

**AGENDA**  
**HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**  
**March 6, 2018**

There will be a meeting of the House Judiciary Committee on **Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at 2:30 pm, or one and one-half hours upon adjournment of the House, whichever is later, in Room 516** of the Blatt Building, Columbia, South Carolina. *The Judiciary committee staff has attempted to contact the interested parties of all bills listed on the agenda for this meeting.*

**CONSTITUTIONAL LAWS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Favorable with Amendments**

**H. 4421** -- Reps. J.E. Smith, McCoy, Ott, G.M. Smith, Ballentine, Huggins, W. Newton, Bales, McEachern, Brown, Henegan, Clary, Bennett, Arrington and Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 25 TO CHAPTER 27, TITLE 58 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC CONSUMER BILL OF RIGHTS ACT" TO DEFINE CATEGORIES OF COSTS TO BE COLLECTED THROUGH RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER CHARGES, TO LIMIT RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER CHARGES TO CAPTURE ONLY CUSTOMER-RELATED COSTS, AND TO REQUIRE EACH ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO INCLUDE A LINE ITEM ON CUSTOMER BILL STATEMENTS TO SHOW THE PERCENTAGE OF RETAIL RATES ATTRIBUTABLE TO DEFERRED RECOVERY OF THE COST OF THE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION ABANDONED DURING CONSTRUCTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 58-33-225; ETC.

**Favorable with Amendments**

**H. 4425** -- Reps. J.E. Smith and Bales: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "PUBLIC UTILITY CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-299 SO AS TO PROHIBIT FUTURE BASE LOAD REVIEW APPLICATIONS OR PETITIONS FOR MODIFICATION; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-300 SO AS TO REQUIRE A UTILITY TO MEET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS BEFORE IT MAY RECOVER COSTS OF AN ABANDONED BASE LOAD PLANT; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-305 SO AS TO REQUIRE A UTILITY TO BEAR THE DUTY OF CANDOR TO THE COMMISSION; ETC

**Favorable**

**H. 4811** -- Reps. S. Rivers, G.M. Smith, Elliott, Davis, Stavrinakis, Murphy, Jordan, Caskey, Fry, W. Newton, Bannister, Clemmons, Cole and Lowe: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 22-1-10, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT A MAGISTRATE MUST BE A LICENSED ATTORNEY AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

**Favorable**

**H. 3448** -- Reps. Funderburk, Lucas, W. Newton, Bernstein, Norrell, Pope and Wheeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 8-27-05 SO AS TO ENTITLE CHAPTER 27 THE "SOUTH CAROLINA WHISTLEBLOWER AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PROTECTION ACT"; TO AMEND SECTION 8-27-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE CHAPTER, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY" TO INCLUDE THE STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL; TO AMEND SECTION 8-27-20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REWARDS FOR REPORTS RESULTING IN SAVINGS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE TWO THOUSAND DOLLAR CAP ON REWARDS AND

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PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR REWARDING MULTIPLE EMPLOYEES WHO REPORT THE SAME ABUSE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 8-27-30, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CIVIL ACTIONS AGAINST AN EMPLOYING PUBLIC BODY FOR RETALIATION AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE WHO REPORTS A VIOLATION OF STATE OR FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ONE-YEAR LIMITATION ON THE PERIOD DURING WHICH THE EMPLOYEE IS PROTECTED FROM ADVERSE EMPLOYMENT ACTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL REMEDIES.

**SPECIAL LAWS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Favorable with Amendments**

[H. 3970](#) -- Rep. Delleney: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 39-20-45, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITY LIENS, SO AS TO REVISE THE MANNER OF ENFORCEMENT TO REQUIRE COMMERCIALY REASONABLE SALES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH SALES.

**Favorable with Amendments**

[H. 4403](#) -- Reps. Pope, Clyburn and Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-11-600, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO TRESPASSING AND THE POSTING OF NOTICE OF TRESPASSING, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR A DIFFERENT METHOD OF THE POSTING OF NOTICE OF TRESPASSING INVOLVING CLEARLY VISIBLE PURPLE-PAINTED BOUNDARIES.