

June 5, 2002

The Honorable Katherine Harris
Secretary of State
PL 02, The Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Secretary Harris:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of portions of House Bill 27E, enacted during Special Session E of 2002 of the 104th Session of the Legislature, since Statehood in 1845 and entitled:

An act making appropriations; providing moneys for the annual period beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003, to pay salaries, and other expenses, capital outlay - buildings, and other improvements, and for other specified purposes of the various agencies of State government; providing an effective date.

The FY 2002-03 budget continues my commitment to public education, helping our most vulnerable citizens, and preserving Florida's treasured environment. With Florida's improving economy and sensible tax structure, the state general revenue budget will grow \$1.4 billion, a 7.4 percent increase over the current year. The budget passed by the Legislature totals \$50.4 billion.

We have had to prioritize our state's most pressing needs especially with the challenges we have faced since September 11, but the budget illustrates just how far our state has come. The impact on our tourism and related industries, on top of an already sluggish national economy forced us to make some tough choices last fall. But I am proud that this state is rebounding and as a result we are able to give Florida's public schools a per-student year-to-year increase, as well as provide funding for programs to create a better Florida for future generations.

Florida continues to thrive. As a testament to the vitality of Florida's economy and the importance of sound fiscal management, our state's experience, while painful, has paled in comparison to that of many states. To put this budget into context, six states (excluding California) have reported FY 2002 budget deficits ranging from 10 percent (Virginia) to 31 percent (Alaska). Seventeen states reported gaps above 5 percent. California recently released new budget figures, projecting a shortfall of \$20 billion to \$25 billion, just in the current year. In North Carolina, the Governor asked most agencies to propose cuts of 7 percent to 11 percent. The budget shortfall there may be as high as \$2.2 billion out of a \$14.7 billion budget. In Virginia, the General Assembly recently agreed to across-the-board cuts of as much as 8 percent in order to eliminate a projected biennial shortfall of \$3.8 billion. The harsh experience of other states places Florida's budget in a favorable light.

This budget, consistent with my ongoing priorities, focuses on improving student achievement and ensuring that all of Florida's children receive a quality education; creating a better future for the state's most vulnerable citizens; improving the quality of care in Florida's nursing homes; adopting public safety reforms; and protecting Florida's unique environment.

The 2002-03 budget includes the following highlights:

EDUCATION:

- In four years, K-12 education funding increased by \$3 billion or 27 percent – an increase larger than either term of the previous administration. I also recognize that student success is not based on funding alone and that raising standards leads to better student achievement. The A+ Plan, now fully implemented, lets parents know how students and schools are performing and ensures that students are learning a year's worth of knowledge in a year's worth of time. Under the A+ Plan, social promotion is no longer an option, so that no child is left behind. Education reform in Florida is working, and it is especially beneficial for minority students.
- **Public School Funding:** This year's budget includes historic funding increases for Florida's public schools and students, with a \$1.1 billion increase over current year funding for a total of \$14.2 billion committed to education. This K-12 budget represents a 9 percent increase in total potential funds, or a 6 percent increase per student. The average funding per student will be \$5,207 which reflects a \$295 increase over FY 2001-02.
- **Just Read, Florida!** My goal to have every Florida child reading on grade level or better by 2012 is closer to becoming reality through this year's dedication of \$11 million in state funds for the "Just Read, Florida!" initiative, with an additional \$45.6 million in federal funds. This program is designed to train and provide resources to teachers as well as create partnerships with volunteer and community organizations to meet the statewide goal of helping every student become a successful and independent reader.
- **The Florida Technology Development Initiative**, proposed in my State of the State speech this year, creates Centers of Excellence dedicated to conducting high-tech research and building technology sectors. This year's budget provides \$30 million to foster innovative, cutting-edge technology research at Florida's colleges and universities, develop commercially viable applications for that research, and recruit high-tech industries and thinkers to the state.

ENVIRONMENT AND QUALITY OF LIFE:

- **Everglades:** Protecting and restoring the Everglade's ecosystem has been one of my top priorities, and this administration has had unprecedented successes in passing legislation to provide critical state and federal funding to implement the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan approved by Congress in December, 2000. In three years, \$667 million in state monies has been committed to this endeavor with the federal government guaranteeing an additional \$235 million to eliminate existing plans to drill off of Florida's coast and prevent development of hydrocarbon resources in the Everglades. This agreement builds on two historic

accomplishments in the past year, as President Bush and I revealed a proposal to make our respective administrations the first to eliminate plans for any new offshore drilling off of Florida's coast, and the signing of the first enforceable agreement to ensure that the Everglades receives all of the clean water it will need as the restoration project progresses in the future.

- **Growth Management:** My vision of growth management focuses on those things that truly matter to a community – schools, transportation and the tools to make and implement good decisions. Last week, I signed into law one of my highest legislative priorities, reform of growth management laws to better link growth with school planning and water availability. The FY 2002-03 budget provides \$550,000 to facilitate implementation of this vanguard statewide school planning initiative. Further, the budget provides \$400,000 to the Department of Community Affairs and \$2.5 million to the Regional Planning Councils to provide technical assistance to local governments and to implement planning initiatives throughout the state.
- **Infrastructure:** I believe that Florida must better direct our public funding initiatives to promote growth in areas that are best suited to grow. Focusing on Florida's strategic infrastructure and providing incentive funding options to local governments that demonstrate fiscally sound planning practices will improve the quality of our communities and our state. There is a total of \$4.5 billion available to provide transportation infrastructure projects in the Department of Transportation Work Program. Additionally, the FY 2002-03 budget contains \$107.1 million for water projects.

ELDERS AND OUR MOST VULNERABLE CITIZENS:

- **Senior Drug Program:** Low-income elders in Florida have had difficulty obtaining prescriptions since Medicare does not cover the cost of outpatient drugs. Taking advantage of the new flexibility offered by President Bush's administration, I recommended and the Legislature funded a new program to address this critical problem. The Ron Silver Senior Drug Program expands pharmaceutical coverage to Medicare beneficiaries with family incomes up to 120 percent of the federal poverty level. This new program will provide pharmaceutical benefits to an estimated 68,000 elderly with a monthly benefit of \$160 per participant. Elders will be required to pay a 20 percent co-payment. The Legislature appropriated a total of \$115 million in funding for this new program.
- **Nursing Homes:** Last year, Lieutenant Governor Brogan chaired a task force that sought to provide continued access to high quality, affordable nursing home care. Working with the Legislature, we were able to continue this important initiative in the budget signed today. Included in the budget is new funding to help nursing homes offset the high cost of general and professional liability insurance. The bill provides \$26.9 million in new funds to help nursing homes combat insurance rate increases without raising patient fees. In addition, \$6 million is provided for capitalization of a risk retention pool that will allow nursing homes and assisted living facilities to secure and maintain liability insurance for licensure. This will reduce the financial impact of escalating insurance costs on nursing home residents. Since taking office, Lieutenant Governor Brogan and I, working with the Legislature, have increased funding for nursing homes by \$752 million, a 52.9 percent increase in four years.

- **The Office of Long Term Care:** The new budget includes \$350,000 to fund the Office of Long Term Care Policy in the Department of Elder Affairs, which was created in Senate Bill 1276. The purpose of this office is to improve coordination among the various state agencies and programs providing services to the elders of our state and ensure that frail elders have options for community living arrangements as an alternative to institutional care.

