

2013/2014 SC Club for Growth Senate Scorecard Key

- 1. February 20, 2013 – Department of Administration.** S. 22, Amendment P1A, Vote to table the amendment: This amendment keeps key functions of the Budget and Control Board under the same structure just under a different name. The preferred vote was YES to tabling. Unfortunately, the amendment was not tabled by a vote of 18-27.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/sj13/20130220.htm
- 2. March 6, 2013 – Massage/Bodywork Practice Act.** S.214, Amendment 1, Vote to table the amendment: This amendment would have repealed the section of the South Carolina Code of Law dealing with massage and bodywork. The best thing government can do for business is get out of the way. Repealing regulations is a great way to start helping businesses thrive, which ultimately leads to a stronger economy. The preferred vote was NO. Unfortunately, the amendment was tabled 27-14.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/sj13/20130306.htm
- 3. March 13, 2013 – Superintendent of Education.** S. 53, Third Reading: This joint resolution would give the Governor the ability to appoint the State Superintendent of Education. Both Republican and Democrat superintendents publicly asked the Senate to pass this bill. Despite this bipartisan effort the Senate refused to pass this common sense reform. The preferred vote was YES. Unfortunately, the vote failed 27-16
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/sj13/20130313.htm
- 4. May 14, 2013 – Split up the pre-K expansion funding.** H. 3710, Amendment 24, Vote to table the amendment: This amendment would have split up the existing and new pre-k funding, called Obama-garden by some legislators. Splitting up the funding would have allowed the Governor to veto the new funding without gutting the existing funding. The preferred vote was NO. Unfortunately, the amendment was tabled by a vote of 25-17
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/sj13/20130514.htm
- 5. May 14, 2013 – Southeastern Wildlife Expo.** H. 3710, Amendment 51: This amendment would have taken \$200,000 of taxpayer dollars away from an event large enough to pay the director a six-figure salary. The state should not be in the business of supporting festivals or expositions. The preferred vote was YES. Unfortunately, the amendment failed 21-22.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/sj13/20130514.htm
- 6. May 22, 2013 – School Choice.** H. 3710 Amendment 54, Vote to table the amendment: This amendment would have brought school choice to South Carolina in the form of tax credits. With per-student spending of over \$12,000 South Carolina should get better returns on government education. Giving parents a choice is a proven way to improve student's future. The preferred vote was NO. Unfortunately, the amendment was tabled by a vote of 23-18.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/sj13/20130522.htm
- 7. May 22, 2013 – Pork for Busses.** H. 3710, Amendment 142, Vote to table the amendment: This amendment would have taken pork out of the budget and used that money to pay for school busses. This was a great opportunity for those who claim to support government schools to help students safely get to school. The preferred vote was NO. Unfortunately, the amendment was tabled 28-12.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/sj13/20130523.htm

- 8. May 22, 2013 – Exceptional Needs Tax Credit.** H. 3710, Amendment 137D, Vote to table the amendment: This amendment establishes a school choice program for exceptional needs students. Individuals and corporations receive up to 60% off of their state tax liability for donating to a Scholarship Funding Organization, SFO. The SFO then distributes scholarships of up to \$10,000 to exceptional need students attending private schools. The preferred vote was NO. The amendment was not tabled with a vote of 14-25.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/sj13/20130523.htm
- 9. June 27, 2013 – Veto 3 – Barnwell County Court House.** H. 3710, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: This budget veto would have removed money for Barnwell County Court House repairs. Courthouse upkeep and repair is the county’s responsibility and should not be left up to political favors. The preferred vote was NO. The veto was sustained twice 26-17, 27-15 and then unfortunately overridden 29-13. Lawmakers that flipped were penalized accordingly.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/sj13/20130627.htm
- 10. June 27, 2013 – Veto 6 – Waddell Mariculture Center.** H. 3710, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: This veto would have removed a new line of recurring funding for marine research. The Department of Natural Resources requested one time funding for programs like this, but the original intent was not to make this a yearly part of the budget. The preferred vote was NO. Unfortunately, the veto was overridden 36-6.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/sj13/20130627.htm
- 11. June 27, 2013 – Veto 8 – Outreach Programs.** H. 3710, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: News outlets reported that funding within this veto paid for a House member to go on a fishing trip. While outreach programs for hunting and fishing are important taxpayer money should not be used for fishing vacations. The preferred vote was NO. The veto was sustained 23-17.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/sj13/20130627.htm
- 12. June 27, 2013 – Veto 9 – State Museum Commission.** H. 3710, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: The budget added \$150,000 in funding for positions within the Museum Commission. The veto’s intent was to encourage the commission to spend money on education and collections positions rather than marketing. The preferred vote was NO. The veto was sustained 25-18 and then unfortunately overridden 28-14. Lawmakers that flipped were penalized accordingly.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/sj13/20130627.htm
- 13. June 27, 2013 – Veto 18 – Arts Commission.** H. 3710, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: The purpose of this veto was to encourage the commission to reduce costs by partnering with other agencies for administrative and back-office functions. The preferred vote was NO. Unfortunately, the veto was overridden 33-8.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/sj13/20130627.htm
- 14. June 27, 2013 – Veto 31 – Lee County Bus Shop.** H. 3710, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: This veto targeted a proviso requiring funding for two bus shops while no other bus shops are mentioned. Not only is it an earmark but it also takes away the Superintendent’s ability to effectively run his agency. The preferred vote was NO. The veto was sustained 27-16 and then unfortunately overridden 31-12. Lawmakers that flipped were penalized accordingly.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/sj13/20130627.htm

