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I theoretically have about 23 hours left to wrap this up, but since the reference to your valiant efforts will likely survive to the final draft, I wanted to give you a heads-up. At some point, I assume they'll make me take out "masquerading" too, since I'm only allowed to have so much fun around here. Thanks.

CLS

### **Old-Fashioned Pork**

#### **Veto 58                      Part IB, Page 501; Section 118, Statewide Revenue; Proviso 118.17B, Item 26(a) – Department of Natural Resources, Outreach Programs: \$200,000**

On May 14, 2013, Senator Massey offered a floor amendment to the budget that would have eliminated the \$200,000 earmark for the Southeastern Wildlife Expo. After an attempt to table this amendment failed, and after serious and entirely reasonable questions were raised as to the propriety of using taxpayer resources to support such an event, the amendment was narrowly defeated by a 22-21 vote.

It is therefore unsurprising that this line appears in the final budget bearing the same euphemistic name that it carried as it traveled through the House of Representatives: "Outreach Programs." There is no question, though, that this line is merely the transfer to SEWE, masquerading in disguise. Please respect South Carolina's taxpayers – and their intelligence – by sustaining this veto.

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