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HASNER REMARKS ON FEDERAL STIMULUS

TALLAHASSEE, FL – House Majority Leader Adam Hasner (R-Delray Beach) issued the following remarks regarding the Florida Legislature’s implementation of the federal stimulus plan:

“Despite claims to the contrary, Governor Crist and the Florida Legislature are working together and are still awaiting details and answers from the Obama Administration about the conditions of the necessary federal waiver for education stimulus dollars. Until the Obama Administration gives their final answer on a federal waiver, the Legislature cannot accept stimulus dollars that have not been offered.

“As we have said all along, we will use federal stimulus dollars thoughtfully and responsibly so that we can address short-term challenges without creating long-term negative consequences. Let me be clear - these federal dollars are not a silver bullet to solving Florida’s budget problems.

“Unlike Congress, who keeps rushing forward and missing critical details that they now regret, the Florida House is carefully examining the specifics of the stimulus plan and making sure that we do not create a situation which is not in Florida’s long-term best interests.”

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