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- 1. March 17, 2011 – Spending Accountability Act.** H. 3004, 3rd 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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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 elsewhere in government. The preferred vote was NO. Unfortunately, the amendment was tabled 23-17.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/sj11/20110519.htm
- 6. May 31, 2011 – Tort Reform.** H.3375, 2nd 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
- 7. June 22, 2011 – Send the Budget back to Conference Committee.** 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
- 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

- 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.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/sj11/20110629.htm
- 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.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/sj11/20110629.htm
- 11. March 21, 2012 – 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.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/sj12/20120321.htm
- 12. May 16, 2012 – SC Retirement System** H. 4967, 2rd 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 39-1.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/sj12/20120516.htm
- 13. April 26, 2012 – 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 34-1
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/sj12/20120426.htm
- 14. May 23, 2012 – Tax Relief Reserve Fund.** H. 4813, Amendment 104, Vote to table the amendment: This amendment would have given Legislators the choice to reduce already excessive spending and give surplus money back to taxpayers. The preferred vote was NO. Unfortunately, the amendment was tabled 30-13.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/sj12/20120523.htm
- 15. July 18, 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/sj12/20120718.htm
- 16. July 18, 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. 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 36-5
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/sj12/20120718.htm

17. June 21, 2012 – Department of Administration. H. 3066, Vote to force a yes or no vote on the bill: This bill, which was stalled last year during the final moments of session, would eliminate the antiquated Budget and Control Board and divide up the functions while creating a Department of Administration. Hopes were high that this year a meaningful bill would be passed. Unfortunately, the Senate leadership on both sides of the aisle refused to even let this bill come up for a yes or no vote. A member even walked out of the chamber so he would have to vote. Taxpayers deserve better than procedural barricades on legislation as important as this.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess119_2011-2012/sj12/20120621.htm#p214