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**THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024**

**Thursday, April 18, 2024**

**(Statewide Session)**

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 The Senate assembled at 11:00 A.M., the hour to which it stood adjourned, and was called to order by the PRESIDENT.

 A quorum being present, the proceedings were opened with a devotion by the Chaplain as follows:

Matthew 9:16-17a

 Jesus declared: “ ‘No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse. Neither do men pour new wine into old wineskins.’ ”

 Bow with me as we pray: O glorious Lord, it is commonplace knowledge that old truths rarely lose their power to teach us. Wisdom from past ages is often ignored at our own peril. Yet even with those reminders, we all realize, God, that many solutions and even some goals for the world of 2024 need to be custom-made for this time and place we are living in. To that end, Lord, we ask that You grant to each Senator and aide the knowledge that is needed for today. May their vision for South Carolina’s future be rich in promise and meaning, resulting in a truly better life for all of our people. And in this unsettled world, may leaders even beyond our own borders also use their knowledge to bring about peace and stability. Moreover, Lord, we will hold in our hearts and our prayers Senator Shane Massey and his family during this challenging time for his father and family. In Your loving name we pray, dear Lord. Amen.

 The PRESIDENT called for Petitions, Memorials, Presentments of Grand Juries and such like papers.

**Call of the Senate**

 Senator SETZLER moved that a Call of the Senate be made. The following Senators answered the Call:

Adams Alexander Allen

Bennett Campsen Cash

Climer Corbin Cromer

Davis Devine Fanning

Gambrell Garrett Goldfinch

Grooms Gustafson Hembree

Hutto Jackson *Johnson, Kevin*

*Johnson, Michael* Loftis Martin

Matthews McLeod Peeler

Rankin Reichenbach Rice

Senn Setzler Shealy

Stephens Talley Tedder

Turner Verdin Williams

Young

 A quorum being present, the Senate resumed.

**Doctor of the Day**

 Senator ALEXANDER introduced Dr. Ed Evans of Oconee, S.C., Doctor of the Day.

**Leave of Absence**

 On motion of Senator HUTTO, at 12:51 P.M., Senators JACKSON and HARPOOTLIAN were granted a leave of absence for the balance of the day.

**Leave of Absence**

 On motion of Senator HEMBREE, at 12:51 P.M., Senators MASSEY and GUSTAFSON were granted a leave of absence for the balance of the day.

**Leave of Absence**

 On motion of Senator CORBIN, at 12:51 P.M., Senator TALLEY was granted a leave of absence for the balance of the day.

**Leave of Absence**

 On motion of Senator K. JOHNSON, at 12:51 P.M., Senator SABB was granted a leave of absence for the balance of the day.

**Leave of Absence**

 On motion of Senator FANNING, at 12:51 P.M., Senator KIMBRELL was granted a leave of absence for the balance of the day.

**RECALLED**

 S. 1232 -- Senator Fanning: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF FAIRFIELD STREET IN THE TOWN OF WINNSBORO IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH TRUMAN STREET TO THE ADULT CENTER FOR EDUCATION “T.E. GREENE STREET” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

 Senator GROOMS asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Concurrent Resolution from the Committee on Transportation.

 The Concurrent Resolution was recalled from the Committee on Transportation and ordered placed on the Calendar for consideration tomorrow.

**RECALLED**

 S. 1233 -- Senator Fanning: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 215 IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 34 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 213 “ELDER RICHARD BROWN MEMORIAL HIGHWAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

 Senator GROOMS asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Concurrent Resolution from the Committee on Transportation.

 The Concurrent Resolution was recalled from the Committee on Transportation and ordered placed on the Calendar for consideration tomorrow.

**RECALLED**

 S. 1234 -- Senator Fanning: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME A PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 21 SOUTH IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY FROM THE INTERSECTION OF WEST CHURCH STREET AND LONGTOWN ROAD TO THE RICHLAND COUNTY LINE “DONALD PRIOLEAU SR. ROAD” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS ALONG THIS STRETCH OF ROAD CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

 Senator GROOMS asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Concurrent Resolution from the Committee on Transportation.

 The Concurrent Resolution was recalled from the Committee on Transportation and ordered placed on the Calendar for consideration tomorrow.

**RECALLED**

 S. 1267 -- Senator Hembree: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF HIGHWAY 17 FROM 8TH AVENUE NORTH TO STARWATCH DRIVE IN HORRY COUNTY “GEORGE RAYFORD VEREEN HIGHWAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

 Senator GROOMS asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Concurrent Resolution from the Committee on Transportation.

 The Concurrent Resolution was recalled from the Committee on Transportation and ordered placed on the Calendar for consideration tomorrow.

**RECALLED**

 H. 5088 -- Reps. Alexander, Jordan, Kirby, Lowe and Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF STATE ROAD 868 (MARION STREET) FROM THE INTERSECTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 52 (COIT STREET) TO THE INTERSECTION OF STATE HIGHWAY 174 (HARRELL STREET) IN FLORENCE COUNTY “DR. VASHTI SMITH AND MARY T. WILSON WAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

 Senator GROOMS asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Concurrent Resolution from the Committee on Transportation.

 The Concurrent Resolution was recalled from the Committee on Transportation and ordered placed on the Calendar for consideration tomorrow.

**RECALLED**

 H. 5089 -- Rep. Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SUMTER STREET IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN FLORENCE COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH ALEXANDER STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH MCQUEEN STREET “SENATOR MAGGIE GLOVER WAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

 Senator GROOMS asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Concurrent Resolution from the Committee on Transportation.

 The Concurrent Resolution was recalled from the Committee on Transportation and ordered placed on the Calendar for consideration tomorrow.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

 The following were introduced:

 S. 1274 -- Senator Devine: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE COLUMBIA HOUSING AUTHORITY UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND COLUMBIA HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COLUMBIA COMMUNITY AND THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 1275 -- Senators Rankin, Sabb, Talley and Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX NOON ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024, AS THE TIME TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT, SEAT 3, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE JULY 31, 2028.

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 The Concurrent Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Operations and Management.

 S. 1276 -- Senators McElveen, Shealy and Young: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 58 OF 2023, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE VETERANS' TRUST FUND OF SOUTH CAROLINA, UNTIL JUNE 1, 2026.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Family and Veterans' Services.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

 Senator PEELER from the Committee on Finance submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

 S. 1114 -- Senators Bennett, Hutto, Shealy, Cromer, Kimbrell and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 23, TITLE 50, SECTION 50‑23‑345, AND SECTION 50‑23‑375, ALL RELATING TO THE TITLING OF WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTORS, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT OUTBOARD MOTORS BE TITLED; BY AMENDING SECTION 12‑37‑3210, RELATING TO TAX NOTICES FOR BOATS, BOAT MOTORS, AND WATERCRAFT, SO AS TO ALLOW THE AUDITOR TO CONSOLIDATE THE TAX NOTICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12‑37‑890, RELATING TO A PLACE WHERE PROPERTY SHALL BE RETURNED FOR TAXATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BOATS, BOAT MOTORS, AND WATERCRAFT MUST BE RETURNED TO THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE BOAT, BOAT MOTOR, OR WATERCRAFT IS PRINCIPALLY LOCATED FOR TAXATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 12‑37‑3220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX RETURNS FOR BOATS, BOAT MOTORS, AND WATERCRAFT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH PROPERTY TAX RETURNS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE BOAT, BOAT MOTOR, OR WATERCRAFT IS PRINCIPALLY LOCATED IF THAT IS DIFFERENT THAN THE OWNER’S COUNTY OF RESIDENCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50‑23‑340, RELATING TO APPLICATION FOR AND ISSUANCE OF NUMBER AND CERTIFICATE FEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT APPLICATIONS FOR MOTORBOAT NUMBERS MUST INCLUDE A DECLARATION OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE MOTORBOAT IS PRINCIPALLY LOCATED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50‑23‑370, RELATING TO EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTIFICATE RENEWAL NOTICES MUST BE SENT TO OWNERS OF WATERCRAFT PRINCIPALLY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator VERDIN from the Committee on Medical Affairs submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

