

**GRNC Alert 05-30-09:
Castle Doctrine Stonewalling in Committee**

House Judiciary I Chair waiting for “direction from her leadership” before proceeding

SB 928, “The Castle Doctrine,” is now languishing in the House Judiciary I Committee. Committee chair, Rep. Deborah K. Ross (GRNC 0 Star, Wake) indicated to GRNC legislative representatives that she considers your input “of little value,” and was waiting for direction from “her leadership” before scheduling.

So to borrow a line out of a classic sci-fi movie, “take me to your leader.” Actually we should thank Rep. Ross for letting us know to whom she wishes to pass the buck. It is time to let Speaker Joe Hackney know that he needs to direct Ross to schedule SB 928 for a hearing; since she doesn’t seem to know if she should without his “leadership.”

Act now. We can see the goal line, time to push this one on in for a touchdown.

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

- Contact Speaker of the NC House, Joe Hackney. 919-733-3451, Joe.Hackney@ncleg.net

Dear Speaker Hackney:

Rep. Deborah Ross, chair of the House Judiciary I Committee, is waiting to hear from leadership before deciding on scheduling SB 928, “The Castle Doctrine” for a committee hearing. I urge you to direct her to do so and to give it a fair and honest hearing. It is too important that this worthy bill that will protect our citizens from dangerous criminals and abuses of the legal system after a case of self defense be passed into law.

The Castle Doctrine is an important concept that has proven effective in the protection of citizens in the number of states that have already implemented it. It is vital that you throw your influence behind the interests of the honest citizens of this state and allow them to protect themselves from criminals.

I trust that you wish to protect the lives and interests of the law abiding voters of North Carolina rather than enable the criminal element. Provide leadership in supporting SB 928. I will be following your actions on this bill through Grass Roots North Carolina.

Sincerely,

A Concerned North Carolina Voter

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