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## **This Week at the Statehouse**

### **Legislative Update - Week 7**

The Senate continued debating the education reform bill this week. Both Chambers held hearings all week as to the options presented by the Department of Administration regarding Santee Cooper.

**H. 4431 - Business License Taxes**: The House unanimously voted in favor of passing H. 4431 - the Business License Tax Reform bill. H. 4431 includes clarifying language that a wholesale transaction includes delivery to the reseller. This will help address the issue we have been seeing where Municipal judges have not always given farmers the benefit of the wholesale exemption for business license taxes. Please contact your House member to thank them for passing this important piece of legislation.

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## **New Bills of Interest**

### **Introductions of Interest**

[H. 5306](#) -- Reps. Chumley, Burns, Hiott, Magnuson, Haddon, R. Williams, V. S. Moss, Martin, Willis, Jones, Forrest, Hixon, Spires and Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 27-1-80 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN REAL PROPERTY WHICH IS IN AGRICULTURAL USE AND IS BEING VALUED, ASSESSED, AND TAXED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 43, TITLE 12 IS APPLIED TO A USE OTHER THAN AGRICULTURAL USE, ANY NEW RESIDENCE OR STRUCTURE BUILT ON THAT REAL PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO A RECIPROCAL SETBACK AT THE TIME A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT IS ISSUED AT LEAST EQUAL TO THAT WHICH APPLIES TO ADJACENT REAL PROPERTY WHICH IS IN AGRICULTURAL USE AND IS BEING VALUED, ASSESSED, AND TAXED AS SUCH IF THAT ADJACENT PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY SUBJECT TO MANDATORY SETBACKS FROM PROPERTY LINES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A WAIVER OF THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS WITHIN A CERTAIN TIMEFRAME.

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## **Congressional Report**

### **From Washington, DC**

This week members of the SC Farm Bureau National Legislative Committee have been in Washington visiting with members of the SC Delegation.

They have been talking to our Congressmen and Senators about Agricultural Labor needs, trade, and tariffs among other issues. They will give us a more in-depth report upon their return.