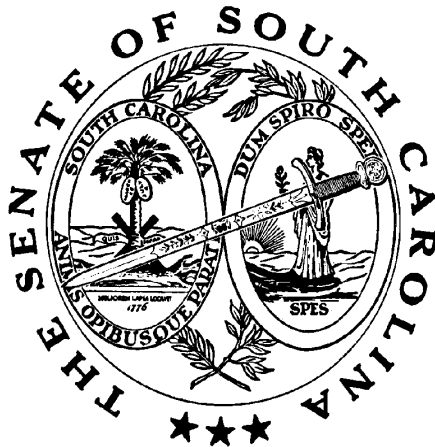


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THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2009

Thursday, March 12, 2009
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The Senate assembled at 12:00 Noon, 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:

An ancient priestly blessing proclaims:

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.” (Numbers 6:24-26)

Let us pray:

You indeed bless all of us so very richly, dear God. We give You thanks and praise for Your faithfulness and for Your care. Enable each of these leaders to feel themselves led by Your Spirit in ways that benefit our State, O Lord. May each Senator and every staff member be strengthened by You in marvelous ways. And may Your blessings continue to shower upon this State and her people in ways that honor You all the more, dear Lord. Amen

CORRECTION TO THE JOURNAL

The Journal of Wednesday, March 11, 2009, incorrectly reflected that S. 424 was reported from the Committee on Judiciary favorable with amendment. The corrected entry should read as follows:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senator L. MARTIN from the Committee on Judiciary submitted a majority favorable with amendment and Senator HUTTO a minority unfavorable report on:

S. 424 -- Senators Bright, S. Martin, Alexander, Campbell, Fair, Knotts, Cromer, Mulvaney, Verdin, L. Martin, Shoopman, Rose, McConnell, Thomas, Cleary, Courson, Coleman, Davis, Reese, Campsen, Grooms, Ryberg, Peeler, O’Dell, Bryant and Massey: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM SOUTH CAROLINA’S SOVEREIGNTY UNDER THE TENTH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION OVER ALL POWERS NOT ENUMERATED AND GRANTED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BY THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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Point of Quorum

At 11:09 A.M., Senator PEELER made the point that a quorum was not present. It was ascertained that a quorum was not present.

Call of the Senate

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

Alexander	Anderson	Bright
Bryant	Campbell	Campsen
Cleary	Coleman	Courson
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Fair	Ford	Grooms
Hayes	Hutto	Jackson
Knotts	Land	Leatherman
Leventis	Lourie	Malloy
<i>Martin, L.</i>	<i>Martin, S.</i>	Massey
Matthews	McConnell	McGill
Nicholson	O'Dell	Peeler
Pinckney	Rankin	Reese
Rose	Ryberg	Scott
Setzler	Shoopman	Thomas
Verdin	Williams	

A quorum being present, the Senate resumed.

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

Leave of Absence

At 11:45 A.M., Senator NICHOLSON requested a leave of absence for Tuesday, March 17.

Expression of Personal Interest

Senator KNOTTS rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

Expression of Personal Interest

Senator SETZLER rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

Expression of Personal Interest

Senator RANKIN rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

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CO-SPONSORS ADDED

The following co-sponsors were added to the respective Bills:

S. 495 Sen. Hutto
S. 435 Sen. Cleary

RECALLED

H. 3657 -- Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, RELATING TO PRENEED LIFE INSURANCE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR DETERMINING RESERVE LIABILITIES AND NONFORFEITURE VALUES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4035, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

Senator THOMAS asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Joint Resolution from the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

There was no objection.

