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Robert Meyers, Esq., Weiss Serota, Helfman, Cole Bierman, P.L., inquired concerning the application of the Sunshine law during "Dade Days," when members of local elected bodies often travel to Tallahassee to meet with and lobby state officials on matters of interest to their municipalities. I informed him that the position taken in many of our informal opinion has been that the Sunshine Law does apply to such meetings, and that such meetings cannot be made to comply with the Sunshine Law merely by advertising them. In *Rhea v. School Board of Alachua County*, 636 So. 2d 1383, the court held that advertising a board meeting that took place over 100 miles from its home did not comply with the Sunshine law. Section 286.011 applies to any discussion on an issue that could "foreseeably" come before the board, unless there is an exemption to the requirement. There is no exemption to meetings in Tallahassee with state officials. Therefore, if it is foreseeable that the issue in question will come before the board at some point in the future, then it is impermissible for more than one member of the board to meet with a state official on the issue.

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