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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

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2 (The agenda items commenced at 9:43 a.m.)

3 GOVERNOR SCOTT: All right. I would like to  
4 recognize Ben Watkins with the Division of Bond  
5 Finance.

6 Good morning, Ben.

7 MR. WATKINS: Good morning, Governor and  
8 Cabinet members.9 Item Number 1 is approval of the minutes of  
10 the May 8th meeting.11 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a motion to approve  
12 the item?

13 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: So moved.

14 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

15 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: Second.

16 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Moved and seconded. The item  
17 is approved without objection.18 MR. WATKINS: Item Number 2 are reports of  
19 award on three separate bonds sales.20 Item 2A is the sale of \$156.6 million Florida  
21 Forever refunding bonds. The bonds were sold at  
22 competitive sale and awarded to the low bidder at a  
23 true interest cost of approximately 2.15 percent.  
24 This allowed us to reduce the interest rate on the  
25 outstanding bonds from 4.73 percent to the 2.15

1           percent, which generates gross debt service savings  
2           of \$24.4 million, present value savings of  
3           \$21.7 million, or 12.4 percent of the principal  
4           amount of the outstanding loan.

5           GOVERNOR SCOTT: Thank you.

6           MR. WATKINS: Item Number 2B is the sale of  
7           \$42.8 million for the financing of a dormitory for  
8           Florida A&M University. The bonds were sold at  
9           competitive sale and awarded to the low bidder at a  
10          true interest cost of 3.57 percent.

11          And lastly, Item 2C is the report of award of  
12          \$301.8 million of PECO refunding bonds. The bonds  
13          were awarded to the low bidder at a true interest  
14          cost of 2.76 percent. This allowed us to reduce  
15          the interest rate on the outstanding bonds of  
16          4.97 percent to the 2.76 percent, generating gross  
17          debt service savings of approximately 85.1 million,  
18          present value savings of 64.8 million or 19.9  
19          percent of the principal amount of the outstanding  
20          loan.

21          So those are the reports of award. We  
22          continue to benefit from strong market conditions  
23          and a very favorable interest rate environment, and  
24          so we continue to move aggressively to take  
25          advantage of the opportunities that are afforded to

1 us.

2 GOVERNOR SCOTT: And it continues to pay down  
3 state debt.

4 MR. WATKINS: Yes, sir.

5 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Governor?

6 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Yes.

7 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Ben, isn't this one  
8 of the biggest savings in over 20 years for the  
9 State?

10 MR. WATKINS: This is. We went back and  
11 looked for the last 20 years, and there was -- this  
12 generated more debt service savings than any other  
13 transaction that we've been able to sell.

14 So basically, it's a reflection of the credit  
15 prices in Europe precipitating a flight to quality,  
16 and the municipal market is benefiting from the  
17 historically low interest rate environment.

18 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Thank you.

19 GOVERNOR SCOTT: And we're paying down our  
20 state debt.

21 MR. WATKINS: And we're paying down -- every  
22 year, Governor, every year.

23 GOVERNOR SCOTT: And as the CFO said, we have  
24 kept our AAA credit rating.

25 CFO ATWATER: Absolutely.

1 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Which is helpful.

2 MR. WATKINS: Right.

3 Item Number 3 are resolutions authorizing the  
4 issuance and competitive sale of up to 115 million  
5 in Lottery Revenue Bonds to finance various capital  
6 projects for community colleges and universities.  
7 These are the projects that were approved by the  
8 Legislature in the 2012-13 Appropriations Act.

9 GOVERNOR SCOTT: All right. Is there a motion  
10 to approve?

11 CFO ATWATER: So moved.

12 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

13 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Second.

14 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Moved and seconded. The item  
15 is approved without objection.

16 MR. WATKINS: And lastly, Item Number 4 is a  
17 resolution authorizing the solicitation of  
18 proposals for a credit facility for the master  
19 equipment financing -- for the consolidated  
20 equipment financing program that allows agencies to  
21 finance on a short-term basis equipment purchases.

22 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a motion to approve  
23 the item?

24 CFO ATWATER: So moved.

25 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

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ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Second.

GOVERNOR SCOTT: Moved and seconded. The item  
is approved without objection.

Thank you, Ben.

MR. WATKINS: Thank you, sir.



1                   GOVERNOR SCOTT: All right. Now I would like  
2                   to recognize Ash Williams with the State Board of  
3                   Administration.

