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This Week at the Statehouse

Legislative Update - Week 10

The Senate met Tuesday to discuss emergency funding for DHEC in face of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Senate unanimously supported allocating \$45 million to a fund to be administered by the Executive Budget Office of the Governor. They did that rather than directly giving the money to DHEC in case they need to allocate future funds for other entities as the situation continues to evolve and the needs of the State change.

Despite being on furlough, the House returned on Thursday to take up the \$45 million funding and passed it unanimously. The Governor signed the bill into law that afternoon.

The Senate will not be coming to Columbia next week. The House will not return before two weeks. Ongoing issues that still need to be determined by the General Assembly are the State budget as well as the fate of Santee Cooper.

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Congressional Report

National News

National attention this week has been on trying to ensure that needed H-2A workers are being processed, especially at the Mexican/US Border. The Government Relations staff and the SC Farm Bureau Labor Advisory Committee have been working with the AFBF and our Congressional Delegation to make sure that attention is focused how to get needed immigrant workers to South Carolina Farms.

Current Congressional activities are mainly focused on COVID-19 coronavirus relief packages.

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Elections 2020

Filing for Office Started in South Carolina

Filing for all offices up for election started Monday, March 16 and closes on Tuesday, March 31st.