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Subject: Speaker Sansom and President Pruitt Announce Budget Special Session Jan. 5-16, 2008

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In a joint memo to members of the Florida Legislature, Senate President Jeff Atwater and House Speaker Ray Sansom announced the intention to convene in Special Session from January 5-16, 2008. The purpose of the Special Session is to address state budget shortfalls. The official Call to Special Session will be released before January 5, 2008. Log in to your Lobbytools account to access the joint announcement.

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MEMORANDUM

To: All Members of the Florida Legislature

From: Jeff Atwater, President
Ray Sansom, Speaker

Subject: Special Session

Date: December 15, 2008

Members, based on a careful review of the status of the 2008-09 state budget, and after consultation with Governor Crist's office, we have concluded that it is in the best financial interests of the state that we convene in a special session from January 5 through January 16. The purpose of the special session will be to address the estimated \$2 billion-plus shortfall in the current fiscal year's budget through a combination of spending reductions and trust fund transfers. Our joint proclamation officially convening and specifying the agenda for the special session will be released prior to January 5.

The House and Senate budget committee meetings this week will provide you an opportunity to begin to prepare for the special session. The budget challenges before us are serious; we are prepared to meet those challenges. We intend to provide essential services to the citizens in a fiscally prudent way.

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