 H. 3877 -- Reps. West, J. Moore, M.M. Smith, Atkinson, B.J. Cox, Gagnon, Hayes, Caskey and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-1250, RELATING TO SUPERVISION OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS’ ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS’ ASSISTANTS THAT AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST MAY SUPERVISE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-1240, RELATING TO LICENSURE OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST’S ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT LICENSURE APPLICANTS MUST APPEAR BEFORE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND PRESENT EVIDENCE OF CERTAIN RELEVANT ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS AND KNOWLEDGE.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator PEELER from the Committee on Finance submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

 H. 4087 -- Reps. G.M. Smith, West, Kirby, Ballentine, Robbins, Hewitt, M.M. Smith, Davis, Hiott, Long, Hager, Ott, Weeks, Dillard, W. Jones, Brewer, Hartnett and Murphy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12‑6‑3410, RELATING TO CORPORATE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CHANGES TO STAFFING REQUIREMENTS AND CERTAIN TIMING; BY AMENDING SECTION 12‑6‑3460, RELATING TO THE RECYCLING FACILITY TAX CREDIT DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO LOWER THE MINIMUM LEVEL OF INVESTMENT FOR A QUALIFIED RECYCLING FACILITY AND TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PRODUCTS TO THE DEFINITION OF “POSTCONSUMER WASTE MATERIAL”; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 12‑10‑20; 12‑10‑30, 12‑10‑40, 12‑10‑45, 12‑10‑50, 12‑10‑60, AND 12‑10‑80, ALL RELATING TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT OF 1995, SO AS TO ALLOW REMOTE EMPLOYEES WORKING IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO BE INCLUDED IN CERTAIN JOB CREATION REQUIREMENTS AND TO CREATE A NEW PROVISION TO INCENTIVIZE CERTAIN COMPANIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12‑10‑95, RELATING TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT CREDIT AGAINST WITHHOLDING FOR RETRAINING, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE CREDIT AND THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator VERDIN from the Committee on Medical Affairs submitted a favorable report on:

 H. 4113 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Sandifer, Jefferson, M.M. Smith, Kirby and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 44 SO AS TO CREATE AN AMBULANCE ASSESSMENT FEE FOR PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICES; TO REQUIRE THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH AND CHARGE AMBULANCE SERVICES A UNIFORM FEE; TO ESTABLISH AN AMBULANCE FEE TRUST FUND AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTHORIZED USES OF THE FUND; TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO IMPOSE PENALTIES AGAINST AMBULANCE SERVICES THAT FAIL TO PAY ASSESSED FEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator VERDIN from the Committee on Medical Affairs submitted a favorable report on:

 H. 4333 -- Reps. M.M. Smith, King, Davis, Pace, B.L. Cox, McDaniel, Henderson-Myers and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-320, RELATING TO SITE AND SERVICE LIMITATIONS ON MOBILE OPTOMETRY UNITS AND CERTAIN ASSOCIATED DISCIPLINARY ACTION LIMITATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE CERTAIN SITES OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE CHILDREN FROM LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES DURING THE SUMMER.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator PEELER from the Committee on Finance submitted a favorable report on:

 H. 4594 -- Reps. Ballentine, Pope, Clyburn, West, Elliott and T. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-40, RELATING TO APPLICATION OF FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO STATE TAX LAWS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO THE YEAR 2023 AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS ADOPTED BY THIS STATE ARE EXTENDED, THEN THESE SECTIONS ALSO ARE EXTENDED FOR SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX PURPOSES.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

**Appointments Reported**

 Senator VERDIN from the Committee on Medical Affairs submitted a favorable report on:

**Statewide Appointments**

Initial Appointment, South Carolina State Board of Nursing, with the term to commence June 30, 2020, and to expire June 30, 2024

7th Congressional District, Registered Nurse:

Leslie M. Lyerly, 636 Marsh Pond Road, Johnsonville, SC 29555-6617 *VICE* Jonela D. Davis

Received as information.

Initial Appointment, South Carolina Panel for Dietetics, with the term to commence March 30, 2023, and to expire March 30, 2025

Hospital Employee:

Maureen Finger, 1325 Sewanee Avenue, Florence, SC 29501 *VICE* Lynette Y. Leland-Reed

Received as information.

Initial Appointment, South Carolina State Board of Nursing, with the term to commence December 31, 2023, and to expire December 31, 2027

At-Large, Licensed Practical Nurse:

Frances C. Pagett, 6143 Marthas Glen Road, Columbia, SC 29209-1312 *VICE* Jan R. Burdette

 Received as information.

**HOUSE CONCURRENCE**

 S. 1273 -- Senator Jackson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ROBIN WAITES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HISTORIC COLUMBIA, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER A DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS IN THE FIELD OF MUSEUMS AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

 Returned with concurrence.

 Received as information.

**ACTING PRESIDENT PRESIDES**

 Senator RANKIN assumed the Chair.

**THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO A CONSIDERATION OF
H. 5100 THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL.**

**CARRIED OVER**

 H. 5100 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

 The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

 Senator PEELER spoke on the report.

**Report of the Subcommittee on K-12 Education**

 Senator BENNETT, Chairman of the Subcommittee on K-12 Education, wasrecognized to report to the Senate regarding the work of the subcommittee.

**Report of the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice**

 Senator MARTIN, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, wasrecognized to report to the Senate regarding the work of the subcommittee.

**ACTING PRESIDENT PRESIDES**

 Senator RANKIN assumed the Chair.

**Report of the Subcommittee on Higher Education**

 Senator CROMER, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Higher Education, wasrecognized to report to the Senate regarding the work of the subcommittee.

**Report of the Subcommittee on**

**Health and Human Services**

 Senator ALEXANDER, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, was recognized to report to the Senate regarding the work of the subcommittee.

**Report of the Subcommittee on**

**Natural Resources and Economic Development**

 Senator SETZLER, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Natural Resources and Economic Development, wasrecognized to report to the Senate regarding the work of the subcommittee.

**PRESIDENT PRESIDES**

 At 12:32 P.M., the PRESIDENT assumed the Chair.

**Report of the Subcommittee on Constitutional Budget**

 Senator GROOMS, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Constitutional Budget, wasrecognized to report to the Senate regarding the work of the subcommittee.

**Report of the Subcommittee on**

**Transportation and Regulatory Laws**

 Senator JACKSON, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Transportation and Regulatory Laws, wasrecognized to report to the Senate regarding the work of the subcommittee.

 Senator PEELER spoke on the Bill.

 On motion of Senator PEELER, the Bill was carried over.

