

**INTERNAL STAFF UPDATE\***

Monday, March 21, 2016

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**Front Desk – High-Volume Calls:**

**Re. Robo Calls on Ethics Reform** – Almost 90 constituents called on Friday asking the Governor to veto the “gag” bill, which refers to H.3184, the Ethics Reform bill. The callers were opposing the bill due to claims that their gun rights would be infringed. To combat this:

- Staff has developed short talking points for constituent services to use to educate callers on the facts.
- Lynn Teague (League of Women Voters) has drafted a strong op-ed that is being circulated to different papers.

**Re. Pickens Schools Closings** – Last week, we also received approximately 30 calls pertaining to the closing of schools in Pickens County. The callers were asking for the Governor to intervene in hopes of stopping these closures. (Note that, by law, school closings are decided at the local level by individual school boards.)

**DV Task Force – Budget Amendments:**

Two amendments and a proviso have been drafted with bipartisan sponsors: Reps. Pitts, Pope, Cobb-Hunter, Clemmons, Hosey, and Erickson. The amendments will be taken up today or tomorrow.

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