- **Child Welfare System:** I remain committed to our goal of moving child welfare services to a community based care system that will create a safety net for children and families in their local communities. This year's budget includes an additional \$7.5 million to fund the Guardian Ad Litem program for a total of \$17.7 million this year. The volunteer-based program helps protect vulnerable children who have been moved to state care. I am creating a working group to make recommendations for enhancing the initiative, calling for a renewed focus on efforts to recruit, train, and retain volunteers in the program.
 - Since 1999, funding for child welfare services has more than doubled from \$414 million in 1998-99 to \$844 million in 2002-03.
 - Funding for Healthy Families has also doubled since 1998-99 from \$10 million to \$22 million in this new budget.
 - The most important successes have come in the area of adoptions. In the past four years the number of adoptions has increased by 66 percent and the median length of time children are spending in the system has decreased from more than a year and a half to less than one year.

- **Domestic Violence:** This budget continues my plan for improving the condition of the state's 38 domestic violence shelters by providing an additional \$4 million for repairs and renovations to these facilities, for a total of \$8 million over the past four years. These dollars will fund renovation and construction for 33 of the state's 38 shelters. The Legislature and I have tripled state funding for the operation, renovation, and construction of domestic violence shelters for a total appropriation of \$36.8 million. At my request, this year, the Legislature eliminated the \$50 filing fee for protective injunctions from domestic violence. Over 58,000 people requested injunctions in state courts last year to prohibit contact by perpetrators of domestic violence. The Legislature also ensured that Florida continues to receive \$8.8 million annually in federal funds under the Violence Against Women Act and provided an additional \$200,000 for public service announcements related to domestic violence.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Domestic Security:** I initiated an immediate response in Florida to the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001, by issuing two Executive Orders that addressed security issues, including a comprehensive analysis and action plan by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. To help implement those Orders, the 2002 Legislature appropriated \$94 million to address the domestic security needs identified in my FY 2002-03 recommended budget. These appropriations include \$5.2 million to expand the Department of Agriculture's food and vehicle inspections, over \$20 million to assist local law enforcement with security training and equipment through the

Department of Law Enforcement and the Division of Emergency Management, \$38.3 million to continue funding for bio-terrorism and other health security programs, \$27 million for seaport security, and \$2 million to counter cyber-terrorism.

- **Illegal Drug Use and Drug Treatment:** This administration remains committed to reducing illegal drug use by 50 percent by 2005. Since I took office, the state has invested \$1.15 billion in this critical mission to reclaim lives and our communities, including \$242 million in this budget. The results of this investment have been impressive -- over 45,000 additional people are receiving treatment for a total of 245,000 people receiving treatment in 2001. Drug courts -- the most effective of all treatment efforts -- have increased from 36 statewide in 1998 to a total of 70 by 2003.
- **Juvenile Justice and Violent Crime:** The 2002-03 state budget restores 75 juvenile probation officer positions by increasing funding \$3.7 million in this critical area. The Legislature and I have also worked together to adopt landmark public safety reforms such as 10-20-Life for violent gun crimes, Florida's Three-Strike Violent Felony Offender Act for repeat, violent offenders, the Habitual Juvenile Offender Accountability Act for juvenile offenders who commit repeat and violent crimes, and the Family Protection Act of 2001 that created the first mandatory sentence for domestic-violence perpetrators.
- **Lower Crime Rates:** Public safety initiatives have successfully reversed the lenient criminal justice policies of the early 1990's and driven down Florida's crime rates to historic lows. Florida's 2000 Index Crime Rate was 18 percent lower than in 1998, and Florida's 2001 Index Crime Rate was the lowest in 29 years.

MORE EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT

- **Human Resource Outsourcing:** The Human Resource Outsourcing initiative will bring up-to-date technology and service efficiency to Florida government, a system that has remained unchanged for almost 20 years. The outsourcing will consolidate similar personnel related functions across state agencies, resulting in tremendous gains in service delivery and avoiding future costs of up to \$173 million over seven years.

For the first time, the state will have access to real-time data with a high level of financial accuracy. Performance management will become a tangible practice measuring payroll and transaction costs, recruitment costs, cost per employee for service delivery, and time measurement for completion of personnel processes. State employees will be the benefactors of improved performance in delivery of human resource services and the citizens of the State of Florida will realize a more efficient government with a reduction in cost.

- **Abolishment of Department of Labor and Employment Security:** Since taking office, an important goal of the administration has been the achievement of efficient, limited government that serves Florida's taxpayers well. More than simply downsizing government, this initiative has involved the thorough evaluation of state programs in order to streamline cumbersome bureaucracies, as well as deciding where and how given services can be provided to the public

most effectively. In the case of workforce development and unemployment compensation, an innovative public-private partnership has been created that provides Floridians with "one-stop" services.

Over the last three years, no agency has embodied this positive change more than the Department of Labor and Employment Security. This agency has undergone a profound self-examination of how workforce development and labor regulation programs should be provided to Florida's citizens, resulting in the streamlining and transference of many programs to other agencies, saving taxpayers a total of \$86.5 million.

STRENGTHENING OUR ECONOMY

- This year's budget includes a corporate income tax deferral of \$262 million to complement similar federal legislation, an increase in property tax exemptions for partially disabled veterans from \$500 to \$5,000 benefiting approximately 90,000 veterans, the elimination of the disabled parking permit fee for a savings of \$2.5 million for disabled Floridians and their families, as well as a five year phase-out of the federal estate tax and gift tax, which will save Florida taxpayers \$153 million in 2002. In four years we have enacted \$6 billion in tax burden relief. These efforts have rolled back the tax increases of the previous eight years and reduced taxes as a percent of personal income from 6.4 percent in FY 1998-99 to under 6 percent in FY 2002-03, the lowest level in 11 years.
- **Budget Reserves:** Budget reserves have grown in Florida by \$1.4 billion to \$2.7 billion in the last four years. While many other states have used their reserves to balance their budgets after the September 11 attacks, Florida leaders instead made difficult decisions to reduce spending, in order to preserve our strong fiscal situation.

In addition to the veto of Section 36 related to P2000 funds, I have used my line-item veto authority to save taxpayer money, thus eliminating \$107 million in appropriations in this budget and more than \$1 billion since taking office.

Several items did not go through committee or statutory processes for inclusion in the budget. The following items were added to the appropriations bill during conference, thus circumventing the scrutiny of the established appropriations process and therefore, are hereby vetoed:

Specific Appropriations 29

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“29 SPECIAL CATEGORIES
GRANTS AND AIDS - MODEL DISABILITIES
TRAINING PROGRAM
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 183,739”

Specific Appropriation 105

Pages 21 through 24 – A portion of proviso language

“From the funds in Specific Appropriation 105 for the Miami-Dade County school district, the district may provide \$250,000 to Hands in Action for the Family, School and Friends Program.”

Specific Appropriation 201

Pages 53 and 54 – A portion of proviso language

“From the funds in Specific Appropriation 201, nonrecurring funds of \$200,000 from the Health Care Trust Fund is to be transferred to the Office of Legislative Services to contract for the completion of a report assessing various proposed mandated health benefit coverages.”

Specific Appropriation 463

Page 99 – A portion of proviso language

“Alzheimer’s Patient Day Care Services – Hillsborough County Senior Center 100,000”

Specific Appropriations 578A

Page 113

“578A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND
NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
FAMILY HEALTH FACILITIES
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 75,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 578A are provided for Winter Garden Health Alliance.”

