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The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk, Jr., as follows:

 Our thought for today is from Psalm 104:1-2: “Bless the Lord, O my soul, O Lord my God, you are very great.”

 Let us pray. O Lord, our God, You have watched over us and clothed us with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. Help each of these Representatives and staff to remember how patient You are with us as we wait for something good to happen. When life seems an impossible dream, You faithfully offer us new hope. Guide the hearts and minds of this General Assembly to act for the good of the people. Give them the courage to accomplish what needs to be done. Bless our leaders of State and Nation, that by Your grace they may provide what is good and proper for our Country. Protect our defenders of freedom. Heal the wounds, those seen and those hidden, of our brave warriors who suffer and sacrifice for our freedom. Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE*.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* ordered it confirmed.

**ACTING SPEAKER JORDAN IN CHAIR**

**MOTION ADOPTED**

Rep. THAYER moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Ruby M. Johnston of Honea Path, which was agreed to.

**REGULATION RECEIVED**

The following was received and referred to the appropriate committee for consideration:

Document No. 4562

Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Board of Long Term Health Care Administrators

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-50, 40-1-70, 40-35-60, and 40-35-70

Board of Long Term Health Care Administrators

Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives

April 22, 2015

Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee

Legislative Review Expiration March 28, 2016

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., April 21, 2015

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

 The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has confirmed the Governor’s appointment of:

Master-in-Equity Reappointment

Calhoun County

Term Commencing: August 14, 2015

Term Expiring: August 14, 2021

The Honorable Martin R. Banks

312 Tamwood Circle

Cayce, South Carolina 29033

Very respectfully,

President of the Senate

Received as information.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Rep. ALLISON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3534 -- Rep. Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-77-15, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION" AS IT PERTAINS TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHER EDUCATION EXCELLENCE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM, SO AS TO INCLUDE AN INSTITUTION THAT OFFERS AT LEAST ONE NONSECTARIAN PROGRAM AT THE BACCALAUREATE LEVEL, AND TO INCLUDE AN INSTITUTION ACCREDITED BY AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND ALSO RECEIVES TITLE III FUNDING.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ALLISON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3353 -- Reps. Bradley, Herbkersman, Daning, Erickson, Long, Bowers, Newton, Wells, Corley, Hodges, R. L. Brown, George and Johnson: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH BEGINNING WITH THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR A TWO-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM IN FIVE SPECIFIC COUNTIES TO FACILITATE THE USE OF GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CAMPS TO HELP PEOPLE OBTAIN THEIR GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATES, TO PROVIDE PROGRAM ELEMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH AND OVERSEE THE PROGRAM.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIOTT, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3343 -- Reps. Huggins, Toole, Long, McCoy, Knight, R. L. Brown, Pope, Collins, Bingham, Stavrinakis, Yow and Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 47-3-420, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO METHODS OF EUTHANASIA THAT MAY BE USED TO KILL ANIMALS IMPOUNDED OR QUARANTINED IN ANIMAL SHELTERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE USE OF BARBITURIC ACID DERIVATIVES, AND CARBON MONOXIDE GAS ARE NOT ALLOWABLE METHODS OF EUTHANASIA AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE USE OF SODIUM PENTOBARBITAL AND OTHER SUBSTANCES OR PROCEDURES THAT ARE HUMANE MAY BE USED TO PERFORM EUTHANASIA.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIOTT, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3917 -- Reps. Atwater, Long, Horne and Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 47-1-10, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN REGARD TO CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "COMPANION ANIMAL"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 47-1-45 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE TATTOOING OR PIERCING OF A COMPANION ANIMAL EXCEPT FOR SPECIFIED REASONS AND TO PROVIDE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION WHICH IS A MISDEMEANOR.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIOTT, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3880 -- Reps. Ott, Hixon, Pitts, Riley and Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-11-20, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CERTAIN TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS THAT RELATE TO THE MIGRATORY WATERFOWL COMMITTEE, THE CREATION OF THE COMMITTEE, ITS MEMBERSHIP, AND RESPONSIBILITIES, SO AS TO INCREASE ITS MEMBERSHIP BY ONE WHO SHALL BE A DESIGNEE OF DELTA WATERFOWL OF SOUTH CAROLINA WHO IS NOT A PAID EMPLOYEE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIOTT, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3910 -- Reps. Duckworth, Hardee, Hixon, Hiott, Loftis, Collins, Johnson, H. A. Crawford, Hardwick, Goldfinch, Burns, Clemmons, Gagnon, Lowe and Ryhal: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 48-39-170, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO TIDELANDS AND WETLANDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A THREE-YEAR STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ON ENFORCEMENT VIOLATIONS RELATING TO MINOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS WHEN THE ALLEGED VIOLATOR KNOWINGLY OR INTENTIONALLY WITHHELD INFORMATION RELATING TO THE ALLEGED VIOLATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DELLENEY, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3084 -- Reps. Jefferson, Southard, McKnight, Weeks and Whipper: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-380, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE OATH OF THE ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICANT, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICANT'S OATH BE WITNESSED.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DELLENEY, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3154 -- Reps. J. E. Smith, G. M. Smith, Cobb-Hunter, M. S. McLeod, Toole, Weeks and Whipper: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 15, TITLE 7 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA UNIFORM MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS ACT", TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND PROVIDE REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE VOTING ALTERNATIVES FOR CERTAIN MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DELLENEY, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3997 -- Reps. Gilliard, Anderson, King, Lucas, Mack, Robinson-Simpson, Clyburn, Stavrinakis, Govan, M. S. McLeod, Alexander, Merrill, Williams, Parks, Jefferson, Erickson, Kirby, Norrell, Ott, Horne, George, Bannister, Bernstein, R. L. Brown, Clary, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gambrell, Hayes, Hodges, Long, V. S. Moss, Ridgeway, Weeks, Wells, Willis, Henegan and Whipper: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-90, SO AS TO DIRECT THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION (SLED) TO DEVELOP CRITERIA AND DETERMINE AN APPROPRIATE METHOD TO IMPLEMENT THE STATEWIDE USE OF BODY-WORN CAMERAS BY LOCAL AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, TO DIRECT SLED TO DESIGN AND OPERATE A PILOT PROJECT INCLUDING CERTAIN COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES IN THE STATE, AND TO AUTHORIZE SLED TO DEVELOP AND PROPOSE REGULATIONS WHICH WOULD SET THE CRITERIA AND PROVIDE A METHOD FOR IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE STATEWIDE USE OF BODY-WORN CAMERAS BY LOCAL AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AFTER THE PILOT PROJECT IS COMPLETED.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DELLENEY, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3682 -- Reps. Finlay, Bannister, Newton, Cole, Delleney, Weeks and Whipper: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 4 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO ENACT THE "BAD FAITH ASSERTION OF PATENT INFRINGEMENT ACT", TO PROVIDE THAT BAD FAITH ASSERTIONS OF PATENT INFRINGEMENTS ARE PROHIBITED, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROVIDE FOR A PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION IN STATE COURTS BY A RECIPIENT OF A BAD FAITH ASSERTION TO PATENT INFRINGEMENT, TO PROVIDE THAT ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS MAY BE BROUGHT BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND WILFUL AND KNOWING VIOLATIONS MAY RESULT IN CIVIL PENALTIES OF NOT MORE THAN FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH VIOLATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE FACTORS THAT A COURT MAY CONSIDER WHEN MAKING A BAD FAITH DETERMINATION, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DELLENEY, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 11 -- Senators L. Martin, Malloy, Peeler, Courson, Campsen, Johnson, Hembree, Setzler, Coleman, Alexander, Scott and Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 30-4-80, SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, RELATING TO THE NOTICE OF MEETINGS FOR PUBLIC BODIES, TO REQUIRE THAT A PUBLIC BODY MUST PROVIDE AN AGENDA FOR ALL REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND THAT ITEMS SHALL NOT BE ADDED TO THAT AGENDA LATER THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS BEFORE THE MEETING, EXCEPT BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE BODY.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DELLENEY, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3784 -- Reps. Erickson, Herbkersman, Hodges, Bowers, Kirby, Lowe, Weeks and Whipper: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 9-8-10, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES AND SOLICITORS, SO AS TO INCLUDE MASTERS-IN-EQUITY IN THE DEFINITION OF "JUDGE"; AND TO AMEND SECTION 9-8-40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE SYSTEM, SO AS TO ALLOW MASTERS-IN-EQUITY SERVING ON JULY 1, 2015, TO ELECT TO BECOME A MEMBER.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DELLENEY, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3083 -- Reps. Huggins, Kennedy, Clary, Corley, Weeks and Whipper: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 130 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PROFESSIONALS AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS PROTECTION FROM CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY AND PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE FOR PRESCRIBING, DISPENSING, OR ADMINISTERING AN OPIOID ANTIDOTE TO INDIVIDUALS AT RISK OF AN OPIOID OVERDOSE, TO REQUIRE PROVISION OF INSTRUCTIONAL INFORMATION TO NONHEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS ADMINISTERING OPIOID ANTIDOTES AND DOCUMENTATION OF RECEIPT OF THE INSTRUCTION, TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDING AND FOR GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS TO SUPPORT OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS PROJECTS, TO CLARIFY THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHAPTER DO NOT RELIEVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY RESPONDERS OF THEIR LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO RESPOND TO MEDICAL EMERGENCIES AND CRIMINAL CONDUCT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DELLENEY, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3979 -- Reps. Tallon, Bannister, Clary, Quinn, Loftis, Mitchell, Sottile, Collins, Burns, M. S. McLeod, Kennedy, Yow, Bedingfield, Hamilton, Duckworth, Johnson, Corley, King, Kirby, McEachern, Brannon, Horne, Southard, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Bales, Bamberg, Bernstein, Bingham, Bradley, Chumley, Cole, Crosby, Daning, Delleney, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gambrell, George, Hardee, Hardwick, Hart, Henderson, Herbkersman, Hicks, Hill, Hixon, Howard, Huggins, Limehouse, Long, Lowe, Lucas, McCoy, Merrill, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, Nanney, Newton, Norman, Norrell, Ott, Pope, Putnam, Ridgeway, Riley, Rivers, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. R. Smith, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Taylor, Thayer, Tinkler, Toole, Weeks, Wells, White, Whitmire, Willis, G. M. Smith and Pitts: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 2-19-10, 2-19-20, 2-19-35, 2-19-70, 2-19-80, AND 2-19-90, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, ALL RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE COMMISSION'S PROCESS FOR NOMINATING JUDICIAL CANDIDATES FROM THE NOMINATION OF THREE QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO THE RELEASE OF A LIST OF ALL QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DELLENEY, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4012 -- Rep. Funderburk: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 4-9-82, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF ASSETS BY A HOSPITAL PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERM "TRANSFER" DOES NOT INCLUDE ENTRY INTO A LEASE OR A MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BY A HOSPITAL PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DELLENEY, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3766 -- Reps. G. M. Smith and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 17, TITLE 63, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT, SO AS TO ENACT AMENDMENTS TO THAT ACT ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF COMMISSIONERS FOR UNIFORM STATE LAWS IN 2008, AS REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL "PREVENTING SEX TRAFFICKING AND STRENGTHENING FAMILIES ACT" INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, AMENDMENTS ADDRESSING INTERNATIONAL RECOVERY OF CHILD SUPPORT AND OTHER FAMILY MAINTENANCE AND DETERMINATION OF PARENTAGE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DELLENEY, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3799 -- Reps. Hixon, Simrill, Taylor, Loftis, Burns, Brannon, Spires, Yow, Clemmons, Riley, Corley, Collins, Clary, Hosey, Clyburn, King, Hicks, Knight, Bradley, Jefferson, Kirby, Huggins, Duckworth, Kennedy, Hamilton, Hardee, Johnson, Murphy, Felder, Alexander, Atwater, Ballentine, Bedingfield, Bowers, Cobb-Hunter, Daning, Delleney, Dillard, Forrester, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gambrell, Hiott, Howard, Lowe, W. J. McLeod, V. S. Moss, Nanney, Norman, Ott, Pitts, Pope, Ridgeway, Ryhal, G. R. Smith, Tallon, Thayer, Toole, Weeks, Wells, White, Willis and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 23-31-215, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SOUTH CAROLINA SHALL RECOGNIZE CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS ISSUED BY GEORGIA AND NORTH CAROLINA UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DELLENEY, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3156 -- Reps. J. E. Smith, Cobb-Hunter and Whipper: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 15, TITLE 63 ENACTING THE "UNIFORM DEPLOYED PARENTS CUSTODY AND VISITATION ACT" SO AS TO ADDRESS ISSUES OF CUSTODIAL RESPONSIBILITY WHEN A PARENT IN THE UNIFORMED SERVICE IS BEING DEPLOYED; TO PROVIDE THAT A COURT MUST HAVE JURISDICTION PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT TO ISSUE AN ORDER UNDER THIS ARTICLE; TO REQUIRE PROMPT NOTICE OF DEPLOYMENT TO THE OTHER PARENT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE CUSTODIAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF A DEPLOYING PARENT MAY BE ASSIGNED FOR THE DURATION OF THE DEPLOYMENT BY A TEMPORARY AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BY THE PARENTS OR WITH THE DEPLOYING PARENT'S CONSENT, BY A COURT ISSUING A TEMPORARY ORDER GRANTING CUSTODIAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS OF AN AGREEMENT OR COURT ORDER; TO PROVIDE FOR THE TERMINATION OF A TEMPORARY AGREEMENT OR A TEMPORARY ORDER; TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ARTICLE SUPERSEDES THE FEDERAL ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN GLOBAL AND NATIONAL COMMERCE ACT, EXCEPT CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN THAT ACT; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ARTICLE DOES NOT AFFECT THE VALIDITY OF A TEMPORARY COURT ORDER CONCERNING CUSTODIAL RESPONSIBILITY DURING DEPLOYMENT ENTERED BEFORE THIS ARTICLE'S EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DELLENEY, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3548 -- Reps. J. E. Smith, Yow and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-320, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO NOTIFICATION AND TRANSFER OF REPORTS OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE ALLEGED ABUSED OR NEGLECTED CHILD IS A MEMBER OF AN ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY FAMILY, THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SHALL NOTIFY CERTAIN DESIGNATED MILITARY OFFICIALS AT THE INSTALLATION WHERE THE ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBER, WHO IS THE SPONSOR OF THE ALLEGED ABUSED OR NEGLECTED CHILD, IS ASSIGNED; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-920, RELATING TO INVESTIGATIONS AND CASE DETERMINATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OR LAW ENFORCEMENT, OR BOTH, MAY COLLECT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MILITARY AFFILIATION OF THE PERSON HAVING CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF THE CHILD SUBJECT TO AN INVESTIGATION AND MAY SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE MILITARY AUTHORITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-1990, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CONFIDENTIALITY AND RELEASE OF RECORDS AND INFORMATION, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO GRANT ACCESS TO THE RECORDS OF AN INDICATED CASE TO CERTAIN DESIGNATED MILITARY OFFICIALS AT THE INSTALLATION WHERE THE ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBER, WHO IS THE SPONSOR OF THE ALLEGED ABUSED OR NEGLECTED CHILD, IS ASSIGNED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 63-11-80, RELATING TO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION WITHIN CHILD WELFARE AGENCIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN OFFICER, AGENT OR EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OR A CHILD WELFARE AGENCY SHALL NOT DISCLOSE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, INFORMATION LEARNED ABOUT A CHILD, THE CHILD'S PARENTS OR RELATIVES, OR OTHER PERSONS HAVING CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF THE CHILD, EXCEPT IN CASES INVOLVING A CHILD IN THE CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF PERSONS WHO HAVE MILITARY AFFILIATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DELLENEY, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3215 -- Rep. Govan: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CREATE A STUDY COMMITTEE TO REFORM ALIMONY, TO PROVIDE FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE AND THE METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS, TO REQUIRE THE STUDY COMMITTEE TO PREPARE A REPORT WITH FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO INCLUDE A SUNSET PROVISION FOR THE STUDY COMMITTEE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4030 -- Reps. Bingham, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brannon, G. A. Brown, R. L. Brown, Burns, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cole, Collins, Corley, H. A. Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Duckworth, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrester, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gambrell, George, Gilliard, Goldfinch, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hardwick, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hicks, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hodges, Horne, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Jordan, Kennedy, King, Kirby, Knight, Limehouse, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mack, McCoy, McEachern, McKnight, M. S. McLeod, W. J. McLeod, Merrill, Mitchell, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, Nanney, Neal, Newton, Norman, Norrell, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, Riley, Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, J. E. Smith, Sottile, Southard, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Tinkler, Toole, Weeks, Wells, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PALMETTO AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER COMPANY, INC., FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN OUR STATE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE MILL FAMILY AND THE PASCO TEAM FOR FORTY YEARS OF PROTECTING THE LIVES AND THE RESOURCES OF OUR CITIZENS.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4031 -- Reps. J. E. Smith, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bernstein, Bingham, Bowers, Bradley, Brannon, G. A. Brown, R. L. Brown, Burns, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cole, Collins, Corley, H. A. Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Duckworth, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrester, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gambrell, George, Gilliard, Goldfinch, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hardwick, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hicks, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hodges, Horne, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Jordan, Kennedy, King, Kirby, Knight, Limehouse, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mack, McCoy, McEachern, McKnight, M. S. McLeod, W. J. McLeod, Merrill, Mitchell, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, Nanney, Neal, Newton, Norman, Norrell, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, Riley, Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, Sottile, Southard, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Tinkler, Toole, Weeks, Wells, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF COLUMBIA FOR ITS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO CONGRATULATE THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF COLUMBIA ON CELEBRATING ITS NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2014.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4032 -- Reps. Stavrinakis, McCoy, Whipper, R. L. Brown, Gilliard, Merrill, Limehouse, Horne, Goldfinch, Sottile, Tinkler, Crosby, Mack, Rivers, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bernstein, Bingham, Bowers, Bradley, Brannon, G. A. Brown, Burns, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cole, Collins, Corley, H. A. Crawford, Daning, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Duckworth, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrester, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gambrell, George, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hardwick, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hicks, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hodges, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Jordan, Kennedy, King, Kirby, Knight, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, McEachern, McKnight, M. S. McLeod, W. J. McLeod, Mitchell, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, Nanney, Neal, Newton, Norman, Norrell, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, Riley, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, J. E. Smith, Southard, Spires, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Toole, Weeks, Wells, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND GRATITUDE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CHARLESTON POLICE SERGEANT PATRICK MCLAUGHLIN FOR HIS HEROIC ACTION IN THE LINE OF DUTY THAT SAVED A LIFE IN DOWNTOWN CHARLESTON.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4033 -- Reps. Stavrinakis, McCoy, Whipper, R. L. Brown, Gilliard, Limehouse, Tinkler, Sottile, Horne, Crosby, Mack, Goldfinch, Merrill, Rivers, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bernstein, Bingham, Bowers, Bradley, Brannon, G. A. Brown, Burns, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cole, Collins, Corley, H. A. Crawford, Daning, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Duckworth, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrester, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gambrell, George, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hardwick, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hicks, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hodges, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Jordan, Kennedy, King, Kirby, Knight, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, McEachern, McKnight, M. S. McLeod, W. J. McLeod, Mitchell, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, Nanney, Neal, Newton, Norman, Norrell, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, Riley, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, J. E. Smith, Southard, Spires, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Toole, Weeks, Wells, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND GRATITUDE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CHARLESTON POLICE OFFICER TERRYANN FERGUSON FOR HER HEROIC ACTION IN THE LINE OF DUTY THAT SAVED THE LIFE OF A ONE-YEAR-OLD CHILD.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4034 -- Reps. Anthony, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bernstein, Bingham, Bowers, Bradley, Brannon, G. A. Brown, R. L. Brown, Burns, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cole, Collins, Corley, H. A. Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Duckworth, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrester, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gambrell, George, Gilliard, Goldfinch, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hardwick, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hicks, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hodges, Horne, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Jordan, Kennedy, King, Kirby, Knight, Limehouse, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mack, McCoy, McEachern, McKnight, M. S. McLeod, W. J. McLeod, Merrill, Mitchell, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, Nanney, Neal, Newton, Norman, Norrell, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, Riley, Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, J. E. Smith, Sottile, Southard, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Tinkler, Toole, Weeks, Wells, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MONTY LANE ALLEN ON HIS OUTSTANDING CAREER AS A GOSPEL AND COUNTRY MUSIC SINGER AND SONGWRITER AND TO WISH HIM MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

