SENATE TO MEET AT 2:00 P.M. TODAY

NO. 17

CALENDAR

OF THE

SENATE

OF THE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

REGULAR SESSION BEGINNING TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

JOINT ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 12:00 Noon:

H. 4824--Rep. Delleney: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO INVITE THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT, THE HONORABLE COSTA PLEICONES, TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION ON THE STATE OF THE JUDICIARY AT 12:00 NOON ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016.

(Adopted--February 3, 2016)

INVITATIONS

Thursday, February 11, 2016 8:30-10:00 A.M.
Members of the Senate, Breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the **SC LAND TRUST NETWORK**
(Accepted--January 28, 2016)

Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 12:00-2:00 P.M.
Members of the Senate and Staff, Luncheon, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the **SC ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOC.**
(Accepted--February 5, 2016)

Wednesday, February 17, 2016 5:30-7:30 P.M.
Members of the Senate and Staff, Reception, Embassy Suites, by the **SC ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**
(Accepted--January 28, 2016)

Tuesday, February 23, 2016 6:00-8:00 P.M.
Members of the Senate and Staff, Reception, Columbia Convention Center, by the **COUNCIL OF CHAMBERS OF YORK COUNTY**
(Accepted--January 28, 2016)

Tuesday, February 23, 2016 6:00-9:00 P.M.
Members of the Senate, Reception, Seawell's, by the **SC ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**
(Accepted--January 28, 2016)

Wednesday, February 24, 2016 8:00-10:00 A.M.
Members of the Senate, Breakfast, The Marriott, by the **ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.**
(Accepted--January 28, 2016)

Wednesday, February 24, 2016 8:00-10:00 A.M.
Members of the Senate and Staff, Breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the **ASSOCIATION OF COSMETOLOGY SALON PROFESSIONALS**
(Accepted--January 28, 2016)

Wednesday, February 24, 2016 12:00-2:00 P.M.
Members of the Senate, Luncheon, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the **WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL**
(Accepted--January 28, 2016)

Wednesday, February 24, 2016 5:00-7:00 P.M.
Members of the Senate, Reception, Capital City Club, by the **SC BIO**
(Accepted--January 28, 2016)

Wednesday, February 24, 2016 7:00-9:00 P.M.
Members of the Senate, Reception, The Palmetto Club, by the **ASSOCIATION OF TECHNICAL COLLEGE COMMISSIONERS**
(Accepted--January 28, 2016)

UNCONTESTED LOCAL
THIRD READING BILL

S. 833--Senators Matthews and Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 526 OF 1996, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE SPECIFIC ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICTS THREE, FOUR, AND FIVE MUST BE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS IN 2015.

(Without reference--May 27, 2015)
(Amended--May 28, 2015)
(Read the second time--May 28, 2015)

UNCONTESTED LOCAL
SECOND READING BILLS

S. 319--Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 190 OF 1991, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF COLLETON COUNTY, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE SPECIFIC ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF COLLETON COUNTY MUST BE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS IN 2016, AND TO PROVIDE FOR DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THESE NEWLY DRAWN ELECTION DISTRICTS.

(Without reference--January 13, 2015)

S. 863--Senator Scott: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 613 OF 1986, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN RICHLAND COUNTY, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE FOUR SINGLE-MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH THE TRUSTEES OF RICHLAND COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE ARE ELECTED, TO DESIGNATE A MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE SINGLE-MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS ARE

DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

(Without reference--June 3, 2015)

S. 985--Senator Leatherman: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 4 OF ACT 250 OF 1991, AS AMENDED BY ACT 168 OF 1995, RELATING TO ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE FLORENCE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION SHALL CONDUCT THE ELECTIONS AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE ELECTIONS SHALL OCCUR ON THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER OF EACH YEAR, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LOCATIONS WHERE THE ELECTION COMMISSION SHALL CONDUCT THE ELECTION.

(Without reference--January 13, 2016)

H. 4332--Reps. Murphy, Johnson, Jefferson and Knight: A BILL TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTING THE SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE SUMMERVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES FROM AT-LARGE TO SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS; TO DESIGNATE A MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE SINGLE-MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED; TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION REGARDING THESE NEWLY DRAWN ELECTION DISTRICTS; AND TO ESTABLISH LIMITED FISCAL AUTONOMY FOR SUMMERVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 AND DORCHESTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4 BY PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX MILLAGE FOR SUMMERVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 AND DORCHESTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4 MUST BE DETERMINED.

