The South Carolina House of Representatives hosts a one-and-a-half-day orientation at the legislative offices and the Statehouse for newly elected members. The program agenda outlines the expectation of the leadership, committee responsibilities, house rules and duties to constituents, media relations, allowances/compensations, appropriations, bond bills, and house floor operations.

The program also provides members with information on sexual harassment, staff support, and bill drafting.

The Speaker's wife hosts a luncheon on the first day of the orientation for the spouses of newly elected House members.

The South Carolina Supreme Court hosts a "law school for legislators" at the House chamber.

The newly elected legislators are given a 15-chapter handbook for additional reference.
ORIENTATION FOR NEW HOUSE MEMBERS
NOVEMBER 28-29, 2006

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:30-10:00
208 Blatt Building
INFORMAL GET ACQUAINTED
Donuts and Coffee

10:00-10:15
208 Blatt Building
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF PROGRAM and
POWERS, DUTIES, AND EXPECTATIONS OF THE SPEAKER

The Honorable Robert W. Harrell, Jr., Speaker

10:15-11:00
208 Blatt Building
HOUSE COMMITTEES

The Honorable James H. Harrison, Chairman
Judiciary Committee, Moderator
The Honorable Harry F. Cato, Chairman
Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee
The Honorable Robert J. Walker, Chairman
Education and Public Works Committee
The Honorable William D. Witherspoon, Chairman
Agriculture, Natural Resources and
Environmental Affairs Committee

11:00-11:45
208 Blatt Building
THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL and BOND BILLS

The Honorable Daniel T. Cooper, Chairman
Ways and Means Committee, Moderator
The Honorable Herb Kirsh
Ways and Means Committee
The Honorable Annette D. Young
Ways & Means Committee
Beverly Smith, Chief of Staff to the Ways and Means Committee
11:45-12:15  
208 Blatt Building  

**THE HOUSE RULES**

The Honorable W. Douglas Smith  
Speaker Pro-Tempore, Moderator  
The Honorable Converse A. Chellis, II  
Chairman, Rules Committee  
Mikell C. Harper  
Legal Counsel to the Speaker  

12:15-1:30  

**LUNCH**

Speaker and New Members Only  
The McCutcheon House - University of South Carolina Horseshoe  
Host: The Honorable Robert W. Harrell, Jr., Speaker  

Mrs. Cathy Harrell and New Member Spouses  
The Capital City Club  
Hostess: Mrs. Cathy Harrell  

1:30-2:00  
208 Blatt Building  

**THE HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE and RULES OF CONDUCT**

The Honorable J. Roland Smith, Chairman  
House Ethics Committee  
Helen Ann S. Thrower, Assistant Clerk and Legal Counsel  
to the House Ethics Committee  

2:00-2:45  
208 Blatt Building  

**TIPS ON SURVIVING YOUR FRESHMAN YEAR**

The Honorable Nikki Haley, Moderator  
The Honorable Nathan Ballentine  
The Honorable Carl Anderson  
The Honorable Davey Hiott  

2:45 -3:30  
208 Blatt Building  

**HANDLING CONSTITUENT SERVICE**

The Honorable Bill Sandifer, Moderator  
The Honorable David Mack  
The Honorable Shirley Hinson  
The Honorable Joan Brady  

3:30-3:45  

**BREAK**

3:45-4:15  
208 Blatt Building  

**MEMBER ALLOWANCES AND COMPENSATION**

Charles Reid, Clerk  
Shirley Black, Accounts Manager
4:15-5:00
208 Blatt Building

MEDIA RELATIONS

Greg Foster, Communications Director, Moderator
Mr. Bill Rogers, SC Press Association
The Honorable Harry Ott, Minority Leader
The Honorable Adam Taylor, Assistant Majority Leader

5:00-5:05
208 Blatt Building

CLOSING COMMENTS

The Honorable Robert W. Harrell, Jr., Speaker

6:30
7:00
Palmetto Club

COCKTAILS/
DINNER

Speaker, New Members and Spouses Only

The Palmetto Club
Host: The Honorable Robert W. Harrell, Jr., Speaker
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00-9:00
BREAKFAST

The Capital City Club
Host: The Honorable Andre' Bauer, Lieutenant Governor

9:15 - 9:45
208 Blatt Building
SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Mary D. Snead, Director of Staff Development and Training Services
       SC Office of Human Resources

9:45 - 10:15
208 Blatt Building
STAFF SUPPORT

Charles Reid, Clerk of the House, Moderator
Mary Denis Cauthen, Director of Research, Medical, Military,
       Public and Municipal Affairs Committee
Helen "Len" Marini, Director of House Research
Vivian Rutland, Director of Office of Word Processing
Gigi Brickle, Director of Legislative Printing, Information, and
       Technology Services (LPITS)

10:15 - 10:30
10:30 - 11:00
House Chamber
State House
WALK TO STATE HOUSE CHAMBER

HOUSE FLOOR OPERATIONS

Charles Reid, Clerk of the House
       House Desk Staff
       Mitch Dorman, Sergeant-at-Arms
       Sergeant-at-Arms Staff

11:00 - 11:45
House Chamber
State House
PUTTING IDEAS INTO BILLS AND AMENDMENTS and
UNDERSTANDING A BILL AND AGENCY REGULATIONS

Stephen T. Draffin, Director of Legislative Council and Code Commissioner

11:45 - 12:30
Joint Meeting Room
State House
LUNCH

Host: The Honorable Robert W. Harrell, Jr., Speaker
       CLOSING REMARKS

12:30 - 2:30
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State House
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The Honorable Jean H. Toal, Chief Justice, SC Supreme Court
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