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(Agenda items commenced at 10:00 a.m.)

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3 GOVERNOR SCOTT: All right. Attorney  
4 General Bondi and Commissioner Putnam, I  
5 believe you have a joint resolution to share  
6 with us.

7 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: We do. Good  
8 morning. And today Commissioner Putnam and I  
9 together are sponsoring a resolution  
10 recognizing the Florida Wildlife Corridor and  
11 the Expedition Team. You'll see some posters  
12 over on this side of the room. But at this  
13 time I would like to introduce, Governor, with  
14 your permission, and have them come to the  
15 podium if I may. And these are all very  
16 special people to me because they're from  
17 Tampa.

18 Carlton Ward, Jr., Cofounder of the  
19 Expedition Team and conservation photographer.  
20 Now, if any of you went to the Florida State  
21 Fair and went into the Cattlemen's Exhibit --

22 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Oh, we saw those.

23 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: -- Carlton took  
24 those amazing photos of Florida. Not only  
25 that, I just went on tour with Carlton and

1 Mallory at the History Museum. And if you get  
2 a chance to go to the History Museum, it will  
3 change your life about the way you think about  
4 our great state. It really will.

5 And I have to brag for one moment,  
6 Susie Carlton, much better half, is not here  
7 right now because she happens to be at the  
8 great University of Florida getting her LL.M.  
9 in law and she's pregnant with a daughter. So  
10 we're very excited for them. Had to say that.

11 Next is Joe Guthrie --

12 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Which -- which -- you  
13 want to talk about the school some more?

14 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Gators, fellow  
15 Gators here. Oh, no, no, no. Susie's having a  
16 baby and getting her LL.M., I mean, and letting  
17 Carlton run all over the state so...

18 And next is Joe Guthrie. And Joe is just  
19 amazing. He's an Expedition Team member and a  
20 wildlife biologist. And if you don't know what  
21 a wildlife biologist is, Joe actually puts a  
22 monitor on a bear. And you got to see this  
23 wildlife video, it's an hour long, and it is --  
24 it feels like it's five minutes. It's  
25 unbelievable. It gives you new meaning to our

1 state. I mean, we've seen it. It's -- it's  
2 unreal.

3 I had no idea the beauty in our state and  
4 the wildlife. And Joe over there is -- there's  
5 a map of -- he actually attached something to a  
6 bear. And this bear went all over the place,  
7 hundreds of miles, I mean, it's just -- it was  
8 unreal how these bears travel. So when the  
9 bear got stuck in a tree on Dale Mabry, I tried  
10 to get Joe to get him down instead of the  
11 sheriff. But, anyway...

12 Next here is Elam Stolzfus. And Elam is  
13 an expedition team member and a brilliant  
14 filmmaker. And, Elam, you took over hundreds  
15 of hours, right, of footage and condensed it  
16 down into an hour. And I'm going to let all of  
17 you tell us where this is being aired  
18 nationally in a moment, but Elam is just an  
19 amazing man.

20 And next we have Mallory Lykes Dimmitt  
21 who -- if I could use the A word, Mallory is  
22 just bad, she's tough, she's -- in a good way.  
23 Mallory is wonderful. Mallory was an  
24 Expedition Team member, she's a  
25 conservationist, and she coordinated this

1 effort. And to watch what Mallory did and just  
2 how tough she is, it's just amazing. And it's  
3 just -- I'm just so honored that they're all  
4 from Tampa.

5 And that Tom Hocter, who was unable to be  
6 here today and so was Joe Davenport who also  
7 participated in this. And I would also like to  
8 recognize a very special guest in the audience,  
9 Esther, Elam's wife, if you want to come up,  
10 and Paige, Joe's sister is here. Come on up.  
11 And Robert and Jackie who are Mallory's dad and  
12 stepmom who are very, very proud are here as  
13 well.

14 We also have Herschel Vinyard, of course,  
15 from DEP who was instrumental in helping put  
16 this together. Thank you, Herschel. And  
17 Eric Sutton from Florida Fish and Wildlife.  
18 Nick couldn't be here but Eric is a great  
19 replacement back there. And Executive Director  
20 Brett Boston with Wildlife Foundation of  
21 Florida.