(Without reference--February 3, 2016)

MOTION PERIOD

BILL RETURNED FROM THE HOUSE

(Senate Amendments Amended)

S. 199--Senators Grooms, Hembree, Bennett, Campbell, Verdin, Campsen, Gregory, Johnson, Setzler, Sabb, Nicholson and Scott: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-1535 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SPEEDING IN WORK ZONES AND PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH SPEEDING IN WORK ZONES, TO DELETE THIS PROVISION AND CREATE "PEANUT'S LAW", TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR THE TERMS "HIGHWAY WORK ZONE" AND "HIGHWAY WORKER", TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF "ENDANGERMENT OF A HIGHWAY WORKER", AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THESE OFFENSES; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-720, RELATING TO THE POINT SYSTEM ESTABLISHED FOR THE EVALUATION OF THE DRIVING RECORD OF PERSONS OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE THAT "ENDANGERMENT OF A

HIGHWAY WORKER" VIOLATIONS RANGE BETWEEN TWO AND SIX POINTS; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 56-5-1536 RELATING TO DRIVING IN TEMPORARY WORK ZONES AND PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFUL DRIVING IN TEMPORARY WORK ZONES.

(Returned from the House--May 27, 2015)

INTERRUPTED DEBATE

(Debate was interrupted by adjournment on Thursday, January 21, 2016)

H. 3579--Reps. Simrill, White, Lucas, Allison, Henderson, Limehouse, Newton, Ott, Clary, Collins, Delleney, Forrester, Gambrell, Hardwick, Hiott, Horne, Merrill, D.C. Moss, V.S. Moss, Murphy, Pitts, Sandifer, G.M. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Wells, Whitmire, Yow, Jefferson, Erickson, Funderburk, Hosey, Hixon, Clyburn, Knight, Herbkersman, H.A. Crawford, Felder, Willis, McCoy, Bradley, Douglas, Norrell, Long, Bales, Daning, Loftis, Tallon, Anthony, Howard, Gagnon, Riley, Williams, Hayes, G.A. Brown, R.L. Brown, Hart, Weeks, Whipper, Pope, Tinkler, Hicks, Brannon, Corley, Clemmons, Johnson, George, Alexander, Anderson and Duckworth: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE REFORM AND TAX RELIEF ACT"; TO AMEND SECTIONS 57-1-310, 57-1-320, 57-1-325, AND 57-1-330, ALL AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL THE COMMISSIONERS MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR, TO PROVIDE THAT APPOINTEES MUST BE SCREENED BY THE JOINT TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON MAY SERVE AS A COMMISSIONER FOR MORE THAN TWELVE YEARS AND NO COUNTY MAY HAVE A RESIDENT COMMISSIONER FOR MORE THAN TWELVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-410, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, INSTEAD OF THE GOVERNOR, SHALL APPOINT THE SECRETARY; TO AMEND SECTIONS 57-1-730 AND 57-1-740, AS AMENDED, RELATING RESPECTIVELY TO THE DUTIES OF THE JOINT TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE, BOTH SO AS TO REQUIRE THE COMMITTEE TO SCREEN APPOINTEES TO THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN A SIMILAR MANNER AS CURRENTLY ELECTED COMMISSIONERS ARE SCREENED; BY ADDING SECTION 57-1-95 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THIS STATE UNTIL JULY 1, 2020, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 11-43-140, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, SO AS TO INCREASE THE BOARD TO THIRTEEN MEMBERS AND TO SET FORTH THE MEMBERSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO MEMBER MAY SERVE MORE THAN TWELVE YEARS; TO AMEND SECTION 11-43-180, RELATING TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY THE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE BANK FROM PROVIDING ANY LOANS OR OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ANY PROJECT UNLESS THE ELIGIBLE COSTS OF THE PROJECT ARE AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS; BY ADDING SECTION 11-43-265 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK TO PRIORITIZE ALL PROJECTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA ESTABLISHED IN ACT 114 OF 2007, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION; BY ADDING SECTION 57-1-100 SO AS TO SET FORTH THE OPTIONAL PROCESS BY WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TRANSFERS CERTAIN STATE ROADS TO THE COUNTIES OF THIS STATE, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED TO THE PARTICIPATING COUNTIES OVER TIME, TO PROVIDE THAT EACH PARTICIPATING COUNTY MUST RECEIVE ONE MILLION DOLLARS BEFORE THE FUNDS ARE DISTRIBUTED BASED ON A FORMULA, TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-2740, RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE GASOLINE USER FEE TO THE COUNTIES OF

