



**KEN PRUITT**  
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## THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE



**MARCO RUBIO**  
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### SPECIAL SESSION DATES ANNOUNCED

Tallahassee, FL -- Senate President Ken Pruitt (R-Port St. Lucie) and House Speaker Marco Rubio (R- West Miami) today issued memos to their respective chambers announcing dates for upcoming interim committee meetings in regard to the state budget. Attached are the memos from the Presiding Officers.

These memos will be followed by a special session proclamation which will be issued by the presiding officers in the near future. The Special Session is scheduled to begin September 18, 2007, and could run through the first week in October. At this time, only those issues relating to the state's budget will be included in the call.

"The task of reducing the budget will be difficult, but achievable. Thankfully, we have genuine cooperation between the Legislature and the Governor's office, and we are united in our efforts to handle the state's finances in a fiscally sound manner," said President Pruitt. "We will have a balanced budget that meets the needs of our state."

"Fortunately, we commence this budget cutting responsibility with agreement that Florida must continue to budget prudently and act responsibly in the face of declining revenue collections," said Speaker Rubio. "We will be mindful of the need to serve citizens while making necessary reductions in state spending."

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# The Florida House of Representatives


## Office of the Speaker

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Members, Florida House of Representatives

**FROM:** Speaker Marco Rubio 

**DATE:** July 24, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Council Budget Meetings and Special Session

As you are no doubt already aware, our state revenue collections have been declining over the past several months. We are now confronted with the challenging but necessary task of reconciling our budget with the anticipated reductions in state revenues. I believe we should approach this challenge in a deliberate and methodical manner. With this in mind and in preparation for an expected Special Session beginning September 18 and which could run through the first week in October, I am scheduling blocks of time for council meetings in August and September:

August 27 (after the early afternoon Legislative Budget Commission meeting) through August 29, and;

September 10 (after the early afternoon Legislative Budget Commission meeting) through September 11.


These time blocks are provided at the option of the council chairs. It will be up to the council chairs to decide whether to meet and for how long within their assigned blocks; however, the September 10-11 meetings will be scheduled to accommodate those traveling home to observe Rosh Hashanah on September 12.

I wanted to provide you with as much advance notice as possible for these meetings and the Special Session so that you can plan accordingly. I understand that these meeting dates may conflict with plans that you have already made. I apologize for any disruption to you and your families; however, with the amount of work before us and the magnitude of our responsibility, I believe that a Special Session preceded by interim meetings is the best course of action.



**THE FLORIDA SENATE**  
**SENATOR KEN PRUITT**  
*President*

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All Senators  
**FROM:** Ken Pruitt, President   
**SUBJECT:** Appropriations Committee Meetings and Special Session  
**DATE:** July 24, 2007

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As we face the challenging task of reconciling our budget with the anticipated reductions in state revenues, it is imperative that we approach this task in a deliberate and methodical manner. With this in mind, and in preparation for an expected Special Session beginning September 18 and running through the first week in October, I am scheduling blocks of time for appropriations committee meetings in August and September:

August 27 (after the early afternoon Legislative Budget Commission meeting) through August 28, and;

September 10 (after the early afternoon Legislative Budget Commission meeting) through September 11.

These time blocks are provided at the option of the appropriations committee chairs. It will be up to them to decide whether to meet and for how long. The September 11 meetings, however, will be scheduled to accommodate those traveling home to observe Rosh Hashanah on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

I wanted to provide you with as much advance notice as possible for these meetings and the Special Session. I understand that these meeting dates may conflict with plans that you have already made, and I apologize for any disruption to you and your families. However, with the amount of work that is before us, and the magnitude of our responsibility, I believe that the best course of action is interim meetings and a Special Session.

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c: Governor Charlie Crist  
Speaker Marco Rubio  
Office of Legislative Services