**SPEAKER IN CHAIR**

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4035 -- Reps. Robinson-Simpson, Jefferson, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bernstein, Bingham, Bowers, Bradley, Brannon, G. A. Brown, R. L. Brown, Burns, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cole, Collins, Corley, H. A. Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Duckworth, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrester, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gambrell, George, Gilliard, Goldfinch, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hardwick, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hicks, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hodges, Horne, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Johnson, Jordan, Kennedy, King, Kirby, Knight, Limehouse, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mack, McCoy, McEachern, McKnight, M. S. McLeod, W. J. McLeod, Merrill, Mitchell, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, Nanney, Neal, Newton, Norman, Norrell, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, Riley, Rivers, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, J. E. Smith, Sottile, Southard, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Tinkler, Toole, Weeks, Wells, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE OFFICERS, MEMBERS, AND AUXILIARIES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAPTERS OF ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED, FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF OUR STATE, OUR NATION, AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND TO DECLARE MAY 20, 2015, "ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 696 -- Senators L. Martin and Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE BLUE RIDGE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE UPON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UPSTATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND OFFER BEST WISHES FOR MANY MORE YEARS OF EFFECTIVE AND SUCCESSFUL SERVICE.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

The following Bills were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

H. 4036 -- Rep. Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3378 SO AS TO PROVIDE A FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR TAX CREDIT FOR THE IN-STATE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF A NEW QUALIFIED HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLE OR NEW QUALIFIED BATTERY ELECTRIC VEHICLE AND TO PROVIDE THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE CREDIT MAY BE CLAIMED.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4037 -- Reps. Horne and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PALLIATIVE USE OF MARIJUANA BY CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WITH CERTAIN DISEASES AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS; TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS TO ACT AS DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS IN ORDER TO ASSIST QUALIFYING PATIENTS WITH THE PALLIATIVE USE OF MARIJUANA; TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN MEDICAL PROVIDERS TO RECOMMEND THE PALLIATIVE USE OF MARIJUANA UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; TO CREATE A CONFIDENTIAL REGISTRY THROUGH WHICH TO ISSUE IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO REGISTERED PATIENTS AND REGISTERED CAREGIVERS; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DEFENSES AND OTHER PROTECTIONS TO, AMONG OTHERS, REGISTERED PATIENTS, REGISTERED CAREGIVERS, MEDICAL PROVIDERS, LICENSED DISPENSARY AGENTS, LICENSED GROWERS, AGENTS OF LICENSED PROCESSORS, AGENTS OF CERTIFIED REVERSE DISTRIBUTORS, AND AGENTS OF CERTIFIED LABORATORY TESTING FACILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF DISPENSARIES, PROCESSORS, AND GROWERS TO CULTIVATE, GROW, AND DISPENSE MARIJUANA FOR PALLIATIVE PURPOSES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF REVERSE DISTRIBUTORS TO ENSURE SAFE DISPOSAL PRACTICES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SEED-TO-SALE ELECTRONIC MONITORING SYSTEM TO TRACK MARIJUANA COMPONENTS FROM CULTIVATION TO POINT OF SALE; TO REQUIRE TESTING OF MARIJUANA PRODUCTS BEFORE SALE TO PROTECT PATIENT HEALTH; TO PROVIDE FOR CERTIFICATION OF TESTING LABORATORIES; TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN FEES; TO CREATE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THE TERMS OF THE ARTICLE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; AND TO REPEAL ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES THERAPEUTIC RESEARCH.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4038 -- Rep. Putnam: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 24-3-530, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE METHODS OF ADMINISTERING THE DEATH PENALTY, SO AS TO INCLUDE DEATH BY FIRING SQUAD AS AN OPTION, TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE ELECTION PROCEDURE WHEN DEATH BY LETHAL INJECTION IS SELECTED AND THE STATE IS UNABLE TO OBTAIN THE SUBSTANCE OR SUBSTANCES NECESSARY TO CONDUCT AN EXECUTION BY LETHAL INJECTION, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS RELATED TO PROCEDURES THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED IN ADMINISTERING THE DEATH PENALTY BY FIRING SQUAD.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4039 -- Reps. Gambrell and Sandifer: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-180 SO AS TO PROVIDE MUNICIPALITIES, COUNTIES, UNITS OR AGENCIES OF A MUNICIPALITY OR A COUNTY, AND SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS MAY NOT IMPOSE A FEE OR SEEK REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS OR EXPENSES INCURRED BY IT FOR RESPONDING TO A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT IN THIS STATE; TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AMBULANCE OR AIRLIFT SERVICES, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RELEASE MITIGATION RESPONSES, TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES, FIRE SUPPRESSION ACTIVITIES, OR EXTRICATION ACTIVITIES; AND TO PROVIDE THAT A UNIT OF GOVERNMENT NEVERTHELESS MAY SEEK TO COLLECT FROM ANOTHER UNIT OF GOVERNMENT THE REASONABLE COSTS INCURRED FOR RESPONDING TO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS OUTSIDE ITS JURISDICTION OF AUTHORITY, AND TO PROVIDE THESE COSTS MAY NOT BE CHARGED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO AN INSURANCE COMPANY UNLESS EXPRESSLY COVERED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE POLICY.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 441 -- Senators Hayes and Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 30 TO TITLE 37 SO AS TO ENACT THE "GUARANTEED ASSET PROTECTION ACT", TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH GUARANTEED ASSET PROTECTION WAIVERS ARE DEFINED AND MAY BE OFFERED WITHIN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFERING GUARANTEED ASSET PROTECTION WAIVERS, TO PROVIDE THE DISCLOSURES REQUIRED, TO PROVIDE FOR CANCELLATION OF GUARANTEED ASSET PROTECTION WAIVERS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THIS CHAPTER.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 500 -- Senator Hayes: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 17, TITLE 63, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT, SO AS TO ENACT AMENDMENTS TO THAT ACT ADOPTED BY THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF COMMISSIONERS FOR UNIFORM STATE LAWS IN 2008, AS REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL "PREVENTING SEX TRAFFICKING AND STRENGTHENING FAMILIES ACT" INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, AMENDMENTS ADDRESSING INTERNATIONAL RECOVERY OF CHILD SUPPORT AND OTHER FAMILY MAINTENANCE AND DETERMINATION OF PARENTAGE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

