

SOUTH CAROLINA SCORECARD

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THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION



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American Action Fund is a nationwide grassroots organization focused on passing liberty legislation in states where transformational policy victories are possible.

Over time, these victories will enable the states to become Liberty Lighthouse States - beacons of liberty that create domino effects of freedom into other states.

State scorecards are produced by American Action Fund to inform the public about how their state legislators voted on key legislation this past session.

This initiative is part of a broader effort by American Action Fund to highlight where lawmakers stand on policies that impact economic freedom and limited government across the nation.



The American Action Fund (AAF) Scorecard is designed to inform citizens about how their elected legislators in South Carolina voted last session on critical issues of liberty, limited government, and constitutional principles.

Legislators are not scored on absences or abstentions, although American Action Fund reserves the right to do so if a lawmaker's position was otherwise discernible through public statements, bill sponsorships, or procedural actions. Legislators not in office at the time a vote was taken or not on a committee where a vote was scored have "N/A" marked in their column. Legislators who missed half the votes or more that were scored are marked "Incomplete."

If a legislator voted with AAF's position, "✓" appears in their column. If a legislator voted against AAF's position, "✗" is marked. Abstentions are marked with "—" and absences with "A".

American Action Fund scores legislation across five main policy areas: Education, Economy, Healthcare, Civil Liberties, and Constitutional Government. These areas reflect our commitment to restoring limited government, protecting individual liberty, and advancing policies that uphold the founding principles of the United States. Each scored vote is selected based on its significance within one or more of these categories and its potential impact on the freedom, prosperity, and constitutional rights of South Carolinians.

- **Education:** We support school choice and parental rights while opposing bureaucratic control and ideological indoctrination in classrooms.
- **Economy:** We defend free market capitalism and oppose tax hikes, overregulation, and socialist economic policies.
- **Healthcare:** We support restoring patient and doctor freedom and reject government-run healthcare schemes.
- **Civil Liberties:** We stand for individual rights and constitutional protections against government overreach.
- **Constitutional Government:** We support shrinking government, cutting spending, and restoring power to the people—not the bureaucracy.

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this year's evaluation of legislative performance, the divide between true conservative leadership and establishment complacency has grown even more pronounced. Once again, the Hazlitt Coalition and our Freedom Caucus allies stood firm against the tide of big government, earning top marks for their principled stands on issues ranging from closing the primaries and tax reform to medical freedom and government accountability.

Liberty Reps. Stephen Frank (HD-20), Rob Harris (HD-36), and Jordan Pace (HD-117) all scored top scores of 100%.

Their performance sets them apart as the consistent standard-bearers of liberty and limited government in South Carolina.

The Uniparty on Full Display

The Establishment wing continued its steady drift toward moderation and managerial politics.

This year, the average Republican Caucus member earned a dismal score of just 24.03%—falling behind even the Democrats, who averaged 25.82%.

That's right: the South Carolina Republican Caucus, as a whole, voted to the left of the Democrats.

Worst of all, instead of advancing long-promised tax reforms like income tax repeal, the establishment pushed through legislation that raises income taxes on 25% of South Carolinians—a complete betrayal of conservative economic principles.

The Senate: Disappoints Again

This year—just like last year—the Senate was a collective disappointment.

The highest scoring member, Senator Wes Climer (SD-15), managed just 61.90%, highlighting the chamber's continued failure to deliver on conservative priorities.

While scores saw a modest uptick, it's worth noting that the Senate spent four weeks locked in debate over a single tort reform bill, which incidentally limited their opportunity to pass even more government-growing legislation.

Hall of Shame

Once again the votes of several RINO legislators made it clear they did not represent the conservative values of their constituents. At the forefront was Speaker Murrell Smith, who earned a pathetic 13.33% and continued his role as the ringleader of the establishment opposition to pro-liberty reforms.

In the House, Rep. Travis Moore took the dishonor of being the lowest-rated Republican, scoring an abysmal 11.54%.

Over in the Senate, one of the worst offenders was once again “former Democrat” Senator Luke Rankin, who racked up a pitiful 23.53%. Rankin was the 4th lowest rated Republican in the Senate.

Rankin continues to chair the powerful Senate Judiciary Committee, where he uses his position to kill conservative legislation and protect the bureaucracy.