Specific Appropriation 1233

Page 180 – A portion of proviso language

“Citizen’s Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County 100,000”

Specific Appropriations 1409

Page 200 – A portion of proviso language

“From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1409, \$15,000 from the General Inspection Trust Fund is provided to the Buckhead Ridge Mosquito Control District in Glades County for replacement equipment.”

Specific Appropriation 1769

Pages 241 through 243 – A portion of proviso language

“City of Palm Bay Septic Tanks	150,000
City of St. Cloud Sewer Replacement	150,000”
“South Miami Potable Water Project	250,000”
“West Miami Wastewater Project	700,000”

Specific Appropriation 2168A

Pages 284 and 285– A portion of proviso language

“, \$500,000 is for grants to counties for infrared thermal imaging helmets/devices for firefighters.”

Specific Appropriation 2746

Page 351 – A portion of proviso language

“From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2746, \$1,500 is provided for the purpose of adding to the signage at the Regional Service Center in Fort Myers, Florida.”

Specific Appropriation 2783A

Page 354

“2783A OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES FROM SURPLUS PROPERTY REVOLVING TRUST FUND	10,000”
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Specific Appropriation 2788A

Page 355

“2788A SPECIAL CATEGORIES REFURBISH SURPLUS PROPERTY FROM SURPLUS PROPERTY REVOLVING TRUST FUND	5,000”
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Section 26

Page 416

“SECTION 26. The unexpended balance of funds provided to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for transfer to the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences in Specific Appropriation 1464A of Chapter 2001-253, Laws of Florida, relating to the IFAS Dover Strawberry Research Center for \$850,000 is hereby reverted and is appropriated and authorized for planning, land purchase and construction for site development of a regional Gulf Coast Research and Education Center in support of strawberry research.”

SECTION 1 – EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENT “LOTTERY” TRUST FUND

The following local project has been funded with the Lottery Education Enhancement Trust Fund. I cannot circumvent Constitutional intent and allow Lottery funding to be opened to line item funding for local projects. Therefore, I am withholding my approval for the following line item:

Specific Appropriation 5B**Page 3 - A portion of proviso language**

“\$300,000 is provided for SER/SABER,”

SECTION 2 – EDUCATION (ALL OTHER FUNDS)

The budget contains construction projects that have not gone through the facilities review process set in statute. The review process is meant to provide an appropriate mechanism for funding essential facility needs that meet the mission and goals of Florida public education and the state as a whole. We must resist the temptation to circumvent this process given the limited resources available. Therefore, I am limiting my approval to those projects that have been reviewed and approved by the Florida Board of Education as well as those critical safety renovations to Florida's state-owned buildings and veto the following projects:

Specific Appropriation 20B**Page 13**

“20B	FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	
	EDUCATION FACILITIES MATCHING GRANTS	
	FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND	854,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 20B are appropriated to the Gulf Coast Museum of Art for a museum educational facility with exhibition galleries, an auditorium and studio/classroom buildings for teaching programs in the visual arts. These funds shall be matched with three dollars from private sources for each state dollar received.”

Specific Appropriations 22C**Page 14**

“22C	GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND	
	NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	
	HOLOCAUST MUSEUM	
	FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND	1,366,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 22C are appropriated to the Florida Holocaust Museum for construction of museum facilities related to the statutory requirement to teach holocaust education. These facilities shall be used to increase the number of school districts and the total number of students served.”

Specific Appropriations 22D

Page 14

“22D GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND
NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
CLAUDE PEPPER YOUTH INTERVENTION CENTER
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 683,635

Funds in Specific Appropriation 22D are appropriated to the City of North Miami for construction related to the Claude Pepper Youth Intervention Center.”

The fiscal year 2002-03 budget provides record increases for our K-20 education system and provides maximum flexibility to our schools. Public schools districts can shift funds between categories, and community colleges and universities have greater budget flexibility. Specific items in the budget support statewide initiatives, which include reading and other priorities that improve student achievement and enhance Florida’s K-20 system. Therefore, I am giving my approval to projects which support these priority needs and hereby veto the following:

Specific Appropriation 53A

Page 18

“53A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
INTEGRATED MARINE RESEARCH PROGRAM -
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 25,000”

Specific Appropriations 116

Page 27 – A portion of proviso language

“\$500,000 from the Principal State School Trust Fund is for a reading program for teachers and students at the Largo Library in conjunction with the Pinellas County School Board, \$350,000 from the Principal State School Trust Fund is for the Family Literacy Outreach Program, and \$300,000 from the Principal State School Trust Fund is for the Miami Book Fair.”

Specific Appropriations 119A

Page 28

“119A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
GRANTS AND AIDS - LEARNING GATEWAYS
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 2,614,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 119A, \$2,414,000 is provided for Learning Gateway grants and for operation of the statewide Learning Gateway Steering Committee and \$200,000 is provided for development of a Learning Gateway teacher curriculum.”

Specific Appropriation 127

Pages 29 and 30 – A portion of proviso language

“; \$400,000 from General Revenue is provided as a match for federal funds to Beacon Learning in Bay County to conduct teacher training;”

“and \$275,000 is provided from the Educational Aids Trust Fund for the Florida Humanities Council.”

Specific Appropriation 130

Pages 30 and 31 – A portion of proviso language

“; \$125,000 is provided to the Newfound Harbor Marine Institute at Seacamp for student education scholarships and teacher training;”

“, and \$10,000 is provided for Saturday Hooked on Arts and Technology.”

Specific Appropriation 166C

Page 41 – A portion of proviso language

“From the funds in Specific Appropriation 166C, from General Revenue, \$40,400 shall be used to provide mailings and materials for the September "Take Your Dad to School" initiative.”

Specific Appropriation 166Y

Pages 48 and 49 – A portion of proviso language

“and \$500,000 shall be allocated to Daytona Beach Community College to support efforts by these institutions to obtain accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate degrees. As an alternative to seeking accreditation to award baccalaureate degrees, the Daytona Beach Community College may use the \$500,000 provided herein to enter into a signed agreement with the University of Central Florida to provide upper level instruction at the joint-use UCF/DBCC campus. Any joint agreement with the University of Central Florida must include sufficient course offerings at the joint-use UCF/DBCC campus to allow students to complete all upper level instruction needed for the award of a baccalaureate degree over a two year period. In the event neither of the above occurs for Daytona Beach Community College, the \$500,000 shall be allocated to Miami-Dade Community College for the purpose as expressed.”

SECTION 3 – HUMAN SERVICES

The budget furthers our highest priorities in health and human services, including child welfare minority health care, services to the developmentally disabled, mental health and substance abuse services, and long-term care services. The budget contains many specific projects that are consistent with these priorities. Others are not, including: fixed capital outlay for facilities not owned by the state; projects not within the mission of the department in which they were funded; duplicative projects in that funding is provided through another source; projects more appropriately funded through other sources such as the federal government, local governments or private foundations, or through a different branch of government; or projects which have failed to meet performance expectations. Therefore I hereby veto the following items:

Specific Appropriation 201

Pages 53 and 54 – A portion of proviso language

“This project shall be subject to monitoring as a critical information resources management project under section 282.322, F.S. From the funds in Specific Appropriation 201, \$200,000 from the General Revenue Fund shall be transferred by the Executive Office of the Governor to the legislative Technology Review Workgroup for project monitoring.”

