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## BUDGETING NEW LAWS

### The State

The state spending bill is a vehicle to pass laws that would face challenges on their own.

1986: Budget legalized video poker. It was not debated by lawmakers and not discovered until three years later.

1987: Retroactive tax cut added, then partially rescinded the following year. In 1990, federal investigators found lawmakers had been bribed for the cut — and that it was withheld for those companies that refused to pay.

1995: Budget reopened the Barnwell low-level radioactive waste facility to the nation.

2007: Five new laws would: impose an \$81 million income-tax cut; increase the bond limit for USC and Clemson athletics facilities; create a legislative committee to grant money for local projects; create a trust fund for retiree health care; and set aside \$5 million annually for the construction of I-73.