2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION | House Vote Descriptions

Election to Speaker

Subject: Constitutional Government

12/3/2024

(AAF Supports Bill Chumley)

This vote took place during the December organizational session for the 126th General Assembly. Rep. Bill Chumley, a Hazlitt Coalition Ally who scored 87% on the 2024 AAF Scorecard, has been a consistent champion for limited government and liberty. In contrast, Speaker Murrell Smith scored just 4% and has repeatedly blocked pro-liberty bills like income tax repeal and closed primaries.

H. 3815

NANCY PELOSI-STYLE HOUSE RULES

Subject: Constitutional Government

1/29/2025

(AAF Opposes)

This House Resolution was brought to the House floor thirty minutes following its introduction by the Rules Committee in an attempt to blindside liberty legislators. It removes the motion period, removing the ability of liberty legislators to make a motion to bring bills to the floor that are being held by hostile committee chairs.

H. 3309

ENERGY SECURITY ACT

Subject: Economy

2/11/2025

(AAF Opposes)

This bill promotes a new collaboration between Santee Cooper and Dominion Energy to pursue additional power plant construction. It calls on the state's three major utility providers to initiate planning for new energy generation facilities, including potential nuclear projects. Notably, the measure allows utilities to begin billing customers for the costs associated with nuclear development before receiving formal approval from the Public Service Commission — and even if those projects are ultimately canceled. This type of legislation is exactly what led to the Nukegate

Disaster that has left ratepayers on the hook for billions of dollars.

H. 3431

SOCIAL MEDIA REGULATION

Subject: Civil Liberties

2/19/2025

(AAF Opposes)

This bill requires social media users to upload government-issued identification in order to access social media platforms. Anonymous speech has long been a cornerstone of political expression, particularly in resisting government overreach and censorship. Mandating ID verification creates a chilling effect on free speech and opens the door to broader internet surveillance and control. This bill also creates a dangerous social media literacy program, under the Department of Education, opening children up to more indoctrination from woke teacher.

H. 3431, Amendment 2

MEDIA LITERACY PROGRAM

Subject: Education

2/19/2025

(AAF Supports)

This amendment removes the Social Media Literacy Program from the Social Media Regulation Bill. Government employees should not be enabled to indoctrinate students' worldview on what is true or false pertaining to social media.

H. 3021

REINS ACT

Subject: Economy

03/05/2025

(AAF Supports)

This omnibus bill advances regulatory reform by imposing several key restrictions on state agencies. It requires agencies to repeal two existing regulations for

every new one proposed, aims to reduce the overall regulatory burden by 25%, and prohibits courts from automatically deferring to an agency's interpretation of statutes.

H. 3021, Amendment 5

REGULATION

CONSOLIDATION

Subject: Economy

03/05/2025

(AAF Supports)

This amendment clarifies that when an agency is removing regulations, the agency removing the regulation cannot consolidate, renumber, or reorder regulations.

H. 4025**HOUSE BUDGET**

Subject: Economy

3/11/2025

(AAF Opposes)

This \$41.8 billion budget grows government, raises taxes, and uses budget gimmicks to repackage taxpayer refunds as new spending. It promotes DEI and affirmative action hiring, and expands funding for left-leaning initiatives such as climate research and the Arts Commission. This budget because prioritizes government expansion and progressive policies over taxpayer protection, individual liberty, and fiscal responsibility.

H. 4025, Amendment 10**DEFUNDING THE ARTS COMMISSION**

Subject: Economy

3/10/2025

(AAF Supports)

This budget amendment eliminates funding for the South Carolina Arts Commission, an agency that has long faced criticism for questionable use of taxpayer dollars. Even former Governor Nikki Haley supported efforts to defund the agency, citing its lack of accountability. Last year, the Commission awarded grants to projects including frivolous or inappropriate artwork — such as gummy bear sculptures and sexually explicit material.

H. 4025, Amendment 11**DEFUNDING SEA GRANT CONSORTIUM**

Subject: Economy

3/11/2025

(AAF Supports)

This budget amendment removes funding for the Sea Grant Consortium. The Sea Grant Consortium funds “Climate Change” Research. Taxpayer dollars should not be used to fund politically charged initiatives or speculative science.

H. 4025, Amendment 54**PROHIBITING VACCINE PASSPORTS FOR K-12**

Subject: Healthcare

03/05/2025

(AAF Supports)

This budget amendment expands the current ban on COVID-19

vaccine passport mandates in higher education to include all public K–12 schools. No student should be forced to show proof of vaccination to access their education. This protects children and families from government overreach and ensures that medical decisions remain in the hands of parents — not bureaucrats or school administrators.

