

The State of South Carolina



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The Honorable Carroll A. Campbell, Jr.  
Governor, State of South Carolina  
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*Carroll*  
Dear Governor Campbell:

In attempting to respond by telephone to Mark Elam's letter of June 1, 1989, which I just received, I was able to talk with you briefly by telephone and this letter will confirm the verbal opinion I gave to you. I am enclosing copies of prior opinions dated June 13, 1980 and June 22, 1984 which answer your first question.

In response to your question as to whether the Governor can also limit the subject matter which the General Assembly may deliberate I would advise that the Governor possesses such authority within his absolute discretion as he determines the State's interest to be. Support for this conclusion is contained in the June 22, 1984 opinion which states that the Governor's determination is conclusive and not reviewable. Moreover, implicit in the Governor's absolute authority in this area would be the lesser authority to impose conditions upon the reconvening of the General Assembly.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "T. Medlock", written over the typed name.

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Enclosures

cc: Mark R. Elam  
Senior Counsel to the Governor