

*Dear Friend of USF:*

*Today is Day 36 of the 60-day legislative session. At the end of last week, the House and Senate each amended, debated and passed differing versions of a proposed state budget for fiscal year 2011-2012. The special negotiation process that is designed to agree upon a single state spending plan that both chambers can support, referred to in Tallahassee lingo as the "Budget Conference," is expected to begin later this week.*