H. 4025, Amendment 81

ENDING DEI TRAINING FOR MAGISTRATES

Subject: Economy

3/11/2025

(AAF Supports)

This budget amendment removes funding for DEI training for magistrates a key step in pushing back against the left’s attempt to inject identity politics into our judicial system. DEI programs promote divisive, race-based ideologies that undermine the

principle of equal justice under the law.

H. 3927

ELIMINATING DEI

Subject: Education

4/2/2025

(AAF Supports)

This bill bans public institutions in South Carolina from requiring individuals to submit DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) statements or from funding programs that promote preferential treatment based on race, sex, or ideology. It protects merit-based hiring, academic freedom, and equal treatment under the law by rolling back taxpayer-funded ideological activism. This bill is a critical step toward restoring neutrality and accountability in public education and government.

S. 2

CONSOLIDATING HEALTH AGENCIES

Subject: Healthcare

03/05/2025

(AAF Supports)

This bill consolidates three state agencies into one Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to streamline services and reduce bureaucracy. The House amended the original version to add a DOGE-style amendment to strengthen the bill by requiring the agency to cut waste and eliminate duplicative programs.

H. 3930**PREVENTING FIREARM
MERCHANT CODE
TRACKING**

Subject: Civil Liberties
04/09/2025
(AAF Supports)

This bill prohibits government entities and financial institutions from maintaining records of lawful firearm purchases or assigning specific merchant codes to firearm retailers. This bill prevents the creation of de facto gun registries and protects citizens from potential surveillance and discrimination. This bill reinforces our commitment to individual liberties and prevents the erosion of Second Amendment rights.

H. 3924**REGULATING HEMP
DERIVED PRODUCTS**

Subject: Civil Liberties
04/09/2025
(AAF Opposes)

This bill infringes on individual liberty by banning adults under 21 from purchasing hemp-derived products — despite the fact that 18-year-olds can vote, serve in the military, sign contracts, and buy a home. It burdens small businesses with costly mandates like locked storage, ID checks, and warning signs, while banning sales within 1,000 feet of a school — putting everyday retailers like gas stations at risk of losing legal commerce. Instead of respecting personal responsibility and free markets, this bill expands the nanny state and punishes both consumers and entrepreneurs.

H. 3276**BANNING CELL PHONE USE
WHILE DRIVING**

Subject: Constitutional
Government
04/09/2025
(AAF Opposes)

This bill bans talking or texting on a cell phone while driving, labeling it as distracted driving and imposing fines and license penalties for violations. A first offense carries a \$100 fine, while repeat offenses trigger a \$200 fine and two license points. It's a classic example of nanny-state overreach — punishing responsible adults with government micromanagement instead of trusting individuals to make their own decisions behind the wheel.

S. 74, Amendment 4**PROTECTING DUE PROCESS****Subject: Civil Liberties****04/23/2025****(AAF Supports)**

This amendment protects due process by requiring a circuit court judge to find probable cause before the Attorney General can subpoena electronic subscriber information in child-exploitation cases. This ensures that law enforcement respects constitutional rights while still enabling the state to pursue serious crimes.

H. 3645**EXPANDING PAID FAMILY LEAVE****Subject: Healthcare****04/29/2025****(AAF Opposes)**

This Democrat-backed bill, rushed

to the floor with just six days left in session, doubles taxpayer-funded parental leave for state employees and refers to mothers as merely “employees who give birth.” It expands entitlements, grows government, and forces taxpayers to subsidize benefits many in the private sector don’t receive.

S. 425**“FREE” SCHOOL LUNCHES****Subject: Education****04/30/2025****(AAF Opposes)**

This bill codifies an existing budget proviso into state law creating a free school lunch program for qualifying students. This is despite the fact that private charities and nonprofits already provide meals to students in need. This bill expands the welfare state under the false promise of a “free” lunch—when in reality, taxpayers are footing the bill. There is no such thing as a free lunch, and

government should not crowd out community-based solutions.

H. 4216**25% TAX HIKE****Subject: Economy****05/06/2025****(AAF Opposes)**

This is a Trojan horse tax hike that eliminates federal deductions and replaces them with a weaker state deduction, resulting in higher taxes for up to 25% of South Carolinians — especially middle-class families and small business owners. While marketed as a “flat tax,” this bill quietly punishes taxpayers.