**CARRIED OVER**

 H. 5101 -- Ways and Means Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, AND TO ALLOW UNEXPENDED FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS AND EXPENDED FOR THE SAME PURPOSES.

 On motion of Senator PEELER, the Bill was carried over.

**THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO A CALL OF THE UNCONTESTED LOCAL AND STATEWIDE CALENDAR.**

**OBJECTION**

S. 154 -- Senators Young, Senn and Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE “SOUTH CAROLINA STREET GANG AND CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE PREVENTION AND ANTI-RACKETEERING ACT”; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 8, TITLE 16, RELATING TO THE CRIMINAL GANG PREVENTION ACT, SO AS TO RETITLE THE ARTICLE, REVISE THE DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE ARTICLE, AND RESTRUCTURE THE ARTICLE AND THE OFFENSES AND PENALTIES CONTAINED WITHIN IT; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 8, TITLE 16 SO AS TO CREATE ANTI-RACKETEERING PROVISIONS TO COMPLIMENT THE REVISED STREET GANG AND CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE PREVENTION ARTICLE, DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND CREATE VARIOUS RACKETEERING OFFENSES AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

 Senator MALLOY objected to consideration of the Bill.

**OBJECTION**

S. 266 -- Senators Hutto, Jackson, Shealy, Devine, McLeod, Allen and Tedder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63‑19‑820, RELATING TO OUT‑OF‑HOME PLACEMENT, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE EXCEPTION FOR CHILDREN TO BE TRIED AS AN ADULT AND TO DECREASE THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT A CHILD MAY BE HELD IN A JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY FOR COMMITTING A STATUS OFFENSE OR FOR VIOLATING A RELATED COURT ORDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 63‑19‑1020, RELATING TO INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT THE CHILD AND HIS FAMILY SEEK COUNSELING WHEN THE STATUS OFFENSE IS OF INCORRIGIBILITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 63‑19‑1440, RELATING TO COMMITMENT, SO AS TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN STATUS AND CRIMINAL OFFENSES AND TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR COURT ORDERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 63‑19‑1810, RELATING TO DETERMINATION OF RELEASE, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63‑19‑2050, RELATING TO PETITION FOR EXPUNGEMENT OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63‑19‑2050, RELATING TO PETITION FOR EXPUNGEMENT OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTOMATIC EXPUNGEMENT OF A JUVENILE’S RECORDS FOR STATUS OFFENSES, WITH EXCEPTIONS.

 Senator MALLOY objected to consideration of the Bill.

**READ THE THIRD TIME**

**SENT TO THE HOUSE**

The following Bill was read the third time and ordered sent to the House of Representatives:

 S. 1166 -- Senators Tedder, Stephens and Rice: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-1-65, RELATING TO THE S.C. CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2024, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE MUST DISMISS CERTAIN PENDING UNLAWFUL HANDGUN POSSESSION CHARGES.

**HOUSE BILLS RETURNED**

 The following Bills were read the third time and ordered returned to the House with amendments:

 H. 4042 -- Reps. Bernstein, Gilliard, Wheeler, Wetmore, King, Howard, Henegan, Stavrinakis, Bauer, Rutherford, W. Newton, Jordan, Pope, Bannister, J.E. Johnson, Brittain, Elliott and Jefferson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1‑1‑1710 SO AS TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK IN WHICH ANTISEMITISM IS CONSIDERED REGARDING ALL LAWS PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATORY ACTS.

 H. 4871 -- Reps. Haddon, Ligon and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 47‑9‑420 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE INTERFERENCE OR INTERACTION WITH FARM ANIMALS BEING TRANSPORTED BY A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION.

**OBJECTION**

 H. 3880 -- Reps. M.M. Smith, Herbkersman, Davis, Elliott, B.J. Cox, B.L. Cox and Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12‑21‑2420, RELATING TO THE ADMISSIONS TAX, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO TAX MAY BE CHARGED OR COLLECTED ON ANNUAL OR MONTHLY DUES PAID TO A GOLF CLUB.

 The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

 Senator DAVIS explained the Bill.

 The question being the second reading of the Bill.

 Senator MATTHEWS objected to further consideration of the Bill.

**OBJECTION**

H. 4957 -- Reps. Hiott, Erickson, G.M. Smith, Hayes, McGinnis, Rose, Elliott, Alexander, Schuessler, Calhoon, M.M. Smith, Davis, T. Moore, B. Newton, Neese, Oremus, Hixon, Taylor, Guest, Sessions, Guffey, Ballentine, Pope, Willis, Bannister, Kirby, Henegan, Hartnett, Williams, Gilliard and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES' COMPENSATION FOR NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS, SO AS TO REVISE SEVERAL DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-20, RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF COMPENSATION FOR USE OF AN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETE’S NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND CERTAIN AGENTS OF THE INSTITUTIONS MAY ENGAGE IN CERTAIN ACTIONS THAT MAY ENABLE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES TO EARN COMPENSATION FOR USE OF THE NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS OF THE ATHLETE, AND TO PROVIDE THE INSTITUTIONS ALSO MAY PERMIT INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES TO USE TRADEMARKS AND FACILITIES OF THE INSTITUTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-30, RELATING TO THE EFFECTS OF NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS COMPENSATION ON GRANT-IN-AID OR ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS CONTRACTS MAY NOT EXTEND BEYOND THE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETE'S ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS PROGRAM AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-40, RELATING TO ALLOWED AND PROHIBITED ACTIONS CONCERNING INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES’ NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS-RELATED MATTERS, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY FOR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING EMPLOYEES FOR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM CERTAIN ROUTINE DECISIONS MADE IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS, AND TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN CONDUCT BY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS, ATHLETIC CONFERENCES, OR OTHER GROUPS WITH AUTHORITY OVER INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-50, RELATING TO GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION IN NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING PROVISIONS AND PROVIDE CERTAIN MATTERS CONCERNING NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS AGREEMENTS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED PUBLIC RECORDS SUBJECT TO AN EXCEPTION AND MAY NOT BE DISCLOSED TO CERTAIN ENTITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-60, RELATING TO DISCLOSURE OF NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS CONTRACTS AND THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATORS, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE FOR THE RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS BETWEEN CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT AND PROVISIONS IN THE UNIFORM ATHLETE AGENTS ACT OF 2018, AND TO PROVIDE ATHLETE AGENTS SHALL COMPLY WITH CERTAIN FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-102-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE UNIFORM ATHLETE AGENTS ACT OF 2018, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF “ATHLETE AGENT”; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-102-100, RELATING TO AGENCY CONTRACTS, SO AS TO REMOVE A PROVISION CONCERNING COMPENSATION; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-158-70 RELATING TO DISCLOSURES AND LIMITATIONS IN NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS CONTRACTS AND REVOCATION PERIODS FOR SUCH CONTRACTS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-158-80 RELATING TO GOVERNING LAW AND FEDERAL COMPLIANCE CONTRACTS.

 Senator MALLOY objected to consideration of the Bill.

**CARRIED OVER**

H. 4029 -- Reps. Dillard, Hyde, Bailey, Brittain, Weeks and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 33-1-103, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATION IN MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCLUDE HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

 On motion of Senator CORBIN, the Bill was carried over.

**CARRIED OVER**

S. 1221 -- Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION - OFFICE OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH, RELATING TO RECORDKEEPING, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5258, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

 On motion of Senator DAVIS, the Resolution was carried over.