4                   Good morning, Ash.

5                   MR. WILLIAMS: Good morning, Governor and  
6                   Cabinet members.

7                   Item 1, request approval of the minutes of the  
8                   May 8, 2012 meeting.

9                   GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a motion to approve  
10                  the item?

11                  ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: So moved.

12                  GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

13                  CFO ATWATER: Second.

14                  GOVERNOR SCOTT: Moved and seconded. The item  
15                  is approved without objection.

16                  MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you. Item 2, request  
17                  approval of a fiscal sufficiency of an amount not  
18                  exceeding \$115 million State of Florida, Board of  
19                  Education Lottery Revenue Bonds, series to be  
20                  determined.

21                  GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a motion to approve  
22                  the item?

23                  ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: So moved.

24                  GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

25                  CFO ATWATER: Second.

1           GOVERNOR SCOTT: Moved and seconded. The item  
2 is approved without objection.

3           MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

4           GOVERNOR SCOTT: Thank you, Ash.

5           MR. WILLIAMS: Would you like an update on the  
6 fund, as usual?

7           GOVERNOR SCOTT: I would. That would be  
8 great.

9           MR. WILLIAMS: I usually open with that.

10           As of last night's close, the Florida  
11 Retirement System Trust Fund stood at  
12 \$124.2 billion. We recently put out our fiscal  
13 year-end performance, which I think you probably  
14 saw the release on. That was, as of June 30,  
15 .29 percent return, 77 basis points ahead of  
16 target.

17           As you know, I usually give you the report of  
18 performance in the longer of two time series,  
19 either the fiscal year-to-date or the calendar  
20 year-to-date. Having just ended the fiscal  
21 year-to-date, we're now flipping back over to  
22 calendar year-to-date for the remainder of this  
23 year. And the calendar year-to-date number is, as  
24 of last night's close, 7.92 percent, which is 101  
25 basis points ahead of target.

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GOVERNOR SCOTT: All right. Thank you very  
much. Any other questions for him?

Thank you, Ben. I mean, thank you, Ash.

1                   GOVERNOR SCOTT: Now I would like to recognize  
2                   Commissioner Kevin McCarty with the Office of  
3                   Insurance Regulation.

4                   Good morning, Kevin.

5                   MR. McCARTY: Good morning, Governor and  
6                   members of the Commission.

7                   At your request, Governor, and the request of  
8                   the Cabinet, the Office has undertaken a  
9                   comprehensive review of our rules and regulations  
10                  and identified several areas where they may be  
11                  burdensome, redundant, unnecessary, or outdated,  
12                  and therefore should be considered for repeal.  
13                  Today's agenda has five of those rules for notice  
14                  of repeal. While we've undertaken the review,  
15                  Governor, the Office has been careful to make sure  
16                  that the repeal of these rules does not justify  
17                  existing consumer protections under Florida law.

18                  With that, I submit to you request number one,  
19                  approval for publication of notice of repeal of  
20                  Rule 690-148.001, funding for pre-need contracts  
21                  with life annuities. This rule essentially  
22                  restates the rule and is -- the amounts stated in  
23                  the rule are inconsistent with Florida Statutes.  
24                  Therefore, we would like to request repeal of the  
25                  rule.

1           GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a motion to approve  
2 the item?

3           COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: So moved.

4           GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

5           ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Second.

6           GOVERNOR SCOTT: Moved and seconded. The item  
7 is approved without objection.

8           MR. McCARTY: Agenda Item Number 2 is request  
9 for approval for publication of notice of repeal of  
10 Rule 690.196.008, failure to comply. This rule  
11 states that the failure of a premium finance  
12 company to comply with certain requirements of  
13 Chapter 627 of Florida Statutes may be subject to  
14 action by the Office. This rule substantially  
15 restates the language already provided under  
16 Florida law, and as a result, repeal of this rule  
17 is requested.

18           GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a motion to approve  
19 the item?

20           COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: So moved.

21           GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

22           CFO ATWATER: Second.

23           GOVERNOR SCOTT: Moved and seconded. The item  
24 is approved without objection.

25           MR. McCARTY: Agenda Item Number 3 is request

1           for approval for publication of notice of repeal of  
2           Rule 690.157.018, Right to Return Policy - Free  
3           Look. This rule substantially restates the  
4           language in Chapter 627, Florida Statutes, and is  
5           unnecessary. As a result, the Office requests  
6           repeal of the rule.

