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Generator Plan will Bring Post-Storm Access to Floridians at the Gas Pump

Tallahassee, FL – In an effort to improve the availability of motor fuels to citizens affected by disaster related power outages, the Senate Committee on Community Affairs passed legislation requiring the installation of generators at gas stations throughout Florida.

As part of a 'strike-all' amendment co-sponsored by Senator Ken Pruitt (R-Port St. Lucie), Senate Bill 528 would require gas stations within one-half mile of an interstate highway or designated evacuation route to have the ability to run on a generator power source by June 1, 2007. Moreover, any station regardless of location built on or after July 1, 2006, will be required to have the same generator capabilities.

In order to supply these stations with alternate generated power, corporations owning or operating at least 10 gas stations within a single Florida county must maintain portable generators for temporary use in the event of a disaster.

Most importantly, generators must be made available to stations in an affected area within 24 hours after the large scale outages occur; a measure specifically aimed at improving the long waits at the fuel pumps after a hurricane.

"This legislation addresses the needs of Floridians during extremely stressful and challenging times," said Sen. Pruitt. "Citizens should not have to endure long lines at gas stations while striving to meet the essential needs of their families."

In addition to the individual station generator provisions is a requirement that, by June 1, 2007, fuel terminal facilities and wholesalers be capable of operating its distribution loading racks using alternate generated power sources within 36 hours after a major disaster.

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