**CARRIED OVER**

S. 1222 -- Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION - STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS, RELATING TO STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR CONTRACTORS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5244, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

 On motion of Senator DAVIS, the Resolution was carried over.

**CARRIED OVER**

S. 1223 -- Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION - SOUTH CAROLINA ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION BOARD, RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION BOARD, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5245, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

 On motion of Senator DAVIS, the Resolution was carried over.

**CARRIED OVER**

S. 1224 -- Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION - SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS, RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5246, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

 On motion of Senator DAVIS, the Resolution was carried over.

**CARRIED OVER**

S. 1225 -- Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION, RELATING TO FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE BUILDING CODES COUNCIL, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5243, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

 On motion of Senator DAVIS, the Resolution was carried over.

**CARRIED OVER**

S. 1226 -- Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION - SOUTH CAROLINA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION (RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY CONDITION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FORM), DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5238, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

 On motion of Senator DAVIS, the Resolution was carried over.

**CARRIED OVER**

S. 1227 -- Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION - OFFICE OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH, RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY REVIEW BOARD, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5236, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

 On motion of Senator DAVIS, the Resolution was carried over.

**CARRIED OVER**

S. 1228 -- Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE INTO OR WITHIN SOUTH CAROLINA, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5226, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

 On motion of Senator DAVIS, the Resolution was carried over.

**CARRIED OVER**

S. 1158 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16‑23‑500, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A PERSON CONVICTED OF A VIOLENT OFFENSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE VIOLATIONS SUBSEQUENT TO THE FIRST VIOLATION MUST OCCUR WITHIN TWENTY YEARS OF THE FIRST OFFENSE TO QUALIFY FOR GRADUATED PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 16‑23‑420, RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OF A FIREARM ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EXPRESS AUTHORIZATION TO CARRY THE FIREARM ON SCHOOL PROPERTY MAY NOT BE PROVIDED TO A STUDENT ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL; BY AMENDING SECTION 16‑23‑430, RELATING TO CARRYING A WEAPON ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT STUDENTS ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY NOT POSSESS WEAPONS EVEN IF THEY ARE SECURED WITHIN A VEHICLE; BY AMENDING SECTION 23‑31‑245, RELATING TO REASONABLE SUSPICION OR PROBABLE CAUSE TO SEARCH, DETAIN, OR ARREST, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THE PROVISIONS IN THE SECTION APPLY TO A PERSON CARRYING A WEAPON IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ARTICLE WHETHER OR NOT THE WEAPON IS CONCEALED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16‑23‑20, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A HANDGUN, SO AS TO CLARIFY WHEN CARRYING A HANDGUN IS IMPERMISSIBLE IN A PUBLICLY OWNED BUILDING OTHER THAN A COURTHOUSE WHERE COURT IS HELD.

 On motion of Senator HUTTO, the Bill was carried over.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED**

**AMENDED, READ THE SECOND TIME**

S. 1076 -- Senator Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56‑1‑219 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM; BY AMENDING SECTION 56‑1‑15, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF DRIVER’S LICENSE EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT DRIVER’S LICENSE APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56‑1‑130, RELATING TO LICENSE EXAMINATIONS AND BASIC AND CLASSIFIED LICENSES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT DRIVER’S LICENSE APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM.

 The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

 The Committee on Transportation proposed the following amendment (SR-1076.JG0002S), which was adopted:

 Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 56 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

 Section 56-1-219. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall establish a work zone safety program. The work zone safety program shall be designed to educate the motoring public on the dangers of committing moving violations while traveling in highway construction work zones. The department shall develop and house on its website an online work zone awareness presentation for all persons obtaining an initial license that includes, but is not limited to, facts and figures representing the dangers of motorists committing work zone moving violations, testimonials from highway construction workers and their families, information on the importance of awareness and slowing down in work zones, and a question-and-answer section to ensure participants understand and retain the information presented. The Department of Motor Vehicles is authorized to contract for the production, development, and maintenance of the webpage through a vendor. The department shall maintain in its database a record of those completing the program.

 SECTION 2. Section 56-1-15 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 Section 56-1-15. (A) The Department of Motor Vehicles must enter into contracts with persons, corporations, or governmental subdivisions, including public schools, in localities throughout the State to administer the portion of the driver’s license examination that tests the driver’s license applicant’s ability to read and understand highway signs that regulate, warn, and direct traffic, and his knowledge of the traffic laws of the State, and the actual demonstration of his ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of the type of motor vehicle for which the license is sought as contained in Section 56-1-130(A). The department must supervise the provision of services contained in this subsection. The department must supply driver education instructors appropriate testing materials to administer the examinations contained in this section. A person or corporation administering an examination pursuant to this section may charge a fee in excess of the fee charged by the department for the examination.

 (B) The department must randomly test driver's license applicants who successfully complete the driver's license examinations pursuant to subsection (A) to ensure that the driver's license instructors are properly certifying that their students have successfully completed a driver's license examination.The department must require all persons obtaining an initial driver’s license, and who are required to complete a driver’s education course as defined in Section 56-1-175 or 56-1-180, to take the work zone safety program course as established in Section 56-1-219.

 (C) If through testing or other review procedures, the department determines that a contractor is not conforming to the law and regulations applicable to licensing, it may:

 (1) suspend the authority of a particular individual or entity operating under the contract to administer the tests;

 (2) suspend the contract;

 (3) cancel the contract.The department must randomly test driver’s license applicants who successfully complete the driver’s license examination pursuant to subsection (A) to ensure that the driver’s license instructors are properly certifying that their students have successfully completed a driver’s license examination.

 (D) The department must test randomly a driver's license applicant only at the time the applicant is seeking his initial driver's license at the Department of Motor Vehicles.If through testing or other review procedures, the department determines that a contractor is not conforming to the law and regulations applicable to licensing, it may:

 (1) suspend the authority of a particular individual or entity operating under the contract to

administer the tests;

 (2) suspend the contract;

 (3) cancel the contract.

 (E) The department must test randomly a driver's license applicant only at the time the applicant is seeking his initial driver’s license at the Department of Motor Vehicles.

 SECTION 3. Section 56-1-130 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 Section 56-1-130. (A) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall examine every applicant for a driver's license, except as otherwise provided in this article. The examination shall include a test of the applicant's eyesight, his ability to read and understand highway signs regulating, warning, and directing traffic, and his knowledge of the traffic laws of this State and shall include an actual demonstration of ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of the type motor vehicle, including motorcycles, for which a license is sought. The department may require a further physical and mental examination as it considers necessary to determine the applicant's fitness to operate a motor vehicle upon the highways, the further examination to be at the applicant’s expense. The department shall make provisions for giving an examination in the county where the applicant resides. The department shall charge an appropriate fee for each complete examination or reexamination required in this article.

 (B) No persons, except those exempted under Section 56-1-30 and Section 56-1-60, or those holding beginner's permits under Section 56-1-50, shall operate any classification of motor vehicle without first being examined and duly licensed by the driver examiner as a qualified driver of that classification of motor vehicle. The department must require all persons obtaining an initial driver’s license, and who are required to complete a driver’s education course as defined in Section 56-1-175 or 56-1-180, to take the work zone safety program course as established in Section 56-1-219.

