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The House of Representatives postponed most of the week's legislative work due to the inclement weather experienced in portions of the state.

The Senate took up the Governor's vetoes on H.3720, the General Appropriation Bill for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 STATE GOVERNMENT BUDGET, that the House of Representatives previously voted to override. In addressing vetoes, legislators had to contend with a revenue shortfall that has left the state with approximately \$34 million less in non-recurring spending than the estimates from the Board of Economic Advisers that were used in approving the budget. The Senate voted to sustain some of the Governor's vetoes and voted to override vetoes on other items, including Education Lottery Funds devoted to leasing and purchasing new school buses in the amounts of \$17.5 million from the Lottery Expenditure Account and \$3 million in unclaimed prize money along with whatever balance may remain in the unclaimed prize fund. The overriding of a budget veto by both the House and Senate allows for the funds to be appropriated.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you in the South Carolina House of Representatives and please feel free to contact me via email at chiphuggins@schouse.gov or my 24-hour phone line at 331-8468.

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