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Secretary Kurt S. Browning
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R.A. Gray Building
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Dear Secretary Browning:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of and transmit to you my objections to, Senate Bill 2106, enacted during the 43rd Session of the Legislature of Florida, convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2011 and entitled:

An act relating to Florida Energy and Climate Commission ...


I cannot approve Senate Bill 2106 as it is duplicative of another bill enacted by the Legislature during the 2011 Regular Session. The Legislature included the contents of Senate Bill 2106 into Senate Bill 2156, relating to government reorganization. Since Senate Bill 2156 contains a number of issues which I do support in order to advance Florida's ability to attract and maintain jobs for Floridians, I do intend to approve Senate Bill 2156.

As the country's third largest energy consumer, Florida needs a comprehensive energy policy. In signing Senate Bill 2156, I am committed to making the development of a strategic energy policy a priority of my administration. As such, I am appointing Dr. Mary Bane as my special advisor on energy policy. Dr. Bane is a graduate of Florida State University with a doctorate in Economics who brings to the Executive Office of the Governor over 30 years of leadership experience with energy issues.

A comprehensive energy policy for our state is vitally important to economic development, job creation and quality of life. I look forward to working with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Legislature to develop an energy policy for our state that strikes a balance of affordability, reliability and sustainable resources.

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For the reasons stated above, I am hereby withholding my approval of Senate Bill 2106, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

Rick Scott
Governor