 (C)(1) A basic driver's license authorizes the licensee to operate motor vehicles, autocycles, motorcycle three-wheel vehicles, excluding a motorcycle with a detachable side car, or combinations of vehicles which do not exceed twenty-six thousand pounds gross vehicle weight rating; provided, that the driver has successfully demonstrated the ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle in this category. A basic driver's license also authorizes the licensee to operate farm trucks provided for in Sections 56-3-670, 56-3-680, and 56-3-690, which are used exclusively by the owner for agricultural, horticultural, and dairying operations or livestock and poultry raising. Notwithstanding another provision of law, the holder of a conditional license, or special restricted license operating a farm truck for the purposes provided in this subsection, may operate the farm truck without an accompanying adult after six o'clock a.m. and no later than nine o'clock p.m., but may not operate a farm truck on a freeway. A person operating a farm truck while holding a conditional driver's license or a special restricted license may not use the farm truck for ordinary domestic purposes or general transportation.

 (2) A classified driver's license shall authorize the licensee to operate a motorcycle, motorcycle three-wheel vehicle, including a motorcycle with a detachable side car, or those vehicles in excess of twenty-six thousand pounds gross vehicle weight rating which are indicated by endorsement on the license. The endorsement may include classifications such as: motorcycle, two-axle truck, three- or more axle truck, combination of vehicles, motor busses, or oversize or overweight vehicles. The department shall determine from the driving demonstration the endorsements to be indicated on the license. No persons, except those exempted under Section 56-1-30 and Section 56-1-60, or those holding beginners’ permits under Section 56-1-50, shall operate any classification of motor vehicle without first being examined and duly licensed by the driver examiner as a qualified driver of that classification of motor vehicle.

 (D)(1) A basic driver’s license authorizes the licensee to operate motor vehicles, autocycles, motorcycle three-wheel vehicles, excluding a motorcycle with a detachable side car, or combinations of vehicles which do not exceed twenty-six thousand pounds gross vehicle weight rating; provided, that the driver has successfully demonstrated the ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle in this category. A basic driver’s license also authorizes the licensee to operate farm trucks provided for in Sections 56-3-670, 56-3-680, and 56-3-690, which are used exclusively by the owner for agricultural, horticultural, and dairying operations or livestock and poultry raising. Notwithstanding another provision of law, the holder of a conditional license, or special restricted license operating a farm truck for the purposes provided in this subsection, may operate the farm truck without an accompanying adult after six o’clock a.m. and no later than nine o’clock p.m., but may not operate a farm truck on a freeway. A person operating a farm truck while holding a conditional driver’s license or a special restricted license may not use the farm truck for ordinary domestic purposes or general transportation.

 (2) A classified driver’s license shall authorize the licensee to operate a motorcycle, motorcycle three-wheel vehicle, including a motorcycle with a detachable side car, or those vehicles in excess of twenty-six thousand pounds gross vehicle weight rating which are indicated by endorsement on the license. The endorsement may include classifications such as: motorcycles, two-axle trucks, three- or more axle trucks, combination of vehicles, motor buses, or oversize or overweight vehicles. The department shall determine from the driving demonstration the endorsements to be indicated on the license.

 SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator GROOMS explained the amendment.

 The amendment was adopted.

 Senator BENNETT proposed the following amendment (SR-1076.JG0003S), which was withdrawn:

 Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 56-1-440 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 Section 56-1-440. (A) A person who drives a motor vehicle on a public highway of this State without a driver's license in violation of Section 56-1-20 is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction of a first offense, must be punished as follows:

 (1) for a first offense, fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollarsthree hundred dollars or imprisoned for thirty days, or both;

 (2) for and, upon conviction of a second offense, be fined five six hundred dollars or imprisoned for not less than forty-five days nor more than sixty consecutive days, or both,; and

 (3) for a third and or subsequent offense, fined one thousand dollars, and must be imprisoned for not less than forty-five days nor more than six months or confined to a person's place of residence pursuant to the Home Detention Act for not less than forty-five days nor more than six months. No portion of a term of imprisonment or confinement under home detention may be suspended by the trial judge except when the court is suspending a term of imprisonment upon successful completion of the terms and conditions of confinement under home detention. For purposes of this item, a person sentenced to confinement pursuant to the Home Detention Act is required to pay for the cost of such confinement.

However, a charge of driving a motor vehicle without a driver's license must be dismissed if the person provides proof of being a licensed driver at the time of the violation to the court on or before the date this matter is set to be disposed of by the court.

 (B) The summary courts are vested with jurisdiction to hear and dispose of cases involving a violation of this section.A charge of driving a motor vehicle without a driver's license must be dismissed if the person provides proof of being a licensed driver at the time of the violation to the court on or before the date this matter is set to be disposed of by the court.

 (C) The summary courts are vested with jurisdiction to hear and dispose of cases involving a violation of this section.

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 On motion of Senator BENNETT, with unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

 Senator GROOMS proposed the following amendment (SR-1076.KM0004S), which was adopted:

 Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 56 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

 Section 56-1-219. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall establish a work zone safety program. The work zone safety program shall be designed to educate the motoring public on the dangers of committing moving violations while traveling in highway construction work zones. The department shall develop and house on its website an online work zone awareness presentation for all persons obtaining an initial license that includes, but is not limited to, facts and figures representing the dangers of motorists committing work zone moving violations, testimonials from highway construction workers and their families, information on the importance of awareness and slowing down in work zones, and a question-and-answer section to ensure participants understand and retain the information presented. The Department of Motor Vehicles is authorized to contract for the production, development, and maintenance of the webpage through a vendor. The department shall maintain in its database a record of those completing the program.

 SECTION 2. Section 56-1-15 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 Section 56-1-15. (A) The Department of Motor Vehicles must enter into contracts with persons, corporations, or governmental subdivisions, including public schools, in localities throughout the State to administer the portion of the driver’s license examination that tests the driver’s license applicant’s ability to read and understand highway signs that regulate, warn, and direct traffic, and his knowledge of the traffic laws of the State, and the actual demonstration of his ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of the type of motor vehicle for which the license is sought as contained in Section 56-1-130(A). The department must supervise the provision of services contained in this subsection. The department must supply driver education instructors appropriate testing materials to administer the examinations contained in this section. A person or corporation administering an examination pursuant to this section may charge a fee in excess of the fee charged by the department for the examination.

 (B) The department must randomly test driver's license applicants who successfully complete the driver's license examinations pursuant to subsection (A) to ensure that the driver's license instructors are properly certifying that their students have successfully completed a driver's license examination.The department must require all persons obtaining an initial driver’s license, and who are required to complete a driver’s education course as defined in Section 56-1-175 or 56-1-180, to take the work zone safety program course as established in Section 56-1-219.

 (C) If through testing or other review procedures, the department determines that a contractor is not conforming to the law and regulations applicable to licensing, it may:

 (1) suspend the authority of a particular individual or entity operating under the contract to administer the tests;

 (2) suspend the contract;

 (3) cancel the contract.The department must randomly test driver’s license applicants who successfully complete the driver’s license examination pursuant to subsection (A) to ensure that the driver’s license instructors are properly certifying that their students have successfully completed a driver’s license examination.

 (D) The department must test randomly a driver's license applicant only at the time the applicant is seeking his initial driver's license at the Department of Motor Vehicles.If through testing or other review procedures, the department determines that a contractor is not conforming to the law and regulations applicable to licensing, it may:

 (1) suspend the authority of a particular individual or entity operating under the contract to administer the tests;

 (2) suspend the contract;

 (3) cancel the contract.

