

The next stop for Senate Bill 610 is the Senate Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability. The message that the Deputies in this state do not appreciate the members of Legislators voting their hard earned and constitutional right to collectively bargain, in good faith on a fair playing field is not appreciated. Below is a list of the members that will be voting on this bill February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 4pm.

Please call, email or fax these legislators, to ask them to vote no on Senate Bill 610.

- Though the argument was that the County Commission should not have the authority to tell a Sheriff how to spend his budget, this bill will not do anything to the budgetary issue, it is specifically drafted to 447.403 which has nothing to do with budget, and deals with issues of impasse only.
- This bill will allow a Sheriff to negotiate, declare and rule on his own contract impasse.
- The Florida Constitution states *“The right of persons to work shall not be denied or abridged on the account of membership or non-membership in any labor union or organization. The right of employees, by and through a labor organization, to bargain collectively shall not be denied or abridged.”* This bill will definitely abridge the rights of a public employee to collectively bargain, it will make this constitutional right meaningless.
- In case number CA-2008-026 PERC , in reference to the Sheriff as a legislative body ruled *“if we were to conclude otherwise the sheriff’s employees would be left with no mechanism for resolving the impasse and their constitutional right to collectively bargain would be rendered meaningless. Article 1 section 6, Florida Constitution; S. S. 447. 201, 447. 301, and 447.403, Florida statute.”*

#### **The sitting Committee Members**

**Please be aware that this committee is going to be very devisive, since the bill sponsor sits on the committee....**

**If you email the legislators, please email me a copy of your correspondence [foplegislative@aol.com](mailto:foplegislative@aol.com), and if a legislator has any questions please refer them to Lisa Henning at 850-766-8808.**



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