7           GOVERNOR SCOTT: Why don't we do 3, 4, and 5  
8           all together.

9           MR. McCARTY: Okay. Rule 4 is request for  
10          repeal of the advertisement of mortgage insurance.  
11          This rule also substantially restates the language  
12          of Chapter 634 and is unnecessary, and we request  
13          repeal.

14          And the refund of premium financed was request  
15          for approval for publication of Rule 690-157.105.  
16          This rule requires insurers who cancel insurance  
17          policies to refund to the policyholder. This  
18          substantially restates the rules existing in  
19          Florida law and is unnecessary, and as a result,  
20          the Office requests repeal this rule as well.

21          GOVERNOR SCOTT: Go ahead and do the last one.

22          MR. McCARTY: That's it, sir.

23          GOVERNOR SCOTT: Oh, that's it? Okay. Is  
24          there a motion to approve these items?

25          ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Move Items 3, 4, and

1           5, Governor.

2           GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

3           CFO ATWATER: Second.

4           GOVERNOR SCOTT: Moved and seconded. These  
5 items are approved without objection.

6           Kevin, you want to tell them what's happening  
7 with regard to how the -- what you're able to do to  
8 expedite some of the filings?

9           MR. McCARTY: Yes, sir. We have undertaken a  
10 number of initiatives. We've reassigned four or  
11 five analysts to -- from other areas to expedite  
12 the filings. We also published two orders, one  
13 substantially dealing with commercial, the other  
14 order dealing substantially with commercial auto  
15 and homeowners, which would allow companies to  
16 certify that their forms are in compliance with  
17 Florida law, and therefore can put them in the  
18 commerce stream without subject to any delay.

19           GOVERNOR SCOTT: Thanks, Kevin.

20           MR. McCARTY: You're welcome, Governor.

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1           GOVERNOR SCOTT: All right. Now I would like  
2 to recognize Julie Jones with the Department of  
3 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

4           Good morning, Julie.

5           MS. JONES: Good morning, Governor and Cabinet  
6 members. I have four agenda items for your  
7 consideration and approval today.

8           Item Number 1, we respectfully request  
9 approval to publish the notice to repeal 56 rules  
10 in various sections of Florida Administrative Code  
11 15. These rules contain obsolete or unnecessary  
12 provisions related to the Department's organization  
13 and policies.

14          GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a motion to approve  
15 the item?

16          COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: So moved.

17          GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

18          ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Second.

19          GOVERNOR SCOTT: Moved and seconded. The item  
20 is approved without objection.

21          MS. JONES: Item Number 2, we respectfully  
22 request approval to publish a notice of proposed  
23 rulemaking for Rule 15B-2.013 related to approved  
24 speed measuring devices. This draft rule amendment  
25 would update the list of Florida Highway Patrol



1 approved speed measuring devices for law  
2 enforcement in the state.

3 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a motion to approve  
4 the item?

5 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: So moved.

6 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

7 CFO ATWATER: Second.

8 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Moved and seconded. The item  
9 is approved without objection.

10 MS. JONES: Item Number 3, we respectfully  
11 request approval to publish a notice of proposed  
12 rulemaking for Rule 15B-2.016, and this is related  
13 to the tests to determine the accuracy of speed --  
14 laser speed measuring devices. This draft rule  
15 amendment revises a form to remove an outdated  
16 reference to microwatt measurements that is no  
17 longer relevant.

18 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a motion to approve  
19 the item?

20 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: So moved.

21 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

22 CFO ATWATER: Second.

23 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Moved and seconded. The item  
24 is approved without objection.

25 MS. JONES: Thank you. My last item, Item 4,

1 we respectfully request approval for the  
2 Department's annual performance report for fiscal  
3 year 2011-12.

4 Revenue collections are up, and economic  
5 indicators continue to be positive. Growth was  
6 observed in our financial responsibility  
7 collections, original license plates, and certain  
8 titles transactions. Of note, the purchase of  
9 original license plates increased 3.8 percent,  
10 which is about \$75.6 million. This is a  
11 combination of people moving into Florida, new  
12 residents; residents adding a vehicle to their  
13 fleet without replacing it; and then also, some  
14 changes to personalized and specialized plates  
15 where people have elected to spend a little bit  
16 more money on their license plates.