**ROLL CALL**

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

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| Alexander | Allison | Anderson |
| Anthony | Atwater | Bales |
| Ballentine | Bamberg | Bannister |
| Bedingfield | Bernstein | Bingham |
| Bowers | Bradley | Brannon |
| G. A. Brown | R. L. Brown | Burns |
| Chumley | Clary | Clemmons |
| Clyburn | Cobb-Hunter | Cole |
| Collins | Corley | H. A. Crawford |
| Crosby | Daning | Dillard |
| Douglas | Duckworth | Erickson |
| Felder | Finlay | Forrester |
| Funderburk | Gagnon | Gambrell |
| George | Gilliard | Goldfinch |
| Govan | Hamilton | Hardee |
| Hardwick | Henderson | Henegan |
| Herbkersman | Hicks | Hill |
| Hiott | Hixon | Hodges |
| Horne | Hosey | Howard |
| Jefferson | Johnson | Jordan |
| Kennedy | King | Kirby |
| Limehouse | Long | Lowe |
| Lucas | McEachern | McKnight |
| W. J. McLeod | Mitchell | V. S. Moss |
| Murphy | Nanney | Newton |
| Norman | Ott | Parks |
| Pope | Putnam | Quinn |
| Riley | Rivers | Robinson-Simpson |
| Ryhal | Sandifer | Simrill |
| G. M. Smith | G. R. Smith | J. E. Smith |
| Sottile | Southard | Spires |
| Stringer | Tallon | Taylor |
| Thayer | Tinkler | Toole |
| Weeks | Wells | Whipper |
| White | Whitmire | Williams |
| Yow |  |  |

**STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE**

I came in after the roll call and was present for the Session on Wednesday, April 22.

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| Greg Delleney | Chris Hart |
| Jackie Hayes | Chip Huggins |
| Dwight Loftis | David Mack |
| Mia S. McLeod | James Merrill |
| Dennis Moss | Joseph Neal |
| Michael A. Pitts | Leon Stavrinakis |
| Mark Willis | Patsy Knight |

**Total Present--1****20**

**STATEMENTS OF ATTENDANCE**

Reps. ALLISON and H. A. CRAWFORD signed a statement with the Clerk that they came in after the roll call of the House and were present for the Session on Tuesday, April 21.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. MCCOY a leave of absence for the day.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. RIDGEWAY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WILLIS a temporary leave of absence.

**DOCTOR OF THE DAY**

Announcement was made that Dr. Patricia Witherspoon of Columbia was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Rep. ALLISON presented to the House the James F. Byrnes High School Softball Team, coaches, and other school officials.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Reps. NORMAN, DELLENEY, FELDER, KING, LONG and D. C. MOSS presented to the House the South Pointe High School Football Team, coaches, and other school officials.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Rep. RUTHERFORD presented to the House the University of South Carolina Women's Basketball Team, coaches, and other school officials.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co‑sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co‑sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member’s or co‑sponsor’s written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee.”

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3533 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/22/15 | PITTS and WHITE |

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3084 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/22/15 | WEEKS and WHIPPER |

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3682 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/22/15 | WEEKS and WHIPPER |

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3154 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/22/15 | WEEKS and WHIPPER |

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3784 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/22/15 | WEEKS and WHIPPER |

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3083 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/22/15 | WEEKS and WHIPPER |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3766 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/22/15 | WEEKS |

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3156 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/22/15 | WEEKS and WHIPPER |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3548 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/22/15 | WEEKS |

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3325 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/22/15 | WEEKS and WHIPPER |

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3997 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/22/15 | WHIPPER and HENEGAN |

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3539 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/22/15 | PITTS and WHITE |

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3025 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/22/15 | BEDINGFIELD, BURNS, HICKS and CHUMLEY |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3716 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/22/15 | BEDINGFIELD |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3764 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/22/15 | MURPHY |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3799 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/22/15 | CHUMLEY |

STATEMENT FOR THE JOURNAL

 I had excused leave last Wednesday and was not present to vote on H. 3579, the Financial Infrastructure Bill. Even though there is not enough money to support the infrastructure needs facing South Carolina, if I had been on the floor of the House during the vote, I would have supported this Bill.

 Rep. Patricia M. “Pat” Henegan

STATEMENT FOR THE JOURNAL

 I missed the vote last week on H. 3433, which deals with criminal domestic violence. Even though this Bill is stronger and more comprehensive than our current domestic violence legislation, it only gives us a foundation to build upon. I would have supported this Bill, if I had been present during the vote.

 Rep. Patricia M. “Pat” Henegan

**H. 3900--AMENDED AND SENT TO THE SENATE**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3900 -- Reps. Allison, Brannon, Cole, Forrester, Hicks and Tallon: A BILL TO REAPPORTION THE SPECIFIC ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 5 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH THE 2015 SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS, TO DESIGNATE A MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE ELECTION DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRUSTEES' TERMS AND MANNER OF ELECTION.

Rep. ALLISON proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3900 (COUNCIL\GGS\3900C001.GGS.ZW15), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, subsection (D), as contained in SECTION 1, page 2, lines 15-35, by striking subsection (D) in its entirety and inserting:

/ (D) After the effective date of this act:

 (1) Election District 1 for Spartanburg County School District 5 must be represented by a single trustee to be elected in the 2015 school district elections who is elected by the registered voters who reside within Election District 1;

 (2) Election District 2 for Spartanburg County School District 5 must be represented by two trustees who are elected by the registered voters who reside within Election District 2. One of these trustees must be elected in the 2015 school district elections, and the second trustee must be elected in 2017 school district elections; and

 (3) Election District 3 for Spartanburg County School District 5 must be represented by six trustees who are elected by the registered voters who reside in Election District 3. Two of these trustees must be elected in the 2015 school district elections, at which the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes, irrespective of whether the actual result constitutes a majority of those voting, must be declared elected. Four additional trustees must be elected in the 2017 school district elections, at which the four candidates receiving the highest number of votes, irrespective of whether the actual result constitutes a majority of those voting, must be declared elected. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ALLISON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question then recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

 Yeas 73; Nays 0

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Allison | Anderson | Anthony |
| Atwater | Bales | Bamberg |
| Bannister | Bernstein | Bradley |
| Brannon | G. A. Brown | R. L. Brown |
| Clyburn | Cole | Corley |
| H. A. Crawford | Crosby | Daning |
| Dillard | Douglas | Duckworth |
| Erickson | Felder | Forrester |
| George | Hamilton | Hardee |
| Hart | Hayes | Henderson |
| Hicks | Hill | Horne |
| Johnson | Jordan | Kennedy |
| Kirby | Limehouse | Loftis |
| Long | Lowe | Lucas |
| McEachern | McKnight | M. S. McLeod |
| W. J. McLeod | D. C. Moss | V. S. Moss |
| Nanney | Neal | Norman |
| Parks | Pitts | Pope |
| Putnam | Quinn | Rivers |
| Robinson-Simpson | Ryhal | Sandifer |
| Simrill | G. R. Smith | Spires |
| Stavrinakis | Stringer | Tallon |
| Taylor | Toole | Weeks |
| Wells | Whitmire | Willis |
| Yow |  |  |

**Total--73**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

The Bill, as amended, was read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate.

