

In the Legislative Process there is a ruling for legislators to personally speak about wrongs or opinions and they are given blanket time on the Floor, this is called a point of personal privilege and at this point in the Legislative Session I am going to take mine.

First, I have always been very proud of who I represent.... You, the officers that work to provide protection and order in what is often a violent world... You should be proud... you go to work daily and make a difference in the lives of others.... Most people simply wake up and do nothing more than take up space....

Today the Senate made of final vote on Senate Bill 610, and my disappointment in the members of the Florida Senate has never been so extreme.... There were several shining heroes of the day, and I will give them full credit... because not only did they debate to protect you the protectors, but took on the Leadership of the Senate at a risk to their own issues... I could not be more proud of those individuals... I am going to give you the list of members that took on the challenge for us and fought for us.....

Senator Baker, Senator Garcia, Senator Gelber, Senator Hill, Senator Justice, Senator Lawson, Senator Sobel, Senator Joyner, Senator Rich, Senator Smith, Senator Wilson.....all fought for you the officers.... They debated and asked question and fought hard for you.....They deserve your loyalty and admiration.. They certainly have mine... most always have... because today's vote was nothing more than a repeat of their commitment to honoring you the officers that protect us....

As for those that stood up on the floor in debate and refused to give direct answers and misled the unknowing legislators as to what they were really voting on... well, just REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER.... The members that turned their back on the officers that are working on the front line, as you risk your life for your career.... they are as follows... **Senator Altman**, Senator Atwater, Senator Bennett, Senator Bullard, Senator Constantine, Senator Crist, **Senator Dean, Senator Detert**, Senator Diaz de la Portilla, Senator Dockery, **Senator Fasano**, Senator Gaetz, Senator Gardiner, Senator Haridopolos, Senator Jones, Senator Lynn, Senator Negron, Senator **Oelrich**, Senator Peaden, Senator Richter, Senator Ring, Senator Siplin, **Senator Storms**, Senator Thrasher, Senator Villalobos, and Senator Wise..... All of these Senators voted against you, but those in RED actually were vocal and fought to violate your rights... There are some that I expected it from, and two that personally I am very disappointed in.... I would love to have these members actually face someone who has been shot at, beat on, or the families of the fallen and explain why Deputies do not deserve the basic constitutional rights, since unlike others you do not have the right to strike....

I have ranted enough, just know that I have taken this issue very personally from the beginning and plan to continue the fight..... It has been the longest session of my career and enlightening as to which members are actual statesmen and which are simply puppets.... Absolute power breeds absolute corruption.

At this time we need to turn strong focus on the House Of Representatives....The following legislators hold the future of House Bill 417 in their hands.... You as officers need to call and let them know, that you are intelligent and hard working officers that know the process and what their roll in this legislation will be...

Representative Rivera- He is the council chairman that can hold this bill from being heard in his council, he can choose to not allow the bill to move forward. He has long been a supporter of the FOP and we need to make sure that he knows that this issue is of vital importance and the we need him to not hear House Bill 417 nor does he need to waive it from his council....

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Representative Murzin- Is also a Council Chairman that can choose to not hear this bad bill and we need to request that he not hear the bill or allow it to be waived from his council....

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Representative Galvano-Is the Rules Chairman of the House of Representatives, this means that he has the ability to stop 417 from being waived from anymore committee's or that the House not take up 610 instead of the HB 417.... This is important because the House can take up the Senate Bill with a 2/3 vote of the body and pass it.... Since it is a such a destructive and controversial bill, we need to make certain that he is aware that we are watching to see if he takes this action...

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Representative Dean Cannon- Representative Cannon is one of the most powerful members of the House, and we need to request his assistance in making certain that House Bill 417 does not make it any further in the committee process, and that he protect us from the whims of the Senate and make certain that Senate Bill 610 is not taken up on the House floor.

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Speaker Larry Cretul- Speaker Cretul hold all the power and he has the ability to make certain that this bill is not hear.... please make certain that you are polite when sending him call or email..... but he does need to know how much you care.....