22 The Wildlife Corridor is an outreach  
23 campaign to raise awareness and opportunity  
24 about the significance of protecting a  
25 connected corridor of public and private

1 conservation and agricultural lands throughout  
2 Florida. And if you watch this video,  
3 Governor, they go through -- they actually work  
4 with the ranchers, and they ride through --  
5 they borrow horses and ride through the  
6 ranching, and the cattlemen, and the sugar  
7 industry all the way up Florida. And it's  
8 quite amazing.

9 And so the Commissioner and I had an  
10 opportunity -- and I'm laughing because I  
11 wasn't out there when the kayak sunk, that's  
12 all I'm going to say -- the Commissioner and I  
13 had an opportunity to join them on a very small  
14 portion of their trek on the St. John's and I  
15 learned so much from Mallory, Joe, and Carlton  
16 and just about the wildlife that I have never  
17 seen in our state. It's just absolutely  
18 amazing.

19 And now before I move the resolution, I  
20 would like to turn it over to Carlton, and we  
21 have just about a four-minute clip of a DVD to  
22 play. And, Commissioner Putnam, would you like  
23 to make some remarks now or after the DVD or --

24 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: We can do that  
25 afterwards.



1           ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI:  After.  Okay.  
2           Carlton.

3           MR. WARD:  Let's watch Elam's brilliant  
4           trailer for the film and then I'll say a few  
5           things after as well if that's okay.

6           (Showing trailer for film.)

7           (Applause.)

8           ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI:  Governor, thank  
9           you for everything you're doing for the  
10          Everglades.  And, Commissioner Putnam.  I wish  
11          they had put your clip in there instead of  
12          mine, by the way, it was much better.  I really  
13          do.

14          COMMISSIONER PUTNAM:  Well, I -- where did  
15          you say they were from again?  I believe in  
16          conservation circles there's something of a  
17          bias toward the west.  And this is a group of  
18          globally renowned documentarians,  
19          photographers, biologists who I think have  
20          appropriately identified the landscape scale,  
21          ecological value of what we have here in our  
22          backyard.  And so many people, many of whom  
23          have lived in Florida for decades, still view  
24          Florida as a prize for having been successful  
25          someplace else.

1           And what we have captured in this  
2           wonderful movie that they have put together and  
3           highlighted by their own personal sacrifice of  
4           trekking a thousand miles in a hundred days is  
5           a -- is a real opportunity to raise awareness  
6           about the sensitivity of what we have, the  
7           uniqueness of what we have, and the  
8           extraordinary balance that's been created. If  
9           you look at that map, it's -- it really is a  
10          private land stewardship, public acquisition,  
11          conservation easement, I mean, it is a quilt of  
12          public and private enterprises that still  
13          support jobs, still create economic  
14          opportunities, still feed the world and provide  
15          wildlife habitat and water recharge and  
16          extraordinary vistas that only a few of us get  
17          to really appreciate.

18                 So, Attorney General, I'm thrilled that  
19                 you've brought this to the Cabinet, but I  
20                 really think that you have some outstanding  
21                 Floridians in front you who have shared their  
22                 love and passion for being Floridians and are  
23                 allowing us to show the world what we have here  
24                 that is so special and why it's so important  
25                 for us to continue as policy makers to put this

1 corridor together and protect that balance that  
2 makes it so unique.

3 MR. WARD: Well, thank you, Commissioner  
4 Putnam, for those words, and thank you Governor  
5 and Cabinet for having us here, and Attorney  
6 General Bondi for sponsoring this resolution  
7 and becoming a champion of this project.

8 I would also like to thank the visionary  
9 scientists who really established these ideas  
10 going back three decades. People like  
11 Larry Harris, Tom Hocter, Reed Noss, and  
12 David Maehr just to name a few, who have been  
13 thinking and championing these visions for a  
14 long time. And the whole suite and range of  
15 conservation organizations and individuals who  
16 got us to this point where we have stepping  
17 stones in place to -- to try to knit this  
18 fabric together.

19 And in our particular journey, you know,  
20 I'm especially appreciative to Secretary  
21 Vinyard and the Department of Environmental  
22 Protection, and the state parks and all the  
23 state lands we were able to traverse, the Fish  
24 and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the  
25 work they have done with their Cooperative

1 Conservation Blueprint which really -- you  
2 know, a lot of these organizations and the  
3 scientific efforts laid down the road map which  
4 we then followed to try to bring some public  
5 awareness. The Department of Agriculture and  
6 the Division of Forestry.

