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P R O C E E D I N G S

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(Commenced at 9:45 a.m.)

GOVERNOR CRIST: Thank you. In August we approved the appointment of Mimi Drew as interim secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection. She's done a great job. And at the last Cabinet meeting we removed the interim part of her title. I would like to ask that the Cabinet confirm this decision. Is there a motion to do so?

CFO SINK: Move it.

COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Second.

GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it approved without objection. It is unanimous. Congratulations, Secretary.

The SBA meeting will be today at 1:00 p.m. The next Cabinet meeting is Tuesday, October 12th.

1 GOVERNOR CRIST: Department of Revenue, Lisa  
2 Echeverri. Good morning, Lisa.

3 MS. ECHEVERRI: Good morning. We have four  
4 items on our agenda today. We respectfully request  
5 approval of the minutes of the August 10th meeting.

6 GOVERNOR CRIST: Is there a motion to approve?

7 COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Motion to approve Item  
8 1.

9 CFO SINK: Second.

10 GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it  
11 approved without objection.

12 MS. ECHEVERRI: Item 2, we respectfully request  
13 approval and authority to publish Notice of Proposed  
14 Rulemaking. These are proposed rules for Chapters  
15 12A, 12B and 12C. They are general annual updates  
16 to our forms for 2011.

17 CFO SINK: Move it.

18 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Second.

19 GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it  
20 approved without objection.

21 MS. ECHEVERRI: Item 3, we respectfully request  
22 approval and authority to publish Notices of  
23 Proposed Rulemaking for Chapters 12-22, 12A and 12B.  
24 These are 2010 law changes we are implementing in  
25 the areas of communications services tax and in the

1 sales tax area of admissions, pest control and  
2 cleaning services, resale vending machines,  
3 productive output for new and expanding businesses  
4 and public works contracts.

5 CFO SINK: Move it.

6 COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Second.

7 GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it  
8 approved without objection.

9 MS. ECHEVERRI: Item Number 4, we request  
10 approval and authority to publish a Notice of  
11 Proposed Rulemaking for Hotel Reward Points Program.  
12 This is Rule 12A-1.0615. These rule amendments will  
13 give guidance and clarification to hotel owners on  
14 the taxability of certain portions of consideration  
15 received under Reward Points Program.

16 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Move it.

17 COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Second.

18 GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it  
19 approved without objection. Thank you, Lisa.

20 MS. ECHEVERRI: Thank you.

21 GOVERNOR CRIST: You're welcome.  
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1           GOVERNOR CRIST: Florida Department of Law  
2 Enforcement, Assistant Commissioner Mark Zadra.  
3 Good morning, Commissioner.

4           MR. ZADRA: Good morning. Florida Department  
5 of Law Enforcement has four items on the agenda  
6 today. The first item is the minutes of the  
7 June 8th, 2010, Cabinet meeting.

8           COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Move it.

9           CFO SINK: Move it.

10          COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Second.

11          CFO SINK: Second.

12          GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded twice.  
13 Show it approved without objection.

14          MR. ZADRA: Item 2 are the minutes of the  
15 July 29th, 2010 Cabinet meeting.

16          COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Motion for --

17          ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Move -- go ahead.  
18 I'll second it.

19          COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Motion for approval of  
20 Item 2.

21          ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Second.

22          GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it  
23 approved without objection.

24          MR. ZADRA: The third item on our agenda today  
25 is the Department's annual performance report for

1 fiscal year 2009-10 and contracts and purchases over  
2 \$100,000. This report provides the performance data  
3 concerning the General Appropriations Act measures,  
4 as well as four additional measures appearing in the  
5 Department's performance contract.

6 Those four are the number and percent of  
7 criminal investigations closed, the number and  
8 percent of criminal investigations closed that  
9 resulted in arrest, the number of public assistance  
10 fraud investigations, and the amount of fraudulent  
11 benefits withheld as a result of public assistance  
12 fraud investigations.

13 You remember that CFO Sink specifically  
14 requested these four measures be added to the  
15 contract at the August 29, 2009, Cabinet meeting.  
16 We were happy to include them.

17 Regarding our public assistance fraud measures,  
18 I'd like to point out that this will be the last  
19 time that we'll be presenting those, as the public  
20 assistance fraud program will be transferring to the  
21 Department of Financial Services in January.

22 The Department has maintained a steady level of  
23 performance throughout this fiscal year. And  
24 despite the resource challenges that I know that we  
25 face as a state, and many of our sister state



1 agencies, we've continued to meet or exceed at least  
2 two-thirds of those performance measures.

3 I believe that this is a testament to not only  
4 department leadership and a collaborative effort,  
5 the commitment to our mission, but more importantly  
6 to our members of the Department who have faced  
7 adversity but worked very hard through each of those  
8 issues that we've dealt with.

9 Some highlights from this year include  
10 Florida's implementation of the Adam Walsh Act. The  
11 Department of Justice recognized Florida as the  
12 third state to become fully compliant in the  
13 implementation of that act, which aligns the sex  
14 offender registry standards across states and  
15 tightens the requirements for offender registration  
16 notification.

17 Part of this implementation is the increased  
18 sexual offender predator notifications made to the  
19 public, including a free e-mail notification that's  
20 made through our Florida Offender Alert System. To  
21 date, more than 100,000 people have subscribed to  
22 that program, and we've sent out over two million  
23 notifications from that system.

24 In another announcement, we joined forces with  
25 the United States Immigration and Customs

1 Enforcement to announce expansion of the Secure  
2 Communities initiative within the state of Florida  
3 and to all 67 counties. This effort uses our new  
4 biometric identification sharing capability to help  
5 federal immigration officials identify criminal  
6 aliens when they are booked into local custody.  
7 Florida is the third state also to implement this  
8 program statewide. And I would emphasize this only  
9 involves those that are convicted of crimes.