Specific Appropriation 256

Page 66 – A portion of proviso language

“From the funds in Specific Appropriation 256, \$1,162,662 from the General Revenue Fund and \$1,647,738 from the Medical Care Trust Fund shall be utilized to expand the current nursing home diversion initiative by 100 slots. The Agency for Health Care Administration and the Department of Elderly Affairs shall jointly develop a plan to expand opportunities for diversion projects in rural and underserved areas of the State. At least one project shall be in the Charlotte County area and at least two-thirds of the new slots shall be allocated to current contracts. One-third of these resources shall be available to "Other Qualified Providers" defined under Section 430.703 (7) F.S. until December 31, 2002. If contracts with "Other Qualified Providers" are not executed by December 31, 2002, the Agency and the Department shall use these resources for current nursing home diversion contracts. The Comprehensive Assessment and Review for Long-Term Care Services (CARES) staff of the Department of Elderly Affairs will facilitate enrollment and provide to the plans a list of residents who meet the eligibility criteria for the Nursing Home Diversion Program.”

Specific Appropriation 319A

Page 75 – A portion of proviso language

“From the General Revenue funds in Specific Appropriation 319A, \$700,000 shall be used by the Department of Children and Family Services for a contract with C-NOW for a pilot program to implement an interactive video monitoring program in selected foster homes or residential group care facilities.”

Specific Appropriation 338

Pages 78 and 79 – A portion of proviso language

“Emerald Coast Children’s Advocacy Center - Okaloosa and Walton Counties 112,500”

Specific Appropriation 355

Page 81 – A portion of proviso language

“From the recurring General Revenue funds in Specific Appropriation 355, \$315,000 is provided for a contract with C-NOW for an interactive video technology project. Matching funds of \$315,000 in cash or in-kind match are required.”

Specific Appropriation 355A

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“355A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND
NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 75,000

The following project from Specific Appropriation 355A is funded from non-recurring General Revenue Funds:

AFIRE of Pasco 75,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 355A for purchase of or improvements to real property are contingent upon the contractor or political subdivision granting to the state a security interest in the property at least to the amount of state funds provided for at least five years from the date of purchase or the completion of the improvements, or as further required by law.”

Specific Appropriation 387A

Pages 86 and 87 – A portion of proviso language

“Children’s Medical Director - New Horizons of the Treasure Coast –
Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie Counties 90,000”

“School District of Hillsborough County - Mental Health Services 360,000”

Specific Appropriation 409A

Pages 89 and 90 – A portion of proviso language

“Regional Prevention Centers - Creating a System of Prevention 243,750”

Specific Appropriation 411

Pages 90 and 91 – A portion of proviso language

“Substance Abuse - Ethics Training and Investigations 56,250”

Specific Appropriation 422

Pages 92 and 93 – A portion of proviso language

“Immigration Assistance Program 37,500
Single Mothers Initiative – Statewide 112,500”

Specific Appropriation 451N

Page 97 – A portion of proviso language

“From the funds appropriated in Specific Appropriation 451N, \$50,000 is allocated to the Florida State University Institute for Health and Human Services Research, in cooperation with the University of Florida and the University of North Florida, to conduct a study of an expanded role and scope of services at Northeast Florida State Hospital in the development of statewide health and human services, including mental health treatment, technology, training, research, employment empowerment and economic development enhancement. A report detailing the

results of the study shall be submitted to the Chairs of the House Fiscal Responsibility Council and Senate Committee on Appropriations by January 31, 2003.”

Specific Appropriation 473

Pages 100 and 101 – A portion of proviso language

“Community Based Long Term Continuum of Care Family Caregivers Initiative - Palm Beach County	74,370
Senior Memory Disorder Program - Broward County	75,000”

“Southwest Focal Point - Early Bird PM Nutrition Program – Broward County	37,500
Senior Staffing Solutions - Broward County	30,000”

Specific Appropriation 494A

Page 103 – A portion of proviso language

“From the funds in Specific Appropriation 494A, \$1,620,000 in nonrecurring funds from the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund is provided for combining and providing a classroom tobacco education component to the traffic law and substance abuse education courses. Pursuant to guidelines established by the department, each provider who elects to participate in providing the tobacco education component shall be paid \$270,000 for providing the course.”

Specific Appropriation 527

Page 107 – A portion of proviso language

“From non-recurring General Revenue Funds in Specific Appropriation 527, \$500,000 is provided for a statewide vision screening service for pre-school children using a system based on color photo refraction. The selection of the service provider shall be in accordance with Chapter 287, F.S., and the service provider must have completed a vision screening program in a public school setting using the screening method provided in this paragraph.”

“From the Tobacco Settlement Funds in Specific Appropriations 527, \$56,250 shall be allocated to the Critical Health Nutritional Program in Pinellas County.”

Specific Appropriation 547

Pages 109 and 110 – A portion of proviso language

“From recurring General Revenue funds in Specific Appropriation 547, \$1,000,000 is provided for methadone outpatient treatment, HIV/AIDS, and hepatitis prevention services in Broward and Palm Beach Counties.”

Specific Appropriation 574

Pages 112 and 113 – A portion of proviso language

“Roosevelt Sands Community Healthcare Center Monroe County	67,500”
“Primary Care Outreach Program (Sun Coast Hospital) Pinellas County	270,000
Central Florida Health Care Inc - Hardee, Highlands, Polk	225,000
Prescription Access For The Underserved - Suncoast CHC – Hillsborough	90,000”

“Telehospice - Hope Hospice - Lee County	67,500”
“Primary Care Center - Dania Beach - Memorial Health Care Systems	90,000”
“Heart Center for Excellence - Broward County	187,500
Good News Care Center - Dade County	125,000
Miami-Dade Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program	75,000”
“Senior Memory Disorder Program - South Broward Hospital	75,000
South Broward Hospital District-Health Services-Special Needs/Disabled Population	75,000
Community Medical Care Center – Leesburg	50,000
Primary Care Services-Minority Underserved Population – South Broward Hospital	75,000
Rural Health Network of Monroe County	37,500
Indigent Dental Care Program - Sacred Heart Children’s Hospital - Escambia County	187,500”
“Escambia County Blood Mobile	37,500
Women’s Health - Cardio-Vascular Initiative – Statewide	37,500”

“From the funds in Specific Appropriation 574, \$1,675,000 in non-recurring General Revenue and \$200,000 in non-recurring Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund are provided for a University of South Florida/Tampa General Hospital Stroke Initiative Project. These funds shall be used to match private dollars to create a comprehensive center for education, care, and treatment.”

Specific Appropriation 599

Page 116 – A portion of proviso language

“Joe DiMaggio Children’s Hospital - Hematology/Oncology Program - Broward County (non-recurring)	200,000
Florida Camp for Children and Youth with Diabetes - Alachua County (non-recurring)	75,000
Isabel Collier Read - Collier County (recurring)	513,576”

Specific Appropriations 675A

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“675A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY GRANTS AND AIDS - FLORIDA VIETNAM MEMORIAL WALL FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND	100,000
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From the non-recurring funds in Specific Appropriation 675A, the Department of Veterans’ Affairs shall provide funding for the planning, design or construction of the following:

Florida Vietnam Memorial Wall - St. Lucie County	100,000”
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SECTION 4 – CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS

In the 2002-03 state budget, the Legislature demonstrated their commitment to public safety by approving many of my budget recommendations, including adequate funding for state prisons, domestic security, a restoration of substance-abuse funding and state attorney and public defender funding that was reduced during the special session.

