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To: Veldran, KatherineKatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov
Date: 12/3/2013 5:39:28 AM
Subject: RE: DRAFT: Next steps for Ethics Reform efforts

Katherine- You might consider putting a little more context into this email. I made a pledge to Gov. Haley- First to vote for cloture and second to not vote to adjourn debate once we start debating the ethics bill. Why is this important? As you know, the only way to stop amendments from being put up and delay the vote is to vote for cloture. I have been told that there are as many as 100 amendments proposed. If an amendment can get up to 20 minutes of debate, you can see that it is going to be a long night. However, the only way to ensure that we don't just kick the can down the road and start back over is to vote against adjourning. If we vote to adjourn, more amendments can be added and another cloture vote would need to be had to ensure the additional amendments are not continued. The cloture vote, I believe, requires 3/5 voting. (please confirm this before you put it out there). Adjourn debate is simply a majority. Can we get 3/5 of the body to commit to voting for cloture? Can we get a majority to vote not to adjourn debate? If so, the ethics bill will get debated and pass or fail, which is what I think Gov. Haley wants- simply to take a vote. After a year we all know what the issues are and how we feel about them, we just need to take a vote. My two cents- I appreciate your effort to move this issue forward. It is a good morning for me, if y'all want to talk. I have a meeting at 11, but am available from about 8:45 till then.

Thanksgiving was fun and festive. Hope yours was, as well. PT

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From: Veldran, Katherine [mailto:KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 02, 2013 8:01 PM
To: Paul Thurmond
Subject: DRAFT: Next steps for Ethics Reform efforts

Please reference the email below.

I will follow up with you in the morning! What time is best for you?

I hope you and your beautiful family had a wonderful Thanksgiving!!!

Thank you,

Katherine

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From: Patel, Swati

Sent: Monday, December 02, 2013 4:06 PM

To: Veldran, Katherine

Subject: DRAFT: Next steps for Ethics Reform efforts

DRAFT:

Dear All,

In case you missed it, last week, Sen. Paul Thurmond at the Ethics Reform Event in Charleston challenged his fellow Senators to pass ethics reform quickly. He publicly stated that he would ask his colleagues to vote for cloture and vote against adjourning debate. We are fully supportive of Sen. Thurmond's challenge and would like to ask you if your coalition would be willing to develop a "pledge" that would have key points (including voting for cloture and against adjourning debate) to be sent to all Senators to encourage them to sign before session.

This is an idea that we are presenting to you for your consideration. We would like to continue to build the momentum up to the beginning of session and believe your involvement is most helpful for this type of pledge. It could really push the message (we could e-blast it out to supporters and push through other mediums as well to get citizens involved). Please let me know if you support this idea. I am happy to talk about it as well anytime. My cell is 803-665-0259.

Hope you have a great Thanksgiving.

Thanks,

Swati

"We are going to have an ethics all-nighter." – Sen. Paul Thurmond (Post and Courier)