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**DEMOCRATIC LEADER STATEMENT ON THE PROPOSED FY2010-11 STATE BUDGET**

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** -- Florida House Democratic Leader Franklin Sands (D-Weston) issued the following statement concerning the Fiscal Year 2010-11 state budget approved today:

“These are tough economic times, but this budget makes life harder for Floridians and it doesn’t reflect the needs and priorities of the people of our state.

“If Republican budget writers in the House and Senate had come out of their closed meetings and listened more to the people, I am convinced that they would have written a budget more reflective of the values of Floridians.

“While federal economic stimulus funds provided by President Obama and members of Congress are helping tremendously to ease the pain in Florida, this spending plan offers short-sighted solutions to long-term problems created by more than a decade of Republican stewardship of state government.

“I am deeply disappointed that legislative leaders have foisted on Floridians a budget that makes college more expensive and state roads more crowded. It doesn’t improve health outcomes for all people, and it doesn’t make job creation the top priority.

“The Florida Legislature should have done better.”

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