The Joint Resolution was recalled from the Committee on Banking and Insurance and ordered placed on the Calendar.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following were introduced:

S. 574 -- Senator Courson: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE REVEREND DR. THOMAS STUART GLENN OF COLUMBIA UPON BEING NAMED PASTOR EMERITUS OF MCGREGOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR A LIFETIME OF DEDICATED AND FAITHFUL SERVICE AS A PASTOR AND MINISTER OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 575 -- Senators Sheheen and Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 62-5-433, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS OF MINORS OR INCAPACITATED PERSONS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE JURISDICTIONAL AMOUNT FOR CONCURRENT

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JURISDICTION OF THE PROBATE COURT AND CIRCUIT COURT FROM TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 576 -- Senators McConnell, Malloy, Scott and Knotts: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 4 TO TITLE 2, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE CAPITOL POLICE FORCE, WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF THE CAPITOL POLICE FORCE, THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OF THE SENATE, THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OF THE HOUSE, AND THE MARSHAL OF THE SUPREME COURT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE FUNCTIONS, POWERS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES EXERCISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE BUREAU OF PUBLIC SERVICES AT THE STATE HOUSE AND CAPITOL GROUNDS AND THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING INCLUDING ITS GROUNDS AND PARKING LOT, INCLUDING ALL CLASSIFIED AND UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES WHOSE DUTIES INVOLVE THE PROVISION OF SECURITY SERVICES AT THE STATE HOUSE AND CAPITOL GROUNDS AND THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING INCLUDING ITS GROUNDS AND PARKING LOT, BUT EXCLUDING THOSE AREAS OF THE STATE HOUSE THAT ARE RESERVED FOR THE EXECUTIVE CHAMBER AND THE GOVERNOR'S STAFF, BE DEVOLVED AND TRANSFERRED TO THE CAPITOL POLICE FORCE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OF THE SENATE AND THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OF THE HOUSE SHALL HAVE EXCLUSIVE CARE AND CHARGE OVER THOSE AREAS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 2-3-100, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE MARSHAL OF THE SUPREME COURT SHALL HAVE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OVER THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING INCLUDING ITS GROUNDS AND PARKING LOT AND THE CALHOUN BUILDING; TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF THE CAPITOL POLICE FORCE COMMITTEE, CONSISTING OF THREE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE, THREE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER, AND THREE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE

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OF THE SUPREME COURT OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES SHALL SERVE AS A NON-VOTING EX OFFICIO MEMBER, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE CAPITOL POLICE FORCE COMMITTEE; TO PERMIT THE CHIEF OF THE CAPITOL POLICE FORCE TO EMPLOY SUCH DEPUTY OFFICERS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES AS NECESSARY; TO PROVIDE THAT THE CHIEF OF THE CAPITOL POLICE FORCE, THE SERGEANTS AT ARMS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE, THE MARSHAL OF THE SUPREME COURT, AND ALL THEIR DEPUTIES SHALL HAVE THE SAME POLICE POWERS AS SHERIFFS AND DEPUTY SHERIFFS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE CHIEF OF THE CAPITOL POLICE FORCE MAY ENTER INTO RECIPROCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENTS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE CHIEF OF THE CAPITOL POLICE FORCE, THE SERGEANTS AT ARMS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE, THE MARSHAL OF THE SUPREME COURT, AND THEIR DEPUTIES MUST DEMONSTRATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE DUTIES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OR UNDERGO TRAINING REQUIRED OF OFFICERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE POLICE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE CAPITOL POLICE FORCE OFFICERS; TO AMEND SECTION 10-1-30 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO PROVIDE THAT THE CAPITOL POLICE FORCE SHALL PROVIDE SECURITY SERVICES FOR ALL USES OF THE STATE HOUSE LOBBIES, STATE HOUSE STEPS AND GROUNDS, AND ALL PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ON THE CAPITOL GROUNDS; TO AMEND CHAPTER 11 OF TITLE 10 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO PROVIDE THAT THE PARKING LOTS ON THE CAPITOL GROUNDS AND AT THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING SHALL BE POLICED BY THE CAPITOL POLICE FORCE; TO DELETE SECTION 10-11-90, RELATING TO NIGHT WATCHMEN AND POLICEMEN EMPLOYED BY THE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD, TO AMEND SECTIONS 10-11-90 AND 10-11-100, RELATING TO NIGHT WATCHMEN; TO AMEND SECTION 10-11-110, RELATING TO TRAFFIC AND PARKING, TO PROVIDE THAT THE CAPITOL POLICE FORCE HAS THE RIGHT TO ISSUE PARKING TICKETS; TO AMEND SECTION 10-11-130, REMOVING REFERENCES TO THE CITY OF COLUMBIA

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RECORDER AND VESTING JURISDICTION IN CRIMINAL MATTERS IN MAGISTRATE'S COURT; TO DELETE SECTION 10-11-150, RELATING TO THE STATE HOUSE RENOVATION PROJECT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 10-11-310, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF CAPITOL GROUNDS; TO INCLUDE THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING INCLUDING ITS GROUNDS AND PARKING LOT; AND TO ADD SECTION 14-3-135 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY CREATING THE MARSHAL OF THE SUPREME COURT AND TO DEFINE HIS DUTIES.

