

Florida House Adjourns 2015 Legislative Session Early. Please see official press releases from House and Senate below:

News Release: Speaker Crisafulli Remarks on the House's Fulfillment of Work Plan 2015 Agenda - April 28, 2015

TALLAHASSEE, FL - Following the House's adjournment Sine Die for the 2015 Legislative Session on Tuesday afternoon 4/28/2015, House Speaker Steve Crisafulli (R-Merritt Island) issued the following statement:

I want to thank the Florida House for their commitment to the 2015 Work Plan joint agenda with the Senate. The Florida House passed legislation that covered every principle in the joint plan.

During session, the House worked tirelessly to implement the Work Plan developed in partnership with the Senate to pave a stronger future for Florida families.

Together, the Florida House passed bills to cut taxes by \$690 million, create a comprehensive water policy bill, establish a transparent structure for Amendment 1 funding, reduce student testing while maintaining accountability (signed into law), lower tuition, strengthen families by promoting adoptions (on the Governor's desk), and secure pathways to economic independence for persons with disabilities. I firmly believe that each of these bills will greatly benefit Floridians.

Despite our differences on Medicaid expansion, it is noteworthy that the House and Senate appear to have found common ground on long contentious issues such as PSC reform, ALF reform, comprehensive Department of Corrections reform, mental health reform, and Grandparents' Rights (sent to the Governor).

We look forward to returning to Tallahassee for a special session to complete our work on the budget prior to the July 1 deadline.

News Release: Fla. House of Representatives Dem. Office -
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TALLAHASSEE, FL - House Democratic Leader Mark Pafford issued the following statement yesterday after the Republican leadership adjourned the regular session three days early.

"We're here, ready to work, ready to do the people's business as they expect us to do."

"This action focuses the discussion. Now, the only thing we have to do is the budget. A debate on expanding Medicaid is essential to that work. Florida House Democrats happen to agree with the Legislature's own experts who say Medicaid expansion is responsible and sustainable."

"I respect the speaker's decision as his own to make, but I surely am ready to do the job I was sent here to do. It's clear Gov. Scott has shown zero leadership and has only served to make things worse. I hope Speaker Crisafulli and President Gardiner will work together to come up with a special session call that represents the interests of the people of Florida. We don't need Gov. Scott, never elected by a majority, to set the agenda for our Legislature."

"So, here we are. Our caucus stands ready to work, as we have for three years, on a bipartisan solution. Let's do our best for the people of Florida."

The official adjournment date of the 2015 Florida Legislative Session is scheduled for Friday May 1, 2015.