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Some Bills Still Ready to Pass

"We have two ethics reforms bills that we have worked hard for four years. They are both in conference committee. We were promised by both the House and the Senate that they would not leave until they gave us those bills, I'm going to hold them at their word."

The words, obviously, are Gov. Nikki Haley's. We briefly explain both bills [here](#). And [here](#) are a few others that could go to her desk next week.

Lawmaker-Contractors?

The highest concentration of South Carolina businessmen with ongoing government contracts would seem to be the South Carolina State House. [read more>>](#)

In Hartsville Later Today?

If you're in Hartsville today (Saturday), come by the [Burry Bookstore](#) at 3:00 when SCPC's Ashley Landess will join author John Crangle to talk about corruption at the State House.

Officials Dispute Nerve Claim on Biz Licenses

The county code says every business that does work within the county boundaries requires a license. But when it comes to businesses backed with tax dollars, some officials want an exemption. [read more>>](#)

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