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South Carolina Legislative Update - January 31, 2014

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General Assembly Session and Meetings Cancelled

The state House and Senate did not meet this week due to winter weather. [Read more here.](#)

Lieutenant Governor McConnell's Portrait Unveiling

Lieutenant Governor Glenn McConnell's portrait was unveiled at a ceremony in the Senate chamber this Thursday. McConnell announced earlier this month he would not seek re-election to the lieutenant governor's office and is a candidate for the office of president of the College of Charleston, expected to open in June of 2014. McConnell was Senate president pro tempore for more than a decade and served in the Senate for over 30 years before ascending to the lieutenant governor's office following the resignation of Ken Ard. [Read more here.](#)

Restructuring

S.22 - On Monday, January 27, 2014, Gov. Nicki Haley signed S.22 into law. The bill, often referred to as "government restructuring," eliminates the state Budget and Control Board and transfers most of its functions to a new Department of Administration under the governor's control. A new State Fiscal Accountability Authority - made up of the same officials that are on the current Budget and Control Board - will govern state purchasing and bonding.

Haley had planned a ceremonial bill signing for Wednesday, but postponed it to Feb. 5 after the House and Senate decided to cancel their legislative meetings this week because of the possibility of snow and ice on Tuesday and Thursday. [Read more here.](#)

Former State Rep. Herb Kirsh

Kirsh, a Clover Democrat who was the longest serving legislator in the South Carolina General Assembly, died Tuesday night. Gov. Nicki Haley, who served with Kirsh as a lawmaker, issued a statement: "He was always one of the most knowledgeable legislators, especially when it came to the state budget. Most importantly, he was respected by both sides of the aisle as someone who had a great love for South Carolina and her people. He will be missed." His funeral is set for Friday. [Read more here.](#)

Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, February 4

- 9:30 am -- Blatt Room 501 -- Ways and Means Transportation and Regulatory Subcommittee
 - I. Commission for Minority Affairs
 - II. Human Affairs Commission
 - III. Department of Consumer Affairs
 - IV. Review of remaining Provisos assigned to the Subcommittee
 - V. Member Requests

- 9:30 am -- Blatt Room 521 -- Ways and Means Public Education and Special Schools Subcommittee
 - I. John de la Howe
 - II. Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School
 - III. School for the Deaf and Blind

- 10:00 am -- Gressette Room 105 -- State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee
- 10:00 am -- Blatt Room 321 -- Ways and Means Higher Education, Technical, and Cultural Subcommittee
 - I. MUSC
 - II. MUSC - AHEC
 - III. Member requests

- 1 hour after the House adjourns -- Blatt Room 321 -- Ways and Means Higher Education, Technical, and Cultural Subcommittee
 - I. Medal of Honor Museum

- 10:30 am -- Blatt Room 511 -- Ways and Means Legislative, Executive, and Local Government Subcommittee
 - I. Office of the State Treasurer
 - II. Inspector General

- 11:00 am -- Blatt Room 305 -- Minority Caucus
- 11:00 am -- Blatt Room 112 -- Majority Caucus
- 11:00 am -- Blatt Room 409 -- Ways and Means Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee
 - I. PROVISOS
 - II. MEMBER REQUESTS

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- 11:45 am -- Blatt Room 318 -- Leadership Colleton
 - 11:45 am -- Blatt Room 501 -- Greenville County Legislative Delegation
 - Upon adjournment of the House -- Blatt Room 112 -- Minority Caucus
 - 1 hour after the House adjourns -- Blatt Room 108 -- Ways and Means Healthcare Subcommittee
- I. Vocational Rehabilitation Department
II. Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services
III. All Provisos Assigned to Subcommittee
IV. Member Requests
- 1 hour after the House adjourns -- Blatt Room 501 -- Ways and Means Transportation and Regulatory Subcommittee
 - I. Worker's Compensation Commission
 - II. Office of Regulatory Staff
 - III. Public Service Commission
 - IV. Department of Motor Vehicles
 - 1 hours after the House adjourns -- Blatt Room 521 -- Ways and Means Public Education and Special Schools Subcommittee
- I. Governor's School for Science and Mathematics - Budget and Provisos
II. First Steps - Regarding Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Only
III. State Department of Education - Provisos
IV. The Education Oversight Committee - Provisos
- 1 hours after the House adjourns -- Blatt Room 511 -- Ways and Means Legislative, Executive, and Local Government Subcommittee
- I. SC Retirement Investment Commission
II. Agency Carried Over Provisos and Section 117 and 118 Provisos
III. Member Requests
- 2:30 pm or 1 hours after the House adjourns -- Blatt Room 516 -- Judiciary Committee
 - I. H. 3539 - Prohibition on The Sale of Alcoholic Liquors on Certain Days
 - II. H. 3169 - Relating to Grounds for Divorce
 - III. H. 3170 -- A Joint Resolution Relating to Grounds for Divorce
 - IV. H. 3775—Relating to Family Court Orders of Protection from Domestic Abuse
 - V. H. 3197 -- A Bill to Create The Division of Elections Within the Office of Secretary of State
 - 3:00 pm -- Gressette Room 308 -- Finance Committee on S.293, S.329, S.402, S.809, S.828, S.940 and S.953
- I. S. 809- Capital Project Sales and Use Tax
II. S.940- Education Capital Improvement Sales and Use Tax
III. S.828 National and International Convention and Trade Show Centers
IV. S.953- Annual Tax Conformity

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- V. S.402-Tax Credits for Alternative Fuel Vehicles
- VI. S.329- Tax Credits for Solar Installations
- VII. S.293- Murrell's Inlet-Garden City Fire District

