

Legislative Committee Report Notes of Ken Moran for reporting to the body,

Myrtle Beach Tea Party, SC REPORT GIVEN: February 15, 2010

Note on understanding my notes:

BILL NUMBER – NAME OR TOPIC – RECOMMENDED POSITION - STATUS

BLUE Denotes Citation or Quote of Existing Laws

RED Denotes Federal Bills

YELLOW Denotes SC State Bills

H. 3003 - Open carry law – NO – Dying in Judiciary Committee

http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess118_2009-2010/bills/3003.htm

As currently drafted, H. 3003 is a compromise bill that forces gun owners to give up something (i.e., in vehicle concealed carry for CWP holders; concealed carry for business owners, employees, and managers; and any kind of carry for business owners and managers of businesses that serve alcoholic beverages for on premises consumption) in order to get something (i.e., open carry).

Though H. 3003 deletes Section 16-23-20, it does not remove Section 16-23-460, so, open carry might still be infringed upon by the courts. Further, protection of the rights of establishments that sell alcohol to defend themselves with firearms would be eliminated thus violating their God-given right of self-defense.

It establishes minor violating CWP laws as chargeable as an adult.

Fire Arms Freedom Act (H 4022) – YES – Dying in Judiciary Committee

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FIREARMS, BY ADDING ARTICLE 9, THE "SOUTH CAROLINA FIREARMS FREEDOM ACT", TO PROVIDE THAT A FIREARM, FIREARM ACCESSORY, OR AMMUNITION MANUFACTURED AND RETAINED IN SOUTH CAROLINA IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL REGULATION UNDER THE COMMERCE CLAUSE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

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05/06/09 Senate Introduced and read first time SJ-5

05/06/09 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary SJ-5

05/13/09 Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Knotts (ch), Massey, Coleman

S. 424 State Sovereignty – Back to Senate for final passage

Includes sections on health care, unfunded mandates, bailouts, gun rights,

02/02/10 House Returned to Senate with amendments HJ-63

02/02/10 House Roll call Yeas-85 Nays-27 HJ-76

H. 4509 – No Gun Registration Act – YES – Sitting in Judiciary Committee

Sponsors: Reps. M.A. Pitts, Duncan, Rice, J.R. Smith, Bedingfield, Pinson, Parker, D.C. Smith, Hamilton, Millwood, V.S. Moss, Owens, Stringer and Wylie

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Introduced in the House on February 2, 2010

Currently residing in the House Committee on Judiciary

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

Date Body Action Description with journal page number

2/2/2010 House Introduced and read first time HJ-88

2/2/2010 House Referred to Committee on Judiciary HJ-88

http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess118_2009-2010/bills/4509.htm

H 4509 General Bill, By M.A. Pitts, Duncan, Rice, J.R. Smith, Bedingfield, Pinson, Parker, D.C. Smith, Hamilton, Millwood, V.S. Moss, Owens, Stringer, Wylie and G.R. Smith

Summary: Firearms

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 16-5-135 SO AS TO MAKE FINDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN REGARD TO A PERSON'S RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS, TO PROVIDE THAT NO PUBLIC OFFICIAL OF ANY JURISDICTION MAY REQUIRE REGISTRATION OF PURCHASERS OF FIREARMS OR AMMUNITION WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THIS STATE, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION WHICH IS A FELONY.

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02/02/10 House Introduced and read first time [HJ-88](#)

02/02/10 House Referred to Committee on Judiciary [HJ-88](#)

02/16/10 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: G.R.Smith
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H 4502 General Bill, By M.A. Pitts

Summary: United States Senate Accountability Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO ENACT THE "UNITED STATES SENATE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT", TO REQUIRE CERTAIN ACTION BY THE UNITED STATES SENATORS FROM SOUTH CAROLINA, TO ESTABLISH A JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA'S ELECTED UNITED STATES SENATORS, TO PROVIDE FOR GROUNDS FOR NONFEASANCE IN OFFICE BY THE UNITED STATES SENATORS FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CERTAIN

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DIRECTIVES, TO REQUIRE THE JOINT STATE STANDING COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE PERFORMANCE OF EACH MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE FROM SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR REMOVING A UNITED STATES SENATOR IF A BILL HE SPONSORS IS CONSIDERED NOT IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

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02/02/10 House Introduced and read first time [HJ-86](#)

02/02/10 House Referred to Committee on Judiciary [HJ-86](#)

H. 4501 Gold & Silver Money Act of SC - Yes

H 4501 General Bill, By M.A. Pitts

Summary: Silver and gold coins

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 18 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SILVER AND GOLD COIN SHALL BE LEGAL TENDER IN PAYMENT OF CERTAIN DEBTS.

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02/02/10 House Introduced and read first time [HJ-85](#)

02/02/10 House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means [HJ-86](#)

H. 4410 Term limits Bill House 2, Senate 1

Cigarette Tax Increase maybe 50 cents – Dems say money to support Health Insurance for Underprivileged.

H. 3047 roll call voting – House Ways and Means Committee

What it really means is accountability.

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GETTING INVOLVED IN GOVERNMENT

You are the government of America. It's time you start doing your job! Here's how to do it.

Resources/Sources for Legislation Information

- Activist Groups by topic or issue
- www.Statehousereport.com
- <http://www.scstatehouse.gov>
- www.worldnetdaily.com
- www.infowars.com

What can we do?

1. Demand immediate nullification of federal laws and executive orders that are unlawful (Unconstitutional).
2. Harass the General Assembly about bills stuck in committee and demand immediate passage of those we like. (It is an election year!)
3. Draft new legislation where necessary and present it to representatives.
4. Meet representatives about legislation (fill their office).
5. Do items 2-4 in orchestrated efforts with all other TP groups in the SCTPC. (Surround and conquer!)
6. Very important, educate the public! Rally the troops.
7. Publicly call out legislators! Put heat on them about bills and resolutions.
8. Educate legislators that their job IS NOT to pass laws! They need only revise what we have and work on the budget. They are not lawmakers.
9. Stay focused in a narrow manner on a limited number of issues and bills. Focus on BIG targets and critical issues. Pick your battles.

Ideas for public education

- PSAs
- PATH
- Fliers
 - Bill TP Rating Cards
 - TP Bill warnings or Alerts
- Pamphlets
- Blogs
- Public Access TV shows on politics
- College activism
- Community forums & THMs
- Protests and media events

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