**S. 599--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 599 -- Senator O'Dell: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 1147 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE G. FRANK RUSSELL CAREER CENTER, SO AS TO RENAME THE CENTER THE G. FRANK RUSSELL TECHNOLOGY CENTER, AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION REDUCING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TECHNOLOGY CENTER'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FROM SEVEN MEMBERS TO SIX MEMBERS DUE TO THE DISSOLUTION OF THE GREENWOOD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO ACT 175 OF 1997.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

 Yeas 71; Nays 0

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Allison | Anderson | Anthony |
| Atwater | Bales | Bamberg |
| Bannister | Bernstein | Bowers |
| Bradley | Brannon | G. A. Brown |
| R. L. Brown | Clemmons | Cole |
| Corley | H. A. Crawford | Dillard |
| Douglas | Duckworth | Funderburk |
| Gagnon | Gambrell | George |
| Gilliard | Hamilton | Hardee |
| Hart | Hayes | Henegan |
| Herbkersman | Hixon | Hosey |
| Jefferson | Johnson | Jordan |
| Kennedy | King | Kirby |
| Limehouse | Loftis | Lucas |
| McEachern | McKnight | M. S. McLeod |
| W. J. McLeod | D. C. Moss | V. S. Moss |
| Nanney | Norman | Norrell |
| Parks | Pitts | Pope |
| Putnam | Riley | Rivers |
| Ryhal | Sandifer | Simrill |
| G. R. Smith | J. E. Smith | Tallon |
| Taylor | Thayer | Tinkler |
| Weeks | Wells | Whitmire |
| Willis | Yow |  |

**Total--71**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

**H. 4014--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4014 -- Reps. Gambrell, Gagnon, Hill, Putnam, Thayer and White: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 509 OF 1982, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTING FOUR OF THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 3 BOARD OF TRUSTEES FROM RESIDENCY AREAS TO SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

 Yeas 58; Nays 0

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Allison | Bales | Bamberg |
| Bannister | Bernstein | Bowers |
| Bradley | Brannon | G. A. Brown |
| Burns | Chumley | Cole |
| Corley | H. A. Crawford | Delleney |
| Douglas | Duckworth | Finlay |
| Forrester | Funderburk | Gagnon |
| Gambrell | George | Hamilton |
| Hardee | Hart | Hayes |
| Henderson | Herbkersman | Hicks |
| Hill | Hixon | Johnson |
| Kennedy | Kirby | Lucas |
| McEachern | McKnight | M. S. McLeod |
| W. J. McLeod | D. C. Moss | Norrell |
| Parks | Pope | Putnam |
| Quinn | Riley | Rivers |
| Ryhal | Sandifer | G. R. Smith |
| Spires | Taylor | Thayer |
| Wells | Whitmire | Willis |
| Yow |  |  |

**Total--58**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

**SENT TO THE SENATE**

The following Bills were taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3304 -- Reps. Brannon, Allison, Cole, Hicks, Tallon, Nanney, Henderson, Loftis, Hamilton, Stringer, Bannister and Putnam: A BILL TO CREATE THE LANDRUM FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT IN GREENVILLE AND SPARTANBURG COUNTIES, TO ESTABLISH A GOVERNING COMMISSION, AND TO PRESCRIBE THE FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.

H. 3840 -- Reps. Clemmons, H. A. Crawford, Johnson, George, Hardwick, Hayes and Ryhal: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-7-320, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN HORRY COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE VARIOUS PRECINCTS, AND TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THE NAMES OF THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND AND MAINTAINED BY THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

H. 4005 -- Reps. Southard, Merrill, Daning, Jefferson and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-7-120, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN BERKELEY COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE PRECINCTS AND THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THE NAMES OF THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND AND MAINTAINED BY THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

**H. 3203--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3203 -- Rep. Bernstein: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-245 SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "UTILITY TRAILER" AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EQUIPMENT THAT MUST BE USED TO ATTACH A TOWING VEHICLE TO A UTILITY TRAILER.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3203 (COUNCIL\SWB\3203C002. SWB.CM15):

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

/ SECTION 1. This act may be cited as “Charlie’s Law”.

SECTION 2. Section 56‑5‑5150 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

 “Section 56‑5‑5150. (A) As used in this section, a ‘vehicle’ includes, but is not limited to a utility trailer. When a vehicle is towing another vehicle on a public road or highway, the towing vehicle must be attached to the towed vehicle by ~~a~~ two safety ~~chain,~~ chains or cable devices~~, or equivalent device~~ in addition to the regular drawbar, tongue, trailer hitch, ~~or other connection~~ trailer coupler with trailer ball and hinch pin.

 (B) The safety connections or attachments must be of sufficient strength to maintain connection of the towed vehicle to the pulling vehicle under all conditions while the towed vehicle is being pulled by the towing vehicle.

 (C) The provisions of this section do not apply to vehicles using a hitch known as a fifth wheel and kingpin assembly. No part of this section shall conflict with the requirements of a vehicle subject to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

(D) A violation of this section is subject to a penalty not to exceed five hundred dollars or thirty days imprisonment.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. PUTNAM spoke in favor of the amendment.

Reps. BERNSTEIN, ROBINSON-SIMPSON, HAMILTON, TOOLE, LOFTIS, BURNS, HIXON, POPE, SPIRES, CLARY, HIOTT, CHUMLEY, FORRESTER, ANDERSON, TALLON, DOUGLAS, MCEACHERN, M. S. MCLEOD, RILEY, YOW, HARDWICK, HARDEE, FINLAY, GAMBRELL, KNIGHT and H. A. CRAWFORD requested debate on the Bill.

**S. 237--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

S. 237 -- Senators Allen, Corbin and Thurmond: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE THE "STUDY COMMITTEE ON EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL OFFENSES" UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2015.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

 Yeas 72; Nays 0

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Anderson | Bales | Ballentine |
| Bannister | Bernstein | Bowers |
| Bradley | Brannon | G. A. Brown |
| Burns | Chumley | Clary |
| Clemmons | Cole | Collins |
| Corley | Crosby | Daning |
| Delleney | Douglas | Duckworth |
| Erickson | Felder | Finlay |
| Forrester | Funderburk | Gagnon |
| Gambrell | George | Hardee |
| Hart | Henderson | Henegan |
| Hiott | Hixon | Hodges |
| Horne | Huggins | Jordan |
| Kirby | Loftis | Long |
| Lucas | Mack | McEachern |
| M. S. McLeod | W. J. McLeod | Merrill |
| D. C. Moss | Murphy | Nanney |
| Norman | Norrell | Pitts |
| Pope | Quinn | Robinson-Simpson |
| Rutherford | Ryhal | G. M. Smith |
| Spires | Stavrinakis | Stringer |
| Tallon | Taylor | Thayer |
| Tinkler | Toole | Weeks |
| Wells | Willis | Yow |

**Total--72**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

So, the Joint Resolution was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

RECORD FOR VOTING

 I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 237. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Joint Resolution.