7 I mean, you know, I'm eighth generation  
8 Floridian, I didn't -- I discovered so much  
9 that I didn't know in terms of these amazing  
10 state forests, these gems of natural habitat  
11 and productive agriculture habitat that go  
12 throughout the interior of Florida, and the  
13 water management districts as well. This was  
14 an effort like you described, a combination of  
15 public and private lands.

16 And so, you know, I first got connected  
17 with this idea back in 2006. I was in the  
18 midst of my long-term documentary of Florida  
19 cattle ranches. I kind of have two sets of  
20 top-tier heroes in the world and, as you might  
21 gather, one set is Florida cowboys and ranches,  
22 and the other are biologists like Joe and  
23 others who are out understanding and giving  
24 their lives to studying these resources.

25 I was photographing for the Cattlemen's

1           Calendar for 2007 on a ranch in Highlands  
2           County and that's when I met Joe who was  
3           working on some of the same ranches catching  
4           black bears and putting GPS collars on their  
5           necks. And that situation where these private  
6           landscapes are not only protecting our  
7           centuries old heritage in management of land,  
8           but they're also the last holdout of habitat  
9           for animals like black bears and panthers.

10           And so the bears in this area just to the  
11           west side of Lake Okeechobee are becoming  
12           increasingly isolated from the big populations  
13           like Big Cypress and the Everglades to the  
14           south, and up the Kissimmee River Valley  
15           towards Ocala National Forest to the north.  
16           And the only reason they're still there is  
17           because -- or the primary reason is because of  
18           the private stewardship of these landowners.

19           And one of the lands where he does the  
20           study work is already under conservation  
21           easement. The one next door is not yet under  
22           conservation easement and the ability of that  
23           family to engage in a long-term planning  
24           solution to keep that land together is kind of  
25           where the rubber meets the road on a lot of

1 this wildlife corridor opportunity.

2 And so, you know, it's -- it's such a  
3 privilege to be here and to be able to share  
4 this story and to sit here in the year 2013 and  
5 to think back on Florida heritage and into our  
6 500th anniversary with Spain. Something I  
7 often think about is a living heritage because  
8 in these places, in this corridor, in the lives  
9 of these cattle ranchers and the wildlife and  
10 the landscapes and in the waters, that is our  
11 living heritage. Those are the places where  
12 Ponce de Leon would likely still recognize if  
13 he came into our state today and it is our  
14 life-support system. It's where most of our  
15 water comes from, most of our food, most of our  
16 wildlife.

17 So it's a great opportunity to think about  
18 that and it's -- it's really -- it's really  
19 that infrastructure. And I hope that we can  
20 realize this opportunity to help invest in that  
21 green infrastructure as we make all these long-  
22 term investments for the future Floridians.  
23 People like my Uncle Doyle who -- or Cousin  
24 Doyle who you saw in the film, families like  
25 the Adams and others, and they -- they can be

1 ranching and productive on these lands into the  
2 future if we can find the programs and the  
3 opportunities to seize that moment and to keep  
4 this connected.

5 So again thank you very much. We've  
6 shared a copy of the book and the DVD. We hope  
7 that you'll join us this evening over at the  
8 IMAX theater for the first Tallahassee and  
9 north Florida screening of Elam's film on the  
10 expedition. And there are plans for a 2014  
11 expedition so, Governor Scott and CFO Atwater,  
12 I hope that you will dust off your hiking boots  
13 for 2014 and come out and join us, and we'll  
14 make sure your -- your kayak, if it's the water  
15 portion, has the appropriate load capacity as  
16 well.

17 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: I wasn't in it  
18 when it fell.

19 MR. WARD: Anyone else from the team like  
20 to add anything? I mean, this is such an  
21 amazing team and group of friends, and it's  
22 just such a privilege to try to share this  
23 story that is the work of so many people and,  
24 again, thank you very much.

25 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Thank you very much.

1 (Applause.)

2 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second on the  
3 resolution?

4 CFO ATWATER: Second.

5 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Oh, excuse me.

6 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Since this was a  
7 joint resolution with Commissioner Putnam and  
8 myself because he -- I would not have gotten  
9 involved in this but for Commissioner Putnam.  
10 So thank you.