17 I would like to highlight some of the  
18 important items that we track in the first part of  
19 our report, our facts and figures. The number of  
20 vehicle miles driven in the state decreased. We  
21 saw a corresponding reduction in crashes, total  
22 fatalities, and total citations written by the  
23 Patrol. On the other hand, the Patrol had a  
24 13 percent increase in felony arrests -- this is  
25 the criminal interdiction that they do on the roads

1           -- and a 1.4 percent increase in arrests related to  
2           stolen vehicles.

3           Last year our Motor Services Division issued  
4           more licenses, driver's licenses, ID cards, dealer  
5           licenses, and vehicle registrations. We also saw  
6           an increased participation in our emergency contact  
7           information system and our organ donor programs.

8           Last year we received and investigated fewer  
9           consumer complaints against car dealers and  
10          sanctioned fewer drivers. This reflects better  
11          dealer compliance and a more timely -- the  
12          completion in a more timely manner of transactions  
13          by car dealers, less enforcement on our part.

14          Forty-one percent of our driver's licenses and  
15          ID cards are now Real ID compliant. We're ahead of  
16          schedule, and we're well on our way to make our  
17          deadline imposed by federal law to have all our  
18          driver's licenses compliant with the Real ID  
19          process by December 1 of 2017.

20          Lastly, we continue to transition services to  
21          county tax collectors. As of June 30th, we have  
22          driver's license services offered in 160 tax  
23          collector offices in 55 counties.

24          The annual report reflects the positive trends  
25          that we've been talking about during the entire

1 past year. We closed out 28 of our 34 measures in  
2 the green, having met our goals. Under our public  
3 safety goal, fatalities, crashes, and injuries are  
4 all down slightly. We saw a significant decrease  
5 of 17.2 percent in commercial vehicle crashes and a  
6 slight .4 percent decrease in crashes involving  
7 teens.

8 Nationally, states are finalizing their data  
9 for fatality rates. Preliminary estimates based on  
10 numbers of fatalities per 100,000 miles driven in  
11 Florida, we're probably going to be at 1.25 again,  
12 which is what we had last year. We're going to  
13 wait to see how the numbers from other states come  
14 out. Last year, as you remember, Governor, you  
15 asked me to benchmark that, where we are. We were  
16 slightly ahead, meaning a lower number of crashes,  
17 number 34. But we're slightly ahead of Texas,  
18 which we kind of compare ourselves to as a peer  
19 state. And we'll report back where we are. That  
20 should be sometime in October when those numbers  
21 are completed.

22 On a related issue, I would like to update you  
23 on the I-75 crash investigation. As you know,  
24 there were two sets of multiple fatalities on I-75  
25 in January. On Friday the Patrol will be releasing

1 the investigations associated with the crashes as  
2 well as their response to the Florida Department of  
3 Law Enforcement report.

4 The investigation and report are very  
5 detailed, and I think many of the questions posed  
6 by the media and others on this incident are going  
7 to be answered in this report. Colonel Brierton  
8 will be briefing your staff and FDLE sometime this  
9 week prior to the release of the report.

10 I would ask patience on the part of the media  
11 and all those that are interested in this  
12 investigation. It's very complex. There's a lot  
13 of information in these reports. And although  
14 we're releasing the crash investigations, all of  
15 the associated homicide investigations are not  
16 available from the state attorney's office. The  
17 state attorney has completed the northbound  
18 investigations, not approving the charges for the  
19 southbound.

20 We also have pending litigation. We have at  
21 least 11 lawsuits at last count that the agency is  
22 involved in. And because of that, the Patrol is  
23 not going to be responding to requests for  
24 interviews from the media. We'll let the crash  
25 reports and the response to the FDLE report stand

1 on its own.

2 Now back to my report. The public safety  
3 gauge for alcohol-related fatalities slipped into  
4 the yellow, as we saw an 8.9 percent spike.  
5 Despite the gauge, the Florida Highway Patrol's DUI  
6 citations were actually up 5.9 percent. We  
7 routinely participate in local and nationally  
8 sponsored DUI programs for enforcement. One of the  
9 big national ones is the Drive Sober or Get Pulled  
10 Over. I keep -- every now and again I'll say  
11 "Drive Sober and Get Pulled Over," but that could  
12 happen too. But we're trying to partner with as  
13 many departments as we can to get more information  
14 out to try to educate drivers.