THIS STATE, TO ABOLISH THE CURRENT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES AND THEN RECONSTITUTE THEM WITH THE ADDITION OF MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATION, AND TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH "C" FUNDS MUST BE EXPENDED; TO AMEND SECTIONS 56-5-4210 AND 56-5-4220, BOTH RELATING TO ROAD RESTRICTIONS, SO AS TO SPECIFY CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON LOCALITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-310, RELATING TO THE USER FEE ON GASOLINE, SO AS TO REDUCE THE FEE TO TEN CENTS A GALLON; TO AMEND SECTION 56-11-410, RELATING TO THE ROAD TAX, SO AS TO REDUCE THE TAX TO TEN CENTS A GALLON; TO AMEND SECTION 56-11-450, RELATING TO THE CREDIT AGAINST ROAD TAX, SO AS TO REDUCE THE CREDIT TO TEN CENTS A GALLON; TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-2110, RELATING TO THE MAXIMUM TAX, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM TAX FROM THREE HUNDRED TO FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ON THE SALE OR LEASE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-2647, RELATING TO THE TAX REVENUES COLLECTED FROM THE SALE OR LEASE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE, SO AS TO CREDIT ALL THE REVENUES TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN AMOUNTS THAT ARE USED FOR THE EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT; BY ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 28, TITLE 12 SO AS TO IMPOSE AN EXCISE TAX ON THE WHOLESALE PRICE OF MOTOR FUEL EQUAL TO THE CUMULATIVE STATE SALES TAX RATE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE REVENUE MUST BE CREDITED TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND, TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXCISE TAX MAY NOT EXCEED THE EQUIVALENT OF SIXTEEN CENTS A GALLON, AND TO PROVIDE THE MANNER IN WHICH THE EXCISE TAX IS CALCULATED AND ADMINISTERED; BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 57 SO AS TO IMPOSE AN EXCISE TAX ON MOTOR CARRIERS IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE EXCISE TAX ON MOTOR FUEL; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-510, RELATING TO TAX RATES FOR INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, AND TRUSTS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE TAX BRACKETS FOR EACH TAX RATE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-520,

RELATING TO THE ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF INCOME TAX BRACKETS, SO AS PROVIDE THE BRACKETS SHALL NOT BE ADJUSTED IN TAX YEARS 2016 AND 2017.

(Read the first time--April 16, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Finance--April 29, 2015)
(Majority Favorable with amendments)
(Minority Unfavorable)
(Set for Special Order-- May 12, 2015)
(Amendment proposed--May 27, 2015)
(Document No. 3579R007.KM.JL)

STATEWIDE THIRD READING BILLS

S. 295--Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-54-250 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF PAYMENT IN IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FUNDS, TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENT FROM FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS, AND TO REQUIRE THE SETTLEMENT OF THOSE FUNDS IN THE STATE'S ACCOUNT ON OR BEFORE TWO BANKING DAYS FOLLOWING THE DUE DATE OF THE TAX AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Finance--January 27, 2015)
(Favorable)
(Read the second time--January 28, 2015)
(Ayes 39, Nays 0 -- January 28, 2015)
(Senator Young desires to be present.)

S. 76--Senators Massey, Matthews and Setzler: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-10-85 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND GRANTS, TO PROVIDE THAT GRANTS MAY ALSO BE AWARDED TO COUNTIES WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN FORTY THOUSAND RESIDENTS AND

MUNICIPALITIES LOCATED IN COUNTIES WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN FORTY THOUSAND RESIDENTS.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Finance--January 28, 2015)
(Favorable)
(Read the second time--April 29, 2015)
(Ayes 39, Nays 4 -- April 29, 2015)
(Senator Williams desires to be present.)

H. **3204--Reps. Bernstein, J.E. Smith, Cobb-Hunter, M.S. McLeod, Jefferson, Horne and Bales: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44-29-185 SO AS TO ENACT THE "CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION ACT", TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL MAY OFFER THE CERVICAL CANCER VACCINATION SERIES TO ADOLESCENT STUDENTS ENROLLING IN THE SEVENTH GRADE OF ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE THAT NO STUDENT IS REQUIRED TO HAVE THE VACCINE BEFORE ENROLLING IN OR ATTENDING SCHOOL, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY DEVELOP AN INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE RELATED TO OFFERING THIS VACCINATION WITH SPECIFIC CONTENT REQUIREMENTS, TO DEFINE "CERVICAL CANCER VACCINATION SERIES", AND TO PROVIDE THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT IS CONTINGENT UPON RECEIPT OF FULL FUNDING BY STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS.**

(Read the first time--March 24, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Medical Affairs--April 21, 2015)
(Majority Favorable)
(Minority Unfavorable)
(Read the second time--May 28, 2015)
(Senator Fair desires to be present.)

H. 3849--Rep. Bingham: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-26-45 SO AS TO EXEMPT PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION IN CERTAIN EVALUATIONS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATORS AND STUDENT TEACHERS FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.

(Read the first time--March 24, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Education--May 13, 2015)
(Favorable)
(Read the second time--May 28, 2015)
(Senators Nicholson and Thurmond desire to be present.)

H. 4056--Reps. Funderburk, Norrell, King, Knight, Brannon, Cobb-Hunter, Daning, Henderson, Herbkersman, Hicks, Kennedy, Newton, Simrill, Thayer, Weeks, Hodges, Pope and Ballentine: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 57-5-1655 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTOR OR CONTRACTING FIRM SHALL NOT BE QUALIFIED TO PARTICIPATE IN DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS AS A PRIME CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

(Read the first time--May 4, 2015)
(Polled by Committee on Transportation--May 21, 2015)
(Favorable)
(Read the second time--June 3, 2015)
(Amended--June 4, 2015)
(Senator Williams desires to be present.)