11 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Moved and seconded, the  
12 resolution is approved without objection. Also  
13 the other thing is we are -- our budget has  
14 gotten better so we have more money to put into  
15 conservation this year, a lot more money than  
16 we've been able to do in the last few years.

17 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: Governor, the Rural  
18 and Family Lands Conservation [sic] Program is  
19 a linchpin of that private conservation program  
20 where you keep it -- you keep the jobs, you  
21 keep the economic impact, you continue to  
22 support that rural county's tax base, but  
23 you're going to continue to protect that bear  
24 habitat as well or that panther habitat and --  
25 and we're thrilled to have had the support of



1 the legislature and your signature on a record  
2 amount of support for that program that will --  
3 that will strike that balance, that will  
4 provide that environmental benefit while  
5 keeping that private stewardship, and saving  
6 the taxpayers the money of -- from having to  
7 manage it because it will continue to be  
8 managed as it has for centuries in private  
9 hands. So thank you for that support and that  
10 makes the big difference in putting together  
11 the missing pieces of this corridor. Thank  
12 you.

13 GOVERNOR SCOTT: All right. Why don't you  
14 all come up for a picture.

15 (Applause.)

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1 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Now, I would like to  
2 recognize Secretary Herschel Vinyard with the  
3 Department of Environmental Protection to  
4 present their agenda. Good morning, Herschel.

5 SECRETARY VINYARD: Good morning,  
6 Governor, General Bondi, CFO Atwater, and  
7 Commissioner Putnam. We have two very exciting  
8 items this morning. The first one is the  
9 submittal of the minutes from March 19th and  
10 April 2nd Cabinet meetings and we recommend  
11 approval.

12 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a motion to  
13 approve?

14 CFO ATWATER: So moved.

15 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

16 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Second.

17 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Any comments or  
18 objections?

19 (No response.)

20 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Hearing none motion  
21 carries.

22 SECRETARY VINYARD: The second item is  
23 Chapter 18-1 rule adoption. This is a very  
24 limited rule adoption related to state land  
25 acquisition procedures. It revises the

1 definition of approved appraisal organization  
2 to include the Appraisal Institute; it changes  
3 the name and effective date of the Supplemental  
4 Appraisal Standards for the Board of Trustees;  
5 it updates the definition of the Uniform  
6 Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice to  
7 cite the current version which was updated  
8 January of 2012; and lastly it allows the DEP  
9 Secretary to sign the certification packages  
10 after you all approve a new rule. We won't  
11 have to go back to your offices and get  
12 individual signatures.

13 GOVERNOR SCOTT: All right. Is there a  
14 motion to approve?

15 CFO ATWATER: So move.

16 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

17 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Second.

18 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Any comments or  
19 objections?

20 (No response.)

21 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Hearing none the motion  
22 carries. Thank you, Herschel.

23 SECRETARY VINYARD: Thank you all very  
24 much.

25 GOVERNOR SCOTT: You had a good week last

1 week, we signed the Everglades bill so that was  
2 a great announcement.

3 SECRETARY VINYARD: Fantastic. We thank  
4 you so much for your help on that, sir.

5 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Yeah, that was a good  
6 day.

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1 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Right. Now, I'd like to  
2 recognize Executive Director Julie Jones of the  
3 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles  
4 to present her agenda. Good morning.

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONES: Good morning  
6 Governor and Cabinet members. I have one item  
7 for your approval. I respectfully request  
8 approval of the Department's 2013-14 Annual  
9 Performance Contract.

10 I know how important it is to be  
11 accountable in how we do our performance  
12 measures. I believe that this is a meaningful  
13 document and accurate and very focused. It has  
14 the same four primary pillars my document had  
15 last year: public safety, reliable service  
16 delivery, leveraging technology, and talent  
17 creation. The Annual Performance Contract  
18 includes 35 specific measures and standards.

19 Just a few changes from last year's annual  
20 report. I am removing five measures and  
21 standards because they're no longer necessary  
22 based on the Department's priorities. We've  
23 added three measures and standards intended to  
24 improve our ability to evaluate our progress in  
25 meeting our strategic goals, and we've modified

1           10 measures and standards to align with goals  
2           and objectives established in our new strategic  
3           plan for '13-14.