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Senator McCONNELL spoke on the Bill.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 577 -- Senators Leatherman, Land, Setzler, Malloy, McGill, O'Dell, Reese, Nicholson, Williams, Elliott and Knotts: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT PURSUANT TO HR-1 OF 2009, THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACCEPTS THE USE OF FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS PROVIDED TO THIS STATE IN THIS ACT IF THE GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA, WITHIN THE REQUIRED FORTY-FIVE DAY PERIOD, FAILS TO CERTIFY THAT HE WILL REQUEST AND USE THESE FUNDS FOR THIS STATE AND THE AGENCIES AND ENTITIES THEREOF IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN THE FEDERAL ACT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER OF DISTRIBUTION OF THESE FUNDS.

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Senator LEATHERMAN spoke on the Resolution.

Objection

Senator LEATHERMAN asked unanimous consent to make a motion that the Concurrent Resolution be placed on the Calendar without reference.

Senators RYBERG, BRYANT and BRIGHT objected.

Senator ROSE spoke on the Resolution.

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

PRESIDENT *Pro Tempore* PRESIDES

At 1:03 P.M., Senator McCONNELL assumed the Chair.

S. 578 -- Senators Campsen, Davis, Bright, Bryant, Grooms and Ryberg: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA SUPPORTS AND JOINS GOVERNOR SANFORD'S REQUEST FOR SOUTH CAROLINA'S SHARE OF FUNDS FROM THE STATE FISCAL STABILIZATION FUND IN THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT BE DESIGNATED TO ELIMINATE THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S DEBT.

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Senator CAMPSEN spoke on the Resolution.

Senator LEVENTIS spoke on the Resolution.

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

S. 579 -- Senators Bright and Bryant: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REFUSE ALL FUNDS AUTHORIZED FOR OUR STATE BY THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT.

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

S. 580 -- Senator McConnell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-150-60, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE POWERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA LOTTERY COMMISSION, SO AS TO ALLOW THE COMMISSION TO ENTER INTO MULTI-STATE AGREEMENTS UPON APPROVAL BY ITS BOARD.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

S. 581 -- Senator Rose: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-220 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO AD VALOREM TAXATION,

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TO PROVIDE THAT THE HOUSE OWNED BY A QUALIFIED SURVIVING SPOUSE ACQUIRED PRIOR TO OR SUBSEQUENT TO THE DECEASED SPOUSE'S DEATH IS EXEMPT FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S. 582 -- Senator Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "PHYSICIAN TRANSPARENCY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3, TO CHAPTER 47, TITLE 40 SO AS TO REQUIRE PHYSICIANS SEEKING LICENSURE TO SUBMIT INFORMATION PERTAINING TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, PRIOR LICENSES HELD, DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN AGAINST THE PHYSICIAN, ANY AGREEMENT TO TEMPORARILY CEASE OR RESTRICT THE PHYSICIAN'S PRACTICE OF MEDICINE, ACTIONS AFFECTING CLINICAL PRIVILEGES, CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS, AND FINAL JUDGMENTS OR SETTLEMENTS RESULTING FROM A MALPRACTICE ACTION; TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS TO MAKE THIS INFORMATION AND TYPES OF COMPLAINTS FILED AGAINST A PHYSICIAN AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE BOARD'S WEBSITE; TO PROVIDE THAT FAILURE TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION OR PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION IS CONSIDERED MISCONDUCT AND THE BOARD MAY NOT ISSUE, RENEW, OR REINSTATE THE LICENSE OF THE PHYSICIAN; TO PROVIDE THAT ALL HEARINGS BEFORE THE BOARD REGARDING COMPLAINTS AGAINST PHYSICIANS MUST BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, THAT HEARING SCHEDULES MUST BE POSTED ON THE BOARD'S WEBSITE, THAT A COMPLAINANT HAS THE RIGHT TO MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT IN A HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD, AND THAT THE BOARD SHALL INFORM A COMPLAINANT OF THESE RIGHTS.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

