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Florida House Passes Historic Property Insurance Reforms and Financial Relief for Florida Families

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (December 14, 2022) — The Florida House today passed landmark legislation aimed at stabilizing the property insurance market and providing relief for Florida commuters and victims of Hurricanes Ian and Nicole. Chair Leek, Chair Rommel, Chair McClain, and Chair Busatta Cabrera provided statements on their respective legislation.

"This Special Session was all about relief," said Speaker Paul Renner (R-Palm Coast). "I am proud of the work the House did striking a difficult but careful balance to stabilize Florida's property insurance market and the growth of Citizens Insurance. We have created more competition in the marketplace and have taken significant measures to reduce frivolous lawsuits, all while holding insurers accountable to consumers. The House also took important steps to provide disaster relief to Florida families recovering from Hurricanes Ian and Nicole and designed a toll relief program that saves Florida commuters money."

"I am proud of the reforms we enacted during this special session," said Representative Tom Leek (R-Ormond Beach). "The carefully considered provisions in this legislation will expand capacity in the property insurance market, increase accessibility for consumers, and hold insurers accountable."

"We have a tremendous amount of consumer protections in the property insurance legislation," said Representative Bob Rommel (R- Naples). "I appreciate Speaker Renner for supporting bringing forward a robust legislative package which is a great start toward stabilizing Florida's property insurance market."

"The Governor and First Lady have worked tirelessly on behalf of Floridians affected by Hurricanes Ian and Nicole," said Representative Stan McClain (R- Ocala). "Speaker Renner and our Senate partners have been dedicated to meaningfully adding to those disaster relief efforts. I look forward to working with our local partners across the state to understand their needs and assist in recovery."

"Florida workers and commuters fuel our economy," said Representative Busatta Cabrera (R- Coral Gables). "I appreciate the leadership of Governor DeSantis, Lieutenant Governor Nuñez, and Speaker Renner for fighting to establish a 12-month toll relief program that will keep money in the pockets of hardworking Floridians."

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