We Have Met the Enemy:
We Elected Them!

The 2016 Legislative Session should have been a great Session, but a handful of Republican legislators betrayed fellow Republicans, betrayed gun owners, betrayed their oath of office and willfully and knowingly subverted Second Amendment rights guaranteed by the Constitution. It was, however, a good session. Even though five (5) bills that we supported did not pass, six (6) good bills did pass and have been signed into law by Governor Rick Scott. Further, five very bad bills that we opposed did not pass and no anti-gun bills passed.

THE GOOD NEWS

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ENEMIES OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT & SELF-DEFENSE

While it was disappointing that the Open Carry and Campus Carry bills did not pass, it served to expose Legislators who are willing to betray law-abiding gun owners and the Constitution. It also exposed some anti-gun Sheriffs and State Attorneys whose mission appears to no longer be serving the people who elected them but rather, serving their own personal, political agendas.

BETRAYERS: The Florida Sheriffs Association (FSA) FSA’s leadership has made it clear that political philosophy, and convenience of law enforcement supersede the constitutional rights and safety of the citizens they are supposed to "serve and protect.” It appears some sheriffs are abandoning the core mission of law enforcement from "serve and protect” citizens to serving their own personal anti-gun agendas.

BETRAYERS: The Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association (FPAA) FPAA and some prosecutors have abandoned their duty of "Prosecuting Crime, Protecting People," and it appears they are more interested in "Prosecuting people, Creating Crimes." The new focus seems to be about political philosophy, personal agenda and going after "low hanging fruit" to improve "win/lose" records.

BETRAYERS-FORMER PROSECUTORS Rep. Carlos Trujillo, (R-Doral), Chairman of the House Criminal Justice Committee and Rep. Charles McBurney (R-Jacksonville), Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee were acting on behalf of prosecutors – not the people. Prosecutors opposed HB-169 by Rep. Dennis Baxley/SB-344 by Sen. Rob Bradley, a bill to restore the "Stand Your Ground" law to the original intent of the Legislature by restoring the presumption of Innocence in self-defense cases and putting the burden of proof BACK ON THE STATE where it belongs.

BETRAYER: Rep. Carlos Trujillo (R-Doral) orchestrated the defeat of HB-169 in the Criminal Justice Committee. Republican Committee members admitted that Trujillo, knowing the bill would pass his Committee, asked them to join anti-gun Democrats and vote against the bill or "take a walk" so he could kill the bill. Trujillo reportedly conspired with Rep. Dave Kerner (D-Palm Springs) to run amendments to gut the bill. They amended the bill to gut it and then in an act of pure malice and disrespect for the bill sponsors and the NRA, they killed the bill.

BETRAYER: Rep. Charles Van Zant (R-Palatka) totally sold out gun owners and climbed on board with the Chairman Trujillo’s plot. Van Zant voted in favor of the two bad amendments then voted to kill the NRA bill.

BETRAYER: Rep. Chris Latvala (R-Clearwater) Got up and left the room before the votes on the amendments and the bill so the bad amendments would pass and the bill would die.

BETRAYER: Rep. Ray Pilon (R-Sarasota) Got up and left the room for the votes on the amendments. He returned for the vote on the bill. Pilon probably thought he was clever – his absence allowed the bad amendments to pass 6-5. Once the gutting amendments passed, he was free to return and try to hide his betrayal by voting for the bill – because his vote created a 6-5 tie and a tie vote kills the bill.

BETRAYER: Rep. Charles McBurney (R-Jacksonville) SB-344, the Senate companion to the bill, PASSED the Senate and was sent to the House. It was referred to McBurney's Judiciary Committee and McBurney refused to put the bill on the Judiciary Committee agenda – singlehandedly killing the bill. Why, you might ask, would McBurney do that? Simple, McBurney wants to be a JUDGE and in order to be appointed to a judgeship he will need prosecutors to speak in his favor for a judicial appointment. If he runs for election to a judgeship, he will need prosecutors to be beating the bushes getting people to donate money to McBurney's political campaign. So, McBurney sold out gun owners to make prosecutors happy.

