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For the upcoming week:

Budget: Full Ways and Means will take up the budget this week, so the schedule should be:

2/17 - 2/20 - Full Committee

2/23-3/6 - Budget Printing/Sit on desks

3/10 - Begin Floor deliberations.

NOTE: CON and a Local Government Fund 'reboot' are both on for W&M full committee this week.

Transportation: No subs have been scheduled for either bill, but based on the budget schedule, there is space for committee hearings from 2/23 through 3/6. We will still be behind the budget on the floor, but this can keep the ball moving forward in terms of overall legislative process. Leg shop may have received an update from members on what leadership's intentions are with moving these proposals forward.

Secretary Foxx will be making three infrastructure-related stops in Charleston (Ports, with the Vice President), Columbia (I-20/26 interchange and roads) and Spartanburg (Transtech - probably urban transit and multi-modal) to sell the administration's GROW America Act which funds transportation initiatives largely through taxing the repatriation of profits of American corporations from overseas shelters back to the US.

General Legislation: Bills meeting Thursday morning to go through non-agenda legislation moving its way through the General Assembly. We're continuing follow-up from last week's meeting and will have a new batch of bills and movement updates Thursday.

SC State: 2Q monitoring letter went to the University Friday afternoon, giving SCSU 30 days to request deficit recognition from the Board and/or action by the General Assembly. We are not subject to the new deficit recognition language passed as part of restructuring, so the Board staff will advise that this is an 'other funds' deficit and the Board's only available action would be another loan or no action at all.

A group of SCSU alumni and current students filed a lawsuit against the state, largely targeting CHE and South Carolina's overall approach to approving university academic programs and funding colleges.

Energy: Energy Solutions/Chem Nuclear, the company running the Barnwell low-level nuclear waste disposal site, would like their CEO to meet with the Governor on Wednesday. They're floating the idea of Barnwell expanding its receipt of low-level nuclear waste materials from states outside of the compact (CT, NJ) to fill a funding gap that will be coming in the next few years. We have requested more information from the company about the projected funding shortfalls and this plan. Their sole competitor for this business, a company out of Texas, has retained local lobbying representation and this meeting request is likely in response to that move.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Josh