 Rep. Wm. Weston J. Newton

**S. 376--POINT OF ORDER**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 376 -- Senators Grooms and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 55-1-80, RELATING TO THE GENERAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING AERONAUTICS, TO RESTORE THE PREVIOUS PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, TO PROVIDE FOR INCREASES OF THE MEMBERSHIP ON AN AVIATION AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS; AND TO REPEAL ACT 130 OF 2007.

Rep. R. L. BROWN moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Wednesday, April 29.

Rep. HORNE moved to table the motion, which was agreed to.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Rep. R. L. BROWN made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title

have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

**H. 3890--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3890 -- Rep. Norrell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-1-425, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL SCHOOL DAYS MISSED FOR SCHOOL CLOSINGS NECESSITATED BY WEATHER CONDITIONS OR OTHER DISRUPTIONS REQUIRING SCHOOLS TO CLOSE MUST BE MADE UP, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN SCHOOLS CLOSE BECAUSE THE GOVERNOR DECLARES A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO SNOW, EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS, OR OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS, STUDENTS IN THOSE SCHOOLS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO MAKE UP ANY DAYS MISSED AS A RESULT.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3890 (COUNCIL\AGM\3890C001. AGM.AB15), which was adopted:

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

/ SECTION 1. Section 59‑1‑425 of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 260 of 2006, is amended to read:

 “Section 59‑1‑425. (A) Each local school district board of trustees of the State shall have the authority to establish an annual school calendar for teachers, staff, and students. The statutory school term is one hundred ninety days annually and shall consist of a minimum of one hundred eighty days of instruction covering at least nine calendar months. However, beginning with the 2007‑2008 school year the opening date for students must not be before the third Monday in August, except for schools operating on a year‑round modified school calendar. Three days must be used for collegial professional development based upon the educational standards as required by Section 59‑18‑300. The professional development shall address, at a minimum, academic achievement standards including strengthening teachers’ knowledge in their content area, teaching techniques, and assessment. No more than two days may be used for preparation of opening of schools and the remaining five days may be used for teacher planning, academic plans, and parent conferences. The number of instructional hours in an instructional day may vary according to local board policy and does not have to be uniform among the schools in the district.

 (B) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, all school days missed because of snow, extreme weather conditions, or other disruptions requiring schools to close must be made up. All school districts shall designate annually at least three days within their school calendars to be used as make‑up days in the event of these occurrences. If those designated days have been used or are no longer available, the local school board of trustees may lengthen the hours of school operation by no less than one hour per day for the total number of hours missed ~~or~~, operate schools on Saturday, or may waive up to three days. A waiver granted by the local board of trustees of the requirement for making up the up to three days missed only may be authorized through a majority vote of the local school board. Schools operating on a four‑by‑four block schedule shall make every effort to make up the time during the semester in which the days are missed. A plan to make up days by lengthening the school day must be approved by the Department of Education before implementation. Tutorial instruction for grades 7 through 12 may be taught on Saturday at the direction of the local school board. If a local school board authorizes make‑up days on Saturdays, tutorial instruction normally offered on Saturday for seventh through twelfth graders must be scheduled at an alternative time.

 (C) The ~~General Assembly by law~~ State Board of Education may waive the requirements of making up ~~missed~~ days ~~or, by law, may authorize the school board of trustees to forgive up to three days~~ beyond the three days forgiven by the local school district, not to exceed an additional three days missed because of snow, extreme weather conditions, or other disruptions requiring schools to close. ~~A waiver granted by the local board of trustees of the requirement for making up missed days also must be authorized through a majority vote of the local school board~~ Such a waiver only may be considered and granted upon the request of the local board of trustees through a majority vote of the local school board.

 (D) If a school is closed early due to snow, extreme weather conditions, or other disruptions, the day may count towards the required minimum to the extent allowed by State Board of Education policy.

 (E) The instructional day for secondary students must be at a minimum six hours a day, or its equivalent weekly, excluding lunch. The school day for elementary students must be at a minimum six hours a day, or its equivalent weekly, including lunch.

 (F) Elementary and secondary schools may reduce the length of the instructional day to not less than three hours for not more than three days each school year for staff development, teacher conferences, or for the purpose of administering end‑of‑semester and end‑of‑year examinations.

 (G) Priority during the instructional day must be given to teaching and learning tasks. Class interruptions must be limited only to emergencies. Volunteer blood drives as determined by the principal may be conducted at times which would not interfere with classroom instruction such as study period, lunch period, and before and after school.

 (H) The State Board of Education may waive the school opening date requirement pursuant to subsection (A) of this section on a showing of good cause or for an educational purpose. For the purposes of this section:

 (1) ‘Good cause’ means that schools in a district have been closed eight days per year during any four of the last ten years because of severe weather conditions, energy shortages, power failures, or other emergency situations.

 (2) ‘Educational purpose’ means a district establishes a need to adopt a different calendar for a:

 (a) specific school to accommodate a special program offered generally to the student body of that school,

 (b) school that primarily serves a special population of students, or

 (c) defined program within a school.

 The state board may grant the waiver for an educational purpose for that specific school or defined program to the extent that the state board finds that the educational purpose is reasonable, the accommodation is necessary to accomplish the educational purpose, and the request is not an attempt to circumvent the opening date set forth in this subsection. Waiver requests for educational purposes may not be used to accommodate system‑wide class scheduling preferences. Nothing in this subsection prohibits a district from offering supplemental or additional educational programs or activities outside of the calendar adopted under this section.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and applies retroactively to January 1, 2015. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. STRINGER explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question then recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

 Yeas 85; Nays 0

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Alexander | Allison | Anderson |
| Bales | Bannister | Bingham |
| Bowers | Bradley | Brannon |
| R. L. Brown | Burns | Chumley |
| Clary | Clyburn | Cole |
| Collins | Corley | Daning |
| Delleney | Douglas | Duckworth |
| Finlay | Forrester | Funderburk |
| Gambrell | George | Gilliard |
| Goldfinch | Hamilton | Hardee |
| Hardwick | Hart | Hayes |
| Henegan | Hicks | Hill |
| Hiott | Hixon | Hodges |
| Horne | Hosey | Howard |
| Johnson | Jordan | Kirby |
| Limehouse | Loftis | Lowe |
| Lucas | Mack | McEachern |
| McKnight | M. S. McLeod | D. C. Moss |
| V. S. Moss | Murphy | Nanney |
| Norrell | Ott | Pitts |
| Pope | Putnam | Quinn |
| Riley | Rivers | Robinson-Simpson |
| Ryhal | Sandifer | G. M. Smith |
| G. R. Smith | Sottile | Spires |
| Stavrinakis | Stringer | Tallon |
| Taylor | Thayer | Tinkler |
| Weeks | Whipper | White |
| Whitmire | Williams | Willis |
| Yow |  |  |