Continued...
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE SEN. MIGUEL DIAZ DE LA PORTILLA BECAUSE HE HAS A HARD TIME TELLING THE TRUTH

No less than 4 times, Sen. Miguel Diaz de la Portilla (R-Miami) told Brevard Sheriff Wayne Ivey that he was going to put the Open Carry bill (SB-300) on the agenda for an upcoming Senate Judiciary Committee meeting. He didn't tell the truth — not once.

How can you trust a man who won't even tell the truth to a law enforcement officer? The answer is: YOU CAN'T!

Diaz de la Portilla didn't tell the truth to Sen. Greg Evers (R-Baker) either. He told Sen. Evers he would put Sen. Evers' Campus Carry bill on the Committee Agenda but didn't keep his word. When Sen. Evers asked why, Diaz de la Portilla told him that Senate President Andy Gardiner (R-Orlando) "made him take it off the agenda."

After misleading supporters of Open Carry and Campus Carry then killing these Second Amendment bills, Sen. Diaz de la Portilla gleefully bragged to the Florida League of Women Voters about how he killed the Open Carry bill and the Campus Carry bill. As reported by the Tampa Bay Times, he said:

"I didn't agenda the Campus Carry bill last year either," he said to applause. "And if the bill is back next year and I'm here and that bill is filed again, that bill won't be heard next year either." — Miguel Diaz de la Portilla

And, as reported by AMMOLAND Shooting Sport News:

He [Diaz de la Portilla] single-handedly (with the approval of his boss, Republican Senate President Andy Gardiner) killed SB 300, letting it die in committee by refusing to allow it an up or down vote by committee members.

"Open carry is not going to happen; it's done...On all of these gun bills, I don't believe any of them are necessary..." said Diaz de la Portilla.

There you have it. He purposely held the bills back not because he thought they didn't have the votes to pass, but because he personally did not like them (Campus Carry, and Airport Carry in non-secure areas being the other two).

So, he is either not telling the truth again, or Senate President Andy Gardiner was a co-conspirator in the entire effort to kill Second Amendment bills.

FLORIDA SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION REMOVES ALL DOUBT THEY ARE ANTI-GUN

On Monday April 11, 2016 the Florida Sheriffs Association (FSA) announced they had given their "2016 Legislator of the Year Award" to Sen. Miguel Diaz de la Portilla.

If there was ever any doubt that the Florida Sheriff's Association is anti-gun, there is no doubt now. They have made it clear that Sen. Diaz de la Portilla was given their top award because he killed gun bills they opposed and that NRA supported. It doesn't get much clearer than that.

In reality, we believe the Senator killed the bills because his Senate district changed during reapportionment and he was afraid he would have a difficult time getting re-elected in the new district if he upheld his constitutional duty to protect Second Amendment rights. Sen. Diaz de la Portilla stuck his finger in the eye of gun owners for self-interest, not the interest of those he was elected to represent.

While FSA representatives frequently claim they support Second Amendment rights, the Association lobbyists and anti-gun Sheriffs speaking on behalf of the Association routinely oppose every pro-gun bill in every committee. They speak out of both sides of their collective mouths.

While the Florida Sheriffs Association and the Florida League of Women Voters are stepping all over each other trying to take credit for killing the pro-gun bills, it is pretty clear that Sen. Miguel Diaz de la Portilla did it for himself.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS ARE CRITICAL TO THE SECOND AMENDMENT

We are in the process of preparing our candidate ratings for the 2016 election cycle. Our candidate rating charts will be mailed to all USF members before the Primary Election in August 2016 and a revised chart will be mailed out before the General Election in November 2016. Our election guides will list the ratings of candidates for US President, US Senate & House, Florida Senate & House, Florida Sheriff and Florida State Attorney. Don't miss receiving your copy, Join USF or renew your membership today.

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2016 ROLL CALL VOTES ON GUN BILLS

(3) SB-544 Stand Your Ground/Sen. Rob Bradley & Rep. Dennis Baxley - PASSED SENATE 54-12 – KILLED IN HOUSE by House Judiciary Chairman Charlie McBurney (R-Jax)
(4) HB-163 Open Carry/Rep. Matt Gaetz & Sen. Don Gaetz - PASSED HOUSE 80-38 – KILLED IN SENATE by Senate President Andy Gardiner (R) & Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Miguel Diaz de la Portilla (R)
(5) HB-4001 Campus Carry/Rep. Greg Steube, Rep. Michelle Rehwinkel-Vasilinda & Sen. Greg Evers PASSED HOUSE 39-37 – KILLED IN SENATE by Senate President Andy Gardiner (R) and Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Miguel Diaz de la Portilla (R)

Y = Yes/Support; N = No/Oppose; 0 = No Vote

HOUSE VOTES ... (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7)
Adkins, Janet (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Ahearn, Larry (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Abritton, Ben (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Arnette, Bruce (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Artes, Frank (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Arvis, Bryan (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Baker, Don (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Berman, Lori (D) 0 0 0 0 Y 0
Beathars, Halsey (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Blee, Michael (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Boyd, Jim (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Brady, Randolph (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Brooker, Jason (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Broxon, Doug (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Burges, Danny (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Burton, Colleen (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Caldwell, Matt (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Campbell, Daphne (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Clarke, David (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Correia, Neil (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Combee, Neil (R) S/Y S/Y S/Y Y Y
Coracon, Richard (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Cortes, Bob (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Cortes, John (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Costello, Fred (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Cristafulli, Steve (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Cruz, Janet (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Cummings, Travis (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Diaz, Jose Felix (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Diaz, Manny (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Drake, Brad (R) S/Y S/Y Y Y Y Y
Dubose, Bobby (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Dudley, Dwight (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Eagle, Dane (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Edwards, Kate (D) S/Y Y Y Y Y
Eliasson, Eric (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Faint, Jay (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Fitzhugh, Heather (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Frease, Erik (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Fullwood, Reggie (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Gatz, Matt (D) Y Y S/Y Y Y Y
Geller, Joseph (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Gonzalez, Julio (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Goodson, Tom (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Grant, James (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Hager, Bill (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Harrell, Gayle (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Harrison, Shawn (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Hill, Mike (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Hudson, Matt (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Inoglia, Blaise (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Ingram, Clay (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Jacobs, Kristen (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Jenne, Evan (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Jones, Mia (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Jones, Shevlin (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Kerner, Dave (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
LaRosa, Mike (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Labella, Chris (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Lea, Larry (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Magar, Mary-Lynn (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Mayfield, Debbie (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
McCready, Charles (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
McGhie, Bonnie (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Mez, Larry (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Miller, Mike (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Moralis, George (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Moskowitz, Jared (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Murphy, Amanda (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Narain, Edwin (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Nunez, Jeannette (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
O’Toole, Marlene (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Oliva, Jose (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Pafford, Mark (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Pastol, Drew (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Pastorino, Kathleen (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Perry, Kolt (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Peters, Kathleen (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Pigman, Cory (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Pilott, Ray (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Plakon, Scott (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Plassene, Rene/Cochast (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Porter, Elizabeth (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Powell, Bobby (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y

HOUSE VOTES ... (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7)
Pritchett, Sharon (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Raburn, Jake (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Radnor, Kevin (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Raichly, Holly (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Raulerson, Dan (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Ray, Lake (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Rehwinkel-Vasilinda, Michelle (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Renner, Paul (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Richardson, David (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Robinson, Ken (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Rodriguez, Ray (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Rodriguez, Jose (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Rogers, Hazel (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Roosevelt, Pat (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Rouson, Darryl (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Sanlago, David (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Sossob, Irv (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Smith, Jimmie (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Spence, Rose (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Spruill, Chris (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Stafford, Cynthia (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Sark, Richard (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Stauber, Greg (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Stein, Charlie (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Sullivan, Jennifer (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Taylor, Dwayne (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Tobis, John (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Torres, Victor (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Trujillo, Carlos (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Trombull, Jay (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Van Zant, Charles (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Watson, Barbara (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Watson, Clovis (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Williams, Alan (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Wood, John (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Workman, Rich (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Young, Dana (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y

SENATE VOTES ... (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7)
Abuzzo, Joseph (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Atman, Thad (D) 0 0 0 0 Y 0
Bean, Aaron (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Benaquisto, Lizbeth (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Bradley, Bob (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Brandes, Jeff (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Braynon, Oscar (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Bullard, Dwight (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Clements, Jeff (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Dean, Chuck (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Dett, Nancy (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Diaz DeLaPortilla, M (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Ewers, Greg (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Flores, Anitere (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Gaetz, Don (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Galvano, Bill (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Garcia, Felipe (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Gardiner, Andy (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Gibson, Audrey (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Ginsburg, Denise (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Hicks, Dorothy (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Hutson, Travis (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Joyner, Arthenia (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Latvala, Jack (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Lee, Tom (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Legg, John (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Margolis, Gwen (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
McCullough, Bill (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
McCulloch, Joe (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Neches, (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Richter, Garrett (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Ring, Jeremy (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Sachs, Maria (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Simmons, David (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Simpson, Wilton (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Smith, Chris (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Sobel, Eleanor (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Soto, Darren (D) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Stargel, Kelii (R) Y Y Y Y Y Y
Thompson, Geraldine Y Y Y Y Y

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END OF SESSION REPORT FOR 2016

HOUSE BILLS

HB-41 Discharge of Firearms by Rep. Neil Combee (R)
Provides clarification for existing law on negligent and reckless discharge of firearms in dense residential neighborhoods. (Companion Bill SB-130 PASSED/Signed into Law by Governor Scott)

HB-47 Assault on Real Estate Agents and Brokers by Rep. Kathleen Passidomo (R) To elevate realtors to same status as law enforcement officers by providing higher penalties for assaulting realtors than penalties for other citizens and professionals. (DIED on Calendar)

HB-105 Food Stamps (EBT Cards) by Rep. Jimmie Smith (R) To prohibit Food Stamps (Electronic Benefits Transfer Cards) from being used to purchase or traffic in drugs, explosives, firearms or ammunition. (Companion Bill SB-218 PASSED/Signed in Law by Governor Scott)

HB-135 Self-defense/10-20-Life by Rep. Neil Combee (R) A bill to stop prosecutors from charging people who use force or threaten to use force in self-defense cases from being prosecuted under 10-20-Life. (Companion Bill SB-228 PASSED/Signed Into Law by Governor Scott)

HB-163 Open Carry by CW License Holders by Rep. Matt Gaetz (R). Would stop CW license holders from being arrested and prosecuted for violating the open carry for firearms if a firearm becomes accidentally, unintentionally and briefly exposed to the sight of another person. (PASSED THE HOUSE – KILLED in Senate Committee by Chairman Miguel de la Portilla)

HB-169 Burden of Proof by Rep. Dennis Baxley (R) Corrects the actions of prosecutors and the courts who reversed the burden of proof from the state to the defendant in self-defense cases. Restores the right of innocence until proven guilty. (KILLED in the House Criminal Justice Committee by Republicans – Chairman Carlos Trujillo, Chris Latvala, Ray Fiolon and Charles Zanotti)

HB-505 Voter Identification by Rep. Danny Burgess (R) Allows voters to use a Concealed Weapons License issued by the State as a form of identification when voting. (Companion Bill SB-666 PASSED/Signed into Law by Governor Scott)

HB-935 Concealed Weapons Licenses by Rep. Gwyn Clarke-Reed (D) To impose more restrictions on concealed weapons license holders and on qualifying for a license. (DIED in House Business & Professions Committee)

HB-4001 Campus Carry by Rep. Greg Steube (R) Repeals the provision prohibiting concealed carry licensees from carrying firearms onto college or university campuses. (PASSED THE HOUSE – KILLED in Senate Committee by Chairman Miguel de la Portilla)

HB-4009 Slung Shot by Rep. Neil Combee (R) Repeals provisions prohibiting manufacture or sale or carrying of a slungshot. (PASSED and Signed Into Law by Governor Scott)

HB-4017 Duty to Retreat by Rep. Clovis Watson (D) To REPEAL the Castle Doctrine/Stand Your Ground law. (Withdrawn by Sponsor)

HB-4031 Concealed Carry by Rep. Greg Steube (R) To repeal the provision prohibiting the licensed carry of firearms into the gun store of a gun store. (DIED in House Criminal Justice Committee)

HB-4851 Concealed Carry in Airports by Rep. Jake Raburn (R) To repeal the prohibition of carrying firearms OUTSIDE the security area of airports. (KILLED in the House Criminal Justice Committee by Chairman Carlos Trujillo who failed to let the bill be heard in committee)

HB-7099 TAX CUT BILL - Sales Tax Free Holiday on Hunting & Fishing Gear by Rep. Matt Gaetz (R) & Rep. Frank Artiles (R) No sales tax can be charged on August 20, 2016 on rifles, shotguns, crossbows, bows, spearguns, ammunition for rifles and shotguns, fishing tackle and camping tents. (Not enough money in the budget for this AND the BACK-TO-SCHOOL Tax Free Holiday. Gave way to BACK-TO-SCHOOL-Tax Free Holiday)

SENATE BILLS

SB-68 Campus Carry by Sen. Greg Evers (R) Repeals the provision prohibiting concealed carry licensees from carrying firearms onto college or university campuses. (KILLED in Senate Judiciary Committee by Chairman Miguel de la Portilla)

SB-130 Discharge of Firearms by Sen. Garrett Richter (R) Provides clarification for existing law on negligent and reckless discharge of firearms in dense residential neighborhoods. (PASSED/signed into law by Governor Scott)

SB-218 Food Stamps (EBT Cards) by Sen. Travis Hutson (R) To prohibit Food Stamps (Electronic Benefits Transfer Cards) from being used to purchase or traffic in drugs, explosives, firearms or ammunition. (PASSED/signed into law by Governor Scott)

SB-228 Self-defense/10-20-Life by Sen. Aaron Bean (R) To stop prosecutors from charging people who use force or threaten to use force in self-defense cases from being prosecuted under 10-20-Life. (PASSED/signed into law by Governor Scott)

SB-300 Open Carry by CW License Holders by Sen. Don Gaetz (R) Would stop CW license holders from being arrested and prosecuted for violating the open carry for firearms if a firearm becomes accidentally, unintentionally and briefly exposed to the sight of another person. (KILLED in Senate Judiciary Committee by Chairman Miguel de la Portilla)

SB-344 Burden of Proof by Sen. Rob Bradley (R) Corrects the actions of prosecutors and the courts who reversed the burden of proof from the state to the defendant in self-defense cases. Restores the right of innocence until proven guilty. (PASSED THE SENATE - KILLED in House Judiciary Committee by Chairman Charles McBurney)

SB-370 Private sale or transfer of firearms at Gun Shows by Sen. Arthena Joyner (D) A short version of the Obama universal background check system for Gun Shows. It Prohibits any sale, transfer, exchange, trade or delivery of a firearm unless a licensed firearms dealer, licensed manufacturer or licensed importer is a party to the transaction. (DIED in Senate Criminal Justice Committee)

SB-666 Voter Identification by Sen. John Legg (R) Allows voters to also use a Concealed Weapons License issued by the State and a Veteran Health ID card issued by the US Department of Veterans Affairs as forms of identification when voting. (PASSED/signed into law by Governor Scott)

SB-612 Slung Shot by Sen. Alan Hays (R) Repeals provisions prohibiting manufacture or sale or carrying of a slungshot. (PASSED/signed into law by Governor Scott)

SB-772 Concealed Weapons License Changes by Sen. Garrett Richter (R) / Rep. Jay Trumbull (R) Students in firearms training classes are required to discharge a firearm using live ammunition as defined in §790.001, in the physical presence of the instructor in order to receive a training certificate that qualifies for licensure. Lowers CW License fees to $50 for a new 7-year license and $50 for renewal. (PASSED/signed into law by Governor Scott)

SJR-1134 Constitutional Amendment on Waiting Period on Handguns by Sen. Miguel Diaz de la Portilla (R) To place a constitutional amendment on the ballot to allow law enforcement officers and retired law enforcement to be exempt from the 3-day waiting period on the purchase of handguns for personal use. (DIED in Senate Criminal Justice Committee)

SB-1140 Concealed Weapons License by Sen. Dwight Bullard (D) To impose more restrictions on concealed weapons license holders and on qualifying for a license. (DIED in Senate Criminal Justice Committee)

SB-1506 Concealed Carry in Airports by Sen. Wilton Simpson (R) To repeal the prohibition of carrying firearms OUTSIDE the security area of airports. (KILLED in the Senate Judiciary Committee by Chairman Miguel Diaz de la Portilla (R) who refused to let the bill be heard in committee)