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And What Did YOU Do This Summer?

Dear Friends:

"What did YOU do this summer?" That's a common question teachers ask as students arrive back in school. The South Carolina General Assembly meets for nearly five months each year from January into June, with another special session in late June. During the last six months of each year, I am frequently asked, "How are you enjoying your time off?" I smile and jokingly say the "Time off is great".

In reality there is little time off for any legislator. The part-time position is in reality a full-time job if it's to be done effectively.

Serving Constituents

One of my most important tasks is constituent service. Government can be a challenge for citizens and my job is to represent constituents and work to resolve their problems. I see myself as their ombudsman looking out for their best interests and solving problems. Some issues are huge, others seem small; most are nearly insurmountable to an individual citizen. My service has taken me to departments from agriculture to education, from roads to social services and so many more.

Here's one recent example: A constituent enlisted my support in getting his boat registered and titled in SC. This boat had a long history of various owners from SC and GA and SC-DNR was requiring him to document every owner, even those who had died. He had driven to Columbia twice to resolve the issue, but it wasn't to be. He contacted me, calls were made, and SC-DNR officials came to Aiken County to meet the constituent. The next day he received his boat title and registration in the mail.

This may sound like a minor issue, but I assure you that these and other individual issues I regularly deal with are highly frustrating for constituents. Many state agencies and departments assign liaisons to help legislators with issues; most are very accommodating and accountable. It's satisfying to be successful in resolving issues, whether small or large. Constituent service is of paramount importance.

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