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Why Lawmakers Never Go Home

In recent years, South Carolina's legislative session has reminded us of the NBA basketball season – it never seems to end. The law mandates a nearly half-year session, making it one of the longest in the nation, and legislators make it even longer by remaining in town for all sorts of official and unofficial reasons.

The problem isn't that our never-ending legislative session wastes public money. It does, but that's not the problem. The real problem is that the more time legislators spend "working" in Columbia, the more time they spend expanding their power and doing favors for special interests. [read more>>](#)

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