- 3:00 pm -- Gressette Room 105 -- Judiciary Committee

- I. Regulation 4313-Child Support Guidelines
- II. Regulation 4347-Law Enforcement Officer and E-911 Officer Training & Certification
- III. S. 815- Candidate nominations
- IV. S. 505- Public Integrity Unit established
- V. S. 268- Certification of domestic and foreign records
- VI. S. 605- State owned aircraft
- VII. S. 560 -Railroad or electric railway
- VIII. S. 561- Nonferrous metals
- IX. S. 150- No Parole Offense
- X. S. 115- Constitutional Carry Act
- XI. S. 611- Minority Affairs Commission
- XII. S. 275- Multijurisdictional task force
- XIII. H.3563- Self-Service Storage Facility Act

- 3:00 pm -- Blatt Room 433 -- EPW K-12 Subcommittee on H.3428, H.3994 and H.4419

- I. H.4419- Selection of teachers by school principal
- II. H.3428- First Steps to School Readiness Initiative
- III. H.3994- Read To Succeed Act

Wednesday, February 5

- 9:00 am -- Gressette Room 406 -- Finance Sales and Income Taxation Subcommittee on S.812, S.912, H.3021,H.3089 and H.3561

- I. S.812- Rural Infrastructure Authority
- II. S.912- Hospitality Tax Revenue
- III. H.3021- Iran Divestment Act
- IV. H.3089- Income tax deductions
- V. H.3561-Accommodation tax

- 9:00 am -- Blatt Room 511 -- Judiciary Criminal Laws Subcommittee

- I. S. 19- Relating to Bonds
- II. H. 4368- Criminal Gang Prevention Act

- 9:00 am -- Blatt Room 523 -- Ways and Means Economic Development and Natural Resources Subcommittee

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- I. Department of Commerce
- II. Rural Infrastructure Authority
- 9:00 am -- Blatt Room 427 -- 3-M Subcommittee V, Social Services, Mental Health and Children's Affairs
- I. R.4433 - DHEC-Standards for Licensing In-Home Care Providers
- II. R. 4434 - DHEC-Vaccination, Screening and Immunization Regarding Contagious Diseases
- 10:00 am -- Gressette Room 207 -- Environmental Subcommittee
- I. S.890- Permits for Coastal Zone Critical Areas
- II. H.3592- Energy Independence and Sustainable Construction Act of 2007
- 10:00 am -- Gressette Room 105 -- Education K-12 Subcommittee on Common Core
- I. Common Core Information
- 10:00 am -- Gressette Room 209 -- Fish, Game and Forestry Committee
- I. S.913- A Bill relating to the practice of falconry.
- II. S.876- A Bill relating to the hunting of deer near a residence.
- 10:00 am -- Blatt Room 410 -- Agricultural Subcommittee
- I. S.699- Inspection fee on the distribution or sale of commercial fertilizer
- 11:00 am -- Gressette Room 308 -- Judiciary Subcommittee on S.811 and S.866
- I. S.811- County Boards of Registration and Election
- II. S.866- County Election Commissions and Board of Voter Registration
- 11:30 am -- Gressette Room 209 -- Transportation Committee
- I. Robert St. Onge, SC DOT
- 11:30 am -- Gressette Room 307 -- Judiciary Subcommittee on S.916
- I. S.916- Trespasser Responsibility Act
- 1 hour after the House adjourns -- Blatt Room 108 -- Ways and Means Healthcare Subcommittee
- I. Member Requests
- II. Department of Health and Human Services
- 1 hour after the House adjourns -- Blatt Room 321 -- Ways and Means Higher Education, Technical, and Cultural Subcommittee

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- I. College of Charleston
- II. State Museum
- III. State Library
- IV. SC Artisans Center
- V. Provisos

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- I. Sea Grant Consortium
- II. JEDA

- 1 hours after the House adjourns -- Blatt Room 511 -- Ways and Means Legislative, Executive, and Local Government Subcommittee

- I. Agency Carried Over Provisos and Section 117 and 118 Provisos

Thursday, February 6

- 9:00 am -- Blatt Room 516 -- Judiciary General Laws Subcommittee

- I. H.4223- Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act

- 9:00 am -- Gressette Room 209 -- Corrections and Penology Committee

- I. Mr. Bryan P. Stirling, Director, South Carolina Department of Corrections

- 9:30 am -- Gressette Room 207 -- Agricultural Subcommittee

- I. H.3987-Redefine food, seafood, and local seafood

- 9:30 am -- Gressette Room 308 -- Medical Affairs Committee

- I. S.748- Immunity from Liability for Providing Free Health Care Services

- II. S.840- Prescription Monitoring Program

- III. H.3978- Medicaid Nursing Home Permits

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- 10:00 am -- Gressette Room 407 -- Professions and Occupations Subcommittee
 - I. S.862- Residential Property Improvements
 - II. H.3149- Precious Metals

- 10:00 am -- Gressette Room 307 -- Finance Subcommittee on Property Taxation on S.825 and H.3027
 - I. S.825-Ad Valorem Taxation
 - II. H.3027- Property tax assessments

- 1 hour after the House adjourns -- Blatt Room 523 -- Ways and Means Economic Development and Natural Resources Subcommittee
 - I. S.C. State Housing Finance and Development Authority
 - II. Member Requests
 - III. Proviso Clean-up

- 1 hours after the House adjourns -- Blatt Room 521 -- Ways and Means Public Education and Special Schools Subcommittee
 - I. Final Proviso Considerations if needed

- Upon adjournment of the House -- Blatt Room 108 -- Ways and Means Healthcare Subcommittee
 - I. Member Requests
 - II. Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
 - III. Provisos

- Upon adjournment of the Property Tax Subcommittee -- Gressette Room 307 -- Finance Special Subcommittee on S.279 on S.867
 - I. S.279- Income Tax Deduction for Tuition
 - II. S.867- General Appropriations Act