H. 3430--Reps. Simrill, G.M. Smith, Felder, Pope, Weeks, Taylor, Hixon, Corley, Norrell, Ridgeway, Henderson, G.A. Brown, Long, Lucas, Pitts, Atwater, Gagnon, Gambrell, Wells and Hicks: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 77 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO SELL OR INSTALL AN UNMOUNTED, UNSAFE USED TIRE ONTO A PASSENGER CAR OR LIGHT TRUCK, TO DEFINE "UNSAFE" FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE CHAPTER, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO

CONDUCT INSPECTIONS, TO PROVIDE A CIVIL FINE FOR EACH VIOLATION, TO PROVIDE THAT THIS CHAPTER DOES NOT LIMIT A BUSINESS OR INDIVIDUAL'S LIABILITY UNDER THE STATE'S PRODUCTS LIABILITY LAWS, AND TO EXEMPT A BUSINESS OR PERSON WHO IS SELLING TIRES FOR RETREADING.

(Read the first time--May 4, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry--May 28, 2015)
(Favorable)
(Read the second time--June 3, 2015) (Amended--June 4, 2015)
(Senator Sheheen desires to be present.)

S. 524--Senators Hembree and Fair: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-15-130, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO INDECENT EXPOSURE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CORRECTIONS OR DETENTION FACILITY IS CONSIDERED A PUBLIC PLACE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE VIOLATION OCCURS WITHIN A CORRECTIONS OR DETENTION FACILITY, THE SENTENCE IS TO RUN CONSECUTIVELY.

(Read the first time--March 5, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--January 27, 2016)
(Favorable with amendments)
(Committee Amendment Adopted--January 28, 2016)
(Read the second time--January 28, 2016)
(Ayes 39, Nays 0 -- January 28, 2016)
(Senator M.B. Matthews desires to be present.)

S. 973--Senators Cromer and Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38-7-20 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION OF THE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX, SO AS TO EXTEND THE DATE THAT CERTAIN REVENUE MUST BE SENT TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA FORESTRY COMMISSION TO 2027.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2016)
(Reported by Committee on Banking and Insurance--January 27, 2016)
(Favorable)
(Amended--February 4, 2016)
(Read the second time--February 4, 2016)
(Ayes 38, Nays 0 -- February 4, 2016)
(Senator Leatherman desires to be present.)

S. 280--Senator Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-11-260, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND NET WORTH REQUIREMENTS FOR GENERAL CONTRACTORS AND MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, SO AS TO ADJUST THE NET WORTH REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AND LICENSE RENEWAL, AND TO DELETE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry--January 28, 2016)
(Favorable with amendments)
(Committee Amendment Adopted--February 4, 2016)
(Read the second time--February 4, 2016)
(Ayes 35, Nays 3 -- February 4, 2016)
(Senator Thurmond desires to be present.)

S. 933--Senator Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-18-310(B)(2) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENTS, TO PROVIDE A TWO YEAR EXTENSION FOR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PETITIONS FOR A PERSON WHO IS NO LONGER ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL AND WHO PREVIOUSLY FAILED TO RECEIVE A HIGH

SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR WAS DENIED GRADUATION SOLELY FOR FAILING TO MEET THE EXIT EXAM REQUIREMENTS.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2016)
(Reported by Committee on Education--January 28, 2016)
(Favorable)
(Amended--February 9, 2016)
(Read the second time--February 9, 2016)
(Ayes 41, Nays 0 -- February 9, 2016)

S. 1043--Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, RELATING TO DISTRICT AND SCHOOL PLANNING, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4605, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

(Without reference--January 28, 2016)
(Read the second time--February 9, 2016)
(Ayes 37, Nays 0 -- February 9, 2016)

STATEWIDE SECOND READING BILLS

S. 362--Senator Leatherman: A BILL TO ENACT THE PROVISO CODIFICATION ACT OF 2015, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CODIFICATION IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS OF CERTAIN PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT EFFECTIVE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 ONLY.

(Read the first time--January 27, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Finance--February 11, 2015)
(Favorable)
(Senator Bright desires to be present.)

S. 228--Senator Campbell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-1-60 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO APPEALS FROM A DEPARTMENT DECISION GIVING RISE TO A CONTESTED CASE; TO REMOVE THE BOARD OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL FROM CHALLENGES TO STAFF DECISIONS AND TO PROVIDE THAT CHALLENGES TO STAFF DECISIONS ARE FILED WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT; AND TO REPEAL REGULATION 61-72.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Medical Affairs--March 10, 2015)
(Favorable with amendments)
(Senator Lourie desires to be present.)