- 15. June 27, 2013 – Veto 61 – Cultural Visitor’s Center.** H. 3710, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: This veto would have removed earmark funding for a project that the Parks Recreation and Tourism Department did not request. This pork project is another example of how legislators use your tax dollars to bring home the bacon. The preferred vote was NO. The veto was sustained twice 17-25 and 26-14.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/sj13/20130627.htm
- 16. June 27, 2013 – Veto 62 – Benjamin Mays Historical Preservation Site.** H. 3710, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: This veto would have removed earmark funding for a project that the Department of Archives and History did not request. This pork project is another example of how legislators use your tax dollars to bring home the bacon. The preferred vote was NO. Unfortunately, the veto was overridden 33-10.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/sj13/20130627.htm
- 17. June 27, 2013 – Veto 63 – Sandy Island Boat Ramp.** H. 3710, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: This veto would have removed earmark funding for a project that the Department of Transportation did not request. This pork project is another example of how legislators use your tax dollars to bring home the bacon. The preferred vote was NO. The veto was sustained 27-16 and then unfortunately overridden 30-13. Lawmakers that flipped were penalized accordingly.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/sj13/20130627.htm
- 18. May 14, 2014 – Medicaid Expansion.** H. 4701, Amendment 47, Vote to table the amendment: This amendment would have forced South Carolinians to accept a burdensome Medicaid expansion that they have rejected in the past. The preferred vote was YES. The amendment was tabled 27-17.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/sj14/20140514.htm
- 19. June 17, 2014 – Leatherman for Senate Pro-Temp.** Sen. Leatherman has stood in the way of true reform and common sense fiscal policy for years. Electing him as President Pro Tempore of the Senate does not bode well for our tax dollars or how transparent and accountable our government is. The preferred vote was NO. Senator Leatherman was elected 42-2.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/sj14/20140617.htm
- 20. June 18, 2014 – Veto 34 – Greenville Children’s Museum.** H.4701, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: This veto would have removed an earmark for the Greenville Children’s’ Museum. There are children’s museums around the state that do not receive state funding – much less earmarks in the budget. Projects like this should stand on their own merit and not receive taxpayer money. Items like this in the budget speak to the truth that compromise in the legislature is, “I’ll vote for your project if you vote for mine.” The preferred vote was NO. The veto was sustained 28-15 and then unfortunately overridden 33-10. Lawmakers that flipped were penalized accordingly.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/sj14/20140618.htm
- 21. June 18, 2014 – Veto 35 – Woodrow Wilson Family Home.** H.4701, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: This veto would have removed an earmark for the Woodrow Wilson’s Family Home. There are historical homes in all corners of South Carolina that do not receive an earmark in the budget. Instead of funding via political favors there are other ways for places like this to raise money. The preferred vote was NO. The veto was sustained 26-18 and then unfortunately overridden 34-8. Lawmakers that flipped were penalized accordingly.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/sj14/20140618.htm

- 22. June 18, 2014 – Veto 55 – Sports Development Fund.** H.4701, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: This veto would have removed \$2 million for grants to youth sports organizations. Funding youth sports is not a core function of state government and should not be in the budget. Sadly, this is one more example of how legislators spend your hard earned tax dollars on pet projects instead of returning them to you. The preferred vote was NO. The veto was sustained 23-19 and then unfortunately overridden 31-11. Lawmakers that flipped were penalized accordingly.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/sj14/20140618.htm
- 23. June 18, 2014 – Veto 57 – Football Exhibition Games.** H.4701, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: This veto would have removed an earmark spending hundreds of thousands of your dollars on football exhibition games. These games are an opportunity for college players from around the nation to play in front of professional scouts. This clearly is not a core function of government. If these games are worthwhile they should be self sustaining. The preferred vote was NO. The veto was overridden 32-9.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/sj14/20140618.htm
- 24. June 18, 2014 – Veto 72 – Cherry Grove FFA Roof.** H.4701, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: This veto would have removed funds for a Future Farmers of America Camp in Myrtle Beach. None of the buildings at this facility are state owned and should not be repaired using state funds. These funds could have gone to repair roads and bridges. The preferred vote was NO. The veto was overridden 35-7.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/sj14/20140618.htm
- 25. June 18, 2014 – Veto 76 – In District Pay Raise.** H.4701, Vote to Override the Governor’s Veto: This veto removed the \$12,000 raise that legislators tried to sneak into the budget. Instead hiding it in the budget, the legislature should introduce a bill that raises their pay and debate it in the open. The preferred vote was NO. The veto was sustained 10-32.
http://scstatehouse.gov/sess120_2013-2014/sj14/20140618.htm