

**COMMITTEE ACTION
JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDITING COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 16, 2009**

Members in attendance:

Senator Alex Diaz de la Portilla, Chair
Representative Marti Coley, Alternating Chair
Representative Joseph Abruzzo
Senator Andy Gardiner
Representative Charles McBurney
Senator Jeremy Ring
Representative Ron Schultz
Senator Stephen Wise

Senators Bullard and Gardiner were excused.

Discussion and presentation concerning the state governmental oversight and auditing process

Senator J. D. Alexander, Chair, Senate Policy and Steering Committee on Ways and Means, presented the "Transparency Florida" initiative to the Committee. He explained this initiative affords Floridians to have full access to all state expenditures via the internet and encourages citizen participation in the budgetmaking process.

After much discussion, Chair Diaz de la Portilla stated that the entire Joint Legislative Auditing Committee would work with Senator Alexander to develop Transparency Florida over the next couple years, but he would appoint a working committee of four members who would work with Senator Alexander and with staff to give ideas in developing the initial phases of this project. He named Senator Wise, Senator Ring, Representative Schultz and Vice Chair Coley to this working committee.

Other Committee business:

Rep. Randolph moved to rise.