 (E) The department must test randomly a driver's license applicant only at the time the applicant is seeking his initial driver’s license at the Department of Motor Vehicles.

 SECTION 3. Section 56-1-130 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 Section 56-1-130. (A) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall examine every applicant for a driver's license, except as otherwise provided in this article. The examination shall include a test of the applicant's eyesight, his ability to read and understand highway signs regulating, warning, and directing traffic, and his knowledge of the traffic laws of this State and shall include an actual demonstration of ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of the type motor vehicle, including motorcycles, for which a license is sought. The department may require a further physical and mental examination as it considers necessary to determine the applicant's fitness to operate a motor vehicle upon the highways, the further examination to be at the applicant’s expense. The department shall make provisions for giving an examination in the county where the applicant resides. The department shall charge an appropriate fee for each complete examination or reexamination required in this article.

 (B) No persons, except those exempted under Section 56-1-30 and Section 56-1-60, or those holding beginner's permits under Section 56-1-50, shall operate any classification of motor vehicle without first being examined and duly licensed by the driver examiner as a qualified driver of that classification of motor vehicle. The department must require all persons obtaining an initial driver’s license, and who are required to complete a driver’s education course as defined in Section 56-1-175 or 56-1-180, to take the work zone safety program course as established in Section 56-1-219.

 (C)(1) A basic driver's license authorizes the licensee to operate motor vehicles, autocycles, motorcycle three-wheel vehicles, excluding a motorcycle with a detachable side car, or combinations of vehicles which do not exceed twenty-six thousand pounds gross vehicle weight rating; provided, that the driver has successfully demonstrated the ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle in this category. A basic driver's license also authorizes the licensee to operate farm trucks provided for in Sections 56-3-670, 56-3-680, and 56-3-690, which are used exclusively by the owner for agricultural, horticultural, and dairying operations or livestock and poultry raising. Notwithstanding another provision of law, the holder of a conditional license, or special restricted license operating a farm truck for the purposes provided in this subsection, may operate the farm truck without an accompanying adult after six o'clock a.m. and no later than nine o'clock p.m., but may not operate a farm truck on a freeway. A person operating a farm truck while holding a conditional driver's license or a special restricted license may not use the farm truck for ordinary domestic purposes or general transportation.

 (2) A classified driver's license shall authorize the licensee to operate a motorcycle, motorcycle three-wheel vehicle, including a motorcycle with a detachable side car, or those vehicles in excess of twenty-six thousand pounds gross vehicle weight rating which are indicated by endorsement on the license. The endorsement may include classifications such as: motorcycle, two-axle truck, three- or more axle truck, combination of vehicles, motor busses, or oversize or overweight vehicles. The department shall determine from the driving demonstration the endorsements to be indicated on the license. No persons, except those exempted under Section 56-1-30 and Section 56-1-50(E), or those holding beginners’ permits under Section 56-1-50, shall operate any classification of motor vehicle without first being examined and duly licensed by the driver examiner as a qualified driver of that classification of motor vehicle.

 (D)(1) A basic driver’s license authorizes the licensee to operate motor vehicles, autocycles, motorcycle three-wheel vehicles, excluding a motorcycle with a detachable side car, or combinations of vehicles which do not exceed twenty-six thousand pounds gross vehicle weight rating; provided, that the driver has successfully demonstrated the ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle in this category. A basic driver’s license also authorizes the licensee to operate farm trucks provided for in Sections 56-3-670, 56-3-211, and 56-3-215, which are used exclusively by the owner for agricultural, horticultural, and dairying operations or livestock and poultry raising. Notwithstanding another provision of law, the holder of a conditional license, or special restricted license operating a farm truck for the purposes provided in this subsection, may operate the farm truck without an accompanying adult after six o’clock a.m. and no later than nine o’clock p.m., but may not operate a farm truck on a freeway. A person operating a farm truck while holding a conditional driver’s license or a special restricted license may not use the farm truck for ordinary domestic purposes or general transportation.

 (2) A classified driver’s license shall authorize the licensee to operate a motorcycle, motorcycle three-wheel vehicle, including a motorcycle with a detachable side car, or those vehicles in excess of twenty-six thousand pounds gross vehicle weight rating which are indicated by endorsement on the license. The endorsement may include classifications such as: motorcycles, two-axle trucks, three- or more axle trucks, combination of vehicles, motor buses, or oversize or overweight vehicles. The department shall determine from the driving demonstration the endorsements to be indicated on the license.

 SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator GROOMS explained the amendment.

 The amendment was adopted.

 The question being the second reading of the Bill.

 The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

**Ayes 39; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Adams Alexander Allen

Bennett Campsen Cash

Climer Corbin Cromer

Davis Devine Fanning

Gambrell Garrett Goldfinch

Grooms Hembree Hutto

*Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Michael* Loftis

Malloy Martin Matthews

McElveen McLeod Peeler

Rankin Reichenbach Rice

Senn Setzler Shealy

Stephens Tedder Turner

Verdin Williams Young

**Total--39**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

 There being no further amendments, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

**AMENDED, READ THE SECOND TIME**

H. 5023 -- Reps. Brewer, Gilliam, Lawson, Sessions, Schuessler, Hager, Hartnett, Gatch, Mitchell, Hewitt, Robbins, J. Moore, Wooten, Guffey, O'Neal, J.L. Johnson, Pedalino and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-219 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE WORK ZONE PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-15, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF DRIVER’S LICENSE EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE DRIVER’S LICENSE APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM COURSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-130, RELATING TO LICENSE EXAMINATIONS AND BASIC AND CLASSIFIED LICENSES, SO AS TO REQUIRE DRIVER’S LICENSE APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM COURSE.

 The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

 Senator GROOMS proposed the following amendment (SR-5023.KM0003S), which was adopted:

 Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 3, Section 56-1-130(C)(2) and inserting:

 (2) A classified driver's license shall authorize the licensee to operate a motorcycle, motorcycle three-wheel vehicle, including a motorcycle with a detachable side car, or those vehicles in excess of twenty-six thousand pounds gross vehicle weight rating which are indicated by endorsement on the license. The endorsement may include classifications such as: motorcycle, two-axle truck, three- or more axle truck, combination of vehicles, motor busses, or oversize or overweight vehicles. The department shall determine from the driving demonstration the endorsements to be indicated on the license. No persons, except those exempted under Section 56-1-30 and Section 56-1-50(E), or those holding beginners’ permits under Section 56-1-50, shall operate any classification of motor vehicle without first being examined and duly licensed by the driver examiner as a qualified driver of that classification of motor vehicle.

 Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 56-1-130(D)(1) and inserting:

 (D)(1) A basic driver’s license authorizes the licensee to operate motor vehicles, autocycles, motorcycle three-wheel vehicles, excluding a motorcycle with a detachable side car, or combinations of vehicles which do not exceed twenty-six thousand pounds gross vehicle weight rating; provided, that the driver has successfully demonstrated the ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle in this category. A basic driver’s license also authorizes the licensee to operate farm trucks provided for in Sections 56-3-670, 56-3-211, and 56-3-215, which are used exclusively by the owner for agricultural, horticultural, and dairying operations or livestock and poultry raising. Notwithstanding another provision of law, the holder of a conditional license, or special restricted license operating a farm truck for the purposes provided in this subsection, may operate the farm truck without an accompanying adult after six o’clock a.m. and no later than nine o’clock p.m., but may not operate a farm truck on a freeway. A person operating a farm truck while holding a conditional driver’s license or a special restricted license may not use the farm truck for ordinary domestic purposes or general transportation.