S. 278--Senators Hutto, Johnson, Lourie, Scott and Allen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44-29-185 SO AS TO ENACT THE "CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION ACT", TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL MAY OFFER THE CERVICAL CANCER VACCINATION SERIES TO ADOLESCENT STUDENTS ENROLLING IN THE SEVENTH GRADE OF ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE THAT NO STUDENT IS REQUIRED TO HAVE THE VACCINE BEFORE ENROLLING IN OR ATTENDING SCHOOL, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY DEVELOP AN INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE RELATED TO OFFERING THIS VACCINATION WITH SPECIFIC CONTENT REQUIREMENTS, TO DEFINE "CERVICAL CANCER VACCINATION SERIES", AND TO PROVIDE THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT IS CONTINGENT UPON RECEIPT OF FULL FUNDING BY STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Medical Affairs--March 10, 2015)
(Favorable with amendments)
(Committee Amendment Adopted--March 11, 2015)
(Senator Bryant desires to be present.)

S. 453--Senators Fair and Reese: A BILL TO MAKE PERMANENT THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 14-1-240, RELATING TO SURCHARGES ON CERTAIN MISDEMEANORS TO FUND TRAINING AT THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY.

(Read the first time--February 12, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Finance--March 11, 2015)
(Favorable)
(Senator Massey desires to be present.)

H. 3722--Reps. Lucas, Bingham, Pope, McEachern, Ballentine, Simrill, Funderburk, G.M. Smith, W.J. McLeod, Yow, Knight, Johnson, Clyburn, Duckworth, Clemmons, Stavrinakis, Norrell, M.S. McLeod, Quinn, Southard, Corley, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Bales, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, G.A. Brown, R.L. Brown, Burns, Chumley, Clary, Cole, Collins, Crosby, Daning, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrester, Gagnon, Gambrell, George, Gilliard, Goldfinch, Hamilton, Hardee, Hardwick, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hicks, Hiott, Hixon, Hodges, Horne, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Kennedy, King, Kirby, Limehouse, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Mack, McKnight, Merrill, Mitchell, D.C. Moss, Murphy, Nanney, Neal, Newton, Norman, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Putnam, Ridgeway, Riley, Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Sandifer, G.R. Smith, J.E. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Tinkler, Toole, Weeks, Wells, Whipper, White, Williams, Willis, Govan, Whitmire, H.A. Crawford and Brannon: A BILL TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 8, CHAPTER 13, RELATING TO ETHICS, GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, AND CAMPAIGN REFORM; TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 8, CHAPTER 27, RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION FOR REPORTS OF VIOLATIONS OF STATE OR FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 8-13-705, 8-13-720, 8-13-725, 8-13-750, 8-13-755, AND 8-13-760 ALL RELATING TO ETHICS RULES OF CONDUCT. (Abbreviated Title)

(Read the first time--March 5, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--March 11, 2015)
(Favorable with amendments)
(Senator Williams desires to be present.)

S. 156--Senators Shealy and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 7 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, BY ADDING SECTION 7–3–80, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A REGISTRATION SYSTEM WITHIN THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION ALLOWING A PERSON WITH MENTAL OR PHYSICAL INFIRMITIES THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMOVE HIMSELF FROM JURY LISTS, TO PROVIDE FOR A CERTIFICATION PROCESS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION SHALL FURNISH JURY LISTS TO COUNTY JURY COMMISSIONERS ONLY AFTER IT REMOVES THE NAMES OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO VOLUNTARILY REGISTER.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--March 25, 2015)
(Majority Favorable with amendments)
(Minority Unfavorable)

S. 523--Senator Cleary: A BILL TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 28, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COLLECTIVE ROAD ACT"; TO PROVIDE FOR INDEXING OF THE MOTOR FUEL USER FEE TO ADJUST FOR INFLATION; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-140, TO INCREASE THE FEE FOR CERTAIN LICENSES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ALLOCATION OF THE FUNDS RECEIVED; TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56, TO INCREASE CERTAIN FEES, AND TO ALLOCATE THE INCREASE IN FUNDS RECEIVED UNDER THIS SECTION; TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN TRAILERS SHALL BE REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT, AND THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT A REGISTRATION FEE FOR EACH TRAILER, WHICH SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND; TO PROVIDE THAT MOTOR VEHICLES POWERED EXCLUSIVELY OR BY A COMBINATION OF ELECTRICITY, HYDROGEN, OR ANY OTHER FUEL OTHER THAN MOTOR FUEL, SHALL PAY A ROAD USER FEE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DIRECTION OF FUNDS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION; TO AMEND CHAPTER 37, TITLE 12, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR

VEHICLES SHALL ASSESS THE VALUATION OF AND IMPOSE A ROAD USE FEE IN LIEU OF A PROPERTY TAX ON ALL LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES AND BUSES OF MOTOR CARRIERS REGISTERED FOR USE IN THIS STATE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CALCULATION OF THE FEE, AND THE MANNER OF COLLECTION AND ALLOCATION OF THE FEE; TO PROVIDE THAT ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF SEMITRAILERS AND TRAILERS IS EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAX, TO PROVIDE THAT THE FEE IS IN LIEU OF ANY LOCAL ROAD USE FEE, REGISTRATION FEES, OR ANY OTHER VEHICLE-RELATED FEE IMPOSED BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE ON A TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH FEES MAY BE PAID; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEE REVENUES SHALL BE PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-37-2865(B); TO PROVIDE THAT ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF ALL LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES AND BUSES ARE EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAX AND INSTEAD SUBJECT TO THE ROAD USE FEE; TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56, TO PROVIDE FOR A CLASSIFICATION PERTAINING TO LARGE COMMERCIAL VEHICLES AND BUSES; TO PROVIDE THAT A TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER COMMONLY USED IN COMBINATION WITH A LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE FOR WHICH THE FEE ON THE TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER HAS BEEN PAID, IS EXEMPT; TO PROVIDE THAT A LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OR BUS ON WHICH THE ROAD USE FEE IS IMPOSED IS REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED AND LICENSED ANNUALLY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ALLOCATION OF FEES COLLECTED; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY REGISTER A LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF ONE-HALF OF THIS STATE'S PORTION OF THE LICENSE AND ROAD FEE; TO AMEND SECTION 58-23-620, TO PROVIDE FOR ALLOCATION OF FEES IF A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY IMPOSES A LICENSE FEE OR TAX; TO AMEND CHAPTER 37, TITLE 12, TO PROVIDE THAT MOTOR CARRIERS, LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES AND BUSES MUST

PAY ROAD USE FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES; TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY REGISTER AND LICENSE SMALL COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES AND TO PROVIDE FOR FEES; TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON REGISTERING A MOTOR VEHICLE, MOTORCYCLE, OR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE MUST PAY AN INITIAL ROAD IMPACT REGISTRATION FEE, TO PROVIDE FOR EXCLUSIONS FROM THIS FEE, TO CREATE A TRANSFER FEE APPLICABLE ON THE SALE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE, MOTORCYCLE, OR RECREATION VEHICLE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ALLOCATION OF THE REVENUE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-2740(B), TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MUST BE APPOINTED; TO AMEND CHAPTER 36, TITLE 12, TO PROVIDE THAT A HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT AND SAFETY FEE IS IMPOSED UPON THE REPAIR OR LABOR OF A VEHICLE, TOWING, OR ANCILLARY ROAD SERVICES, TO REPEAL VARIOUS SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS IMPOSED BY SECTION 12-36-2120, TO PROVIDE THAT A TRANSFER FEE MUST BE COLLECTED UPON THE SALE OF AN AIRCRAFT, BOAT, OR SELF-PROPELLED LIGHT CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT, TO PROVIDE THAT IN THE CASE OF A LEASE, A TOTAL FEE IS IMPOSED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER OF COLLECTION AND ALLOCATION OF THE REVENUE GENERATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-545(B)(2), BY REDUCING AND ELIMINATING THE INCOME TAX IMPOSED BY THAT SECTION; TO AMEND CHAPTER 11, TITLE 11 BY ADDING SECTION 11-11-240, TO DIRECT REVENUES RAISED BY THE REPEAL OF VARIOUS SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS IN SECTION 12-36-2120 BE CREDITED TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND AND TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS TO MAKE ANNUAL ESTIMATES OF THE REVENUE RAISED BY THE REPEAL OF SECTION 12-36-2120; TO AMEND SECTION 11-43-130(6), TO CLARIFY ELIGIBLE PROJECTS MUST BE SELECTED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S LONG-RANGE STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLAN; AND TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-140, TO REPEAL SECTION 6 OF

ACT 114 OF 2007 REMOVING THE SUNSET PROVISION FOR THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY. (Abbreviated Title)

(Read the first time--March 5, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Finance--March 26, 2015)
(Majority Favorable with amendments)
(Minority Unfavorable)

S. 528--Senators Setzler, Peeler and Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 59 SO AS TO PROVIDE A TEXTBOOK POLICY FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT IS INTENDED TO HELP MINIMIZE COLLEGE TEXTBOOK COSTS, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTBOOK POLICIES.

