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## **Fiscal Fitness Subcommittee to Meet in Columbia**

**Columbia--**Senator Glenn McConnell, President Pro Tempore of the South Carolina Senate, has named the members of the subcommittee tasked to consider his "Fiscal Fitness" agenda that consists of legislative initiatives to place a Constitutional cap on state spending, conduct a streamlining review of state government, reform the way executive agency regulations are enacted, and enact a taxpayer fairness act, a deficit prevention act, and a trust protection act.

Senator McConnell will chair the subcommittee whose members include: Senator Tom Davis, Beaufort County; Senator Vincent Sheheen, Kershaw County; Senator Shane Massey, Edgefield County; Senator Jake Knotts, Lexington County; Senator Gerald Malloy, Darlington County; and Senator Phil Shoopman, Greenville County.

The subcommittee will hold a public hearing in Columbia to get these issues ready for immediate action as soon as the General Assembly returns in January. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Room 308 of the Gressette Building on the Statehouse grounds.

Senator McConnell also announced that the subcommittee's agenda will include discussions about zero-based budgeting and ending the use of flexibility provisos in the state's annual appropriations act.

Senator McConnell said, "The members of the subcommittee will face difficult choices about how our government operates in our state. I believe it is important that we improve our state's fiscal health by limiting what government can spend, preventing agencies from spending more money than they have, protecting taxpayers from bureaucrats creating or changing tax laws in search of more revenue, and securing trust fund monies. Perhaps with these reforms, our state's fiscal fitness can be an example for those in Washington."

For more information, please visit the subcommittee's website at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/Committeeinfo/SenateJudiciarySpecialSubcommittees/SenateFiscallyFit/fiscallyfit.php>.