H. 4025, Amendment 70a**EARMARK FOR THE TOWN OF SUMMERVILLE**

Subject: Economy
05/06/2025
(AAF Opposes)

This amendment redirects \$1 million from the Children's Museum of the Lowcountry to the Town of Summerville for economic development — a clear attempt by Rep. Gil Gatch to insert a last-minute earmark. It violates the agreement between the House and Senate to avoid adding new earmarks to this year's budget and undermines efforts to restore transparency and fiscal discipline.

H. 4025, Amendment 75a**DOGE AMENDMENT**

Subject: Economy
05/06/2025
(AAF Supports)

This amendment to the budget requires every state agency to submit a plan to reduce its General Fund base budget by 10%. This is a proactive step toward reining in government spending, increasing accountability, and protecting taxpayers from waste and bureaucratic bloat.

H. 4025, Amendment 76a**ELIMINATING FUNDING FOR VACANT POSITIONS**

Subject: Economy
05/06/2025
(AAF Supports)

This amendment eliminates taxpayer funding for full-time positions that have sat vacant for over a year. It's a commonsense reform that cuts waste, shrinks bloated budgets, and ensures agencies aren't hoarding unused funds at taxpayer expense.

S. 287**VAPE REGULATIONS**

Subject: Economy
05/07/2025
(AAF Opposes)

This bill imposes new state regulations on vape products, requiring manufacturers—already approved by the FDA—to pay a \$2,000 registration fee and a \$500 annual renewal to be listed in a state-run directory. It bans unlisted products and vendors, and allows the Attorney General, SLED, and DOR to seize non-compliant vapes without compensation. This creates an unnecessary layer of red tape and government control over products already regulated at the federal level.

S. 136**DISMISSAL OF UNLAWFUL
POSSESSION OF HANDGUN
CHARGES**

Subject: Civil Liberties
05/08/2025
(AAF Supports)

This bill requires the State to dismiss all charges pending against a person for unlawful possession of a handgun if the charges occurred prior to the enactment of the S.C. Constitutional Carry/Second Amendment Preservation Act of 2024.

H. 4550**CLOSING THE PRIMARIES**

Subject: Constitutional Government
05/08/2025
(AAF Supports)

This resolution allows lawmakers to take up the long-overdue issue of closing South Carolina's primaries after the regular session. For over 20 years, the House has filed closed primary bills, only to see them stall. This measure is a necessary step toward protecting election integrity and ensuring that party nominees are only chosen by voters of that party.

H. 4551**PROTECTING PARENTAL
RIGHTS**

Subject: Education
05/08/2025
(AAF Supports)

This resolution allows the General Assembly to reconvene after the regular session to consider specific legislation related to parental rights. This resolution became necessary after legislative leadership ran out the clock on key bills like the Parental

Bill of Rights during the regular session. It offers a narrow path to revisit unfinished business on issues that matter deeply to South Carolina families.

H. 4545**PROHIBITING MRNA
VACCINES**

Subject: Civil Liberties
05/08/2025
(AAF Supports)

This resolution allows the General Assembly to address growing concerns about mRNA vaccines and gene therapies after session. With manufacturers shielded from liability and serious questions about long-term safety still unanswered, lawmakers must have the ability to act. This measure is a crucial step in protecting South Carolinians from unchecked pharmaceutical power and defending informed medical choice.

H. 4189**CONTINUING EMERGENCY
HEALTH POWERS**

Subject: Healthcare
05/08/2025
(AAF Opposes)

This 90,000-word bill claims to make conforming changes following the breakup of DHEC, but instead rewrites broad swaths of state law and violates the single-subject rule. It expands regulatory powers, rewrites appeals processes, and amends the Emergency Health Powers Act without repealing the sections that enabled lockdowns. Lawmakers should instead repeal the laws that paved the way for unchecked government control during emergencies.

H. 4025**BUDGET CONCURRENCE**

Subject: Economy
05/28/2025
(AAF Opposes)

This budget is the largest budget in state history. This budget grew by over \$600 million during conference committee negotiations after a \$1 billion revenue windfall. Instead of returning the surplus to taxpayers, lawmakers gave themselves a 150% pay raise, funded DEI programs that push leftist ideology, and stripped protections against college COVID-19 mandates, undermining medical freedom.

