COMMITTEE REPORT

February 16, 2011

**H. 3004**

Introduced by Reps. Ballentine, Norman, Viers, Lucas, Simrill, Huggins, G.M. Smith, G.R. Smith, Loftis, Bedingfield, Hamilton, Stringer, Nanney, Lowe, Young, Willis, Bowen, D.C. Moss, Agnew, Pope, Daning, Thayer, Harrison, Allison, Taylor, Ryan, McCoy, Hixon, Bingham, Long, Whipper, R.L. Brown, Atwater, Henderson, Horne and Harrell

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Read the first time January 18, 2011.

**THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 3004) to enact the “Spending Accountability Act of 2011”; and to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 2‑7‑125 so as, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass with amendment:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting therein the following:

/ SECTION 1. This act may be cited as the “Spending Accountability Act of 2011”.

SECTION 2. Article 1, Chapter 7, Title 2 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 2‑7‑125. (A) For purposes of this section, a ‘recorded roll call vote’ means a vote recorded in the journals of the respective houses of the General Assembly, which must be by yeas and nays and recorded by name.

(B) The Annual General Appropriations Bill must be considered section by section on second reading, and must receive a recorded roll call vote by the House of Representatives and the Senate when the pending question is the adoption of an individual section.

(C) A bill or joint resolution must receive a recorded roll call vote by the House of Representatives and the Senate when:

(1) the pending question is adoption of a conference or free conference report;

(2) the pending question is the passage of a bill or joint resolution on second reading;

(3) either the House of Representatives or the Senate agrees to the other body’s amendment;

(4) any amendment is proposed to any bill or joint resolution; or

(5) a bill or joint resolution is amended and the pending question is the passage of a bill on third reading.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon ratification of an amendment to Article III, Section 12 of the Constitution of this State, which authorizes the provisions of this act. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Majority favorable. Minority unfavorable.

JOHN M. KNOTTS, JR. C. BRADLEY HUTTO

For Majority. For Minority.

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The Senate and the House of Representatives

The Legislature indicates that, at a minimum, there would be additional printing cost for daily and permanent journals. The House estimates additional cost per roll call vote at between $30 and $35.

*Approved By:*

Harry Bell

Office of State Budget

**A** **BILL**

TO ENACT THE “SPENDING ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2011”; AND TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 2‑7‑125 SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS TO RECEIVE A RECORDED ROLL CALL VOTE AT VARIOUS STAGES OF THEIR PASSAGE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

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SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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