4           And just by way of summary, every year we  
5           put together a team and we take about two  
6           months and go top to bottom in our organization  
7           with our strategic plan to update it, make sure  
8           that it's valid, make sure that our strategies  
9           are valid for the work that we're doing, the  
10          work that you, the Governor and Cabinet --  
11          Governor, that you've assigned to us, and we  
12          update the performance plan to match the that.

13          Under public safety there's 13 measures,  
14          and in the report it's numbers 1 through 13.  
15          We're no longer measuring the percentage change  
16          in highway injuries to the previous year. We  
17          found that this number is really outside of our  
18          control. And we track the number in measures 1  
19          and 2 as reported changes in crashes and  
20          fatalities.

21          Measure 4 was added to track the  
22          percentage change in the number of fatalities  
23          for drivers 65 or over known as mature  
24          drivers. We have about 3.1 million of these  
25          drivers in the state. And in the last

1 two-and-a-half years that number has increased  
2 by 200,000 and we feel that this is very, very  
3 important measure to start to track.

4 We recognize that older drivers face  
5 unique challenges and we want to enhance our  
6 education opportunities and our enforcement  
7 opportunities to create a safer environment for  
8 these drivers. And this measure is very  
9 similar to the one that we have for teen  
10 drivers, which is another at-risk group.

11 Measure 6 has been modified to include a  
12 broader definition for impaired driving  
13 fatalities. We're going to include now drugs  
14 and other physical impairments and not just  
15 alcohol.

16 Then in an effort to raise the performance  
17 bar, we've increased measure 7, the patrol and  
18 investigative activities percentage, by one  
19 percent; we've increased measure 8, the highway  
20 safety education hours provided by 600 hours;  
21 increased measure 9, the number of safety  
22 education and enforcement activities by three;  
23 and increased measure 10, the number of  
24 commercial vehicle inspections by almost 8,000  
25 additional inspections.

1 Under our service delivery pillar we have  
2 nine measures in this year's report. One  
3 measure has been removed and one measure has  
4 been modified. We're no longer reporting the  
5 percentage of titles issued timely. As we're  
6 shifting electronically, we're not actually  
7 handing out paper titles and we're encouraging  
8 people to keep titles electronically so this  
9 isn't a valid measure anymore.

10 Measure 21 has been modified to clarify  
11 that our goal is to issue business licenses  
12 within five days. The old standard was timely  
13 and rather than decide what timely means, we're  
14 putting a number to this particular measure.

15 Leveraging technology. We have eight  
16 measures, this is measures numbered 23 through  
17 30. We're no longer reporting separately on a  
18 percentage of commercial vehicle customers  
19 performing electronic, international fuel tax  
20 administration, and registration plan  
21 transactions. These are actually being  
22 captured now under measure 23 because it's how  
23 our operation is moving toward the more use of  
24 the Internet. And we've also increased measure  
25 23 in the standard from 20 to 21 percent to try



1 to continue to track and push more technology,  
2 more use of technology in our interactions with  
3 our customers.

4 Measures 26 through 28 have been  
5 reformatted to better reflect the Department's  
6 ability to serve our customers, our partners,  
7 and our members through our computer systems  
8 and our Internet. Standards remain the same  
9 but we're redefining them as state provided,  
10 partner provided, and network provided. These  
11 changes reflect our completed move to the  
12 Northwood Shared Resource Center.

13 Measure 30 has been modified to increase  
14 the time dedicated to technology, research, and  
15 development. And that has increased from 10 to  
16 15 percent.

17 Then under talent creation and development  
18 we have five measures. The Department strives  
19 to create a business environment that regards  
20 our members as our most valuable asset. And in  
21 doing so we're making leadership development  
22 and career encouraging enhancing training more  
23 a priority.

24 Measures 33 and 34 have been added to the  
25 annual report to reflect a percentage of our

1 members who complete discretionary training in  
2 technology and service delivery. Talent  
3 creation is sponsored by the Department but it  
4 really has to be embraced by the individual and  
5 we're going to start to try to track this. So  
6 this new measure reflects the partnership  
7 between a supervisor and a subordinate in the  
8 career development process.

9 That concludes the summary of my report.  
10 I look forward to sharing the results with you  
11 quarterly and if you have any questions.