10 We've continued to see investigative successes  
11 as well. We arrested 21 individuals as part of our  
12 Operation Cash Exchange. This was a statewide  
13 effort combating public assistance fraud, where  
14 retailers were illegally providing cash through the  
15 use of the electronic benefit transaction cards.  
16 The 15 stores involved committed approximately  
17 \$3.5 million in fraud.

18 Operation Painkiller involved the arrest of 172  
19 individuals in multiple Central Florida counties who  
20 sold prescription medications that had been  
21 illegally obtained by visiting pill mills. More  
22 than 20,000 prescription pills were seized during  
23 this operation.

24 And, finally, we were involved in multiple  
25 large-scale fraud cases involving and surrounding

1 stolen ATM card information. One case involved a  
2 \$55 million Medicaid fraud scheme and a case  
3 surrounding a multi-million-dollar scheme to  
4 illegally recruit construction investors. I'd be  
5 happy to answer any questions regarding this item.

6 GOVERNOR CRIST: Is there a motion?

7 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Move Item 3.

8 COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Second.

9 GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Do you  
10 have a question, CFO?

11 CFO SINK: No. I just want to make a comment  
12 that this is a pretty impressive, very impressive  
13 report. And please convey my and I think our thanks  
14 to all the members of the FDLE team for the  
15 incredible work you do all year long to protect  
16 Floridians. This is a very good performance report.

17 MR. ZADRA: Thank you, CFO Sink, and I'll make  
18 sure that we personally convey that message to our  
19 members.

20 GOVERNOR CRIST: Please do for all of us. And  
21 I think it has been moved and seconded, and show it  
22 approved without objection.

23 MR. ZADRA: Thank you, Governor.

24 GOVERNOR CRIST: You're quite welcome.

25 MR. ZADRA: Item Number 4, the Department would

1 respectfully request that this item be withdrawn.

2 GOVERNOR CRIST: We would respectfully allow  
3 you to do so.

4 MR. ZADRA: Thank you, sir.

5 GOVERNOR CRIST: Is there a motion to that  
6 effect?

7 CFO SINK: Move it.

8 COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Second.

9 GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it  
10 withdrawn.

11 MR. ZADRA: The last item is a Notice of  
12 Proposed Rule, 11D-2.001, Florida Administrative --

13 GOVERNOR CRIST: If I might, by doing that, you  
14 just saved about 9,000 people \$50 apiece. Thank you  
15 on their behalf.

16 MR. ZADRA: Yes, sir. This proposed rule is  
17 created to implement Section 893.1495, providing an  
18 electronic monitoring system for retailers to record  
19 the real-time purchase of products used to  
20 manufacture methamphetamine. You may already know  
21 that the ingredients found in common  
22 over-the-counter cold medicines such as Sudafed are  
23 used to manufacture methamphetamine.

24 Since 2005 retailers have been required by  
25 federal law to manually record purchases of these

1 types of medicines in their logbooks. New state  
2 laws enhance the requirement by providing for the  
3 electronic monitoring system, and expanded to  
4 include every retailer, even gas stations and  
5 convenience stores.

6 The rule language specifies how sales must be  
7 tracked and provides an exemption process for  
8 retailers who meet certain requirements. The  
9 benefit of the electronic monitoring is that  
10 purchase information will be real-time, so retailers  
11 can block the sale if legal limits are exceeded.  
12 And the information will be contained within a  
13 single system that is more accessible to law  
14 enforcement.

15 We've already seen value of this during a pilot  
16 we launched in the panhandle of Florida. And it was  
17 determined that a central repository to monitor the  
18 purchase of these meth precursor drugs would be very  
19 effective. And it will be implemented at no cost to  
20 the retailers.

21 Last month the Department proactively held a  
22 series of workshops throughout the state to gather  
23 information on the impacted parties. We received  
24 excellent input that was implemented within the  
25 proposed rule language. And upon approval, the

1 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking will be published in  
2 the Florida Administrative Weekly on October 8,  
3 2010, and an opportunity for public hearing will be  
4 provided. And I would be happy to answer any  
5 questions regarding the proposed rule.

6 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Move Item 5.

7 CFO SINK: Second.

8 GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it  
9 approved without objection. Thank you, Mark.

10 MR. ZADRA: Thank you.

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1           GOVERNOR CRIST: Board of Trustees, Secretary  
2           Drew. And I think, CFO, you wanted to recognize a  
3           departing staff member.

4           CFO SINK: Oh, yes. Sorry, Governor.

5           GOVERNOR CRIST: It's all right.

6           CFO SINK: I'd like to -- from the  
7           recommendation of my staff and others, I'd like  
8           recognize David Clark, with the Office of Cabinet  
9           Affairs. David, would you please come forward.

10          (Applause)

11          CFO SINK: And I understand maybe your wife is  
12          here, too. Surprise, surprise. This is Ashley.

13          (Applause)

14          CFO SINK: David has been with the DEP for the  
15          last six years, and most recently -- sorry our  
16          generals are not still here -- David has been  
17          accepted to the United States Army Officer Candidate  
18          School, and he's going to begin his training in  
19          October. He was one of just three men selected out  
20          of 47 applicants for OCS. Once he has completed  
21          OCS, he'd like to attend airborne, air assault and  
22          ranger school.

23          This has been a life-long passion of David's,  
24          to join the military to serve his country. In  
25          preparation for his departure, he has been seen

1 running around DEP's parking lot with an Army pack  
2 and in boots. It's just an example of the  
3 commitment and discipline he has.

4 David, on behalf of the citizens of Florida who  
5 you have so ably served for the last six years and  
6 also the citizens of our country, we want to thank  
7 you for your selfless service to our country as an  
8 American soldier and also as a valued employee of  
9 the State of Florida for the last six years and our  
10 best wishes to you going forward.

11 (Applause)

12 MR. CLARK: Governor, Cabinet, especially CFO,  
13 thank you. Completely unexpected. Thank you. It's  
14 been an honor and a privilege to be able to work  
15 with the amazing staff that I've been able to work  
16 with at DEP and your staff. It's been an incredible  
17 journey over the last six years with the State of  
18 Florida, and I thank you all for that.

