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- 1. February 23, 2011 – Charter School Funding.** H. 3241, 3rd Reading: This bill gives charter school students the ability to participate in public school activities not offered by their charter school. The bill also establishes a revolving loan program for construction, renovation and maintenance of charter schools. The preferred vote was YES. Passed 85-32
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/hj11/20110223.htm
- 2. March 2, 2011 – Governor and Lieutenant Governor on a joint ticket.** H. 3152, Joint Resolution: This Constitutional amendment would allow the Governor and Lieutenant Governor to run on the same ticket in an election. This common sense vote would put South Carolina inline with over half the other states that have Lieutenant Governors. The preferred vote was YES. The resolution passed 106-6
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/hj11/20110302.htm
- 3. March 2, 2011 – Gubernatorial Appointment of the Superintendent of Education.** H. 3070, Joint Resolution: This Constitutional amendment would allow the Governor to appoint the Superintendent of Education. The preferred vote was YES. The resolution passed 82-28
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/hj11/20110302.htm
- 4. March 2, 2011 – Department of Administration Bill.** H. 3066, Amendment 1: This bill would transfer parts of the Budget and Control Board, Governor's Office and other agencies into a Department of Administration, thus saving taxpayers millions by eliminating duplication from state agencies. Preferred vote was YES. Passed 80-33
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/hj11/20110302.htm
- 5. March 9, 2011 – State Budget Cap.** H. 3368, 3rd Reading: This bill requires the legislature to pass fiscally responsible budgets where annual spending is capped based on the increase in population plus inflation. The preferred vote was YES. Passed 76-35
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/hj11/20110309.htm
- 6. March 15, 2011 – Amendment to eliminate Taxpayer funded lobbyists.** H.3700, Amendment 153: This amendment eliminated the funds agencies use to pay lobbyists, saving the state over \$1 million. These lobbyists number one priority is the agency they represent – not your tax dollars. The preferred vote was YES. Passed 61-54
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/hj11/20110315.htm
- 7. March 15, 2011 – Amendment to require the Inspector General to report to the General Assembly.** H. 3750, Amendment 122, Motion to table: This amendment would have required the Inspector General report to the General Assembly on a quarterly basis – one more example of legislative overreach. It would also require the position of Inspector General to be self-sufficient based on the savings identified from investigations. The preferred vote was YES to tabling. Tabled 20-95
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/hj11/20110315.htm

- 8. March 30, 2011 – Merge the Department of Parole, Probation and Pardon with Department of Corrections.** H. 3267, Motion to table the adjourn debate motion: This vote would have delayed the passage of merging PPP and Corrections – two agencies with similar missions – and saving millions of dollars. The preferred vote was NO. The motion was tabled 66-35
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/hj11/20110330.htm
- 9. May 19, 2011 – I-95 Corridor Authority Act.** S. 211 3rd reading: 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 bill passed 84-17
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/hj11/20110519.htm
- 10. May 25, 2011 – Tuition Tax Credits and Tax Credit Funded Tuition Scholarships.** H. 3407, Motion to table: This bill would have offered tuition tax credits for parents who homeschool or send their children to private school. The bill would have also given tax credits to those who donate to nonprofits established to give scholarships to families who cannot afford tuition costs. The preferred vote was NO to tabling. Unfortunately, the bill was tabled 60-29
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/hj11/20110525.htm
- 11. June 2, 2011 – Tort Reform.** H. 3375, Senate Amendments: 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. Passed 99-16
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/hj11/20110602.htm
- 12. June 29, 2011 – Veto's 6, 7, 8 – Higher Education Duplication.** 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 78-31, 89-22, 89-22.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/hj11/20110629.htm
- 13. June 29, 2011 – Veto 16 – Public Service Activities.** 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 106-3.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/hj11/20110629.htm
- 14. June 29, 2011 – Veto 19 – Human Affairs Commission.** H. 3700, Vote to override the Governor's Veto: This veto would have cut the Human Affairs Commission budget in order to encourage them to move from the privately owned space they were paying rent for into a vacant state owned office space where they could also take advantage of free back-office services. The preferred vote was NO. Unfortunately, the veto was overridden 72-36.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/hj11/20110629.htm

- 15. March 21, 2012 – SC Retirement System.** H. 4967, 3rd reading: This bill is a start to correct the billions of dollars in unfunded liabilities associated with the South Carolina Retirement System. It implements meaningful reforms such as ending the TERI program and closes the unethical legislative retirement system to new members. The preferred vote was YES. The bill passed 86-27.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/hj12/20120321.htm
- 16. March 28, 2012 – School Choice.** H. 4894, 2nd reading: This bill provides an income tax credit to parents who choose to send their children to a private school, a school outside their home district or homeschool. We believe that competition within a marketplace will produce a better product. This proves true in the auto industry all the way to schools. The preferred vote was yes. The bill passed 65-49.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/hj12/20120328.htm
- 17. July 17, 2012 – Veto 1 – Arts Commission.** H. 4813, Vote to override the Governor's Veto: While arts are an important part of society, government should not have a role in picking out what is and is not art. Any education grants should be transferred to the Department of Education and any county grants can be left up to that particular county.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/hj12/20120717.htm
- 18. July 17, 2012 – Veto 16 – Bus Contract Vendor.** H. 4813, Vote to override the Governor's Veto: This proviso allows companies that failed to win contracts bypass the states procurement process and try to illicitly gain business. The procurement process was put in place to minimize fraud and abuse. This proviso took us in the wrong direction. The preferred vote was no. The veto was sustained 60-54.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/hj12/20120717.htm
- 19. July 17, 2012 – Veto 17 – Lee County Bus Shop.** H. 4813, Vote to override the Governor's Veto: While not labeled as an earmark in the Governor's veto message this proviso required two bus shops to be funded while no other bus shops were mentioned. Not only is it an earmark but it takes away the Superintendent's ability to effectively run his agency. Sadly the veto was sustained and on a second vote overridden. Legislators that changed their votes were scored accordingly. The preferred vote was no. The veto was overridden by a vote of 76-29
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/hj12/20120717.htm
- 20. July 17, 2012 – Vetoes 26, 27, 28, 31, 32, 33 – Local Earmarks.** H. 4813, Vote to override the Governor's Veto: These vetoes were local earmarks that do not benefit the citizens of South Carolina as a whole. Sadly soon as money is added to the budget it immediately gets put into pork projects such as these. The preferred vote was no. Vetoes 26, 27, 31, 32, 33 were sustained and veto 28 was overridden.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/hj12/20120717.htm
- 21. July 17, 2012 – Veto 65 – SC Grown.** H. 4813, Vote to override the Governor's Veto: While this proviso is well intended, to support SC grown produce, taxpayer dollars should not be used to promote this program. SC farmers are free to label their product as grown in SC but can do so without taxpayer support. The preferred vote was no. Unfortunately, the veto was overridden 93-17
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/hj12/20120717.htm