

## 2011 SC Club for Growth Senate Scorecard Key

- 1. March 17, 2011 – Spending Accountability Act.** H. 3004, 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading: This bill required roll call votes on every section of the budget, bills and joint resolutions. Prior to this bills passage it was almost impossible for citizens to hold legislators accountable for votes they made. The preferred vote was YES. The bill passed 33-11.  
[http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/sj11/20110317.htm](http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/sj11/20110317.htm)
- 2. March 31, 2011 – I-95 Corridor Authority.** S.211, Amendment: This bill spends millions of dollars duplicating the core activities of state agencies such as Commerce and Department of Education along Interstate 95. The legislature should be trying to reduce the size of government and increase efficiency – not the other way around. The preferred vote was NO. Unfortunately, the amendment passed 35-16.  
[http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/sj11/20110331.htm](http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/sj11/20110331.htm)
- 3. May 4, 2011 – Suspend Enrollment for TERI.** H.3700, Amendment 122, Vote to table the amendment: This amendment would have suspended enrollment in the Teacher and Employee Retirement Incentive Program. This program allows state employees to retire then come back to work while amassing retirement benefits. The preferred vote was NO. Unfortunately, the amendment was tabled 21-20  
[http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/sj11/20110504.htm](http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/sj11/20110504.htm)
- 4. May 25, 2011 – Economic Incentive Transparency Act.** S. 36, Amendment 4, Vote in favor of transparency for economic incentives: This amendment would have required economic incentives be negotiated in a transparent fashion. Currently incentives are done behind closed doors where taxpayers can not see how their money is being spent. The preferred vote was YES. Unfortunately, the ruling was not appealed by a vote of 9-33  
[http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/sj11/20110525.htm](http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/sj11/20110525.htm)
- 5. May 19, 2011 – Income Tax Rebate Fund.** H.3700, Amendment 173, Vote to table the amendment: This amendment would have given Legislators the choice to give surplus money back to taxpayers or spend it somewhere else in government. The preferred vote was NO. Unfortunately, the amendment was tabled 23-17.  
[http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/sj11/20110519.htm](http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/sj11/20110519.htm)
- 6. May 31, 2011 – Tort Reform.** H.3375, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: This bill caps the amount of punitive damages a plaintiff can seek in a civil case. Passage of this bill makes South Carolina a more business friendly state. The preferred vote was YES. The bill passed 39-0.  
[http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/sj11/20110531.htm](http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/sj11/20110531.htm)
- 7. June 22, 2011 – Table the Conference Report on the Budget.** H. 3700, Vote to table the conference report: This vote, had it passed, would have sent the largest budget in SC history back to the conference committee so spending growth could have been more limited. The preferred vote was YES. Unfortunately, the motion failed 14-27  
[http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/sj11/20110622.htm](http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/sj11/20110622.htm)
- 8. June 29, 2011 – Governor Haley’s Veto’s 6, 7, 8.** H.3700, Vote to override the Governor’s Vetoes: These three vetoes would have eliminated funding for higher education centers where the services and programs offered were duplicated online or on campus. The preferred vote was NO. Unfortunately, the vetoes were overridden 29-8, 30-8, 30-9.  
[http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119\\_2011-2012/sj11/20110629.htm](http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/sj11/20110629.htm)

**9. June 29, 2011 – Governor Haley’s Veto 16.** H. 3700, Vote to override the Governor’s Veto: This veto would have eliminated almost \$9 million in agricultural research. It is possible to fund this type of research through grants and private sources. The preferred vote was NO. Unfortunately, the veto was overridden 32-6.

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**10. June 29, 2011 – Governor Haley’s Veto 19.** H. 3700, Vote to override the Governor’s Veto: This veto would have cut the Human Affairs Commission budget to incentivize them to move into state owned office space and allow the Budget and Control Board to provide back-office services at no cost. The preferred vote was NO. Unfortunately, the veto was overridden 25-12.

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