

Legislative Report March 2, 2011

1. We had a successful "Day on the Hill"
 - a. We had over 80 at the afternoon meeting.
 - b. I heard reports of over 100 for the evening meeting.
 - c. The talks were really good and let us know what the challenges that the legislature are struggling with this year.
2. Combined NAIFA/TVHU meeting with very good attendance.
 - a. We were able to collect a lot of food for the food bank.
 - b. I don't know who won the competition.
3. Health care bill
 - a. A Florida judge has ruled it unconstitutional and there is a move by the 26 states that are part of the law suit to allow them to stop working on implementing it. No decision as yet.
 - b. There has been a bill introduced to remove the commissions of the agents from the MLR's so that the commissions will be a pass through like taxes. It looks like it will pass in the house. All four of your delegation said that they would co-sponsor and vote for the bill.
4. Health Underwriters had their Capital Conference.
 - a. Feb 14-16 we were in Washington to hear some great speakers and to visit our delegation. We were able to talk to all but Labrador because of committee meetings.
5. The DOI is in the process of putting together an Exchange for health care. They have hired two people to start the process.
 - a. We have been giving them information that they may not have been able to get to help with the process.
 - b. Governor Otter has started the process of putting together an exchange board. We have a representative on the committee.