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator GROOMS explained the amendment.

 The amendment was adopted.

 The question being the second reading of the Bill.

 The “ayes” and “nays” were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

**Ayes 39; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Adams Alexander Allen

Bennett Campsen Cash

Climer Corbin Cromer

Davis Devine Fanning

Gambrell Garrett Goldfinch

Grooms Hembree Hutto

*Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Michael* Loftis

Malloy Martin Matthews

McElveen McLeod Peeler

Rankin Reichenbach Rice

Senn Setzler Shealy

Stephens Tedder Turner

Verdin Williams Young

**Total--39**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

 There being no further amendments, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

**CARRIED OVER**

H. 3865 -- Reps. Hiott, Collins, Rutherford, Carter and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17‑5‑130, RELATING TO CORONER QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE LICENSED PARAMEDICS WITH AT LEAST THREE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS ONE OF THE ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS A CORONER MUST HAVE.

 On motion of Senator CORBIN, the Bill was carried over.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED**

**AMENDED, CARRIED OVER**

H. 5169 -- Reps. Haddon, G.M. Smith, Hiott, Taylor, Hixon, Forrest, Wooten, Crawford, Gibson, Hartnett, Robbins, Sessions, Mitchell, T. Moore, Gilliam, Brewer, Ligon, Bradley, Brittain, Guest, B.L. Cox, Long, Chapman, J.E. Johnson, Burns, O'Neal, Vaughan, McCravy, Davis, Nutt, Trantham, Hyde, McGinnis, Hardee, Bailey, S. Jones, Guffey, West, Schuessler, Gatch, Gagnon, Herbkersman, Lawson, Moss, Murphy, Chumley, Carter, Magnuson, M.M. Smith, Pope, Cromer, Oremus and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 46 BY ENACTING THE “FARMERS PROTECTION ACT” TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION IN FINANCING AGAINST FARMERS.

 The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

 The Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources proposed the following amendment (SR-5169.KM0008S), which was adopted:

 Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 46-1-310(1) and inserting:

 (1) “Agriculture producer” means a person or company authorized to do business in South Carolina and engaged in the production of goods derived from plants or animals including the growing of crops, animal husbandry, or production of livestock or dairy products.

 Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 46-1-310(6) and inserting:

 (6) “ESG commitment” means any purpose for a financial institution’s decision to join any initiative or organization that has a purpose for its signatories’ or members’ customers to be aligned with any environmental, social, or political goals to deny agriculture producers financial services based on these institutions’ policies on greenhouse gas emissions, use of fossil fuel-derived fertilizers, or fossil fuel-powered machinery by these agriculture producers. Evidence of an ESG commitment includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

 (a) advertising, statements, explanations, reports, or statements of principles; and

 (b) participation in, affiliation with, or status as a signatory to, any coalition, initiative, joint statement of principles, or agreement the purpose of which is to use business activity to further environmental, social, or political goals.

 Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 46-1-320(C) and inserting:

 (C) A financial institution may overcome the inference in subsection (B) by demonstrating that its denial or restriction of a financial service was based solely on documented risk analysis and not on any ESG commitment.

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator GARRETT explained the amendment.

 The amendment was adopted.

 Senator HUTTO proposed the following amendment (SJ-5169.MB0010S), which was adopted:

 Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 46-1-330 and inserting:

 Section 46‑1‑330. Section 46‑1‑320 may be enforced by the South Carolina Attorney General. Any violation of Section 46‑1‑320 constitutes an unfair trade practice in violation of Chapter 5, Title 39, and the Attorney General may investigate and seek remedies as provided in that law. Actions for damages may be sought by an aggrieved party pursuant to Section 39-5-140.

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator HUTTO explained the amendment.

 The amendment was adopted.

 Senator HEMBREE proposed the following amendment (SEDU-5169.DB0011S), which was adopted:

 Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 46-1-310(1) and inserting:

 (1) “Agriculture producer” means a person or company authorized to do business in South Carolina and engaged in the production of goods derived from plants or animals including, , the growing of crops, animal husbandry, or the production of livestock or dairy products.

 Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 46-1-310(6) and inserting:

 (6) “ESG factor” means any factor or consideration that is collateral to or not reasonably likely to effect or impact the financial risk and include the promotion, furtherance, or achievement of environmental, social, or political goals, objectives, or outcomes which may include the agriculture producer’s greenhouse gas emissions, use of fossil‑fuel derived fertilizer, or use of fossil‑fuel powered machinery.

 Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 46-1-320(A) and inserting:

 (A) A financial institution may not discriminate in the provision of financial services to an agriculture producer based, in whole or in part, upon an ESG factor.

 Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 46-1-320(C) and inserting:

 (C) A financial institution may overcome the inference in subsection (B) by demonstrating that its denial or restriction of a financial service was based solely on documented risk analysis, and not on any ESG factor.

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator HEMBREE explained the amendment.

 The amendment was adopted.

 Senator CAMPSEN proposed the following amendment (SR-5169.JG0012S), which was adopted:

 Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 46-1-310(1) and inserting:

 (1) “Agriculture producer” means a person or company authorized to do business in South Carolina and engaged in the production of goods derived from plants or animals including, but not limited to, the growing of crops, silviculture, animal husbandry, or the production of livestock or dairy products.

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator CAMPSEN explained the amendment.

 The amendment was adopted.

 The question being the second reading of the Bill.

 Senator BENNETT spoke on the Bill.

 On motion of Senator MALLOY, the Bill was carried over.

**OBJECTION**

S. 161 -- Senators Young, Grooms and Climer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59‑63‑100, RELATING TO NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE LIMITED SITUATIONS IN WHICH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ATTEND PRIVATE SCHOOLS MAY PARTICIPATE IN HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE SPORTS OFFERED AT PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS; AND BY FURTHER AMENDING SECTION 59‑63‑100, RELATING TO PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BY HOME SCHOOL, CHARTER SCHOOL, AND GOVERNOR’S SCHOOL STUDENTS, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

 Senator McLEOD objected to consideration of the Bill.

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

H. 4349 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-53-1500, RELATING TO THE GREENVILLE TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION, SO AS TO REMOVE OBSOLETE REFERENCES, TO REVISE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN COMMISSION SEATS, AND TO REVISE THE ABSENCE POLICY FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

 The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

 The question being the second reading of the Bill.

 The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

**Ayes 39; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Adams Alexander Allen

Bennett Campsen Cash

Climer Corbin Cromer

Davis Devine Fanning

Gambrell Garrett Goldfinch

Grooms Hembree Hutto

*Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Michael* Loftis

Malloy Martin Matthews

McElveen McLeod Peeler

Rankin Reichenbach Rice

Senn Setzler Shealy

Stephens Tedder Turner

Verdin Williams Young

**Total--39**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

 The Bill was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

**OBJECTION**

H. 4386 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-13-647 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE TAKING, HARMING, OR KILLING OF ROBUST REDHORSE.

 Senator CAMPSEN objected to consideration of the Bill.

**CARRIED OVER**

H. 4387 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-13-230, RELATING TO STRIPED BASS LIMITS, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO HYBRID BASS.

 The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

 Senator CAMPSEN explained the Bill.