S. 583 -- Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,

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RELATING TO USE AND DISSEMINATION OF TEST RESULTS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4049, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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Read the first time and ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

H. 3685 -- Rep. Vick: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL DAYS MISSED ON JANUARY 20, 2009, AND FEBRUARY 4, 2009, BY THE STUDENTS OF CHESTERFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT WHEN THE SCHOOLS WERE CLOSED DUE TO SNOW AND INCLEMENT WEATHER ARE EXEMPT FROM THE MAKE-UP REQUIREMENT THAT FULL SCHOOL DAYS MISSED DUE TO SNOW, EXTREME WEATHER, OR OTHER DISRUPTIONS BE MADE UP.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

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Senator VERDIN from the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources submitted a favorable report on:

S. 104 -- Senators Verdin and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 46 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO AGRICULTURE, BY ADDING CHAPTER 53, TO LIMIT THE LIABILITY THAT AN AGRITOURISM PROFESSIONAL MAY INCUR DUE TO AN INJURY OR DEATH SUFFERED BY A PARTICIPANT IN AN AGRITOURISM ACTIVITY, TO PROVIDE THAT AN AGRITOURISM PROFESSIONAL MUST POST A WARNING NOTICE AT THE AGRITOURISM FACILITY, TO PROVIDE THAT WARNING NOTICES MUST BE INCLUDED IN CONTRACTS THE AGRITOURISM PROFESSIONAL ENTERS INTO WITH PARTICIPANTS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE AGRITOURISM PROFESSIONAL'S LIABILITY IS NOT LIMITED IF THE PROPER WARNING NOTICES ARE NOT PROVIDED TO PARTICIPANTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator VERDIN from the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

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S. 223 -- Senator Lourie: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 47-1-145, TO ENACT THE "PROVISIONS FOR COST OF ANIMAL CARE ACT OF 2009", TO PROVIDE THAT THE CUSTODIAN OF AN ANIMAL TAKEN INTO CUSTODY DUE TO CIVIL OR CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS BY ITS OWNER MAY PETITION THE COURT FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO PROVIDING CARE TO THE ANIMAL, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR HEARING SUCH PETITIONS AND FOR THE COLLECTION AND USE OF FUNDS ORDERED TO BE PAID, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO FAILS TO PAY SUCH FUNDS FORFEITS RIGHTS OF OWNERSHIP TO THE ANIMAL, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSITION OF SUCH AN ANIMAL, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE RETURN OF FUNDS WHEN A PERSON IS NOT FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION; TO AMEND SECTION 47-1-130, RELATING TO CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, TO PROVIDE THAT AGENTS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, OR ANY OTHER SOCIETY DULY INCORPORATED FOR THAT PURPOSE, MAY ASSIST WITH A LAWFUL INVESTIGATION OF THIS CHAPTER, BUT MAY ONLY EFFECTUATE AN ARREST OF A PERSON IF THEY HAVE BEEN VESTED WITH THE POWER TO ARREST BY A SHERIFF OR THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY; AND TO AMEND SECTION 47-1-140, RELATING TO NOTICE PROVIDED TO THE OWNER OF ANIMALS WHICH HAVE BEEN SEIZED FROM OTHERS UPON ARREST, TO REMOVE SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR AGENTS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, OR ANY OTHER SOCIETY DULY INCORPORATED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator COURSON from the Committee on Education submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

S. 266 -- Senator Leventis: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-490 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A MODEL DATING VIOLENCE POLICY TO ASSIST SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN DEVELOPING SUCH POLICIES, TO REQUIRE THE POLICY TO BE PUBLISHED