(Read the first time--March 10, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Education--March 26, 2015)
(Majority Favorable with amendments)
(Minority Unfavorable)

S. 533--Senators Hayes, Courson, Thurmond, L. Martin, Jackson and Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "TEACHER EMPLOYMENT AND DISMISSAL ACT OF 2015"; TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-410, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL APRIL FIFTEENTH DEADLINE FOR NOTIFYING TEACHERS OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT FOR THE ENSUING YEAR, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEADLINE TO BEFORE MAY FIRST; TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-420, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT TEACHERS NOTIFY THE DISTRICT OF THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF TEACHING CONTRACTS WITHIN A SPECIFIED PERIOD, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-460, RELATING TO NOTICES OF DISMISSAL AND CONDUCT OF RELATED HEARINGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONDUCT OF HEARINGS BY THE BOARD OR ITS DESIGNEE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF THE

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORT OF A DESIGNEE WHO CONDUCTS A HEARING, TO PROVIDE THE BOARD HAS FINAL DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY REGARDING A SUSPENSION OR DISMISSAL HEARING, AMONG OTHER THINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-470, RELATING TO THE SCHEDULING OF TEACHER DISMISSAL HEARINGS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES, TO EXTEND THE PERIOD FOR SCHEDULING A HEARING TO FORTY-FIVE DAYS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT HEARINGS ARE QUASI-JUDICIAL, AND TO PERMIT THE USE OF HEARSAY EVIDENCE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-480, RELATING TO APPEALS TO THE CIRCUIT COURT FROM A DISTRICT LEVEL DECISION ON A TEACHER DISMISSAL HEARING, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND TO PROVIDE THESE APPEALS INSTEAD MUST BE MADE TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT; AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 59-25-490 AND 59-25-520, BOTH RELATING TO MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS CONCERNING DISCOVERY AND RELATED POWERS OF THE JUDICIARY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

(Read the first time--March 10, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Education--March 31, 2015)
(Majority Favorable with amendments)
(Minority Unfavorable)

H. 3165--Reps. Tallon, Cole, Allison, Forrester and G.R. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 56-5-130 AND 56-5-140, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THE TERMS "MOTOR VEHICLE" AND "MOTORCYCLE", SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MOPEDS ARE MOTOR VEHICLES AND NOT MOTORCYCLES.

(Read the first time--March 10, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Transportation--April 14, 2015)
(Favorable)
(Senator Hutto desires to be present.)

S. 84--Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-2910 OF THE 1976 CODE RELATING TO RECKLESS VEHICULAR HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF, PLEADS GUILTY TO, OR

PLEADS NOLO CONTENDERE TO RECKLESS VEHICULAR HOMICIDE IS GUILTY OF A FELONY, AND MUST BE FINED NOT LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS NOR MORE THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS OR IMPRISONED NOT MORE THAN FIFTEEN YEARS, OR BOTH, AND AFTER ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF REVOCATION OF THE PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE, THE PERSON MAY PETITION THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE COUNTY OF THE PERSON'S CONVICTION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF THE PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE; TO AMEND ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 56 RELATING TO RECKLESS HOMICIDE, RECKLESS DRIVING, AND DRIVING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR, DRUGS, OR NARCOTICS, BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-2925 TO DEFINE "GREAT BODILY INJURY" AS BODILY INJURY WHICH CREATES A SUBSTANTIAL RISK OF DEATH OR WHICH CAUSES SERIOUS, PERMANENT DISFIGUREMENT, OR PROTRACTED LOSS OR IMPAIRMENT OF THE FUNCTION OF ANY BODILY MEMBER OR ORGAN, TO PROVIDE FOR THE OFFENSE OF FELONY RECKLESS DRIVING, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTIES OF FELONY RECKLESS DRIVING, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCEDURE FOR REINSTATEMENT OF THE DRIVER'S LICENSE OF A PERSON CONVICTED OF FELONY RECKLESS DRIVING, AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE PERSON'S PRIVILEGE TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE IS REINSTATED, A SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS FOR ANY MOVING VIOLATION REQUIRES THE AUTOMATIC CANCELLATION OF THE PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE AND IMPOSITION OF THE FULL PERIOD OF REVOCATION FOR THE FELONY RECKLESS DRIVING VIOLATION.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2015)

(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--April 15, 2015)

(Favorable with amendments)

(Minority Report removed by unanimous consent--April 23, 2015)

(Senator Jackson desires to be present.)

S. 18--Senator Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HOMEOWNERS' PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 55 TO TITLE 27, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPLICABILITY OF THE CHAPTER AND EXEMPTIONS, TO PROVIDE RIGHTS OF PROPERTY OWNERS CONCERNING HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE OBLIGATIONS OF HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND RELATED RESTRICTIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 27-50-40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY CONDITION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT THE STATEMENT INCLUDES INFORMATION ABOUT ANY REQUIREMENT OF A PURCHASER TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ONE OR MORE ASSOCIATIONS, RELATED MANDATORY FEES AND ASSESSMENTS, THE MANNER IN WHICH THESE FEES AND ASSESSMENTS MAY BE CHANGED, AND THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES FOR FAILING TO PAY THESE FEES AND ASSESSMENTS, AND TO REQUIRE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION BIENNIALLY TO REVIEW AND REVISE THESE DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--April 29, 2015)
(Majority Favorable with amendments)
(Minority Unfavorable)

