

**INTERNAL STAFF UPDATE\***  
**Monday, October 26, 2015**

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**LEGISLATIVE:**

Margie Bright Matthews will be sworn in on tomorrow at 2:00 in the senate chambers.

**Legislative Meetings:**

**Monday, October 26, 2015**

**1:00 First Steps Study Committee – Blatt 433 – Live Broadcast**

Discussion of Report Draft

**1:00 Senate Judiciary Expungement Study Committee – Gressette 105 – Live Broadcast**

(Senators Allen, Thurmond, Corbin, Representatives Rutherford, McCoy, Cole)

**Tuesday, October 27, 2015**

**9:00 House Education Policy Review and Reform Task Force Educator Recruitment,**

**Retention, Effectiveness, and Professional Development Subcommittee – Blatt 433**

Discussion of Recommendations

**10:00 PURC – Gressette 308**

(Senators Alexander, Chr., Hutto, Rankin, Representatives Sandifer, Forrester, Hayes, Eric Ebersole, Jeanelle McCain, John Simmons, Helen Zeigler)

PSC Subcommittee Report

ORS Subcommittee Report

Santee Cooper Subcommittee Report

Subcommittee Report for Candidate Peggy Pinnell, Berkley County

**11:30 Homeowners Association Study Committee – Gressette 308 – Live Broadcast**

**Members:** Sens. Rankin (Ch), Johnson, Reps. Sottile and Ryhal; Ken Skelly, Maraide Sullivan, Shane Ousey, Dick Unger, Shaun Cranford, Press Courtney, Jud Smith, Andy Lee, William Henry Dill, Carri Grube Lybarker, Dean Grigg, Rod Attkinson (for Rochelle Taylor)

Discuss Recommendations for Report

**1:00 House Education Policy Review and Reform Task Force Transportation and**

**Facilities Infrastructure Subcommittee – Blatt 433**

Discussion of Recommendations

**Wednesday, October 28, 2015**

**10:00 Senate Special Committee on Flood Relief Efforts – Gressette 105**

(Senators Leatherman, Peeler, Setzler, Jackson, Grooms, Cromer, McElveen, Sabb, Shealy)

**10:00 House Legislative Oversight Executive Subcommittee – Blatt 110 - Live Broadcast**

(Joshua Putnam, Chr., Representatives Funderburk, Newton, Williams)

Comptroller General's Office

**10:00 House Education Policy Review and Reform Task Force College and Career Pathways of High Quality Learning Opportunities in Elementary, Middle, and High Schools – Blatt 433**

**2:00 Senate Special Subcommittee in Response to Abbeville Lawsuit – Gressette 105 – Live Broadcast**

(Senators Setzler, Hayes, Matthews, Bennett, Hembree)

Molly Spearman, State Superintendent of Education

Dr. Karen Woodward, Superintendent of Lexington School District 1

Pamela Lackey, AT&T President and TransformSC co-chair

Dr. David Mathis, Superintendent of Saluda County Schools

Dr. David Longshore, former Superintendent & Designee from Orangeburg 3

**Thursday, October 29, 2015**

**10:00 House Higher Education Governance Ad Hoc Committee – Blatt 433 - Live Broadcast**

(Representatives Taylor, Chr., Bradley, Brown, Clary, Felder, George, Johnson, Mitchell)

SC Independent Colleges and Universities

Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges

**10:00 House Legislative Ethics Committee – Blatt 511**

Former Speaker Harrell's Campaign Disclosure Reports, Attorney Fees

Executive Session

**10:00 Senate Agriculture Subcommittee of Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee – Gressette 308**

(Senators Williams, Chr., Corbin, Matthews, Hembree, Verdin, Sabb)

S.559 – Cultivation of Industrial Hemp (Davis)

**2:00 Senate Animal Welfare Select Subcommittee – Gressette 308**

(Senators Campbell, Chr., Corbin, Shealy, Williams, Hembree, Sheheen, McElveen)

S.0687 – Mobile Veterinary Practice Facilities (McElveen)

**2:00 Study Committee of Motorcycle Usage and Safety – Gressette 207**

(Representative Jeff Johnson, Mr. Ralph Bell, Captain G.S. Owens, Mr. Brett Harrelson, Mr. Reb Richardson, Mr. Dennis Welborn, Mr. Vernon Hester)

**Legislative Request:**

Mike Shealy reached out to see if the Governor would like to come speak at the panel's first flood relief meeting.

**EVENT: Special Senate Committee Regarding Flood Relief Efforts in South Carolina**

**TIME: 10:00AM**

**WHERE:** Gressette Room 105  
**DATE:** Wednesday, October 28

**Members**

Senator Hugh Leatherman. President Pro Tempore  
Senator Harvey Peeler, Senate Majority Leader  
Senator Nikki Setzler, Senate Minority Leader  
Senator Darrell Jackson  
Senator Larry Grooms  
Senator Ronnie Cromer  
Senator Thomas McElveen  
Senator Ronnie Sabb  
Senator Katrina Shealy

**Agenda:**

Governor Haley (*if she would like to speak*)  
Adjutant General  
SCEMD  
DOT  
DHEC  
SLED

Beverly with W&Ms called with the same invite – *still gathering info about the meeting (date: Nov 5<sup>th</sup>).*

**LEGAL:**

In the Abbeville case, our reply to Plaintiff's response is due Friday, but the Senate, House, State and our office got on the same page early so will be filed today. Our reply is very simple and reiterates our arguments in the motion.

In the DSS class action case, Plaintiffs and Defendants will meet with Judge Duffy tomorrow and Wednesday for a two-day mediation.

**DOT:**

- State road closures are down from a peak of 541 (Oct. 5) to 125 (Oct. 26), a 77 percent decrease.
- 21 highway/bridge contractors have been engaged to assist with 62 different "emergency/spot repairs" in 13 counties.
- 35 debris collection trucks and trailers are operating.
- Debris collected to date: approx. 777 loads (38,549 cubic yards)

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\*This document is a transitory and temporary record created for short-term internal purposes that includes informal materials that do not record decisions.

- SCDOT Call Center is operating 6 am—7 pm daily. There have been over 3.5 million visits to the SCDOT Road Conditions webpage during this event.
- All Interstate highways are open.
- 11 primary routes remain closed statewide.
- The majority of the current closures are on the state's Secondary System

#### **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

The next meeting of the Proviso 117.127 – Comprehensive Workforce Development Coordination Initiative Committee will be held at the SC Technical College System on **November 9, 2015 at 9:00 AM in the Board Room**. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the interviews, survey results and next steps toward the final report.