However, the budget includes items that do not support the core mission of the Department of Corrections. The department's core mission includes the custody, control and supervision of inmates and offenders. The budget also funded juvenile prevention programs in the Department of Juvenile Justice which did not meet the established criteria sent out to over 490 vendors and included in my budget released in January. For the Department of Law Enforcement, core programs that have a statewide impact for assisting law enforcement which are supported by the agency were approved. Local projects to assist local law enforcement, without statewide impact, were not approved. In addition, initiatives which required but failed to have supporting legislation were not approved.

The following projects, that do not support the public safety agencies' core missions, or that provide for the construction of private facilities are hereby vetoed:

Specific Appropriation 798**Page 136 – A portion of proviso language**

“From the funds in Specific Appropriation 798, \$197,221 from General Revenue is provided for a contract to assist the Department in improving its waste management practices.”

Specific Appropriation 830**Page 139 – A portion of proviso language**

“FDC Non-Secure Treatment Program	50,000”
“Agape Women’s Center	239,221”

Specific Appropriations 874A**Pages 143 and 144**

“874A SPECIAL CATEGORIES LOCAL COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROJECT FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND	100,000
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The funds in Specific Appropriation 874A from non-recurring General Revenue are allocated as follows:

Gateway Community Services for transitional housing for dually diagnosed inmates	100,000”
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Specific Appropriations 1125

Page 168

“1125 SPECIAL CATEGORIES LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES TO REDUCE AND PREVENT JUVENILE CRIME FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND	750,000
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The funds in Specific Appropriation 1125 are provided for Secrets of Success.”

Specific Appropriation 1143

Page 170 – A portion of proviso language

“University of Miami Family Wellness Treatment for Seriously Delinquent Youth	20,000”
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Specific Appropriations 1144A

Page 170

“1144A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY AGAPE FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY NEEDS FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND	200,000
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Funds in Specific Appropriations 1144A and 1144B are contingent upon execution of an agreement granting the state an appropriate security interest in the property to be improved of at least 5 years.”

Specific Appropriations 1144B

Page 170

“1144B GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY NEW PORT RICHEY MARINE INSTITUTE FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND	500,000”
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Specific Appropriations 1177

Page 174

“1177 SPECIAL CATEGORIES LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES TO REDUCE AND PREVENT JUVENILE CRIME FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND	150,000
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Funds in Specific Appropriation 1177 are provided for Friends of the Elderly Training Companions for Homes (FETCH) to construct and operate an expanded FETCH program.”

Specific Appropriation 1190

Pages 175 and 176 – A portion of proviso language

“Jobs For Florida Graduates	50,000
Southeast Florida Gang Activity Prevention Program	250,000
Mad Dads of Dade County	350,000”
“Palm Beach County Truancy Intervention	300,000
Firehouse Youth Center	200,000”
“Cetary Training Program	200,000
Juvenile Adult Work Services	50,000”

Specific Appropriations 1194A

Page 176

“1194A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY GRANTS AND AIDS - CLAUDE PEPPER YOUTH INTERVENTION CENTER FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND	250,000
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Funds in Specific Appropriation 1194A are contingent upon execution of an agreement granting the state an appropriate security interest in the property to be improved of at least 5 years.”

Specific Appropriation 1233

Page 180 – A portion of proviso language

“City of North Miami Beach Security Upgrades	150,000
Pasco County Sheriff’s Office Law Enforcement Radio System Upgrades	100,000”

Specific Appropriations 1303A

Page 188

“1303A LUMP SUM FLORIDA SAFE INITIATIVE FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND	1,000,000
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Funds in Specific Appropriation 1303A are contingent upon Senate Bill 34E, or similar legislation becoming law.”

**SECTION 5 – NATURAL RESOURCES/ENVIRONMENT/GROWTH
MANAGEMENT/TRANSPORTATION**

Agriculture plays an important role in our state’s economy and heritage. The budget contains specific appropriations for facilities to promote and showcase our top agricultural products are vital community resources. We have worked closely with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Legislature to develop criteria for funding pavilions, including: a 50 percent local match commitment, a requirement that the facility have an operational business plan to ensure that on-going operations and maintenance will be provided at the local level, and specific nonstate funding sources for recurring operating costs.

The emergence of aquaculture as the art and science of farming in water has grown to become an important part of our production economy in the state. The Aquaculture Review Council, authorized in s. 597.005, F.S., makes recommendations on aquaculture policy, research and development needs of the industry. Additionally, the Council develops and submits to the Governor and the Legislature an annual list of projects in priority order for all industry projects, in addition to an approved list of projects submitted by state agencies and university research facilities.

This year I am approving the pavilion projects that met the Agricultural Promotion and Education Facilities Review criteria, the highest priority projects recommended by the Aquaculture Review Council and additional projects identified that provide major, statewide benefit to our agricultural community. The following items that did not meet these criteria are hereby vetoed:

Specific Appropriations 1345A

Page 193

“1345A AID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
GRANTS AND AIDS - SOIL AND WATER COST
SHARING PROGRAM
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 100,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1345A, \$100,000 from the General Revenue Fund shall be allocated by the Department to mobile irrigation laboratory cost share programs with water management districts and other state, local and federal partners for agricultural water conservation.”

Specific Appropriations 1411A

Page 200

“1411A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
MOSQUITO CONTROL PROGRAM
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 2,500,000”

Specific Appropriations 1443B

Page 204

“1443B FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY ADDITIONS AND REPLACEMENT, POMPAHO STATE FARMERS’ MARKET - DMS MGD FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND	500,000”
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Specific Appropriation 1443C

Page 204 – A portion of proviso language

“Crestview/Okaloosa Multi-Purpose Assembly Facility - Phase II	100,000
Agricultural Center Renovation—Okeechobee	350,000”
“Florida City Farmer’s Market Infrastructure	100,000”

Specific Appropriation 1449A

Page 205 – A portion of proviso language

“UF-IFAS Indian River Research and Education Center – Aquaculture Program Support	1,182,779”
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The Department of Community Affairs administers a number of programs designed to assist Florida’s localities in planning for future growth, responding to disasters, and revitalizing economically distressed areas. To help meet the emergency management needs of Florida’s communities, the department administers the Emergency Management Competitive Grant Program and the Municipal Competitive Grant Program. Both of these programs provide funds to local governments for facility and equipment upgrades to help prepare for, and more effectively respond to, natural and man-made disasters. All such projects are subject to the department’s review and prioritization process before being approved to receive funding under these programs.

Within its Affordable Housing and Neighborhood Redevelopment Program, the department administers several grant programs designed to help Florida’s communities undertake key revitalization projects for economically distressed areas. One of the primary initiatives in this area is the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, a competitive program in which the department awards grants to localities for housing, economic development, neighborhood revitalization, and commercial revitalization purposes.

The department administers several programs designed to encourage the efficient use of energy throughout Florida, including U.S. Department of Energy special projects, energy efficiency standards for new and existing buildings, weatherization grants, and home energy assistance. Funding for these initiatives has been evaluated by the department within the context of accomplishing statewide energy efficiency goals.

I hereby veto the following items:

Specific Appropriation 1523A
Pages 213 and 214

"1523A SPECIAL CATEGORIES	
GRANTS AND AIDS - LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND MITIGATION INITIATIVES	
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND	1,450,000
FROM EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PREPAREDNESS AND ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND	1,285,000
FROM GRANTS AND DONATIONS TRUST FUND	1,250,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 1523A shall be allocated as follows:

From the General Revenue Fund:	
Senior Center/Special Needs Shelter Facility	300,000
Orange County Sheriff Parcel Interception	1,100,000
City of North Miami Beach Security Upgrade	50,000

From the Emergency Management Preparedness and Assistance Trust Fund:	
Enhanced 911 - Lafayette County	50,000
EOC Communications Hardened Center	100,000
Emergency Operations Center - Dade Co	100,000
Monroe County Emergency Operations Center	200,000
Manatee County Special Needs Facility Generator	50,000
Lake Butler City Hall - Fire Station	85,000
Fire Training Tower Replacement	100,000
Big Tree Road Public Message Center	50,000
Encapsulation Project at Miami Children's Hospital	250,000
Taylor County Emergency Response Center	100,000
Emergency Services Institute	200,000

From the Grants and Donations Trust Fund:	
St. Cloud Multi-use Shelter	110,000
EMS Station/Shelter Southeast	100,000
Milton Disaster Shelter/Recreation Center	200,000
Delray Beach Emergency Shelter Retrofit	100,000
Bowling Green Community Center & Shelter	150,000
Regional Disaster Control Center / Special Needs Facility	200,000
State Evacuation Shelter and Emergency Management	40,000
Palm Bay Emergency Operations Center/Shelter	150,000
Senior Center/Special Needs Shelter Facility	200,000

Funds for emergency shelter or critical facility projects listed in Specific Appropriation 1523A are contingent on certification by the Department of Community Affairs that the emergency shelter or critical facility complies with, or will comply with, the structural considerations of

ARC 4496, Guidelines for Hurricane Evacuation Shelter Selection. The Department is directed to assist recipients in determining whether the structural considerations are, or can be, met prior to execution of a project contract. By September 1, 2002, the Department shall determine whether any recipient cannot pursue or complete any project, or portion thereof, due to structural or other considerations and may initiate a budget amendment pursuant to the legislative notice and review requirements set forth in s. 216.177, Florida Statutes, to apply any remaining funds to projects which reduce the state's deficit of public hurricane evacuation space.

The source of the Grants and Donations Trust Fund in Specific Appropriation 1523A is the unencumbered cash balance received prior to July 1, 2001, from the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund.”

Specific Appropriation 1574A

Page 221 – A portion of proviso language

“From General Revenue:	
South County Community Revitalization Plan	100,000
Princeton Operations Center	500,000
Professional Opportunities for Students (POPS)	300,000
From the Operating Trust Fund:	
Pecks Landing Affordable Housing	50,000
Florida City Affordable Housing Program	100,000
Big Pine Key Habitat for Humanity Affordable Housing Dev	50,000”

Specific Appropriation 1574B

Page 221

“1574B SPECIAL CATEGORIES	
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY EMPOWERMENT ZONE	
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND	5,000,000”

Specific Appropriation 1600

Page 224 – A portion of proviso language

“Florida Electrochromic Program	750,000”
“Renewable Energy - Leon County	1,000,000”

Water is vital to Florida's environment, our state's economy, and our future. It is the essence of our unique state and forms the basis for most of Florida's ecosystems. One of our toughest challenges is protecting and restoring the water quality in our 7,700 freshwater lakes and 1,700 rivers and streams, and protecting the 33 first magnitude springs that give the Florida landscape much of its character and contribute greatly to our economy. Our once pristine and abundant fresh surface water bodies have been drained, dredged, ditched, diked, impounded and polluted. To implement a better water policy, we began working with the Legislature in 2000-01 to establish a way to improve water quality and provide better

funding for surface, waste and storm water management improvement projects. A record \$143 million was provided for these projects in FY 2000-01 and \$121 million in FY 2001-02 (a total of \$264 million).

In order to set priorities for this year's limited resources and efficiently complete those projects already underway, further direction was needed. As they did last year, this year the five water management districts proposed projects for priority waterbodies that provide significant water quality, stormwater management improvements and flood protection for important regional water resources. Projects that met this priority designation by the water management districts and were approved by the Department of Environmental Protection are approved in this budget.

Funding for wastewater treatment projects is also crucial to protecting our state's water resources. Last year, funding for these projects was provided to those reviewed by the Water Advisory Panel that received funding in fiscal year 2000-2001. Priority was provided to those wastewater projects that were under construction and served a disadvantaged community. This year, priority was placed on continuing funding for wastewater projects that had received funding each of the last two years.

Florida has a long-standing policy of conserving natural lands and waters, affording residents and visitors quality recreational experiences. The Florida state park system was created to achieve this worthy policy and currently attracts over 18 million visitors per year. The Legislature has once again provided generously to continue the commitment to enhance state parks, greenways and trails, with over \$150 million appropriated for the upcoming fiscal year. In addition, \$27 million was appropriated to fund the Florida Recreational Development Assistance Program (FRDAP). The FRDAP program provides local recreational opportunities for our communities, and I am pleased to approve the projects that went through this statewide grant application and review process.

Florida's rich diversity and abundance of plant and animal species makes it unique. This diversity and abundance brings with it a responsibility to protect and preserve the diversity, maintain the abundance, and prevent extinction. Florida is home to 530 endangered and threatened species. Projects for enhanced research and new technologies to preserve and enhance our wildlife resources are approved.

Therefore, I am giving my approval for the many worthwhile projects in the budget, but withhold my approval for the following projects that failed to meet the standards.

I hereby veto the following appropriations:

Specific Appropriation 1624A

Page 227

“1624A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
ACQUISITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES
FROM INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL TRUST FUND 319,000”

Specific Appropriation 1632

Page 228 – A portion of proviso language

“From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1632, \$100,000 from the Internal Improvement Trust Fund shall be expended for the preparation of an offer to purchase the property popularly known as Hialeah Park Race Track located at 2100 East Fourth Avenue, Hialeah, Florida in an amount not to exceed the value set by that certain appraisal dated November 17, 1998, by Quinlivan Appraisal, P.A., in accordance with the Department of State Request for Proposal #973-740-07-99-01. The Division of State Lands shall have the appraisal updated and an offer to purchase the subject property shall be filed with the owner of the subject property by no later than November 30, 2002, and the offer shall require acceptance of such offer by the owner of the subject party by no later than December 31, 2002. The offer shall state that such offer is subject to the availability of appropriated funds during the 2003-2004 Legislative Session.”

Specific Appropriation 1645

Page 229 – A portion of proviso language

“From the South Florida Water Management District’s share of Florida Forever funds in Specific Appropriation 1645, \$8,000,000 shall be dedicated to the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands CERP project.”

Specific Appropriation 1738A

Page 237

“1738A SPECIAL CATEGORIES ACQUISITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES FROM PERMIT FEE TRUST FUND	55,000”
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Specific Appropriation 1765A

Pages 240 and 241 – A portion of proviso language

“From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 1765A, \$200,000 is appropriated to the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District, contingent on matching funds in the amount of \$150,000 being provided by Monroe County.”