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Name	District	Party	Score	Correct	Total Votes																																	
PRO-LIBERTY POSITION						Chumley	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	
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Hamilton Grant	HD-79	D	24.14%	7	29	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	-	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	
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Brandon Guffey	HD-48	R	26.92%	7	26	X	X	X	A	A	A	A	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	-	✓	✓	X	X	X	X		
Patrick Haddon	HD-19	R	39.29%	11	28	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	-	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	-	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	X	X	
Bill Hager	HD-122	R	25.81%	8	31	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Kevin Hardee	HD-105	R	24.00%	6	25	X	X	A	A	A	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	-	✓	-	X	X	X	X	
Rob Harris	HD-36	R	100.00%	28	28	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	
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Tom Hartnett	HD-110	R	29.03%	9	31	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	
Charlie Hartz	HD-81	R	21.43%	6	28	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	A	✓	X	X	X	-	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	
Jackie Hayes	HD-55	D	19.23%	5	26	X	A	A	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	-	-	X	-	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	
Rosalyn Henderson-Myers	HD-31	D	30.43%	7	23	-	✓	X	-	-	✓	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	-	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	-	-	-	X	X
Bill Herbkersman	HD-118	R	18.52%	5	27	X	X	X	X	-	✓	X	X	X	X	-	-	✓	✓	-	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	
Lee Hewitt	HD-108	R	13.79%	4	29	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	✓	X	X	X	X	X	
Davey Hiott	HD-04	R	21.43%	6	28	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	-	X	X	✓	✓	-	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	✓	-	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	
Bill Hixon	HD-83	R	13.04%	3	23	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	A	A	A	A	X	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	
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John King	HD-49	D	28.00%	7	25	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	-	✓	X	X	-	-	-	-	✓	A	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	
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Kathy Landing	HD-80	R	34.48%	10	29	X	X	X	X	X	✓	-	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	X	X	
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S. 167**BOAT TAX**

Subject: Economy

02/05/2025

(AAF Opposes)

This bill imposes a new \$3 property tax on every boat and uses the revenue to expand the Department of Natural Resources with a new fund and program. It grows government unnecessarily and adds a tax burden for a job that could be handled more efficiently by the private sector or with existing state resources.

S. 136**DISMISSAL OF UNLAWFUL
POSSESSION OF HANDGUN
CHARGES**

Subject: Civil Liberties

02/25/2025

(AAF Supports)

This bill requires the State to dismiss all charges pending against a person for unlawful possession of a handgun if the charges occurred prior to the enactment of the S.C. Constitutional Carry/Second Amendment Preservation Act of 2024.

S. 165**CONSERVATION EDUCATION
ACT**

Subject: Education

3/19/2025

(AAF Opposes)

This bill creates a new government program—the SC Conservation Education Fund—under the Department of Natural Resources to promote youth conservation education. It grows government without a known fiscal impact and funds efforts that private groups like scout organizations and nonprofits are already better equipped to handle. Another example of government duplicating what the private sector does best.

S. 287**VAPE REGULATIONS**

Subject: Economy

03/19/2025

(AAF Opposes)

This bill imposes new state regulations on vape products, requiring manufacturers—already approved by the FDA—to pay a \$2,000 registration fee and a \$500 annual renewal to be listed in a state-run directory. It bans unlisted products and vendors, and allows the Attorney General, SLED, and DOR to seize non-compliant vapes without compensation. This creates an unnecessary layer of red tape and government control over products already regulated at the federal level.

S. 244**TORT REFORM**

Subject: Constitutional

Government

03/26/2025

(AAF Supports)

This is a long-overdue tort reform bill that reins in abusive lawsuits and protects small businesses from excessive liability—especially bars and restaurants crippled by unaffordable liquor liability insurance. The bill caps liability in DUI-related injury cases, clarifies dram shop laws, and establishes new training and insurance standards to reduce risk and lower costs. With hundreds of establishments forced to close or stop selling liquor due to lawsuit threats and skyrocketing premiums, this bill offers real relief and restores fairness to South Carolina's legal system.

S. 425**“FREE” SCHOOL LUNCHES**

Subject: Education

04/01/2025

(AAF Opposes)

This bill codifies an existing budget proviso into state law creating a free school lunch program for qualifying students. This is despite the fact that private charities and nonprofits already provide meals to students in need. This bill expands the welfare state under the false promise of a “free” lunch—when in reality, taxpayers are footing the bill. There is no such thing as a free lunch, and government should not crowd out community-based solutions.

