



**WALLACE SCARBOROUGH
(R - INCUMB.)**

JOB: Atlantic Coast Life Insurance Co.
POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: State House member since 2001 **ENDORSEMENTS:** NRA Political Victory Fund, *The Post and Courier*



EUGENE PLATT (D)

JOB: Retired from U.S. government
POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: James Island Public Service District Commission since 1993 **ENDORSEMENTS:** The Sierra Club



TEACHER COMMENTS

DEVELOPMENT: Platt's got a problem with new people. He says that he's had about all the transplinters he can stand. "Nashville. Omaha. Des Moines. Nice places. People should be encouraged to stay there." To say he would closely restrict development would likely be an understatement.

TAXES: Scarborough has said he supports further income tax cuts and opposes increasing the cigarette tax. Platt says income

taxes are part of a balanced, three-legged tax system with sales and property taxes. He supports increasing the cigarette tax, one of the lowest in the country.

TUITION TAX CREDITS: Yep, that one again. Scarborough told the *P&C* that he supports some sort of voucher program for students attending private schools. Platt says he questions the value in subsidizing private schools.

CHARACTER: Scarborough has been upset that recent personal

events have provided much of the press on this campaign. Those events include Scarborough firing a weapon during an altercation with two South Carolina Electric and Gas employees and accusations in divorce filings that he had an affair with Rep. Catherine Ceips (R-Beaufort). Platt has claimed that Scarborough's initial denial of the affair in *The State* newspaper puts Scarborough's character into question. Scarborough has since refused to confirm or deny the affair.

FINAL EXAM: Platt is "passed on." Scarborough fails. We grudgingly send Platt on to the next grade, though noting his vociferous, though moot, support for the gay marriage amendment as a particular sticking point. That said, one can hope that when he goes to Columbia, he'll be there to work for James Island, and not for Ceips' district.