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## SENATOR RICK SCOTT'S LEGISLATIVE ACTION UPDATE

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**Senator Scott's 2025 Annual Hurricane Preparedness Tour:** Senator Scott visited Naples, Miami, Clearwater, Sanford and Pensacola, where he was joined by state and local leaders to urge Floridians to get prepared for the 2025 Hurricane Season. Senator Scott is leading several pieces of legislation to support Floridians during this hurricane season, including: the *Homeowners Premium Tax Reduction Act*, the *Flood Insurance Relief Act*, the *Removing Barriers to Private Flood Insurance Act*, the *Flood Insurance Consumer Choice Act*, the *Flood Insurance Transparency Act* and the *Residential Emergency Asset Accumulation Deferred Taxation Yield (READY) Account Act*.

**Letter to President Trump:** This letter thanks President Trump for his incredible work to keep our nation safe, make our military the most lethal military force in the world and return peace through strength around the world and asked that the administration ensure that the F-35A goes to Homestead Air Reserve Base and that F-35A production quantities remain undeterred.

**Letter to Acting Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Army of Engineers:** This letter asks for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to give full consideration to ongoing and upcoming projects throughout Florida. In this letter, Senator Scott requested the USACE accelerate Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) projects, including the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration (SFER) program, end unnecessary delays of critical storm risk management projects, and prioritize projects that benefit Florida communities and the state as a whole.

**Frequent Logistics Information for Grounded and Held Travelers (FLIGHT) Act:** This bill requires airlines to provide passengers of flights delayed by more than 15 minutes a notification of the delay, and a status notification every 15 minutes thereafter to bring more transparency for passengers.

**Sunshine Protection Act:** This bill ends the twice-yearly time change by making Daylight Saving Time permanent year-round. The current biannual change disrupts the agricultural industry by impacting farmer schedules and supply chain partners.

**Defending Domestic Orange Juice Production Act:** This bill supports Americans growers by changing the standard of sugar levels for pasteurized orange juice from 10.5% brix standard to 10%. It will ensure that federal regulations aren't working against Florida citrus growers and preserve the quality of our orange juice for American families to enjoy.

**United States Citrus Protection Act:** This bill prohibits the importation of commercially produced fresh citrus fruit from Communist China into the United States, further protecting American jobs, ensuring the integrity of domestic agriculture, and reducing our reliance on goods produced by regimes that pose a threat to the United States.

**Maintaining Cooperative Permitting Act:** This bill codifies Florida's authority to issue Section 404 permits under the Clean Water Act's dredge and fill permitting program and clarifies the law to protect regulatory certainty. This good bill ensures that Florida has the authority to make informed and timely decisions for our residents while preserving our state's precious natural resources for future generations to protect and enjoy.

**Consolidating Aerospace Programs Efficiently at Canaveral (CAPE Canaveral) Act:** This bill will relocate the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) headquarters from Washington, D.C. to Florida's Space Coast in Brevard County. Moving NASA's HQ to Florida will not only save Americans' tax dollars, but also enhance efficiency and streamline operations in this important industry with proximity to private-sector partners and a top-tier workforce ready to help America reach its space exploration goals.

**Letter to Secretary of Agriculture:** This letter outlines several priorities to support Florida's agriculture community, including: providing disaster aid through block grants, protecting American farmland from foreign influence and standing for U.S. agriculture in international trade.

**Miccosukee Reserved Area Amendments Act:** This bill designates the Osceola Camp in Everglades National Park as a part of the Miccosukee Reservation and will help optimize water flow into Everglades National Park while taking steps to protect Osceola Camp against flooding risks.



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**Regulatory Decimation Act:** This bill reins in the administrative state by requiring federal agencies to repeal ten existing regulations prior to issuing a new one and ensuring the cost of any new regulation does not exceed the ones repealed.

**Social Engagement and Network Initiatives for Older Relief (SENIOR) Act:** This bill expands the scope of authorized Administration on Aging (AOA) grants to include services addressing loneliness in older individuals (i.e., aged 60 or older), and requires a report evaluating whether certain federal programs are adequately addressing this topic.

**Protect Our Seniors Act:** This bill protects the benefits of Social Security and Medicare and promotes the long-term solvency of these critical programs. It strengthens funding for the Medicare and Social Security Administration Trust Fund, puts guardrails on Congressional action that could lead to any reduction or cut of existing Medicare and Social Security benefits, and fixes a loophole to ensure that Medicare dollars stay in Medicare when cost savings within the program are realized.

**Joint Resolution Proposing Amendments to the Constitution:** This joint resolution proposes constitutional amendments that authorize the President to reduce or disapprove any appropriation in a bill or joint resolution using a line-item veto, prohibit Members of Congress from serving more than six terms in the House of Representatives or two terms in the Senate, and require a two-thirds vote of each chamber of Congress for legislation that imposes or raises any tax or fee.

**Bill to Repeal Automatic Annual Pay Raises:** This bill repeals the provision of law that provides automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress.

**No Budget, No Pay Act:** This bill prohibits Members of Congress from being paid in a fiscal year until both chambers approve the budget resolution and pass all regular appropriations bills for that fiscal year.

**Let's Get to Work Act:** This bill expands work requirements under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and HUD housing programs, including applying SNAP work requirements to all able-bodied adults under 60 and those with children over 6.

**No Tax on Tips Act:** The bill exempts "cash tips"—cash, credit and debit card charges, and checks—from federal income tax by allowing taxpayers to claim a 100% deduction at filing for tipped wages.

**Senator Scott Named One of the Most Effective Lawmakers in Congress:** Senator Rick Scott was recently recognized by the Center for Effective Lawmaking (CEL) as one of the top-10 most effective Republican Senators for the 118th Congress, and one of the most effective first-term Senators in the Senate.

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