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Good morning -

This week the South Carolina House took up the budget. By far the most egregious provision in the entire bill – and that’s saying something – is a half-billion bond proposal. Late last night, House leaders seemed ready to admit the bond proposal would be scrapped, but already today there’s talk that it could be partially or wholly revived this afternoon.

Why is it such an outrage? Several reasons.

First, the House Ways and Means Committee slipped it into the budget at the last minute, with no public input – this was government secrecy and irresponsibility at its most brazen.

Second, in a year when many lawmakers say they’re determined to fix the state’s crumbling roads and bridges, it’s pretty outrageous to put taxpayers into debt – we’ll have to pay this back with interest – and not use a penny of that money on road upkeep.

And finally, take a look at what they want to spend the money on. [Do these projects look so important that we should borrow a half-billion dollars to pay for them?](#) I’ll let you decide.

Thanks, as always, for caring enough about our state’s future to stay engaged in the present.

Take care,

Ashley

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