

SOUTH CAROLINA



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.

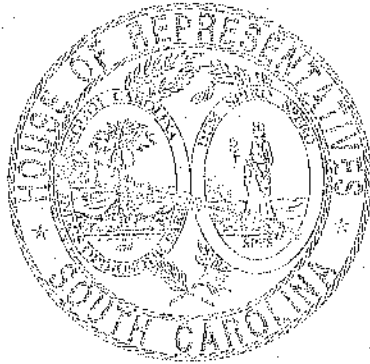
The newly elected legislators are given a 15-chapter handbook for additional reference.



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**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 F. 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

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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

WALK TO STATE HOUSE CHAMBER

10:30 - 11:00

**House Chamber
State House**

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

**House Chamber
State House**

LAW SCHOOL FOR LEGISLATORS

*The Honorable Jean H. Toal, Chief Justice, SC Supreme Court
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