12 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: Governor.

13 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Sure. Go ahead.

14 COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: On your talent  
15 creation and development objectives, what's the  
16 mandatory requirement and then what are  
17 discretionary options that are out there on  
18 customer service and professionalism type of  
19 courses for your -- for your front-line  
20 interactive employees who are issuing driver  
21 licenses and things like that?

22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONES: We have a suite  
23 of 150 online classes that can be assigned or  
24 can be taken voluntarily that are across the  
25 board, look at service delivery and how to

1       develop employees individually, and there are  
2       probably 25 or 30 of those that are  
3       specifically customer service. We rely on the  
4       supervisor to require -- to assign training to  
5       individuals but the purpose for these new  
6       measures is to encourage people to go out and  
7       get the training on their own.

8               We're working with a company and we're  
9       working very closely with Secretary Nichols in  
10       Department of Management Services to develop a  
11       talent management process that integrates not  
12       only the performance measure that the Governor  
13       in his agencies are starting to implement this  
14       year, but also assign training and then actual  
15       modules that allow the supervisor and the  
16       subordinate to sit down and manage that career  
17       forward.

18              And it will include the training that you  
19       had, assigned training by the supervisor, and  
20       it allows you to set goals so you can -- if you  
21       have a particular job that you're striving for,  
22       that job will have specific training that's  
23       required for it and measures that you have to  
24       meet so you can put yourself on a path or your  
25       supervisor can help you get onto that path to

1           move forward in your career.

2           COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: Thank you.

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

5           COMMISSIONER PUTNAM: So moved.

6           GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second.

7           ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Second.

8           GOVERNOR SCOTT: Any comments or  
9 objections?

10           (No response.)

11           GOVERNOR SCOTT: Hearing none the motion  
12 carries. Thank you, Julie.

13           EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONES: Thank you.

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1 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Now, I would like to  
2 recognize Commissioner Jerry Bailey, he's with  
3 the Department of Law Enforcement, to present  
4 their agenda. Good morning.

5 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: Good morning,  
6 Governor and Cabinet. We have three items on  
7 your agenda this morning. The first is the  
8 recommendation of your approval of the December  
9 '12 and February 7 Cabinet meetings.

10 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a motion to  
11 approve?

12 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: So moved.

13 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

14 CFO ATWATER: Second.

15 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Any comments or  
16 objections?

17 (No response.)

18 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Hearing none the motion  
19 carries.

20 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: Governor, our second  
21 item is our Third Quarter Performance Report  
22 and you will note there that our performance  
23 does remain steady. One thing we are  
24 continuing to watch very closely is the  
25 turnaround time in our forensic laboratories.

1           Although most of what we're doing there remains  
2           within the standards that have been set, they  
3           are slightly increasing. And again -- and I  
4           think I brought this up at the last Cabinet  
5           meeting so we are watching that very closely.

6           Now, with reference to DNA both the  
7           turnaround times and our ability to handle the  
8           ever-increasing workload is going to be  
9           enhanced by the 12 new positions and equipment  
10          money that are part of the '12 -- I'm sorry,  
11          the '13-14 budget. Those 12 positions are  
12          going to be spread out across the state in our  
13          six regional crime laboratories.

14          I would like to briefly point out several  
15          key accomplishments for the third quarter. We  
16          arrested 17 individuals for using counterfeit  
17          checks to purchase over a half a million  
18          dollars in merchandise from Publix, Wal-Mart,  
19          and Home Depot stores across the state.

20          We were directly involved in the recovery  
21          of five missing or endangered children  
22          including a two year old out of Immokalee, a  
23          seven-month-old infant in Pompano Beach, and an  
24          11 year-old girl in Texas.

25          We processed 318,000 firearms background

1 checks during the third quarter. That's a  
2 hundred thousand more than the same quarter  
3 last year and it equals more than half of what  
4 we did in all of 2011.

5 The Regional Drug Enforcement Strike  
6 Forces remained very active during the third  
7 quarter. They arrested more than 250 and  
8 seized another half million dollars. To date  
9 these seven task forces have arrested 4,100,  
10 including 75 physicians, we're approaching  
11 900,000 pills, \$10-and-a-half million, 123  
12 vehicles, 566 weapons, and we've closed, along  
13 with the Department of Health and regulatory  
14 agencies, 254 clinics.

