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Road Traffic to Human Trafficking and Soooo Much More

Dear Friends:

Funding improvements to South Carolina's roads is the top priority this legislative session. It's no easy task and the solutions are complex.

On South Carolina Roads

<http://files.ctctcdn.com/b7e9246d001/8045af8b-b12c-4b0e-8f13-11b72bf3e60c.png> **The ROAD Ahead**

After months of hearings that began last fall by a special House Committee, the House Ways & Means Committee advanced a roads funding bill and sent it to the House floor. The Senate Finance Committee did the same but with a different approach. Both bills seek to raise money through very different means; neither may be able to withstand a threatened veto from Gov. Haley, who has been highly vocal she will not support increasing gas taxes without corresponding income tax relief.

The House version works toward accommodating the governor by trimming the state's 16.75 cent per-gallon gas tax to 10.75 cents and shifting funding to a new sales tax paid at the wholesale level on gasoline and diesel fuel. In exchange, an income tax break (averaging \$48 for the average income tax filer) would be offered to offset any higher price at the pump. It's predicted the proposal would bring in an additional \$400 million each year. The bill also calls for a restructuring of SCDOT and the State Infrastructure Bank.

The Senate version would raise \$800 million through a 12-cent gas tax increase and the doubling of various vehicle registration and state license fees.

Could Get a Bit Bumpy!

One thing is for certain - these bills are just a starting point; almost trial balloons. There will be much debate, many amendments and lots of compromise if the legislature is to produce tangible results to fix our road problems. At this point, the final solution is illusive.

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Tell us what **YOU** think of the road funding issue. Please participate in the House Republican Caucus online poll by [CLICKING HERE](#)
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Around the House the Week

Combating Human Trafficking

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Cracking down on human trafficking in SC is a priority. A cross-county jurisdictional loophole in the current law was brought to our attention by prosecutors. As a result, we passed a measure ([S.196](#))

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Criminal Domestic Violence

A House panel gave its okay to legislation that would toughen penalties for those convicted on domestic violence offenses. But, unlike the Senate, the House version would not strip away gun ownership for those convicted on the charge. But members of the committee instead decided to increase the penalties for crimes involving guns.

Gun Laws Approved by House

- By a unanimous vote, the House sent the Senate a bill (H.3119) <http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001NWewGoEIAEUfakbP7b0Mn3WO1e0_qx5J9Co8Ab2imTfXjcfuIADf9g-RsWzKjH0TN7b9A3bizmyclZeT2TT2HP1Cjj4cazwgtJZ2vcohtSyCkfoYrSb3HLID0cVUPo3sBjvGfdpTRNPzazo_HXANBcXgiuSpsHk5KKA6Q_gg7O96djg3zJFOCjIXaiNvvdRzglMEAHU3cozTLLCmOCn2zyJ-yLPtM4pJnBNpu-oCDB0Ordd0rWiPT9fF7GWnVAoN5vOgh8iic4nIAKAenWYcjvmNBs5QOUDUYRfMscrr6iHe6mxkTgB5wTUMUC_nRFyFlgf9mydvJyspurS4QYP0RSP9IP7lywscRBySkS0zMPmIYfGNAZ-kfZdDulnvJylW&c=z2sjH4DAVj6eZTZEULUGst9_hsRXDzFkUwM3nc1eURXiZ5sum7SBg==&ch=vHjRL9FTK1gMfenSyuSRYzBBsRUyU82loXEcnITfIp3SPCGn-9HEUg==> establishing the felony criminal offense of theft of a firearm punishable with a fine of up to five thousand dollars and/or imprisonment for up to ten years.
- In another unanimous vote, the House passed a bill (H.3116) <http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001NWewGoEIAEUfakbP7b0Mn3WO1e0_qx5J9Co8Ab2imTfXjcfuIADf9g-RsWzKjH0TC91T9T1He0q2hg2MYIyi8eWWsS3yeQ7uLNmXgqVewLT_HYkyofeuLUozUD--S1alHuPhvsPcrrfKq4WqeTVNM7CpXgabWvww7oPbeGQvaBmOpD3qzpDUOJI-VXfd_pl48Plolnizz-lmcexBzE9pcdip4cPy6KMK6gHZONLL8FXbnCXGB1