



NORAD will track Santa and his Reindeer on Christmas Eve!

North American Aerospace Defense Command, a joint U.S. and Canadian organization that provides aerospace warning, aerospace control for North America will be tracking Santa's flight!

<https://www.noradsanta.org/en>

But don't forget the real reason for the season!

Happy Holidays!

The Briefing –Monday, December 22, 2025

The Last Briefing –Saturday - December 20, 2025

Only three Days until Christmas!

This is it for briefings until after Christmas!

What's the weather outlook?

10-Day Weather Forecast for Tallahassee, FL – The Weather Channel |

The Whiskey Speech provided for you enjoyment!

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Noah S. Sweat – The Whiskey Speech

This speech is a classic example of political double-speak delivered by Noah S. Sweat! Sweat was a member of the Mississippi legislature when he gave this speech in 1954. The "Whiskey Speech" concerned the question of the prohibition of alcoholic liquor, a law that was still in force in Mississippi at the time the speech was delivered.

John Grisham Reads Soggy Sweat's Whiskey Speech

Read Along!

“My friends, I had not intended to discuss this controversial subject at this particular time. However, I want you to know that I do not shun controversy. On the contrary, I will take a stand on any issue at any time, regardless of how fraught with controversy it might be. You have asked me how I feel about whiskey. All right, here is how I feel about whiskey: If when you say whiskey you mean the devil's brew, the poison scourge, the bloody monster, that defiles innocence, dethrones reason, destroys the home, creates misery and poverty, yea, literally takes the bread from the mouths of little children; if you mean the evil drink that topples the Christian man and woman from the pinnacle of righteous, gracious living into the bottomless pit of

degradation, and despair, and shame and helplessness, and hopelessness, then certainly I am against it. But, if when you say whiskey you mean the oil of conversation, the philosophic wine, the ale that is consumed when good fellows get together, that puts a song in their hearts and laughter on their lips, and the warm glow of contentment in their eyes; if you mean Christmas cheer; if you mean the stimulating drink that puts the spring in the old gentleman's step on a frosty, crispy morning; if you mean the drink which enables a man to magnify his joy, and his happiness, and to forget, if only for a little while, life's great tragedies, and heartaches, and sorrows; if you mean that drink, the sale of which pours into our treasuries untold millions of dollars, which are used to provide tender care for our little crippled children, our blind, our deaf, our dumb, our pitiful aged and infirm; to build highways and hospitals and schools, then certainly I am for it. This is my stand. I will not retreat from it. I will not compromise.”

Legislative Priorities of the Small County Coalition

 [The Small County Coalition - 2026 Legislative Program - November 2025.docx](#)

Legislative Priorities of the Small School District Council Consortium

 [SSDCC 2026 Legislative Program - December 2025.docx](#)

Links to Monitor the Legislative Session

[*Link to the Florida Senate*](#)

[*Link to the Florida House of Representatives*](#)

[*The Florida Channel*](#)

Small County Coalition Legislative Reception to Kick Off Week of County and Rural Activities

Here's the link to the invitation

 [Small County Coalition Reception Invite.docx](#)

Rural Counties Day 2026 is set for **January 21-22, 2026 –**

Here's the link to register to attend the reception-<https://floridaruraleda.org/rural-counties-day/>

The following Reports provide a comprehensive analysis of Florida Ad Valorem structure

- **FAC PROPERTY TAX REPORT** - <https://www.fl-counties.com/report-property-taxes/>
- **FLORIDA TAXWATCH REPORT** - [How-Florida-Counties-Compare-2025.pdf](#) –
- **Fla. League of Cities** -[Fiscal Structure & Rev. Resilience of Florida Municipalities](#)

Headlines Around The State

[*WUSF: Florida has lowest credit card delinquency percentage in U.S, study finds*](#)

[*Democrat: Trump marijuana order comes amid DeSantis' fight against legal pot*](#)

[*WUSF: New College tuition hike may contradict Trump 'compact'*](#)

[*Sun-Sentinel: Halfway through Florida's bear hunt, state officials won't say how many bears are dead*](#)

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES FY 25-26

2026

January 13 -	2026 Regular Session Begins
January 20 -	Small County Coalition Legislative Reception
January 21 -	FAC County Legislative Days
January 21-22 -	Rural Counties Day 2026
January 28 -	Small District Legislative Briefing
January 28-29 -	FSBA Day in the Legislature

March 13 -	Regular Session Ends
June 10-12 -	FSBA Summer Meeting
June 11-	Small District Breakfast – Summer Meeting
June 23-26	FAC Annual Summer Meeting - Orlando
June 24	Small County Coalition Annual Business Meeting - Orlando

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