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Fiscal Fitness Subcommittee to Meet in Greenville

Columbia--Senator Glenn McConnell, President Pro Tempore of the South Carolina Senate, has named the members of the subcommittee tasked to consider his "Fiscal Fitness" agenda that consists of legislative initiatives to place a Constitutional cap on state spending, conduct a streamlining review of state government, and enact a taxpayer fairness act, a deficit prevention act, and a trust protection act.

Senator McConnell will chair the subcommittee whose members include: Senator Tom Davis, Beaufort County; Senator Vincent Sheheen, Kershaw County; Senator Shane Massey, Edgefield County; Senator Jake Knotts, Lexington County; Senator Gerald Malloy, Darlington County; and Senator Phil Shoopman, Greenville County.

The subcommittee will hold its first public hearing in Greenville to get these issues ready for immediate action as soon as the General Assembly returns in January. The meeting will be held on Monday, November 7, 2011, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Greenville County Council Chambers located at 301 University Ridge. Concerning this meeting, Senator Phil Shoopman said, "I appreciate the opportunity to be a member of the Fiscal Fitness Subcommittee, and I'm thankful that the subcommittee decided to begin our public hearings in Greenville. The people of the Upstate are truly concerned about the financial situation of South Carolina, and they deserve to have their voices heard. I know that the members of the subcommittee will listen closely to the citizens' concerns and will take what we hear back to Columbia."

Senator McConnell also announced that the subcommittee's agenda will include a broad-based regulatory reform initiative to change the way regulations and fees are approved in South Carolina, so as to require an affirmative vote of the General Assembly before any regulations go into effect and to prohibit fees from being created or raised in regulations or in the appropriations act.

Senator McConnell said, “The members of the subcommittee will face difficult choices about how our government operates in our state. I believe it is important that we improve our state’s fiscal health by limiting what government can spend, preventing agencies from spending more money than they have, protecting taxpayers from bureaucrats creating or changing tax laws in search of more revenue, and securing trust fund monies. Perhaps with these reforms, our state’s fiscal fitness can be an example for those in Washington.”

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