

Appendix A

Proquest was used to search the Los Angeles Times. Access World News was used for the San Diego Union Tribune, St. Petersburg Times, and Florida Times-Union.

The following search terms were used: “California state legislature,” “California assembly,” “California state senate,” “Florida state legislature,” “Florida House,” “Florida Senate,” “assemblyman,” “assemblywoman”, “State Rep.”, “State Representative” and “state senator.” These terms were chosen to assure that the searches found all articles pertaining to the entire legislature, to either chamber, and to individual lawmakers in each chamber. The unit of analysis was the individual story. Irrelevant stories were culled out that pertained, for example, to state senators from another state. I only used news stories, not stories that appeared on the opinion/editorial page.