**Total--85**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

RECORD FOR VOTING

 I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3890. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

 Rep. Walton J. “Walt” McLeod

RECORD FOR VOTING

 I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3890. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

 Rep. Craig A. Gagnon

**H. 3539--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3539 -- Reps. J. E. Smith, Bannister, Simrill, Bernstein, King, Govan, McKnight, Williams, Norrell, Tinkler, Henegan, Bales, Jefferson, Hicks, Newton, Funderburk, Huggins, Ridgeway, Collins, Pitts and White: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-240 SO AS TO ENACT THE "JAMES B. EDWARDS CIVICS EDUCATION INITIATIVE" TO REQUIRE ALL STUDENTS OF PUBLIC OR CHARTER SCHOOLS OR PERSONS PURSUING A GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE IN THIS STATE TO TAKE THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP CIVICS TEST PRODUCED BY THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, TO DIRECT SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO AWARD A CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT TO ALL STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE A GRADE OF 60 OR BETTER ON THE TEST, AND TO DIRECT THE RESPECTIVE SCHOOLS TO REPORT RESULTS TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR INCLUSION IN THE REPORT CARD FOR EACH SCHOOL, AS APPLICABLE.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3539 (COUNCIL\AGM\3539C001. AGM.AB15), which was adopted:

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

/ SECTION 1. This act may be cited as the “James B. Edwards Civics Education Initiative”.

SECTION 2. Article 1, Chapter 29, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

 “Section 59‑29‑240. (A) For purposes of this section, ‘civics test’ means the one hundred questions that, as of January 1, 2015, and updated accordingly, officers of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services use in order that the applicants can demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of the fundamentals of United States history and the principles and form of United States government, as required by 8 U.S.C. 1423.

 (B) As part of the high school curriculum regarding the United States government required credit, students are required to take the civics test, as defined in subsection (A), provided there is no cost to a school or school district for obtaining and giving the test, but are not required to obtain a minimum score. However, a student who receives a passing grade, as determined by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, or better, may be recognized by the school district. This requirement applies to each student enrolled in a public or charter school in this State. This requirement does not apply to a student who is exempted in accordance with the student’s individualized education program plan.

 (C) Each public school, including charter schools, must report the percentage of students at or above the designated passing score on the test to the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee which must then include such on the school report card.

 (D) No school or school district of this State may impose or collect any fees or charges in connection with this section.

 (E) This section must be applied to any student entering ninth grade beginning in the 2016‑2017 school year.”

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

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

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. STRINGER explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question then recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

 Yeas 98; Nays 0

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Alexander | Allison | Anderson |
| Bales | Ballentine | Bannister |
| Bedingfield | Bernstein | Bingham |
| Bowers | Bradley | Brannon |
| R. L. Brown | Clary | Clemmons |
| Cole | Collins | H. A. Crawford |
| Crosby | Daning | Delleney |
| Douglas | Duckworth | Finlay |
| Forrester | Funderburk | Gagnon |
| Gambrell | George | Gilliard |
| Goldfinch | Govan | Hamilton |
| Hardee | Hardwick | Hart |
| Hayes | Henderson | Henegan |
| Herbkersman | Hicks | Hill |
| Hiott | Hixon | Hodges |
| Horne | Huggins | Jefferson |
| Johnson | Jordan | Kennedy |
| King | Kirby | Limehouse |
| Loftis | Lowe | Lucas |
| Mack | McEachern | McKnight |
| M. S. McLeod | W. J. McLeod | D. C. Moss |
| V. S. Moss | Murphy | Nanney |
| Newton | Norman | Norrell |
| Ott | Pitts | Pope |
| Putnam | Quinn | Riley |
| Rivers | Rutherford | Ryhal |
| Sandifer | Simrill | G. R. Smith |
| J. E. Smith | Sottile | Spires |
| Stavrinakis | Stringer | Tallon |
| Taylor | Thayer | Tinkler |
| Weeks | Wells | Whipper |
| White | Whitmire | Williams |
| Willis | Yow |  |

**Total--98**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

**OBJECTION TO RECALL**

Rep. RUTHERFORD asked unanimous consent to recall H. 3140 from the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. NANNEY objected.

**OBJECTION TO RECALL**

Rep. WEEKS asked unanimous consent to recall H. 3430 from the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. HILL objected.

**H. 3248--RECALLED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

On motion of Rep. GOLDFINCH, with unanimous consent, the following Bill was ordered recalled from the Committee on Judiciary:

H. 3248 -- Reps. Ryhal, Hardwick, Long, M. S. McLeod, Felder and Hardee: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 28 TO TITLE 27 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE GOVERNANCE OF HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY, TO PROVIDE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS MUST REGISTER WITH THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION AND FILE COPIES OF ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS WITH THE CLERK OF COURT, REGISTER OF DEEDS, AND THE COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS OTHERWISE ALSO MUST MAKE ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND PROSPECTIVE BUYERS IN A CERTAIN MANNER, TO PROVIDE MECHANISMS FOR THE AUTOMATIC TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF PROPERTY GOVERNED BY A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION FROM THE DECLARANT TO AN ELECTED BOARD OF THE HOMEOWNERS, TO PROVIDE RELATED NOTICE REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS, TO PROVIDE HOMEOWNERS MAY INSPECT CERTAIN ASSOCIATION DOCUMENTS, TO PROVIDE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS MUST PROVIDE CERTAIN NOTICE FOR BOARD MEETINGS, TO PROVIDE THAT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS MAY NOT PLACE A LIEN AGAINST THE PROPERTY OF A HOMEOWNER OR OTHERWISE FINE OR ASSESS COSTS AGAINST A HOMEOWNER WITHOUT FIRST GIVING THE HOMEOWNER A HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD, AND TO PROVIDE HOMEOWNERS OR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS MAY SEEK FROM MAGISTRATES COURT EQUITABLE RELIEF TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PREVAILING PARTY IN SUCH AN ACTION MAY RECOVER REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES AND RELATED COSTS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 40-57-63 SO AS TO IMPOSE RELATED POWERS AND DUTIES ON THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY.

**OBJECTION TO RECALL**

Rep. HART asked unanimous consent to recall H. 3362 from the Committee on Ways and Means.

Rep. WHITE objected.

**OBJECTION TO RECALL**

Rep. DELLENEY asked unanimous consent to recall H. 3430 from the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. HOWARD objected.

**OBJECTION TO RECALL**

Rep. BALES asked unanimous consent to recall H. 3449 from the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. MURPHY objected.

**OBJECTION TO RECALL**

Rep. GOVAN asked unanimous consent to recall H. 3214 from the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. MERRILL objected.

Rep. G. A. BROWN moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:17 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. THAYER, adjourned in memory of Ruby M. Johnston of Honea Path, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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