19 I look forward to serving my country in any  
20 capacity I can. Simply, thank you very much on  
21 behalf of my wife and myself.

22 CFO SINK: And I'd like to just mention that  
23 Ashley is also a state employee, State of Florida  
24 employee working in our Division of Accounting and  
25 Auditing. Good team. Thank you.



1           GOVERNOR CRIST: Thank you both.  
2           Congratulations. Why don't we get a shot.

3           (Applause)

4           GOVERNOR CRIST: Board of Trustees. Secretary  
5           Drew.

6           MS. DREW: Good morning, Governor, members of  
7           the Cabinet. We'll miss David, too. I appreciate  
8           your honoring him this morning. He's been a  
9           wonderful asset to the agency.

10           The first item, we respectfully request  
11           approval of the minutes from the July 29th, 2010,  
12           Cabinet meeting.

13           COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Motion for approval of  
14           Item 1.

15           CFO SINK: Second.

16           GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show the  
17           minutes approved without objection.

18           MS. DREW: Thank you. Item 2, we request  
19           consideration of the September 2010 Florida Forever  
20           Five-Year Plan, the Acquisition and Restoration  
21           Council's recommended Florida Forever Land  
22           Acquisition Priority List and Work Plan, and the  
23           Acquisition and Restoration Council's recommended  
24           Florida Forever Capital Improvements Priority List  
25           and Work Plan.

1           Just a little note on that. The acquisition  
2 list includes 112 projects containing  
3 1.95 million acres. And this is the first time in  
4 ten years that we've actually ranked these into five  
5 categories as requested -- as required by the  
6 legislature. So we have five categories: Climate  
7 change lands, critical natural lands, less-than-fee  
8 lands, partnerships and regional incentives and  
9 substantially complete projects.

10           We respectfully request approval of that -- of  
11 those three items.

12           CFO SINK: Move it.

13           COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Second.

14           GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show Item  
15 2 approved without objection.

16           MS. DREW: Item 3, we request consideration of  
17 an execution of a partial release of a lease and the  
18 issuance of a 50-year lease to the Leon County  
19 School Board for the Bloxham Building. Leon County  
20 and the City of Tallahassee have expressed an  
21 interest for the school board to utilize the Bloxham  
22 Building and sent a formal resolution to us in July  
23 of 2009.

24           The lease would require the school board to --  
25 allow the school board to have five years to occupy.

1 If we've not received confirmation within five  
2 years, the board would have an option to terminate  
3 the lease and require the school board to execute a  
4 release of that lease.

5 With us today is Jackie Pons, superintendent of  
6 Leon County Schools, who has asked to address the  
7 Board this morning on this issue, with your  
8 permission.

9 GOVERNOR CRIST: Of course, of course. Please  
10 come forward, Mr. Superintendent.

11 MR. PONS: Thank you. I just wanted to come  
12 before you first to thank your staff for all the  
13 hard work on this and to thank you for your  
14 consideration. I'd like to also recognize our  
15 former superintendent that's with me today, Bill  
16 Montford. Bill is behind me, but this was his  
17 original idea when he was superintendent, to come  
18 forward, to bring this back into our inventory so we  
19 could have a downtown presence related to education  
20 here in Leon County.

21 And we would hope that you would approve this,  
22 and we look forward to moving forward with a plan  
23 that would meet the needs of this community.

24 GOVERNOR CRIST: I'll move it.

25 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Second.

1           GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Show it  
2 approved without objection.

3           Thank you very, very much for what you're  
4 doing.

5           MR. PONS: And thank you, and thank each and  
6 every one of you for your service to the State of  
7 Florida.

8           GOVERNOR CRIST: Thank you, Jackie. Thank you,  
9 Bill.

10          MS. DREW: Thank you. Item Number 4 is the Big  
11 Cypress National Preserve and Addition conveyance.  
12 We had requested to defer this item. We are fully  
13 prepared to talk about the item should it be  
14 requested this morning. The reason we asked for a  
15 deferral was we had a request from a stakeholder  
16 over the weekend who wanted to be here in support of  
17 it who could not be here, and he asked us to delay.  
18 But we're here ready to talk about it, Governor, at  
19 your pleasure.

20          GOVERNOR CRIST: Could you just give us a brief  
21 overview of what we're talking about here?

22          MS. DREW: I'll be happy to do that. The  
23 donation and conveyance of a total of 29,000 acres  
24 of state-owned land in the Big Cypress National  
25 Preserve and Big Cypress Addition to the United

1 States on behalf of the National Park Service. The  
2 Big Cypress Act of 1973, the Florida Legislature set  
3 aside this property to become part of the preserve.  
4 Congress endorsed it in 1974 and expanded it in  
5 1988.

6 We've all worked diligently to try to get to a  
7 point where we can transfer that property to the  
8 National Park Service for the last, well, 10, 15  
9 years. Most recently the Fish and Wildlife Service  
10 and the DEP and FWC and all the agencies involved  
11 have worked very hard to reach an agreement on how  
12 that property would be managed.

13 And we were going to bring that issue to you  
14 this morning. And as I said, we were asked to delay  
15 so that Representative Bergeron -- I'm sorry --  
16 Commissioner Bergeron could be here, and he can't be  
17 here. I have people here who can go into more  
18 detail if you'd like detail about that property.

19 GOVERNOR CRIST: Well, you know, I don't know  
20 why we wouldn't do it, but we certainly want to  
21 respect everyone's opportunity to be heard. Is  
22 there a motion?

23 COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Well, Governor, I've  
24 got -- to do this, in my opinion, without the  
25 finalized plan from the federal government, I think

1           may be rushing it a little bit. I'd like to see  
2           that final plan. There are three or four issues  
3           that were brought up in this report that I think we  
4           need to take into consideration.

5           Number one, part of this -- and I don't know  
6           how much of it exactly yet -- is going to be  
7           designated a wilderness area. Now, our Forestry  
8           Division has run into this before, where wilderness  
9           areas have been designated by the federal  
10          government, and you cannot carry mechanized  
11          firefighting equipment into those areas designated  
12          by the federal government. This is a problem. And  
13          especially since 75 and 41, both evacuation routes  
14          in that area, are involved in this. That's the  
15          first issue.