H. 3309

ENERGY SECURITY ACT

Subject: Economy

04/02/2025

(AAF Opposes)

This bill promotes a new collaboration between Santee Cooper and Dominion Energy to pursue additional power plant construction. It calls on the state's three major utility providers to initiate planning for new energy generation facilities, including potential nuclear projects. Notably, the measure allows utilities to begin billing customers for the costs associated with nuclear development before receiving formal approval from the Public Service Commission — and even if those projects are ultimately canceled. This type of legislation is exactly what led to the Nukegate Disaster that has left ratepayers on the hook for billions of dollars.

S. 12

SANTEE COOPER JOINT AUTHORIZATION

Subject: Economy

04/03/2025

(AAF Opposes)

This bill authorizes Santee Cooper, South Carolina's state-owned utility, to partner with private energy companies like Dominion Energy to construct and operate a massive 2,000-megawatt natural gas power plant at the former Canadys coal site in Colleton County. By facilitating such public-private partnerships, this bill exposes taxpayers to financial risks associated with large-scale energy projects. Given Santee Cooper's history with the NukeGate scandal, which left ratepayers with significant debt, this legislation is repeating past mistakes and the prudent use of public funds.

Confirmation of Dr. Simmer

Subject: Healthcare

Senate Medical Affairs

Committee

04/03/2025

(AAF Opposes)

Dr. Edward Simmer led the Department of Health and Environmental Control during COVID and was hand-picked by Governor McMaster to head the new Department of Public Health. As the state's own Fauci, Simmer championed mask mandates, vaccine pressure campaigns, and top-down public health controls that trampled on personal liberty and medical freedom.

S. 2**CONSOLIDATING HEALTH AGENCIES**

Subject: Healthcare
03/05/2025
(AAF Supports)

This bill consolidates three state agencies into one Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities to streamline services and reduce bureaucracy. The House amended the original version to add a DOGE-style amendment to strengthen the bill by requiring the agency to cut waste and eliminate duplicative programs.

S. 534**REMOVAL OF TREASURER CURTIS LOFTIS**

Subject: Constitutional Government
04/21/2025
(AAF Opposes)

This joint resolution removes the elected Treasurer Curtis Loftis. This resolution is a political takedown disguised as accountability. Loftis has been a consistent watchdog against ESG, woke investing, and government waste—making him a target for the establishment. Rather than following proper constitutional procedures like impeachment, lawmakers bypassed due process to silence a strong conservative voice in state government.

H. 4025**SENATE BUDGET**

Subject: Economy
04/22/2025
(AAF Opposes)

The \$39 billion Senate budget grows government with over 800 new state employees and spends a massive \$889 million surplus on earmarks instead of returning it to taxpayers. It diverts property tax relief into misleading “income tax cuts,” and continues to fund leftist priorities like DEI hiring, climate change research, and Planned Parenthood. Like the House version, it prioritizes big government and political favoritism over fiscal restraint and taxpayer protection.

H. 4025, AMENDMENT 8

REQUIRING OATH OF OFFICE

Subject: Constitutional Government
04/22/2025
(AAF Supports)

This amendment ensures that members of all state and local boards — including school boards — are required to take the official oath of office. Boards that refuse to comply will lose access to taxpayer funds. It's a much-needed accountability measure that reinforces the rule of law and prevents unaccountable bureaucrats from operating without constitutional grounding.

H. 4025, AMENDMENT 17A

NO JUNK FOOD WITH SNAP

Subject: Economy
04/22/2025
(AAF Supports)

This amendment directs the Department of Social Services to request a federal waiver to block the use of SNAP (food stamp) benefits for purchasing candy and soft drinks. It promotes responsible use of taxpayer-funded assistance by targeting waste, encouraging nutritional purchases, and aiming to reduce Medicaid costs tied to sugar-related health issues. The measure also includes enforcement and reporting requirements to ensure transparency, accountability, and a focus on public health without expanding government programs.

H. 4025, AMENDMENT 36

150% POLITICIAN PAY RAISE

Subject: Economy
04/22/2025
(AAF Opposes)

This amendment increases politician pay by 150%! At a time when families are struggling with inflation politicians should not be voting to give themselves a massive pay raise.

