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Legislative Oversight Committee Meeting

**Thursday, April 26, 2018
Blatt Building Room 110
4:00 p.m.**

Archived Video Available

- I. Pursuant to House Legislative Oversight Committee Rule 6.8, South Carolina ETV was allowed access for streaming the meeting. You may access an archived video of this meeting by visiting the South Carolina General Assembly's website (<http://www.scstatehouse.gov>) and clicking on *Committee Postings and Reports*, then under *House Standing Committees* click on *Legislative Oversight*. Then, click on *Video Archives* for a listing of archived videos for the Committee.

Attendance

- I. The House Legislative Oversight Committee is called to order by First Vice-Chair Laurie Slade Funderburk on Thursday, April 26, 2018, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building. The following members are in attendance for all or a portion of the meeting: Representative Katherine E. (Katie) Arrington; Representative William K. (Bill) Bowers; Representative Gary E. Clary; Representative Chandra E. Dillard; Representative MaryGail K. Douglas; Representative Laurie Slade Funderburk; Representative William M. (Bill) Hixon; Representative Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.; Representative Robert L. Ridgeway, III; and Representative Bill Taylor.

Public Testimony

- I. Vice-Chair Funderburk explains that there is not a quorum, but hearing no objections, the members continue the meeting for the purpose of receiving constituent testimony. No votes on any matter are taken during the meeting.
- II. Vice-Chair Funderburk states that the purpose of this meeting is to hear public testimony regarding the SCETV Commission; Commission on Indigent Defense; and Commission on Prosecution Coordination.

Constituent testimony and Committee minutes summarizing testimony are not the comments or expression of the House Legislative Oversight Committee, any of its Subcommittees, the House of Representatives, or any of these entities staff.

- III. A member of the public provides testimony about the Commission on Prosecution Coordination. The Vice-Chair places the constituent under oath.

Commission on Prosecution Coordination

Mr. Ronnie Steele (04:35)

Mr. Steele testifies that he lives in Charleston County. He testifies that his concern is related to the bill that the Committee co-sponsored last year, which recognizes April 28 as Workers Memorial Day. That will happen in two days. Mr. Steele presents a newspaper picture of the five of the “Charleston Nine” - firefighters who lost their lives in 2007. He testifies that he was hoping to talk to the committee once the study is underway and to help the committee understand that there needs to be a connection with the state Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Commission on Prosecution Coordination.

Mr. Steele testifies that he addressed the Charleston delegation in 2007 concerning the death of the firefighters, and he requested that something be done about what happened in Charleston. Mr. Steele testifies that Glenn McConnell stated, “Some might criticize the legislature for interfering with the Home Rule, the right of local governments to mind their own affairs, if pursuant to Mr. Steele’s idea, personally I think matters of health, safety, and the environment are state issues.” These firefighters were working with the government and things did not proceed in a timely manner.

Discussion of the Commission on Prosecution Coordination

- I. Vice-Chair Funderburk explains that the Committee will next hear from the Commission on Prosecution Coordination.
- II. Vice-Chair Funderburk explains that all testimony is given under oath and swears in Mr. David Ross, Executive Director, Commission on Prosecution Coordination. Mr. Ross states that he has comments at this time.
- III. There being no further business; the meeting is adjourned.