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On the same day of the announced budget nixing for MOX, SC filed a lawsuit against the federal government claiming the U.S. Energy Department failed to uphold a 2003 agreement that launched the MOX project. The facility was originally supposed to be operating by September 2016. SC officials are pointing to the original agreement which pledged the Energy Department would remove at least 1 ton of plutonium currently stored at the site by January 2016 if MOX

was not operational. The agreement calls for SC to receive payments of \$1 million per-day if the plutonium remained on-site after January. The plutonium must be disposed as part of a nonproliferation agreement with Russia.

Drug Testing for Unemployed

The House approved and sent the Senate a bill ([H.3166](#)

\$40 million in Flood Aid to Farmers

SC farmers who lost most of their crops in last fall's flooding could be eligible for up to \$40 million in total grants to help them recover under a bill approved unanimously by the House Ways and Means Committee. The bill would allow farmers in disaster-declared counties to apply for grants from a newly-created Farm Aid Board. The bill heads to the House floor for a vote.

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Road Wrangling in the Senate

SC's Secretary of Transportation warned senators that unless the state starts putting more money into repairing roads soon, it will end up costing much more to rebuild them. Christy Hall cited the example of a simple resurfacing project recently on Interstate 85 in Spartanburg. It was discovered the highway was so deteriorated that it had to be rebuilt. She says that can increase the cost of a project up to ten times. Meanwhile, the senate continues to wrangle over various road funding plans. They have been stalled for nearly a year. The House passed its road funding plan last spring.

Want to learn more about SCDOT and SC's roads?

Here are two presentations made to senators: [1. SCDOT Overview](#) http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ginrfwm_EtmuCmQYq_TmVFYS6_Kn0n2lclAmLkwSHR1e0H9CehK2CHg74zmsSLUWXBzb5VdjTG2b9EfOkxrN-J2cheBjKDlWymuWTQOCnxbs2FmRyoqUWfVPcH9DRKLTN3N2f9uk406FY3VBhOfyLZVreE-QctiJD1wFCIQFjHQB_b64KffZqxf7GMtjgggRoExi3Gkks-Bzp2Mfl_9vuaKsWUD3RDRkGLtKBX4Sr-txoDvuhaFTymVqJwYb9-

Prayer Rally at Statehouse

Praise God! Thousands of South Carolinians gathered on the Statehouse grounds as Franklin Graham led a prayer rally as part of his "Decision America Tour," an effort to reach all 50 state capitals for such events. I was proud to stand with him along with many other state legislators. It is God, not politicians, who will save America.

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Education Bills to House Floor: Transformation of public education in SC took a major step forward when the House Education Committee voted unanimously to pass a series of bills to address the "Abbeville court ruling" focusing on shortcomings in our educational system.

Constitutional Amendment: The House approved, and sent the Senate a joint resolution for a proposed amendment to the SC Constitution that would have the State Superintendent of Education appointed by the Governor rather than elected by the state's voters. H.3041 http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001ginrfwm_EtmuCmQYq_TmVFYS6_Kn0n2lclAmLkwSHR1e0H9CehK2CHg74zmsSLUWHWBT40_bto1p612tmRF6hWkGVFwgEdfO9BGlw78gg-M2bZsKGGh_Y3lkbOEstPZpvV9jJnv4VqX8hLx_I7GggixrPqu6hFg-uEQFUij9gSCQLHxnx0QdGvLkG7hk3TDzh18gScXflEPq6_m-