 The question being the second reading of the Bill.

 On motion of Senator MATTHEWS, the Bill was carried over.

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

H. 4612 -- Reps. Hixon, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Hartnett, Hardee, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch, Murphy, Connell, Mitchell, Hager, Caskey, Forrest, Wooten, Elliott, B.J. Cox and Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 55-3-110, RELATING TO HUNTING FROM AN AIRCRAFT, SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS POSSESSING A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MAY LAWFULLY HUNT FROM AN AIRCRAFT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-1190 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MAY ISSUE PERMITS FOR THE TAKING OF FERAL HOGS WHILE AIRBORNE IN A HELICOPTER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION.

 The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

 Senator CAMPSEN explained the Bill.

 The question being the second reading of the Bill.

 The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

**Ayes 39; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Adams Alexander Allen

Bennett Campsen Cash

Climer Corbin Cromer

Davis Devine Fanning

Gambrell Garrett Goldfinch

Grooms Hembree Hutto

*Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Michael* Loftis

Malloy Martin Matthews

McElveen McLeod Peeler

Rankin Reichenbach Rice

Senn Setzler Shealy

Stephens Tedder Turner

Verdin Williams Young

**Total--39**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

 The Bill was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

H. 4875 -- Reps. Ott, Brewer, Atkinson and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50‑11‑1910, RELATING TO THE SALE OF DEER OR DEER PARTS, SO AS TO ALLOW A PROCESSOR TO PROCESS A LEGALLY TAKEN DOE DONATED BY A HUNTER AND RECOVER THE COSTS OF PROCESSING FROM SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE HUNTER WHO DONATED THE DOE, AND TO INCREASE PENALTIES.

 The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

 Senator CAMPSEN explained the Bill.

 The question being the second reading of the Bill.

 The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

**Ayes 39; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Adams Alexander Allen

Bennett Campsen Cash

Climer Corbin Cromer

Davis Devine Fanning

Gambrell Garrett Goldfinch

Grooms Hembree Hutto

*Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Michael* Loftis

Malloy Martin Matthews

McElveen McLeod Peeler

Rankin Reichenbach Rice

Senn Setzler Shealy

Stephens Tedder Turner

Verdin Williams Young

**Total--39**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

 The Bill was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

H. 5007 -- Reps. Caskey and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50‑13‑230, RELATING TO STRIPED BASS LIMITS, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERMITTED HOOK SIZE IN THE LOWER SALUDA RIVER.

 The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

 Senator CAMPSEN explained the Bill.

 The question being the second reading of the Bill.

 The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

**Ayes 39; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Adams Alexander Allen

Bennett Campsen Cash

Climer Corbin Cromer

Davis Devine Fanning

Gambrell Garrett Goldfinch

Grooms Hembree Hutto

*Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Michael* Loftis

Malloy Martin Matthews

McElveen McLeod Peeler

Rankin Reichenbach Rice

Senn Setzler Shealy

Stephens Tedder Turner

Verdin Williams Young

**Total--39**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

 The Bill was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

S. 1266 -- Judiciary Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, RELATING TO PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5266, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

 The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Resolution.

 Senator M. JOHNSON explained the Resolution.

 The question being the second reading of the Resolution.

 The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

**Ayes 39; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Adams Alexander Allen

Bennett Campsen Cash

Climer Corbin Cromer

Davis Devine Fanning

Gambrell Garrett Goldfinch

Grooms Hembree Hutto

*Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Michael* Loftis

Malloy Martin Matthews

McElveen McLeod Peeler

Rankin Reichenbach Rice

Senn Setzler Shealy

Stephens Tedder Turner

Verdin Williams Young

**Total--39**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

 The Resolution was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

**S. 1266--Ordered to a Third Reading**

 On motion of Senator M. JOHNSON, S. 1266 was ordered to receive a third reading on Friday, April 19, 2024.

**POINT OF ORDER**

H. 4601 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56‑5‑4100, RELATING TO PREVENTING ESCAPE OF MATERIALS LOADED ON VEHICLES AND CLEANING THE HIGHWAYS OF ESCAPED SUBSTANCES OR CARGO, SO AS TO INCORPORATE THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 56‑5‑4110 TO CLARIFY THE EXCEPTIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF CERTAIN FARM PRODUCTS AND MATERIALS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 56‑5‑4110 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS THAT LOADS AND COVERS MUST BE FIRMLY ATTACHED.

**Point of Order**

 Senator MARTIN raised a Point of Order under Rule 39 that the Bill had not been on the desks of the members at least one day prior to second reading.

 The PRESIDENT sustained the Point of Order.

**POINT OF ORDER**

H. 4673 -- Reps. Erickson, Gilliam, Williams and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-50, RELATING TO BEGINNERS’ PERMITS, HOURS AND CONDITIONS OF VEHICLE OPERATION, RENEWAL AND FEES, DRIVERS’ TRAINING COURSES, AND ELIGIBILITY FOR FULL LICENSURE, SO AS TO EXEMPT ADDITIONAL PERSONS FROM OBTAINING BEGINNERS’ PERMITS BEFORE OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES, AND TO PROVIDE PERSONS AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD MAY TAKE THE DRIVING TEST AFTER MAINTAINING A BEGINNERS’ PERMIT FOR AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS.

**Point of Order**

 Senator MARTIN raised a Point of Order under Rule 39 that the Bill had not been on the desks of the members at least one day prior to second reading.

 The PRESIDENT sustained the Point of Order.

**POINT OF ORDER**

H. 4819 -- Reps. Felder, Bernstein and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1960, RELATING IN PART TO PARKING PLACARDS FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS, SO AS TO ALLOW APPLICANTS FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING PLACARDS TO PROVIDE A PHOTOGRAPH FOR THE PLACARD SUBJECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE'S APPROVAL.

**Point of Order**

 Senator MARTIN raised a Point of Order under Rule 39 that the Bill had not been on the desks of the members at least one day prior to second reading.

 The PRESIDENT sustained the Point of Order.

**THE CALL OF THE UNCONTESTED CALENDAR HAVING BEEN COMPLETED, THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO THE MOTION PERIOD.**

**MOTION ADOPTED**

 At 1:37 P.M., on motion of Senator HEMBREE, the Senate agreed to dispense with the balance of the Motion Period.

**Motion Adopted**

 On motion of Senator HEMBREE, the Senate agreed to stand adjourned.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

 On motion of Senator SHEALY, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. Austin Hayes Wood of Lexington, S.C. Austin was a graduate of White Knoll High School and Lander University. He worked in construction and was employed at Fowler Hauling and Grading. Austin enjoyed making things with his daughter, playing on the lake and spending time outdoors. Austin was a loving husband, son and devoted father to his daughter Calla. He will be dearly missed.

and

**MOTION ADOPTED**

 On motion of Senator ALEXANDER, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. Jerry William Blakely of Seneca, S.C. Jerry was a retired electronic technician for AT&T with thirty-seven years of service. He was an active member of Reedy Fork Baptist Church where he served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher for over forty years. Jerry enjoyed spending time with his family and serving the Lord. Jerry was a loving husband, devoted father and doting grandfather who will be dearly missed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

 At 1:41 P.M., on motion of Senator HEMBREE, the Senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at 11:00 A.M. under the provisions of Rule 1 for the purpose of taking up local matters and uncontested matters which have previously received unanimous consent to be taken up.

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