actually pass.

We continue to look for opportunities for amendments to be offered.