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IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SCHOOL HANDBOOKS, TO REQUIRE EACH DISTRICT TO PROVIDE DATING VIOLENCE TRAINING ANNUALLY TO ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS, NURSES, GUIDANCE COUNSELORS, AND SOCIAL WORKERS, AND TO REQUIRE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO INFORM THE PARENTS OF STUDENTS OF THIS POLICY; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-32-100 SO AS TO REQUIRE EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUALLY TO INCLUDE DATING VIOLENCE EDUCATION IN ITS COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUM, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW AND APPROVE GRADE LEVEL TOPICS RELATING TO DATING VIOLENCE AND HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS; AND TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL, UPON REQUEST, TO PERMIT THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A STUDENT TO EXAMINE THE DATING VIOLENCE EDUCATION PROGRAM INSTRUCTION MATERIALS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator KNOTTS from the Committee on Invitations polled out S. 558 favorable:

S. 558 -- Senator Courson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION TO THE INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN SOUTH CAROLINA DURING "INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY WEEK" OF APRIL 20-24, 2009, AND ON "INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY DAY" ON APRIL 22, 2009, FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS IN EDUCATING OUR STATE'S AND NATION'S YOUTH.

**Poll of the Invitations Committee
Polled 11; Ayes 0; Nays 0; Not Voting 0**

AYES

Knotts	Alexander	O'Dell\
McGill	Reese	Elliott
Ford	Verdin	Campsen
Cromer	Malloy	

Total--0

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NAYS

Total--0

NOT VOTING

Total--0

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator KNOTTS from the Committee on Invitations polled out S. 559 favorable:

S. 559 -- Senator Courson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PALMETTO GIRLS STATE TO USE THE CHAMBERS OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2009, AND FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2009.

Poll of the Invitations Committee

Polled 11; Ayes 11; Nays 0; Not Voting 0

AYES

Knotts	Alexander	Patterson
McGill	Reese	O'Dell
Elliott	Ford	Grooms
Verdin	Campsen	

Total--11

NAYS

Total--0

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator VERDIN from the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources submitted a favorable report on:

S. 328 -- Senators Verdin, Grooms, Cromer, Campbell, Bright, Bryant and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-60 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO INOCULATING PETS AGAINST

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RABIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THESE INOCULATIONS MUST BE ADMINISTERED BY A LICENSED VETERINARIAN OR SOMEONE UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED VETERINARIAN.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator VERDIN from the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

S. 453 -- Senator Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 4, TITLE 47 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ANIMALS, LIVESTOCK, AND POULTRY, BY ADDING SECTION 47-4-160 TO PROVIDE THAT POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS MAY NOT ENACT ORDINANCES, ORDER, OR OTHER REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE CARE AND HANDLING OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO OCCUPY THE FIELD CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF CARE AND HANDLING OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT LOCAL LAWS, ORDINANCES, ORDERS, OR OTHER REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE CARE AND HANDLING OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY ARE PREEMPTED AND SUPERSEDED.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Motion Adopted

Senator L. MARTIN moved that when the Senate stands adjourned on Thursday, March 12, 2009, the Senate would stand adjourned to meet on Friday, March 13, 2009, under the provisions of Rule 1 for the purpose of taking of local matters and uncontested matters which have previously received unanimous consent to be taken up.

There was no objection and the motion was adopted.

Motion Adopted

Senator L. MARTIN moved that, when the Senate stands adjourned on Friday, March 13, 2009, the Senate will stand adjourned to meet on Tuesday, March 17, 2009, in Statewide Session; and when the Senate stands adjourned on Tuesday, March 17, 2009, the Senate will stand adjourned to meet on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, and Thursday, March 19, 2009, subject to the times and limitations set forth in Rule 1B;

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And, further, when the Senate stands adjourned on Thursday, March 19, 2009, it will stand adjourned to meet on Friday, March 20, 2009, 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;

and, further, when the Senate stands adjourned on Friday, March 20, 2009, the Senate will stand adjourned to meet in Statewide Session on Tuesday, March 24, 2009, at 12:00 Noon.

There was no objection and the motion was adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:33 P.M., on motion of Senator L. MARTIN, 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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