16          The second issue that I have concern with until  
17          that final plan does end up in our hands before the  
18          vote is taken is, under those same conditions of  
19          designating a huge portion of this area as  
20          wilderness, that means there will be no going in and  
21          taking care of non-native invasive species. It will  
22          grow to its maximum without any pressures whatsoever  
23          to do those types of things. If there's a major  
24          outbreak of disease in the trees of that area, you  
25          cannot take those trees out either.

1           There are some real issues here that I still  
2           have concerns, and I'd like to see what that federal  
3           plan designs to these issues that could not only  
4           affect the adjacent state lands but also affect  
5           private lands in that area with some of these  
6           issues.

7           I know how it was originally set up, and to  
8           transfer it from state ownership to federal  
9           ownership under the right guidelines, I don't know  
10          that there would be a problem with that because it's  
11          going to be protected just as it is now. But right  
12          now we can go in and do those plans of taking out  
13          invasive species and looking at the diseased trees  
14          and do what we need to do to take care of it.

15          So I'm concerned, until we see the federal  
16          government's final plan on this and how they plan to  
17          take care of this land and how it's going to affect  
18          state land and private landowners in that area, I  
19          don't believe I could vote for this until I see that  
20          final plan.

21                 GOVERNOR CRIST: CFO?

22                 CFO SINK: Yes. My staff was doing some  
23                 briefing with me, and I just have a few questions,  
24                 because there's some indication that maybe the  
25                 State, we just can't afford to really effectively

1 manage these lands today and that there may be some  
2 benefit -- I understand your concerns. But is there  
3 a benefit to going ahead? I mean, this has been  
4 going on for 30 years.

5 MS. DREW: Right.

6 CFO SINK: What we think about Tallahassee --

7 MS. DREW: Could I respond?

8 CFO SINK: -- takes generations to make things  
9 happen. But is there an answer here which would  
10 enable us to go ahead and get it out of our  
11 responsibility into the feds', where perhaps they do  
12 have more resources to effectively manage the lands  
13 when we're not, but not have to go through yet  
14 months and months and months, or I don't know how  
15 the federal government works, to assure --

16 GOVERNOR CRIST: Badly.

17 CFO SINK: -- ourselves that they are, in fact,  
18 going to be able to have effective stewardship?

19 MS. DREW: May I respond to a few points?

20 GOVERNOR CRIST: Of course you can.

21 MS. DREW: First of all, Commissioner Bronson,  
22 there are two separate processes, as you all  
23 probably know. One is the acquisition of the  
24 property, and one is the development and the  
25 management plan. And we're working very hard with



1 the federal government to get to a management plan  
2 that we can all live with. But there are really two  
3 parallel issues there.

4 One of the issues is, if we don't take action  
5 on this, we're likely to lose the environmental site  
6 assessment, which has already been done at the cost  
7 of \$35,000, which will expire in December. So, you  
8 know, we're quite anxious. It's a great  
9 environmental project. It's a great project that  
10 unites all of the agencies.

11 We've worked very hard with the Department of  
12 Interior to be good partners with them. As you  
13 know, they're critical partners to us in many areas  
14 of the rest of the state. So that's one of the  
15 reasons we would like to see this moved.

16 To your specific question about mechanized  
17 equipment and firefighting, we have been working  
18 with them and they are open to suggestion on what we  
19 feel is important for our ability to get in there  
20 and manage that property. So I think we can address  
21 that issue.

22 GOVERNOR CRIST: General?

23 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: I just want to know  
24 when this report is due that Commissioner Bronson is  
25 talking about. I had heard from my staff it might

1 be November or December, and they'll actually  
2 produce this report. Is that going to -- that would  
3 be before the deadline you had mentioned to us, I  
4 presume. So what is your understanding of when  
5 there will be this federal plan that they'll have  
6 out about managing it?

7 MS. DREW: I don't have a date on that. I know  
8 that they've been working hard, and it's going  
9 through their federal process. And because of their  
10 confidentiality provisions, we haven't been able to  
11 see the final plan, but we've been talking to the  
12 park superintendent on an almost daily basis, and  
13 he's been working with all the stakeholders so that  
14 we have a comfort level that what's in the plan is  
15 something we can live with. And, again, that plan  
16 can be changed if we need to change it after the  
17 fact.

18 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Well, I think what  
19 Commissioner Bronson has asked is fairly reasonable.  
20 And my knowledge of how government works at the  
21 federal level is if we have a deadline that's  
22 responsible here and they're well along the way,  
23 they should produce that report, that plan, fairly  
24 quickly to us. At least we should try to get it, it  
25 seems to me.

1           So, Governor, I would move that we defer this  
2 and ask Mimi and her team to go see if they can't  
3 prod the plan along, to see if we can't see the  
4 management plan before the end of this year, before  
5 the last Cabinet meeting this year, where we could  
6 vote on this.

7           I understand why we should vote on it, but I  
8 also agree with Commissioner Bronson. We ought to  
9 have a chance to see exactly what it is they're  
10 proposing to do. I know I trust DEP a lot. But  
11 it's my -- I'm a trustee. I've got to look at it,  
12 too. And I think Commissioner Bronson has made a  
13 very good point.

14           So I would move we defer this, with a request  
15 that it not be brought back this year until we get  
16 some word back from the federal government,  
17 hopefully with a plan.

18           COMMISSIONER BRONSON: I'll second that.

19           GOVERNOR CRIST: Moved and seconded. Did  
20 anyone else wish to speak on this issue, Secretary?

21           MS. DREW: We do have a few people, if you'd  
22 like to hear from them today. Andy McLeod is here  
23 from the Nature Conservancy and Julie Wraithmell  
24 from Audubon have joined us today.

