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Legislative Update - Week 13

The General Assembly met on April 8, 2020 where both Chambers passed different versions of a Continuing Resolution. A Continuing Resolution will allow the state to continue operating at current FY19-20 funding levels in the event a new budget is not passed by July 1, 2020. Both CRs contained provisions affecting Santee Cooper, extending the time the General Assembly has to determine what the future of Santee Cooper will be, and limiting the contracts they can enter into at this time. However, there are differences between the two CRs which means the General Assembly will need to return at some point before June 30, 2020 to determine which version to pass.

The Senate also passed a *sine die* resolution. A *sine die* resolution will dictate the issues the General Assembly can take up after the legal last day of session - May 14, 2020. In it, it has the General Assembly returning September 15th through the 24th. The sine die resolution also allows the two bodies to

consider any legislation that has passed one of the houses prior to May 14, 2020. This means H. 4209 - the SC Farm Aid Fund bill - and H. 4431 - the SC Business License Tax Reform bill - can still be considered and voted on. The House will need to return to take up this bill prior to May 14th.

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On April 7th, several SCFB members participated in a call with Commissioner Weathers and Senator Graham concerning financial assistance for agriculture in the CARES Act. It was noted on the call that additional assistance is needed. On April 9th, President Ott sent a letter to Senator Graham supporting this need.

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