Specific Appropriation 1769

Pages 241 through 243 – A portion of proviso language

“Assessment of Harmful Algal Blooms on Coral Reefs in South Florida (Green Tide)	500,000”
“Charlotte Park Wastewater Expansion--City of Punta Gorda	783,265”
“Chattahoochee Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement	250,000”
“City of Blountstown Sewer Upgrade	200,000
City of Monticello Inflow/Infiltration	250,000”
“Curlew Channel "A" Drainage Project	500,000”
“Nile Garden Drainage Improvement	250,000”

“Pinellas County--Drainage Improvement Park Blvd Punta Gorda Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion	500,000 3,906,568”
“Skyview Wastewater Systems Solona Wastewater Improvements--City of Punta Gorda	821,000 500,000”
“Wares Creek Maintenance Dredging	350,000”
“West Augustine Septic and Sewer Renovation	891,000”

Specific Appropriation 1798A
Page 246

“1798AAID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS GRANTS AND AIDS - PROJECTS, CONTRACTS AND GRANTS FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND FROM LAND ACQUISITION TRUST FUND	200,000 2,500,000
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The Land Acquisition Trust Fund dollars provided in Specific Appropriation 1798A must be used for the purposes consistent with s. 375.041(6), Florida Statutes, and shall be advanced to Hardee County for rural economic development and infrastructure purposes.

The \$200,000 in recurring General Revenue in Specific Appropriation 1798A, is for the Centers for Excellence in Organic Recycling in Sumter County.”

Specific Appropriation 1843A
Page 249

“1843AGRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY LOCAL PARKS FROM LAND ACQUISITION TRUST FUND	385,000
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The funds in Specific Appropriation 1843A are provided for the following local parks:

Barrineau Park - Escambia County	75,000
Wee Care Park - Walton County	150,000
Biscayne Shores Park - Miami/Dade County	160,000”

Specific Appropriation 1870A
Page 251

“1870AFIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY NAVARRE BEACH STATE PARTK FROM LAND ACQUISITION TRUST FUND	2,000,000”
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Specific Appropriation 1999A

Page 262

“1999A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
CONTRACTED SERVICES
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 500,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1999A, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is directed to contract with a private vendor for a coastal security study. A report is to be submitted to the Governor and the presiding officers of the Legislature by December 15, 2002.”

Specific Appropriation 2004A

Page 263

“2004A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
DERELICT VESSEL REMOVAL PROGRAM
FROM MARINE RESOURCES CONSERVATION TRUST
FUND 500,000”

Specific Appropriation 2006B

Page 263

“2006B FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
800 MEGAHERTZ DISPATCH CENTER – LAKE CITY
FROM STATE GAME TRUST FUND 102,000”

Specific Appropriation 2011A

Page 264

“2011A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
ACQUISITION AND REPLACEMENT OF BOATS,
MOTORS, AND TRAILERS
FROM STATE GAME TRUST FUND 75,000”

Specific Appropriation 2024A

Page 265

“2024A FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
VISITOR FACILITY – FRED C. BABCOCK/CECIL
M. WEBB WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA – DMS MGD
FROM STATE GAME TRUST FUND 530,212”

Specific Appropriation 2036B

Page 267

“2036B FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
WEST FLORIDA ANGLER OUTREACH CENTER
FROM STATE GAME TRUST FUND 369,316”

Specific Appropriation 2046C

Page 268

“2046C GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND
NONSTATE ENTITIES – FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
GAG GROUPEE PROGRAM
FROM MARINE RESOURCES CONSERVATION TRUST
FUND 184,000”

Specific Appropriation 2048

Page 269 – A portion of proviso language

“Specific Appropriation 2048 includes \$1,000,000 in General Revenue Funds for Mote Marine Laboratory to be used for harmful algal bloom, red tide, and black water research.”

Specific Appropriation 2049

Page 269 – A portion of proviso language

“From the funds in Specific Appropriations 2047 and 2049, up to \$75,000 from the General Revenue Fund shall be used to fund one position and supplies to increase site specific red tide protocols for clam and other shellfish farmers.”

The Department of Transportation, in concert with the Florida Transportation Commission, has already initiated a comprehensive effort to maximize the state’s return on federal reauthorization of transportation funding in 2003. I hereby veto the following:

Specific Appropriation 2068

Page 271 – A portion of proviso language

“From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2068, \$200,000 shall be used by The Florida Transportation Commission to develop a strategic plan for mobilizing the public and transportation interests in Florida to maximize the state’s return on federal reauthorization of transportation funding in 2003. The goal of the plan is to develop a consensus action plan for fully funding strategic transportation systems throughout the state. The plan shall include recommendations for: 1) educating transportation interests in the state on the benefits of a comprehensive intermodal infrastructure; 2) developing cost-effective strategies for leveraging joint public and private sector resources; 3) developing innovative financing techniques for attracting federal dollars to Florida; and, 4) improving the cost-efficient transportation of goods and people in Florida. The Commission may contract as necessary for assistance in producing the plan.”

I hereby veto the following item because it does not meet the requirements of the Department of Transportation’s Work Program:

Specific Appropriation 2077

Pages 272 and 273 – A portion of proviso language

“From Funds in Specific Appropriation 2077, \$250,000 from the State Transportation (Primary) Trust Fund shall be provided to conduct Phase I of the Planning, Development and Environmental Study necessary for the replacement of the North Hutchinson Island bascule bridge.”

I hereby veto the following appropriations:

Specific Appropriation 2162A

Page 283

“2162A LUMP SUM
TRANSITION EXPENSES FOR NEW CABINET
OFFICERS
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1,000,000”

Specific Appropriation 2179B

Page 289 – A portion of proviso language

“Tampa Hills, Urban League Headquarters & Skills Training Ctr 50,000”

Specific Appropriation 2222B

Page 291

“2222B SPECIAL CATEGORIES
FLORIDA GOVERNORS INDIAN COUNCIL
OPERATIONS
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 115,000”

Specific Appropriation 2236E

Pages 293 and 294 – A portion of proviso language

“The Child Care Association of Brevard 100,000”

Specific Appropriation 2432A

Page 316

“2432A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
TRANSFER TO THE FLORIDA MOBILE HOME
RELOCATION TRUST FUND
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 500,000”

Funding for economic development, which is primarily contained within the budget of the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development (OTTED), is provided to allow for quick response to economic opportunities for Florida.

There are economic development programs within OTTED and Enterprise Florida with criteria in place for reviewing and ranking economic development projects, and such projects are properly evaluated within this framework. As these programs have clearly stated goals and performance expectations, we can and should utilize this established and proven system to ensure that the most beneficial economic development projects are the ones that ultimately receive state investment.

I hereby veto the following appropriations:

Specific Appropriation 2484A

Page 323 – A portion of proviso language

“Human Development & Resources Ctr. - St. Lucie Co	50,000
Vecinos en Accion	50,000
Urban Business Economic Development Program (UBED)	50,000
Brick Street Restoration Program	200,000
Engineering Study - Pinellas Co	125,000
Ormond Beach Corridor Economic Revit. Plan (CERP)	100,000
Jupiter Theatre Acquisition and Renovation	100,000
Peabody Auditorium - Volusia Co	100,000
Tarpon Springs Heritage Museum and Park	100,000
T.T. Wentworth State Museum & Gardens	500,000”
“Florida Services Export Program (FSEP)	400,000
Mayors Summit of the Americas, Inc	100,000
One Stop Permitting - Broward Co	50,000
Economic Incentives Program	50,000
Florida Empowerment Zone Act	100,000
HUBZONE Business Opportunity	50,000
FAMU/USF Technology Assistance	50,000
USF’s Policy Exchange Center on Aging-Study on Affordable Assisted-living Services for Minority Persons	100,000
Lake Butler Main Street Sewage Collector Repairs	100,000
MacDonald House Renovations	100,000”
“Ponce de Leon Boulevard Corridor Economic Revitalization	250,000

From funds in Specific Appropriation 2484A allocated to the Florida Services Export Program (FSEP), Enterprise Florida, Inc. shall contract with the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce for the operation and marketing of an online business center providing information about Florida service providers to international companies, and the promotion of Florida international services worldwide through a program of trade missions, seminars and workshops.”