25           GOVERNOR CRIST: It's up to them, sure.

1           MR. McLEOD: Thank you very much, Governor and  
2 Cabinet. Andy McLeod from the Nature Conservancy.  
3 We believe that it is time to act on this. It's  
4 been 40 years that we've been -- as the federal  
5 government managing Big Cypress and 15 years since  
6 the addition was authorized.

7           This will realize a savings for the State,  
8 money back from this transaction, approximately  
9 \$4 million, which we would hope to go ultimately to  
10 Florida Forever and/or Everglades funding.

11           The cost share is quite beneficial to the  
12 State, 80/20. So it's a reasonable proposition for  
13 the State. And I would note in the agenda item that  
14 the federal government has managed this property  
15 very satisfactorily for 40 years. In addition, as  
16 the item states, the National Park Service is  
17 requesting early conveyance to be able to provide  
18 immediate oversight, enforcement and effective  
19 management of the conservation lands within Big  
20 Cypress. That would include fire management,  
21 invasives control, as well as public access.

22           And so we think it's a good deal and a timely  
23 deal for the State of Florida. Thank you.

24           GOVERNOR CRIST: Thank you very much.

25           CFO SINK: Governor, maybe the -- I'd be

1 interested in having the -- who are we working with,  
2 Mimi, from the fed side? Is it the park  
3 superintendent or --

4 MS. DREW: Yes, it's the park superintendent.  
5 And also I've been talking to Tom Strickland, who is  
6 the deputy secretary. So, I mean, there's a lot of  
7 interest from very high levels in the Department of  
8 Interior to see this go forward. And it's my  
9 understanding that the park superintendent has  
10 talked almost continuously to the stakeholders.  
11 John Outland is here with me today, who's been  
12 heavily involved in those discussions, if you'd like  
13 to hear from him.

14 CFO SINK: What I was getting ready to suggest  
15 was that perhaps -- I know it's hard to get to  
16 Tallahassee, but perhaps it should really be the  
17 park superintendent or the controlling authority to  
18 come and speak to the members of the Cabinet, if in  
19 fact they don't think they're going to have the  
20 final paperwork done, to assure us that the lands  
21 are going to be effectively managed.

22 COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Well, Governor, if I  
23 might, I'm still trying to figure out, and I think  
24 I -- I've been told that this land, under the  
25 State's authority, has been open for some public

1 access to the property, which may include hunting on  
2 this, or it wouldn't? Okay.

3 So there are some other issues. Under the  
4 federal plan, they're wanting to open up areas more  
5 for public access as well. But I don't know -- and  
6 I know in the park, you can't hunt in the park for  
7 sure, and I don't know whether this 30,000 acres  
8 allows hunting right now. And I'd like to find that  
9 out because we're losing more and more land in  
10 Florida for public access for public hunting. And  
11 that's another issue. So I'd like to find that out  
12 before I would make a final vote on it.

13 But I think to approve something before the  
14 final plan -- I mean, yes, I understand it's been 40  
15 years, but what's the rush to do it without the plan  
16 in place so we can actually see what's going to be  
17 done with this property? And the firefighting  
18 capability, I'm telling you, when you do that  
19 mechanized -- no mechanized equipment in a potential  
20 forest area that's gone into their designation, that  
21 makes it tougher to control fires that break out  
22 there, as well as the fuel loading, because those  
23 areas are prime after hurricanes for fuel loading,  
24 which is going to make putting fires out even more  
25 difficult in that area.

1           So I'm just saying, there are issues still out  
2 here that I'd like to see some answers to. I can't  
3 vote for it today for sure, and I'd sure like to see  
4 those before we do a final vote.

5           GOVERNOR CRIST: Well, we have a motion before  
6 us. It has been seconded. It is to defer for  
7 today. And it's my understanding also that former  
8 Governors Graham and Askew would like to speak to  
9 this. So are there any objections to deferral for  
10 today? No. It is therefore unanimous. We will  
11 defer for today.

12           MS. DREW: And just to be clear --

13           GOVERNOR CRIST: Miss, did you wish to speak?

14           MS. WRAITHMELL: I did.

15           MS. DREW: This is Julie Wraithmell.

16           GOVERNOR CRIST: Please, feel free. I'm sorry.

17           MS. WRAITHMELL: Thank you, Mr. Governor. My  
18 apologies. My name is Julie Wraithmell. I'm the  
19 director of wildlife conservation for Audubon of  
20 Florida. We spoke before your aides last week in  
21 support of this issue and just wanted to underscore  
22 that we really do not believe that the State's  
23 interest is served in delaying on this conveyance  
24 for any longer.

25           Our conservation interests are not served.

1           Currently these lands are not being managed. In  
2           fact, they're subject to trespass and dumping. And  
3           along those same lines, the State's financial  
4           interest is not served by delaying this any further.  
5           With additional dumping, the State may eventually  
6           find itself responsible, actually, for the cleanup  
7           of those lands.

8           And, similarly, under the cost-share agreement,  
9           the conveyance of these lands will result in  
10          \$4 million conveyed to the State, which could be  
11          applied in the future to additional Everglades  
12          restoration.

13          The reality is that the management plan and the  
14          conveyance are two separate issues here. This  
15          conveyance has been mandated for quite some time,  
16          and the management plan has been in development with  
17          a panoply of stakeholders. And I would say that the  
18          National Park Service has been very open to the  
19          concerns of both the State, particularly through the  
20          Fish and Wildlife Commission, as well as DEP.

21          We do not have concerns for the management and  
22          access of wilderness areas. Wilderness areas will  
23          allow hunting as well as fishing. And the National  
24          Park Service is very committed to wildfire  
25          management in those areas. The intention of those



1 areas, in fact, is to manage them for the health of  
2 the ecosystem.

3 So I would just urge you -- I understand that  
4 there's a lot of moving parts on this one right now.  
5 But this is a very important conveyance. It's been  
6 a long time coming, and it really is in the best  
7 interest of Florida, both ecologically and  
8 financially. Thank you.

9 GOVERNOR CRIST: Thank you very much.

10 COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Governor, clarification.

11 GOVERNOR CRIST: Commissioner, sure.

12 COMMISSIONER BRONSON: The General's motion was  
13 to look at this after the management plan has been  
14 delivered and we get a chance to take a look at it.  
15 Is that -- that was the motion?