H. 3862 Amendment 1

CHARTER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT CAP

Subject: Education
04/29/2025
(AAF Opposes)

This amendment imposes a 5% cap on the enrollment of active-duty military dependents in charter schools, with an exception for charter schools located on

military bases. This amendment imposes undermines school choice for those who sacrifice most, and it sends the wrong message to South Carolina's military community.

H. 3276**BANNING CELL PHONE USE WHILE DRIVING**

Subject: Constitutional Government
04/30/2025
(AAF Opposes)

This bill bans talking or texting on a cell phone while driving, labeling it as distracted driving and imposing fines and license penalties for violations. A first offense carries a \$100 fine, while repeat offenses trigger a \$200 fine and two license points. It's a classic example of nanny-state overreach — punishing responsible adults with government micromanagement instead of

trusting individuals to make their own decisions behind the wheel.

Confirmation of Myra Reece

Subject: Constitutional Government
04/30/2025
(AAF Opposes)

Myra Reece is a career bureaucrat who served under Edward Simmer, another key figure in expanding top-down government control. She has close ties to radical environmental groups like the Coastal Conservation League. Her confirmation to lead the Department of Environmental Services hands sweeping power to yet another bloated agency, enabling it to impose burdensome regulations on families and small businesses without legislative oversight.

S. 163**BANNING CRYPTOCURRENCY MINING**

Subject: Economy
05/01/2025
(AAF Opposes)

This bill affirms the legality of cryptocurrency use in South Carolina, bans state and local governments from adopting a federal central bank digital currency (CBDC), and includes provisions for fair tax and zoning treatment of digital assets. While it appears pro-crypto on the surface, there is vague language, which prohibits mining operations from placing "additional stress on the electrical grid." Without clarification, this provision could be used to effectively ban crypto mining in the state under the guise of energy regulation.

S. 102**INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES**

Subject: Constitutional Government
05/01/2025
(AAF Opposes)

This bill creates a carveout in current law to allow newly incorporated towns to impose an initial property tax, bypassing the annual cap on tax increases. It would enable towns like Pelzer and Edgefield, which currently have no property tax, to set a millage rate and begin taxing residents. This bill opens the door to higher local taxes and government expansion.

S. 454**CHARTER SCHOOL REGULATIONS**

Subject: Education
05/01/2025
(AAF Opposes)

This bill hands sweeping control of charter schools to unelected bureaucrats at the South Carolina Department of Education, stripping local boards of authority and independence. It buries schools in red tape, restricts partnerships with private education providers, and traps schools under hostile oversight. Rather than supporting school choice, this bill centralizes power and crushes innovation under state control.

S. 318**FAKE DOGE COMMITTEE**

Subject: Constitutional Government
05/08/2025
(AAF Opposes)

This bill creates a powerless study committee disguised as a “DOGE” (Department of Government Efficiency), despite the fact that South Carolina already has a real DOGE—founded earlier this year—that is actively exposing government waste, fraud, and abuse. Rather than empowering meaningful reform, this resolution hands control to the same lawmakers who have driven up state spending year after year, giving them cover to avoid real cuts. It’s a political smokescreen designed to block serious accountability and ensure that bold, Elon Musk-style streamlining never happens in South Carolina.

H. 4025**BUDGET CONCURRENCE**

Subject: Economy

05/28/2025

(AAF Opposes)

This budget is the largest budget in state history. This budget grew by over \$600 million during conference committee negotiations after a \$1 billion revenue windfall. Instead of returning the surplus to taxpayers, lawmakers gave themselves a 150% pay raise, funded DEI programs that push leftist ideology, and stripped protections against college COVID-19 mandates, undermining medical freedom.