15 To follow that we -- during this quarter  
16 we released the drugs and the deceased report  
17 from the Medical Examiners Commission and  
18 oxycodone deaths were down 29 percent from the  
19 previous quarter.

20 (Applause.)

21 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: And finally late  
22 last month we released the 2012 Uniform Crime  
23 Reports which showed a six-and-a-half percent  
24 drop in Florida's overall crime rate. And,  
25 Governor and Cabinet, that's the lowest it's

1           been in the 42 years since we began chronicling  
2           and cataloging the index crimes. Along with  
3           that it's not just rate, it's volume. Even  
4           with the increasing population in the state  
5           there were 44,000 fewer arrests reported in  
6           2012 than 2011, and that is both violent and  
7           nonviolent crime down 4.3 percent and 5.9  
8           percent respectively.

9           But I will tell you our law enforcement,  
10          even though the crime rate is down, the  
11          front-line uniformed officers out there in the  
12          cities and counties are today still making  
13          2,500 arrests everyday in our state seven days  
14          a week. And I'll be happy to answer any of  
15          your questions on item 2.

16          GOVERNOR SCOTT: All right. Does anybody  
17          have any questions?

18          ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: Can I just make a  
19          comment, Governor. I'm sure you've all been  
20          seeing these huge synthetic arrests that are  
21          being made all over the state and,  
22          Commissioner, I can't go anywhere without  
23          praise for FDLE. Because when we make these  
24          synthetic arrests, they have to be analyzed,  
25          the drugs, by FDLE. That's not easy. These



1 are new synthetic compounds, new technology,  
2 and the amazing work by your department is not  
3 going unnoticed. Thank you. These huge busts  
4 would not be possible without the tremendous  
5 work and time and effort of the FDLE lab.

6 GOVERNOR SCOTT: You know, you had a big  
7 bust in Volusia.

8 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: It was huge. I  
9 think it was one of the biggest -- and what's  
10 happening, Governor, is now they're starting to  
11 manufacture this junk in our country instead of  
12 Asia. And when we were in this room with the  
13 media there were so much of these synthetics  
14 out on the counter our eyes were burning, our  
15 throats were hurting, and that's what our kids  
16 are ingesting.

17 This is the stuff that they're packaging  
18 as Scooby doo, as Cotton Candy. And because  
19 they're changing the compounds, FDLE, we have  
20 to test, they send -- the undercover agents  
21 send it in and they test it, and that takes a  
22 lot of time and a lot of effort. And I mean  
23 they are working tirelessly. I can't go  
24 anywhere without hearing FDLE praised and,  
25 Commissioner, thank you for that.

1 GOVERNOR SCOTT: And, you know, FDLE and  
2 the local sheriffs have done a great job on the  
3 oxycodone, on all the legal drug overdose.  
4 So -- I mean, when we came in these jobs  
5 seven -- what, 7.4 people were dying a day.

6 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: A day.

7 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Seven people were dying a  
8 day. So you guys have made a big impact --

9 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: They have.

10 GOVERNOR SCOTT: -- saved a lot of lives.  
11 All right. Are there any comments or  
12 objections?

13 (No response.)

14 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Hearing none the motion  
15 carries. Item 3.

16 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: Item 3 is my  
17 Performance Contract for the year. What you  
18 have before you tracks the previous contract,  
19 but we are working with your individual staffs  
20 to fine tune and modify. Governor, some of  
21 that is to bring it in sinc with the metric  
22 system that you're putting in place. And the  
23 other is there are areas where things have  
24 changed the way we're doing cases is leading to  
25 more long-term cases. So those numbers are

1 being adjusted. When we have this fine-tuned  
2 version, we will bring it back to you for your  
3 approval.

4 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a motion to  
5 approve?

6 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: So moved.

7 CFO ATWATER: Second.

8 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Any comments or  
9 objections?

10 (No response.)

11 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Hearing none the motion  
12 carries. Thank you very much.

13 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: Thank you.

14 GOVERNOR SCOTT: This concludes our  
15 Cabinet meeting. Our next meeting will be  
16 Tuesday, June 25th at 9:00 a.m. in  
17 Tallahassee. We are adjourned.

18 (Cabinet meeting concluded at 10:39 a.m.)

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