16 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: That was the  
17 motion.

18 GOVERNOR CRIST: I don't think I heard that.  
19 Is that what you -- we'll check and see what it was.  
20 We have a record.

21 CFO SINK: Well, yeah, that's important because  
22 it's so up in the air. In my opinion, we ought to  
23 defer it but not put extra strings on it until we  
24 really hear more from some of the more interested  
25 parties. I just personally am not going to -- I

1 don't think I can support waiting until we have a  
2 management plan because that may be a year from now.

3 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Well, my motion was  
4 based on the assumption that we would try to get the  
5 management plan and that we would defer until we got  
6 it, assuming that it would be available. Nobody  
7 knows when it's going to be available. But the  
8 presumption in my staff is and what I hear is it's  
9 perhaps ready to be delivered in November or  
10 December, and I don't know the source of that.  
11 Mimi, you don't have that information.

12 So I think we should press for the management  
13 plan. The motion was designed to say let's press  
14 for it, let's not bring it back here until the last  
15 Cabinet meeting of the year, unless you can get the  
16 management plan sooner. That was the intent of the  
17 motion. But if we don't get the management plan and  
18 they can't get it, then I'd like to hear from some  
19 of the people involved, as CFO Sink suggested, at  
20 the highest authority, so we can at least talk to  
21 them before I go out of office. I'm sure  
22 Commissioner Bronson would feel the same way, but I  
23 can't speak for you, Charlie.

24 COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Well, I -- thank you.  
25 But I'm very concerned that we need a definite -- we

1 need to know what's going to happen with this land  
2 and who's going to have access and who's not. We're  
3 going to transfer title to the federal government.  
4 And so there's just some issues before -- I mean, as  
5 trustee to this board, as a member of the trustees,  
6 I don't want to just transfer titles to stuff until  
7 I know what's going to happen with it, how it's  
8 going to be managed, whether there's going to be  
9 access in case of a major fire, how is that going to  
10 affect Highway 75 and 41 as evacuation routes under  
11 those conditions.

12           There are just a lot of things. And I can tell  
13 you right now, I've been preaching this on this  
14 board as well as in the Florida Senate, non-native  
15 invasive species are killing our environment.  
16 They're absolutely destroying native species. And  
17 those have to be put under control as best as we can  
18 or we're going to lose this whole fight. We're  
19 going to be saving Asia and South and Central  
20 America instead of Florida. So I have very -- I  
21 have big concerns over this.

22           CFO SINK: Governor, could -- General McCollum,  
23 could we amend the motion to say that we're  
24 deferring today but we will bring the issue back no  
25 later than the last Cabinet meeting in December, so

1           that we are assured that we do get one more  
2           opportunity to hear from more people?

3           ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: I would be happy to  
4           do that, but I do want to make a comment. I believe  
5           I'm right, that this particular vote would require  
6           three of us to vote in the affirmative to do it.  
7           And I think that the Park Service and the national  
8           government ought to be aware, as well as you at DEP,  
9           that I'm not committing today that I'm going to vote  
10          in that last vote for this if they don't have a plan  
11          and we can't look at it.

12          They ought to be able to produce their plan or  
13          an outline of their plan or something that's more  
14          assuring to us, so we can know what they're going to  
15          do about the issues that Commissioner Bronson  
16          brought up.

17          But I'm happy to amend my motion to say that it  
18          will be brought back before us no later than the  
19          last Cabinet meeting of this year, whether we have  
20          the plan or not, so we can discuss it, but that it  
21          can come back sooner, and I hope it will come back  
22          sooner, with the plan, if they produce the plan.

23          MS. DREW: Could I make a suggestion? Would  
24          you be willing to say that we'll bring it back in  
25          two weeks, with the Park Service here ready to

1 answer questions, whether the plan -- and it's  
2 printed or not, but they're here and they're able  
3 to --

4 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: I have no problem  
5 with your bringing it back, but there's no assurance  
6 you're going to get my vote.

7 MS. DREW: I understand. I don't think -- my  
8 concern, General, is that we may not have a  
9 written -- you know how the federal government works  
10 sometimes. And we may not have the written plan any  
11 time soon.

12 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Well, Mimi --

13 CFO SINK: Well, maybe this will inspire them  
14 to get off their hineys and go get a plan.

15 ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: Yeah, that's the  
16 point. You don't have any assurance of that. But  
17 as I told you, I worked in Congress for a number of  
18 years, and they can do this. If they want to do it,  
19 they can do this. And so I think my motion is fair.

20 If they bring back something in two weeks,  
21 fine. If the Governor and the rest of the Cabinet  
22 want to have it discussed further in two weeks, I'm  
23 happy to have it discussed further. But I'm not  
24 prepared to vote for it or to vote on it until they  
25 produce the plan. And if it goes to the last

1 meeting in December, we'll make a judgment call at  
2 that point if they haven't. But I certainly hope  
3 that they have produced it because I feel really  
4 strongly they should produce it.

5 CFO SINK: Well, I second your motion, General  
6 McCollum. I'll second your motion.

7 ATTORNEY GENERAL MCCOLLUM: Thank you.

8 GOVERNOR CRIST: Good. It's been moved and  
9 seconded. I have a procedural question. What is  
10 the vote required on this item?

11 MS. DREW: It requires three.

12 GOVERNOR CRIST: And why is that?

13 MS. DREW: Does someone want to answer?

14 MR. BALLARD: Governor, you're not talking  
15 about the deferral. The deferral takes a simple  
16 majority. But for disposal of land, it takes three  
17 votes.

18 GOVERNOR CRIST: So it's -- for the motion  
19 itself --

20 MR. BALLARD: To defer, it would take two-plus,  
21 so that if -- if it wins with two, it would have to  
22 have you as the Governor to be on the prevailing  
23 side.