S. 165--Senators Hembree, Turner, Bennett and Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1-23-600 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO HEARINGS AND PROCEEDINGS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, TO PROVIDE THAT A REQUEST FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING FOR AN AGENCY ORDER STAYS THE ORDER FOR THIRTY DAYS, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT MATTERS NOT AFFECTED BY THE REQUEST MAY NOT BE STAYED BY THE FILING OF THE REQUEST, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS THAT A REQUEST FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING FOR AN ORDER TO REVOKE OR SUSPEND A LICENSE STAYS THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION, AND FOR A DECISION TO RENEW A LICENSE FOR AN ONGOING ACTIVITY STAYS THE

RENEWED LICENSE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT AFTER A CONTESTED CASE IS INITIATED BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, A PARTY MAY MOVE BEFORE THE PRESIDING ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE LAW, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT THE COURT SHALL LIFT THE STAY FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN OR IF NO IRREPARABLE HARM WILL OCCUR, THEN THE STAY SHALL BE LIFTED, AND TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A HEARING MUST BE HELD WITHIN THIRTY DAYS TO LIFT THE AUTOMATIC STAY OR FOR A DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICABILITY OF THE AUTOMATIC STAY, AND TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE JUDGE MUST ISSUE AN ORDER NO LATER THAN FIFTEEN BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE HEARING IS CONCLUDED, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY INJUNCTION ORDERED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT SHALL REQUIRE THE POSTING OF A BOND OR OTHER SECURITY SUFFICIENT FOR THE COST AND EXPENSE OF THE LITIGATION AND PROJECT DELAY AS DEMONSTRATED BY AN AFFIDAVIT MADE ON A GOOD FAITH ESTIMATE OF SUCH COST AND EXPENSE.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--April 29, 2015)
(Favorable with amendments)
(Senator Hembree desires to be present.)

S. 429--Senators Thurmond, Rankin, Malloy, McElveen, Shealy, Davis, Hembree, Johnson, Coleman, Setzler, Kimpson, Sheheen, Cromer, Campsen and Allen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 42-1-160, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS OF "INJURY" AND "PERSONAL INJURY" IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION OF "FIRST RESPONDER" AND TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUCH AN EMPLOYEE SEEKING WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOR PERSONAL INJURY CAUSED BY STRESS, MENTAL INJURY, OR MENTAL ILLNESS, AND TO ADD MENTAL ILLNESS TO RELATED

CONDITIONS THAT MAY BE COMPENSABLE IF RESULTING FROM A SIGNIFICANT TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE.

(Read the first time--February 5, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--April 29, 2015)
(Majority Favorable with amendments)
(Minority Unfavorable)

H. 3560--Reps. Limehouse, Sottile, McCoy and Spires: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-460, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE REQUIRED NOTICE AND HEARINGS FOR DISMISSAL OF A TEACHER, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD MAY DESIGNATE A HEARING OFFICER TO CONDUCT A DISMISSAL HEARING AND ISSUE A REPORT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF A HEARING OFFICER, TO PROVIDE A HEARING MUST BE PRIVATE UNLESS THE TEACHER REQUESTS IN WRITING THAT THE HEARING BE PUBLIC, TO PROVIDE THAT A NOTICE OF DISMISSAL MUST BE GIVEN BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OR HIS DESIGNEE INSTEAD OF THE SCHOOL BOARD, TO SPECIFY USE OF A COURT REPORTER TO RECORD THE PROCEEDINGS, AND TO PROVIDE AN APPEALS PROCESS.

(Read the first time--April 29, 2015)
(Recalled from Committee on Education--May 5, 2015)
(Favorable)
(Minority Report removed by unanimous consent--June 3, 2015)
(Senator Kimpson desires to be present.)

S. 657--Senators Leatherman, Lourie and Kimpson: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 1377 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL PROJECTS, TO CONFORM THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL INDEBTEDNESS AMOUNT TO THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS AUTHORIZED BY THIS ACT, AND TO

PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN SECTION 2-7-105 OF THE 1976 CODE DO NOT APPLY TO THIS ACT.

(Read the first time--April 14, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Finance--May 13, 2015)
(Majority Favorable with amendments)
(Minority Unfavorable)

H. 3186--Reps. Finlay, Cole, Anderson, Bales, G.A. Brown, R.L. Brown, Felder, Funderburk, Hart, Knight, Lucas, Murphy, Newton, Norman, Norrell, Pope, Putnam, Rivers, Southard, Spires, Tallon, Taylor, Wells, Williams, Willis, Long, Henderson, G.R. Smith, G.M. Smith, McCoy, Clary, J.E. Smith, W.J. McLeod, Weeks, Whipper, Hicks, Atwater, Ballentine and Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-100, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN REGARD TO ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "BUSINESS WITH WHICH HE IS ASSOCIATED"; AND TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1120, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS, SO AS TO REVISE THE FORM AND REQUIRED CONTENTS OF STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS.

(Read the first time--February 24, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--May 13, 2015)
(Favorable with amendments)
(Senator J. