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Minutes
Delegation Meeting
Wednesday, February 17, 2016
8:00 a.m.
Room 306, House Office Building
Tallahassee, FL

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m.

Members present- Senator Bean; Representatives: Adkins, Fullwood, Jones, Ray;
Excused: Senator Gibson, Representatives: Fant, McBurney.

The Chair stated the purpose of today's meeting is to receive input regarding budget appropriations for Duval County.

The Chair opened the floor for input from the audience. Dr. Robert Lee, Fresh Ministries - Beaver Street Enterprise Center; explained budget request last year and asked for support in helping get an appropriation this session. According to Dr. Lee, Rep. Ray and Sen. Bean have submitted the budget requests for \$900,000; but currently Beaver Street is not yet in the budget.

Steve Wise, First Coast Maritime Academy; is requesting an appropriation for \$364,200. It is currently in the Senate budget, but not in the House. The Governor has requested a budget package on the program. Sen. Bean and Rep. Ray have submitted the requests.

Janet Owen, University of North Florida; is requesting an appropriation of \$8 million to fund the Advanced Manufacturing & Materials Innovation program. Currently has a partial appropriation in the Senate budget, but no specific appropriation has been delineated in the House budget. Also, requesting the last piece of PECO funding to finish the renovation of Skinner Jones Hall. Sen. Gibson and Rep. Ray have submitted the requests.

Layne Smith, Mayo Clinic; is requesting funding for Alzheimer's disease research. Traditionally Mayo researchers have been the largest recipients of this funding. The

Senate currently has \$3 million and the House has \$5 million for this item. Mr. Smith is requesting the Senate line item get closer to that allotted in the House. Additionally, he requested increased funding for LIP.

Mayor Charlie Latham, Jacksonville Beach; spoke in support of HB 1297/SB 1652 and SB 1220. Senator Bean asked Mayor Latham how Jacksonville Beach would be affected by an extension of the sales tax if HB 1297/SB 1652 passes. Mayor Latham explained even if Jacksonville Beach could not negotiate an interlocal agreement with Jacksonville regarding the funding, he is still in support of the legislation in order to address the pension debt.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:29 a.m.

This is not a verbatim transcript but a summary of the proceedings. A recording is on file in the delegation office and posted online on the delegation website.