24 GOVERNOR CRIST: To defer.

25 MR. BALLARD: To defer.

1           ATTORNEY GENERAL McCOLLUM: But to grant the  
2 actual disposition of the land, which is the  
3 ultimate objective, it would require three votes.

4           GOVERNOR CRIST: Okay. Got it. All right.  
5 You have seconded the motion?

6           CFO SINK: Yes.

7           GOVERNOR CRIST: Are there any objections to  
8 the motion as amended? It's passed, the motion, as  
9 amended.

10          MS. DREW: To defer. And we will get it --

11          GOVERNOR CRIST: Item 5?

12          MS. DREW: We'll get it back as quickly as  
13 possible to you.

14          GOVERNOR CRIST: The sooner the better would be  
15 great.

16          MS. DREW: Yes, sir. I hear you. Item 5 was a  
17 request to update you on the Deepwater Horizon oil  
18 spill. And I will just touch on the high points of  
19 this, and I'll be happy to answer any questions.

20                 The bottom kill was completed on  
21 September 19th, meaning that the cement -- the  
22 bottom of the well was cemented, and tests indicate  
23 the well is killed.

24                 The news on this issue is that the federal  
25 government has required the oil companies to go out

1 and look at all of the offshore rigs and either  
2 permanently plug them or in some way deal --  
3 dismantle them. That's 3,500 that will be  
4 permanently plugged potentially and about 650 oil  
5 and gas production platforms that are no longer  
6 being used that need to be inspected to try to  
7 prevent future issues related to that.

8 We continue to have response activities in  
9 Florida with the office that was set up in Port St.  
10 Joe, Pensacola, working with the counties to try to  
11 make sure we're ready to respond if issues come up  
12 over there.

13 In terms of cleanup, we're still having  
14 periodic tar balls. In the last 24 hours we had  
15 over 6,000 pounds of tar balls, but that's about a  
16 third of the amount that I reported to you on  
17 September 14. So it looks as though that number is  
18 decreasing.

19 We're doing continuing monitoring, as well as  
20 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and  
21 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, to try to  
22 make sure that the seafood is safe and that we're  
23 not seeing any evidence in the water column of  
24 issues related to oil.

25 The biggest activity we've been doing so far is



1 the natural resource damage assessment activities,  
2 where we're continuing to try to determine how much  
3 damage occurred in Florida. We're working with the  
4 other state and federal trustees to try to figure  
5 out what the best plan of action is for ensuring  
6 that we get reimbursement for damages.

7 CFO Sink, last time you asked me to expound a  
8 little bit on the potential legislative change that  
9 we had discussed during the oil spill. Basically  
10 what that is is that Section 376.121 in Florida  
11 Statutes provides for two different methods to  
12 calculate natural resource damages, the State's  
13 calculation process or the process spelled out  
14 through Oil Protection Act 90, which is the federal  
15 process.

16 What we were considering suggesting the  
17 legislature do is to remove what's called the  
18 opt-out provision, which the way it's currently set  
19 up, it is up to the responsible party to decide  
20 which path they want to go down for damage  
21 assessment.

22 What we were thinking about is, you know,  
23 letting it be the State's responsibility to  
24 determine which path to go down. If you use the  
25 State's approach, we calculate damage based on

1 volume of spill, which we believe would give us a  
2 much better number than the OPA 90, which relies on  
3 damage assessment, which is a little more subjective  
4 and it takes a lot longer.

5 So that hasn't gone anywhere other than to have  
6 internal discussions, including with the Attorney  
7 General's Office. But I just wanted to mention  
8 that, since you'd asked about it last time.

9 Last night there was a press call. Secretary  
10 Ray Mabus will be rolling out his report. If you  
11 recall, he visited different parts of the state of  
12 Florida and talked to people about economic damages,  
13 and he will be rolling out today at 11:30 Central  
14 Time his Gulf Coast recovery fund concept. And I  
15 don't have any details about that, other than to say  
16 they will have a website at 11:30 today that will go  
17 live that talks about how they think they can use  
18 some of the penalties from the oil spill damage to  
19 fold back into the affected communities. And we'll  
20 be watching closely.

21 There will be states' involvement as well as  
22 local government involvement in the task force  
23 that's put together, and there will be  
24 recommendations to Congress for action related to  
25 how some of these funds might be disbursed to deal

1 with economic damages and restoration projects.

2 And I will be happy to answer any questions on  
3 any of those issues.

4 CFO SINK: Governor.

5 GOVERNOR CRIST: CFO.

6 CFO SINK: Thank you. Madam Secretary, as you  
7 mentioned, I know that you-all are doing a lot of  
8 work around this natural resource damage assessment  
9 protocol and certainly have been reading that the  
10 other Gulf states have perhaps in fact already made  
11 some kind of claims or applications related to the  
12 natural resource damages.

13 I'm not sure where we are on that. But the  
14 point is that we continue to hear reporting around  
15 the potential or the possible longer term impacts to  
16 our fisheries, our coastal environment. We know we  
17 were impacted. Would you ask the appropriate person  
18 of the academic task force that Secretary Sole  
19 really appointed within two or three days of this  
20 event happening perhaps to come to the Cabinet at  
21 one of our -- maybe our next meeting or a future  
22 meeting, because I personally am really interested,  
23 as a trustees of our state-owned lands, as to what  
24 our academic research, our own Florida academic  
25 research people are thinking and whether or not they

1 believe they have the necessary resources, because  
2 if they don't, we ought to go back to BP and get the  
3 resources for this longer term research that we  
4 believe might be needed to truly assess what the  
5 damage is as a result of this oil spill.

6 MS. DREW: I'll be happy to do that. The  
7 Florida Institute of Oceanography is coordinating  
8 those grants that we got from BP to the various  
9 universities around the state, and I'm sure they'd  
10 be happy to come and address the Governor and  
11 Cabinet at the next meeting, if that's  
12 your pleasure.