15 The Patrol writes about 20 percent of DUI  
16 citations statewide, and we rely on our other law  
17 enforcement partners in the state to do enforcement  
18 in their specific jurisdictions. So in order to  
19 move this gauge, we're going to carefully analyze  
20 the data this year and coordinate our education and  
21 enforcement efforts with all our state law  
22 enforcement partners to try to move this gauge back  
23 into the green.

24 Reliable service delivery is still in the red,  
25 but we made great progress this past year. We

1 continue to maintain a very high standard. And,  
2 CFO, you last year when I put this measure up said,  
3 "Are you sure that you want to say 95 percent wait  
4 time in driver's license offices?" And I still  
5 maintain that we can get there, even with Real ID.  
6 Although this gauge is in the red, I'm very pleased  
7 to tell you that overall performance has steadily  
8 increased. In the last quarter, we had 80 percent  
9 of our customers served in less than 30 minutes or  
10 less. So this is a 23 percent increase from where  
11 we started last year, and we'll continue to march  
12 toward a green status in this gauge.

13 A very similar story for our the customer  
14 service numbers: Although the gauge still remains  
15 in yellow, our numbers have improved over the last  
16 quarter as customer satisfaction has averaged  
17 84 percent in the last three months.

18 We have solid performance for our leveraging  
19 technology measures, but we have two yellow gauges  
20 in this area, and this is the timely development  
21 and implementation of new projects, and then the  
22 time we spent on research and development. These  
23 two measures are directly affected by our efforts  
24 to prepare for data center consolidation. We're  
25 not going to be able to focus on R&D and new

1 projects until we've successfully completed data  
2 center migration and we resume normal IT  
3 operations.

4 Lastly, our numbers for talent creation and  
5 development are outstanding. We had a very  
6 successful year building a workplace environment  
7 that I believe supports and values our members.  
8 I'm very proud of what staff has accomplished this  
9 past year and recognize that there's always room  
10 for improvement, and we continue to strive for  
11 better and better measures. We're going to  
12 continue to examine our performance and look for  
13 ways to be more effective and efficient in  
14 delivering quality service to the people of the  
15 State of Florida.

16 So with that, I'll be glad to answer any  
17 questions.

18 GOVERNOR SCOTT: And you've also -- you've  
19 hired a lot of veterans. This last year you put a  
20 good program together; right?

21 MS. JONES: We have been hiring veterans for  
22 the Patrol. And I've just, Commissioner Putnam, at  
23 the trucking association met with a big trucking  
24 company that was actually there from Maryland, and  
25 then two, Florida Rock and Stone and another from



1 Florida, that are very interested in hiring  
2 veterans that have commercial driver's licenses  
3 coming out of the military as truck drivers. And  
4 I've gotten with Colonel Sutphin, and we're going  
5 to work on that as well. So, yes, sir.

6 GOVERNOR SCOTT: All right. Any other  
7 questions?

8 CFO ATWATER: Yes, Governor.

9 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Sure.

10 CFO ATWATER: Colonel, thank you. I just want  
11 to go to -- be sure I understand the report coming  
12 out Friday, or the process for the report coming  
13 out on Friday. Thank you. And I appreciate you  
14 expressing the complexity of the different  
15 investigations that have taken place, and it sounds  
16 as if maybe they're still ongoing, still some  
17 ongoing.

18 MS. JONES: Yes, sir.

19 CFO ATWATER: Okay. If something of this --  
20 that's this complex in nature -- and I take it  
21 because of the different jurisdictions and the  
22 amount of information. I thought that I had -- I  
23 want to be sure I heard this correctly, that you  
24 said the report will speak for itself. What I want  
25 to be sure of is that those who are trying to

1           interpret the complexity of that report may have  
2           legitimate questions, and they need to find peace  
3           and be comfortable that they have drawn the  
4           appropriate conclusions. Who will be the  
5           individuals speaking that are providing clarity if  
6           there is that need for clarity after something that  
7           complex has been reviewed?

8           MS. JONES: Lieutenant Colonel Duarte will  
9           take the point for especially answering questions  
10          relative to the crash investigations, because  
11          there's methodology specific and some very  
12          technical nuances associated with the actual crash  
13          investigations. And certainly we will be  
14          responding to questions on the results from the  
15          actual crash investigations.

