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Honoring Our Fallen Heroes

They Did It For YOU!

Dear Friends:

This weekend we celebrate America's military veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice. For those who have served in the military or lost family members or friends, Memorial Day goes much deeper than patriotic rhetoric. For them Memorial Day brings to mind the faces and personalities of particular people lost in the cause of freedom. *They did it for you!*

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My Pappy always said: *"If you do not exercise your freedoms and insure they are kept scared, you're stepping on the memory of those who died for you."* Let's make sure we do our part.

Two Opportunities to Salute Our Veterans

For those in Aiken County, I invite you take time to remember our fallen veterans and thank our living veterans and active duty service men and women for their service and sacrifice.

- The Parade: Saturday at 11:00 a.m. one of SC's largest Memorial Day Parades will march through downtown Aiken. In recent months community groups have stepped forward to invigorate the parade when it was in jeopardy of being discontinued. They deserve our thanks. Join your neighbors and bring every child because it is an opportunity to help them learn respect and a fundamental of American history and traditions.
- The Ceremony: Monday at 11:00 a.m. the Marine Corps League again sponsors Aiken's official Memorial Day Ceremony at Veteran's Park, 1400 Richland Ave. East. I am grateful to once again be asked to deliver remarks to the gathering. Retired Navy Admiral Dean Sackett will be the keynote

speaker. Please join us. (Bring your lawn chairs)

<http://files.ctctcdn.com/b7e9246d001/82c15550-c113-4a68-b9d2-029907aafa3b.png> **Major Bill Passes House**

The General Assembly is close to passing a bill that would significantly toughen SC's domestic-violence laws. After months of work and debate, the House/Senate compromise legislation includes a lifetime ban on possessing guns for those convicted of the most serious offenses. The House unanimously passed a compromise bill that would double the potential prison time for domestic abuse to as long as 20 years. If the changes approved by the House become law, the level of domestic-abuse charge would be based on the severity of an attack, rather than the number of times a person has been charged with the crime. It also targets education requiring teaching domestic-violence prevention to middle-schoolers. The bill heads back to the Senate where one leader says he's confident the Legislature will pass. This domestic-violence bill needs to be completed before the session ends June 4. [\(Read more: Aiken Standard\)](#) http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J9kKnBZVSO1UG_6qD09bWjUvg_N5c_O8aSxmrlT21PkGcAmPin4KhJWi3LQTgLCaXCec7nOlo1IsqyBljgzEh96AC0VnTx8VVmEE1FSiAop9SEwyqvjCHnbBHgOTSo6dhlfKM7ok1WZ_TCZ_jwKrz9no7I0LRaRenr9VYZ-fW5A=&c=7H8oZXkg11ecn4ZDPSQJ5oHI4OTgS1nJg7ewP3YiJHacyaAtC0biwQ==&ch=GS AHhkoclwxMRPyCgy3D370fkJnRT25vtxYOrmwealsroaVupSSg==>

Senate Approves 19 Week Abortion Ban

The Senate outmaneuvered a filibuster and passed a compromise on an anti-abortion bill on a vote of 37-7. The [SC Pain-Capable Unborn Child Act](#) http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001J9kKnBZVSO1UG_6qD09bWjUvg_N5c_O8aSxmrlT21PkGcAmPin4KhEUh8FTcz5C0pipdofJPJ_bhjAJ6FhjHF5IHS6vyvgseaAsxkLpJvahMG5owt7le0RTTogO237ALZQey1lrOzu7PRbbIV_siMLQlwBk4cDgzlFJ0eY1wjupe-pk9X5ptNq-mlna--UCWd5TJKLjWoSPtGgZzYSU8TBBSLdenGg3&c=7H8oZXkg11ecn4ZDPSQJ5oHI4OTgS1nJg7ewP3YiJHacyaAtC0biwQ==&ch=GS AHhkoclwxMRPyCgy3D370fkJnRT25vtxYOrmwealsroaVupSSg==> would narrow the window for woman to get abortions from 23 weeks to 19 weeks. The bill includes exemptions that would allow abortions after 20 weeks in the case of rape or incest. The bill will head back to the House.

Gov't Transparency - Posting Agendas

I've been appointed to a House/Senate conference committee ironing out