13 CFO SINK: Thank you very much. And, Governor,  
14 I did want to make a comment about --

15 GOVERNOR CRIST: Of course.

16 CFO SINK: -- remember, we had the  
17 conversation, you and I sent the letter to  
18 Mr. Feinberg the last time. General McCollum, I saw  
19 your very good and extensive letter. I haven't  
20 heard anything back as a result of that letter. I  
21 don't know if you have.

22 But what I have been hearing is just continued  
23 concern on the part of the small businesses over  
24 there who are not getting their claims paid. Just  
25 yesterday our office got a call from a small

1 business owner in Destin. They own a vacation  
2 rental business. And they've been filing claims  
3 since, I think, May or June, haven't gotten any  
4 compensation, and they are literally going to have  
5 to shut their business down. And that's just not  
6 right.

7 GOVERNOR CRIST: That's not right.

8 CFO SINK: And, you know, I'm kind of of the  
9 mind-set of enough is enough. Fortunately, I guess  
10 the administration did hear us because we saw that  
11 sometime in the last two weeks the Department of  
12 Justice did send a letter to Mr. Feinberg saying,  
13 you know, get on with it, do your job. And, General  
14 McCollum, I'm going to defer to you, because I know  
15 you've been following this.

16 But at least the administration figured out he  
17 wasn't doing his job. And I don't know about  
18 you-all, but I'm sick and tired of this. These  
19 desperate people who, no fault of their own, having  
20 to shut their business down? That's horrendous.

21 GOVERNOR CRIST: It is horrendous.

22 ATTORNEY GENERAL MCCOLLUM: Well, I think -- if  
23 you would yield on that. I think two things. One  
24 is the task force, your task force, Governor, on  
25 economic recovery, a subcommittee of that task force

1           that Secretary Sheldon presided over I testified  
2           before on Friday. The full task force is going to  
3           meet shortly. And my understanding is they've  
4           invited Mr. Feinberg, and he probably will come,  
5           which is only a week or two away.

6           And I would certainly anticipate and hope --  
7           and if not, I think we've got every reason to be  
8           more forceful about it -- that he will come forward  
9           with some further elaboration on the claims process  
10          as it is now and speeding it up.

11          There are really two issues here. One of them  
12          is the final protocol, what are going to be the  
13          rules for the long-haul, which are not the immediate  
14          question that you're asking, Secretary, or CFO Sink,  
15          but very important, and that is, are we going to be  
16          able to see and hear coverage for all of Florida, or  
17          is he going to draw some line in the sand, which was  
18          proposed a few weeks ago, and say, well, if you're  
19          west of -- or east of Clearwater, you're not going  
20          to get it or something, which is wrong. And I think  
21          he understands that now.

22          And, number two, will they allow for interim  
23          claims for the period of time that OPA, the Oil  
24          Pollution Act, envisions, which is three years, as  
25          opposed to forcing people to either choose to go to

1 court or take a final settlement within three months  
2 or so of the time they filed their first interim  
3 claim.

4 And I believe, again, on both of those points  
5 there will be movement, but we haven't seen the  
6 final result. What's most disturbing in the  
7 short-run is exactly what CFO Sink is talking about,  
8 and that is, there are simply not enough people  
9 working these claims by Mr. Feinberg's shop to get  
10 the job done, with so many of them out there. And  
11 there's a lot of confusion because you have to  
12 refile your claim, not just move over a claim that  
13 the old BP office was handling.

14 And so you can go into an office in the  
15 Panhandle, for example, right now that's still there  
16 and get somebody throw up his hands in that office.  
17 They can't deal with it. They don't have any  
18 authority. So you dial an 800 number and so do  
19 they.

20 And the word is there are about 25 people that  
21 have the authority to process these claims that Mr.  
22 Feinberg has given that authority to. And that's  
23 not enough people to process the thousands of claims  
24 we have out there, I don't think, but he thinks it  
25 is.

1           So the proof is in the pudding. And I'm with  
2 you, CFO. This is not a pretty sight at all. And  
3 we would all like to believe that the next time he  
4 appears before the task force in a week or two he'll  
5 have the answers for us. But if he doesn't, I'm  
6 with any of us here to raise whatever requirement it  
7 is and say, come on, let's do whatever you have to  
8 do, because this is ridiculous.

9           And it's not just ridiculous. It hurts people.  
10 There are people hurting out there who cannot pay  
11 their bills, who will go out of business  
12 unnecessarily, and they should be getting their  
13 claims paid. They should be getting more than  
14 they're getting. And there are just thousands of  
15 them in our state that haven't been paid.

16           COMMISSIONER BRONSON: Governor.

17           GOVERNOR CRIST: Thank you, General.  
18 Commissioner.

19           COMMISSIONER BRONSON: I think the other thing  
20 we need to recognize -- and all of us have seen it.  
21 It comes on at half time and during every major  
22 football game, both college and professional, how  
23 they're going to stay there for the course and  
24 they've got people who have worked for BP for a long  
25 time. They're spending millions upon millions of



1 dollars in those national advertisements. They're  
2 not statewide advertisements. They're national  
3 advertisements. And we know what that kind of  
4 advertising costs.

5 I think they need to move some of their  
6 direction toward getting these issues taken care of.  
7 I have still heard nothing at all about the food  
8 safety issues for the next ten years that we've made  
9 proposals on. They've come to the office and said,  
10 "We've got it. We're taking a look at it," but  
11 nobody has gotten back to us on that.

12 I'm very much in contact with Commissioner  
13 Strain from Louisiana. He and I have been working  
14 very closely together on these issues, because  
15 they've been actually impacted more on their  
16 shoreline than we have, and their seafood industry  
17 has been impacted a lot more than us. He's heard  
18 nothing either from that standpoint. So those  
19 issues still have -- are not taken care of.

20 GOVERNOR CRIST: Well, obviously, there's a  
21 grave concern with what's happening now and the  
22 inaction that's occurring is untenable. And  
23 hopefully we'll get a response shortly to our letter  
24 and yours, General. And if not, we'll take what  
25 action as necessary to continue to fight for our

1 people.

2 Thank y'all very much. We stand adjourned.

3 (Whereupon, the meeting was concluded at 10:37

4 a.m.)

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