16          My concern is our response to the FDLE report.  
17          We are very specific and in a very collegial manner  
18          have answered, I think, all of the concerns that  
19          came out in the FDLE review of our policies and  
20          procedures. That will be much more difficult to  
21          answer directly because of the litigation.

22          CFO ATWATER: Okay. But you're making  
23          available the appropriate members of your staff to  
24          be able to answer questions about the information  
25          you're going to be providing?

1 MS. JONES: Absolutely. Yes, sir.

2 CFO ATWATER: Okay. Very good. Thank you.

3 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Thank you. Anything else?

4 All right. Is there a motion to approve the  
5 item?

6 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: I'll move the approval.

7 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

8 CFO ATWATER: Second.

9 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Moved and seconded. The item  
10 is approved without objection. Thank you very  
11 much, Julie.

12 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: Governor, I just have a  
13 few questions. I was slow to get in.

14 On the crash numbers that you're making some  
15 progress in, is there a correlation between rental  
16 car, car rentals, states that have a  
17 disproportionately high number of people who are  
18 unfamiliar with the roads, unfamiliar with -- in  
19 other words, are our numbers high because we've got  
20 a lot of people, internationally and domestically,  
21 who are here for the first time, who are trying to  
22 get over six lanes of traffic and have an accident  
23 and drive up our crash numbers than, say, a state  
24 that would have lower tourism numbers and lower  
25 rates of people who are unfamiliar with our

1           roadways?

2           MS. JONES: Absolutely. It's not only rental  
3           car. It's the number of visitors that we have  
4           traveling into the state from other states as well.  
5           So we have a huge number -- seasonal spikes in  
6           numbers of vehicles on the roads, in urban areas  
7           typically, think Orlando and Disney World.

8           We have also have a large number -- we have  
9           18-1/2 million vehicles on the road. So we're  
10          number three or four in the country relative to  
11          numbers of vehicles, so to say that we're number 34  
12          in crashes is actually pretty good. So compared to  
13          our peer states, that number is good, and we're  
14          continuing to try to push that number down.

15          But we have -- also, we have -- we can talk  
16          about the weather in the northern states being poor  
17          and being more crash prone, but we have constant  
18          use of our roads, high activity 24/7, 365 days a  
19          year because of also the climate and, as the  
20          Governor likes to talk about, the wonderful state  
21          that we can live and recreate in. So we --

22          GOVERNOR SCOTT: And we all want to be here.

23          MS. JONES: Yes, sir. So the tourism, but  
24          just the environment itself lends to a lot of  
25          activity on the roads.

1           COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: And is it too early to  
2 tell whether the new laws that are restricting new  
3 drivers, young drivers -- has enough time passed to  
4 determine whether those have had any measurable  
5 effect or statistically significant effect, forcing  
6 people to wait six months and all the different  
7 things that we put in place?

8           MS. JONES: The State of Florida was the first  
9 state to implement graduated driver's licenses for  
10 teens in the nation, and since then, some 10 or 15  
11 years, our laws have fallen behind slightly other  
12 states. Other states have continued to kind of  
13 raise the bar on teens, numbers of passengers  
14 allowed prior to a driver's license, times that  
15 they're allowed to drive, you know, past midnight,  
16 past 11 o'clock, and also texting and cell phone  
17 use. We don't have those laws on our books.

18           So our teen driver crashes are down, but  
19 compared to nationally, nationally the teen driver  
20 numbers are down by almost 50 percent. Florida's  
21 numbers over that same period of time, that 10- or  
22 15-year period, is only 25 percent.

23           So the Department in my legislative report  
24 that will probably be in September, early October,  
25 we're considering legislation to raise the bar in

1           certain areas for teen drivers in order to bring  
2           Florida up into that a 50 percent range. So I'm  
3           going to bring some suggestions back to the Cabinet  
4           relative to that issue.

5           COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: Thank you very much.  
6           Thank you, Governor.

7           GOVERNOR SCOTT: Thank you, Julie.

8           MS. JONES: Thank you.

9           GOVERNOR SCOTT: This concludes the Cabinet  
10          meeting. Our next meeting will be August 21st in  
11          the great City of Tallahassee. We are adjourned.

12          (Proceedings concluded at 10:10 a.m.)

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