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WLTX News 19: Haley Calls for Legislative Action on Bills, Budget

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Columbia, SC (WLTX) -- Lawmakers are close to half way through the session this year, but what have they done so far?

The jury's still out for Governor Nikki Haley.

There are some things on the Governor's agenda that she wants to get done, that just have not happened yet.

One of those issues is restructuring state government.

Last year the House passed a bill creating a state Department of Administration. It became an issue when the senate didn't finish work on it before the session ended, but they did pass it this year.

Now Haley's wondering what's behind the hold up on the house side.

"We're still waiting to kinda see some good things happen. I will give great props to the Senate for passing the Department of Administration bill, they worked on it for weeks. It's a big bear, but the House has already passed it and they sent it to the senate and now the Senate's sent it back to the House," said Haley. "Is it that they don't want it and they were just saying it just for the sake of saying it? We just need action, you know i'm impatient by nature but this is really pushing me to a limit."

Another concern for the Governor is funding her plan for changing the tax structure in South Carolina.

The House budget plan did not include money that Haley set aside in her executive budget for the issue.

House Republicans have introduced a series of tax bills, but Haley says what's the point of putting up the measures late, and without funding them.

"Bills don't mean anything if you don't pay for it, that's talking without really giving the proof. So what we said was you can't put in bills in march and expect them to pass the house, the senate and then come to the governor's desk by June," said Haley.

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