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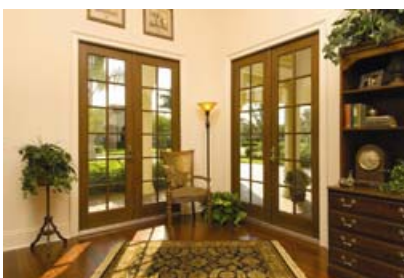
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Sales Tax on Services

This week, the Governmental Procedures and Structure Committee of the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission (TBRC) met to discuss various proposals. The main focus of their meeting was discussion of the proposal by former Senate President John McKay, which calls for a reduction in property taxes totaling nearly \$9 billion and replacing the lost revenue by either repealing existing sales-tax exemptions or taxing current exclusions, including services. If approved by the TBRC it will be presented to voters as a constitutional amendment on the November ballot, and if approved by the voters the legislature will be required to either remove exemptions, tax services, or both.

The Committee passed the proposal with a vote of eight to three. It will next be heard by the Commission's Finance and Tax Committee on February 11 before it is presented to the TBRC.

AIA Florida General Council Michael Huey, Hon. AIA was present and provided testimony on AIA Florida's behalf. AIA Florida has partnered with the Coalition of Protect Florida's Economy, and many other partners were in attendance to oppose a sales tax on services. For more information about the Sales Tax on Services Proposals [CLICK HERE](#). The related proposals and recent articles in *Friday Facts* are available on our website under Governmental Affairs.

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