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PRO-LIBERTY POSITION						N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Brian Adams	SD-44	R	27.27%	6	22	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	N/A	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Thomas Alexander	SD-01	R	34.78%	8	23	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Karl Allen	SD-07	D	19.05%	4	21	X	✓	X	X	-	X	X	X	N/A	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X
Sean Bennett	SD-38	R	38.10%	8	21	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	N/A	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	A	✓	X	X	X	X	X
Allen Blackmon	SD-27	R	33.33%	6	18	A	✓	A	A	✓	X	X	✓	N/A	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Chip Campsen	SD-43	R	25.00%	5	20	X	A	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	N/A	✓	X	X	✓	✓	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Richard Cash	SD-03	R	39.13%	9	23	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X
JD Chaplin	SD-29	R	30.00%	6	20	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	N/A	✓	X	X	A	✓	X	X	-	X	X	✓	X	X	X
Wes Climer	SD-15	R	61.90%	13	21	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	N/A	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	X	X	✓	X	✓
Tom Corbin	SD-05	R	43.48%	10	23	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	X
Ronnie Cromer	SD-18	R	22.73%	5	22	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	N/A	✓	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tom Davis	SD-46	R	36.36%	8	22	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	-	X	X	X	X	X
Tameika Devine	SD-19	D	21.05%	4	19	X	A	X	X	X	X	X	X	N/A	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	A	X	X	-	✓	X
Jason Elliott	SD-06	R	22.73%	5	22	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	N/A	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tom Fernandez	SD-39	R	53.33%	8	15	X	✓	X	X	-	X	X	X	✓	-	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	-	X	✓
Mike Gambrell	SD-04	R	28.57%	4	14	X	✓	X	X	-	-	X	✓	✓	A	A	X	✓	X	X	-	A	X	A	A	A	X	X
Billy Garrett	SD-10	R	38.10%	8	21	✓	✓	X	X	A	X	A	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Stephen Goldfinch	SD-34	R	28.57%	4	14	X	✓	A	A	✓	X	X	X	N/A	-	X	A	✓	A	A	✓	X	-	X	X	X	X	A
Jeffrey Graham	SD-35	D	19.05%	4	21	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	N/A	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X
Larry Grooms	SD-37	R	30.00%	6	20	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	N/A	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	-	X	X	X	X	X	A	X
Greg Hembree	SD-28	R	31.58%	6	19	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	N/A	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	A	A	A	X	X
Brad Hutto	SD-40	D	20.00%	3	15	A	A	A	A	X	X	A	A	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	-	X	-	X	X	X	✓	X
Darrell Jackson	SD-21	D	35.29%	6	17	X	✓	X	A	✓	X	X	X	N/A	✓	A	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	-	-	-	✓	X

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PRO-LIBERTY POSITION						N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Michael Johnson	SD-16	R	47.06%	8	17	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	N/A	✓	A	A	A	A	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	✓
Carlisle Kennedy	SD-23	R	31.58%	6	19	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	N/A	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	—	X	—	X	X	X	X	A
Josh Kimbrell	SD-11	R	38.10%	8	21	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	A	X	—	X	X	✓	X	X
Matt Leber	SD-41	R	39.13%	9	23	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X
Shane Martin	SD-13	R	42.11%	8	19	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	X	X	A	X	✓	A	A	A	X	X
Shane Massey	SD-25	R	45.00%	9	20	X	✓	A	A	✓	X	✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Margie Matthews	SD-45	D	35.29%	6	17	A	✓	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	A	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	A	A	A	✓	✓
Roger Nutt	SD-12	R	28.57%	6	21	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	A	N/A	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X
Russell Ott	SD-26	D	26.32%	5	19	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	N/A	✓	X	X	—	X	—	✓	A	X	X	X	X	✓	X
Harvey Peeler	SD-14	R	43.48%	10	23	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Luke Rankin	SD-33	R	23.53%	4	17	X	✓	X	—	✓	X	X	X	N/A	✓	X	X	✓	X	—	—	X	X	X	X	—	X	A
Mike Reichenbach	SD-31	R	54.55%	12	22	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	N/A	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓
Rex Rice	SD-02	R	45.45%	10	22	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	N/A	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X
Ronnie Sabb	SD-32	D	22.73%	5	22	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	A
Everett Stubbs	SD-17	R	35.00%	7	20	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	N/A	✓	X	X	✓	✓	—	X	X	—	X	✓	X	X	X
Ed Sutton	SD-20	D	18.18%	4	22	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	—	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X
Deon Tedder	SD-42	D	19.05%	4	21	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	N/A	✓	X	X	—	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X
Ross Turner	SD-08	R	36.36%	8	22	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	N/A	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Danny Verdin	SD-09	R	22.73%	5	22	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	—	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Overture Walker	SD-22	D	26.32%	5	19	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	N/A	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	—	—	—	✓	X
Kent Williams	SD-30	D	23.53%	4	17	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	N/A	✓	A	A	A	A	A	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tom Young	SD-24	R	31.82%	7	22	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	X	N/A	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Jeffrey Zell	SD-36	R	36.36%	8	22	X	✓	X	X	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	—	X	X	X	X	X	X	X