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Wait ... Is That Even Legal?

Public officials aren't legally allowed to meet in secret about public business. And yet that's exactly what members of the Senate have been doing. The subject? An increase to your taxes. [read more>>](#)

Yep, It Was a Scam

For anyone doubting whether Richland County's Penny Tax scheme was corrupt from the start, *The Nerve* has settled the argument. [read more>>](#)

Who Are the Real Heroes on Ethics?

That's a question raised by Gov. Nikki Haley in her State of the State address on Wednesday night. Her answer? Members of the House of Representatives. And the villains, in her view? The Senate.

It may not surprise you to know that we take a very different interpretation. In short: She's only half right. The House has passed plenty of bills, but they're riddled with loopholes.

So on Friday, we broke down every ethics-related topic and explained exactly what each chamber has done, what's right or wrong with each bill, and what should happen next. [read more>>](#)

A Real Reform, But...

A genuine health care reform has already passed one chamber of the legislature. Unfortunately, a member of the Senate inserted a tiny provision that made it meaningless. Is there still hope? [read more>>](#)

Was the Pitts Bill Just a Dumb Joke?

Rep. Mike Pitts filed a bill this week to force all journalists to register with the state. He claims he was trying to make a point. Maybe. But it all feels pretty familiar. [read more>>](#)

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