



The COMMENT

Gov. Scott tells Yale: Bring the Ivy League to Florida

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In a release Tuesday morning, Scott called the proposed tax by the Connecticut Legislature on Yale University's \$25.6 billion endowment "unfair".

Meanwhile, Ira Stoll wrote in the Hartford Courant that prominent Yale alum Walter Olson of the Cato Institute has suggested that Yale relocate a little closer, to Boston, but the school doesn't seem likely to relocate anytime soon.

Yale spokesman Tom Conroy says that while it's "wonderful to be recognized as an outstanding asset", it has been mutually beneficial for Yale to be located in CT for 300 years.

After a unusual request last week for President Obama to cut short his Argentina trip and come to Florida, Gov. Rick Scott is now asking someone else to come courageous the mosquitos here-Yale University. The proposition comes as CT lawmakers are proposing a 7 percent tax on the net investment profits of Yale's endowment.

Along with the proposal, New Haven mayor Toni Harp is backing a proposal to tax Yale's commercial real estate, the Associated Press reported.

Scott had made sending an additional \$250 million annually to Enterprise Florida as one of his chief legislative priorities this year but, despite GOP control of both chambers of the Legislature, no additional funds were sent to the organization. Scott said Floridians "welcome a world renowned university like Yale to our state".

Yale was founded in 1701 and is consistently ranked among the top schools in the country. General Electric announced in January that it would be moving headquarters from CT to Boston to avoid increasing corporate taxes on the company.