



## *MAF CAPITAL REVIEW*

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### **Short Week for Legislators**

The Florida House and Senate were in Session just two days this week to pass their respective budgets, which they did. The Senate budget is \$70 billion and the House budget is \$67 billion. When they return after the Easter holiday they will be in a posture to conference on their differing budgets, however they are waiting for indications on what Congress is going to do on Medicaid in order to resolve some of the differences.

### **Medical Manufacturers Get Their Day**

On Friday, March 26, an amendment was added to a House health care bill, HB 7183, that will eliminate duplicative efforts and potentially conflicting requirements by exempting from state permitting and fees those medical device manufacturers currently regulated by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration. This is important because Florida ranks second in the number of FDA-registered medical device establishments, employing over 20,000 Floridians. The current duplicative permitting is an impediment to Florida businesses. MAF supported the amendment.

### **Workforce Boards Come Under Fire**

SB 1646 by Senator Fasano was approved by the Senate on March 31 and is on the House Special Order Calendar for April 6, 2010. SB 1646 would prohibit any member of regional workforce boards and their relatives from contracting with the local boards, require board members to be confirmed by the Florida Senate, require regional workforce board executive directors to be approved by the elected officials within their region, prohibit any state or federal funds from being used to pay for food and beverage for board members and/or employees and prohibit state or federal funds from being used for recreational and entertainment activities.

### **EPA Additional Public Hearings on Numeric Nutrient Criteria**

On April 13-15, 2010 EPA will be convening a second series of public workshops in Florida regarding its proposed numeric nutrient criteria for Florida streams and rivers. Each speaker will be given 5 minutes for comments. Even if you have spoken before, we encourage you to speak again. Below is the schedule. The MAF testimony for the first round of workshops held in February is posted on our website Home page at [www.mafmfg.com](http://www.mafmfg.com).

#### **Fort Myers - April 13, 2010**

12:00 - 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Harborside Event Center  
1375 Monroe Street

#### **Tampa - April 14, 2010**

12:00 - 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Hilton Tampa Airport  
2225 North Lois Avenue

#### **Jacksonville - April 15, 2010**

1:00 - 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Clarion Hotel Airport Conference Center  
2101 Dixie Clipper Drive

All participants will be required to sign-in upon arrival at the hearing. Everyone who wishes to speak will have a chance to at some point during the hearing. Those who have pre-registered to speak will have the opportunity to speak before those who are not pre-registered. Once you have signed in, you will be given a number indicating the order in which you speak. The order will be based on your time of arrival so it is prudent to arrive early if possible.

Please support our congressional delegation by attending these workshops. These additional workshops are a result of Florida's congressional delegation request.

**Time is Running Out!**

The MAF Safety Conference in Tampa on April 13-14 is fast approaching. You may register online at [www.mafmfg.com](http://www.mafmfg.com).

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