Specific Appropriation 2486

Pages 323 and 324 – A portion of proviso language

“General Revenue Funds in Specific Appropriation 2486 are provided for transportation projects that facilitate the economic development and growth of the state. Such transportation projects are appropriated to create new employment opportunities, expand transportation infrastructure,

improve mobility, and increase transportation innovation. The General Revenue Funds in Specific Appropriation 2486 shall be allocated as follows:

Palm Bay Beltway - Brevard Co	100,000
Orlando Executive Airport East Ramp Pavement Rehab	50,000
Kissimmee Park Road Turnpike Exchange	150,000
Rehab. Runway 18-36 Pavement: FDOT Project #409823	250,000
Bay County Intelligent Transportation System	750,000
Widening of Substandard Roads - Old Dixie	50,000
Preliminary Design Study for County Road 210/US 1	100,000
Orlando Executive Aviation Wash Pad Facilities	150,000
Widening of Sand Lake Road	400,000
West Virginia Corridor - St Lucie Co	100,000
Ice Palace to Whiting Line - Tampa Electric Streetcar	200,000
City of Opa-Locka Street Resurfacing	50,000
Maine Street - Orange Co	800,000
CR 455 Extension - Lake Co	200,000
Right of Way Acquisition for East State Road 50	500,000
Capital Circle NW/SW from U.S. 90 to I-10	400,000
State Road 78 (Pine Island)	100,000
Palmetto Avenue Extension	500,000
People Mover Feasibility Study	150,000
Airline Maint. Hanger & Reservations Center Complex	200,000
Brandon Main Street	1,000,000
On and Off Port Rail System Improvements	150,000
Sidewalk - Madison Co. School, Town of Lee	50,000
Matanzas Woods Overpass--Flagler County	100,000
State Road 312 Extension	100,000
Aviation Fuel Farm; FDOT Project # 409821	50,000"
“Connector Road - Oleta State Park	400,000
Florida Central Railroad Freight Terminal for W Orange Co	1,100,000
Treasure Coast Air Traffic Radar System	250,000
Myrtle Ave. Roadway Drainage Improvement	300,000
Tyrone Boulevard Overpass - Pinellas Co	400,000
Port Security Enhancements - Broward Co	100,000
Livingston Street Redesign	1,000,000
Port of Tampa/Intermodal Yard-Vehicle Distribution Center	400,000
SR 7 Drainage Improvement - West Boynton Beach	500,000
I-75/University Parkway Interchange	300,000

Funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2486 for Brandon Main Street are contingent upon adoption of traditional neighborhood development (TND) zoning regulations for the Brandon Main Street area by the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners. The TND regulations will implement adopted Comprehensive Plan polices for the community plan and further the community’s vision for development and redevelopment in the area. Following

adoption of the TND regulations, private development and redevelopment in the area will contribute to the realization of the community's vision through required site and building design standards."

I hereby veto the following appropriations:

Specific Appropriation 2540

Page 330 – A portion of proviso language

"From funds in Specific Appropriation 2540, \$700,000 is provided from the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund for the Department to develop a virtual driver simulation system. The Department shall include any required specifications for the system that are necessary to test persons applying for driver licenses. The Department shall make an assessment of the feasibility and potential cost savings for implementing this technology. The Department shall present its recommendations and findings to the Legislature by February 3, 2003."

Page 343 – A portion of proviso language

"Funds in Specific Appropriation 2681 through 2684 include 77 new positions and \$5,405,026 from the Workers' Compensation Administration Trust Fund for the Workers' Compensation Program."

Specific Appropriation 3106E

Page 385

"3106E SPECIAL CATEGORIES
ACQUISITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES
FROM GRANTS AND DONATIONS TRUST FUND 14,500"

Each year, millions of dollars in funding are approved for historical and cultural projects, but only after they have been submitted for review, evaluation and recommendation by the Department of State. All historical and cultural projects that were approved by the department through its evaluation process received funding in this budget. I hereby veto the following appropriations:

Specific Appropriation 3106G

Page 385

"3106G SPECIAL CATEGORIES
POWELL CROSLY ESTATE
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 400,000"

Specific Appropriation 3139A

Page 390

“3139A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
GRANTS AND AIDS - CULTURAL PROJECTS
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 800,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 3139A are provided for the following programs and projects:

Hernando County Public Library System	50,000
Lake County Library Operations	50,000
Fl Assoc. of Women’s & Girls Clubs, Inc./Boys’ Auxiliary	50,000
Bay of Pigs Museum & Library	50,000
Nehrling Gardens	400,000
Hialeah High Cultural Center	50,000
Hialeah Library	50,000
Hispanic Theatre Guild	100,000”

OTHER SECTIONS

I hereby veto the following appropriation:

Section 17

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“SECTION 17. There is hereby appropriated from the School Infrastructure Thrift Program account balance within the Department of Education, the sum of \$10,000,000 as a grant to fund a SMART schools demonstration high school project in Manatee County. The project shall be planned, designed, and managed by the Manatee School Board.”

I am proud that Floridians overwhelmingly supported the conservation and preservation of environmentally sensitive, greenspace and recreation lands when we proposed the Florida Forever Act to the Legislature in 1999 and I am very pleased the Legislature passed the act. It assures that there will be an ongoing, significant program to acquire and manage these precious resources following the extraordinary success of Preservation 2000. Providing a solid base of funding for these efforts is critical to the overall success of the state’s land acquisition programs and the local and regional programs that have entered partnerships for specific local and regional land projects. These projects not only help protect Florida’s environment and provide great places for recreation, they are vital to assure a high quality of life for our residents and visitors. The solid base of funding has been somewhat eroded this year with the legislative appropriation of \$100 million in funds from the Preservation 2000 and Florida Forever Debt Service Reserve Fund. These are funds that should be used to meet the purposes of Everglades restoration, a top priority, and other land acquisition programs that are so important to our

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quality of life. Using these funds to supplement general revenue is not fiscally prudent and it has the effect of weakening a conservation program that has been the model for a nation.

For these reasons, I hereby veto the following appropriation:

Section 36

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“SECTION 36. \$100 million of funds in the Debt Service Reserve Fund for Preservation 2000 and Florida Forever bonds is hereby appropriated to the Sinking Fund for the Preservation 2000 and Florida Forever Programs. The Division of Bond Finance and the Department of Environmental Protection shall purchase a surety bond to replace these funds. \$100 million is hereby transferred from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to the General Revenue Fund.”

The portions of House Bill 27E which are set forth herein with my objections are hereby vetoed, and all other portions of House Bill 27E are hereby approved.

Sincerely,

Jeb Bush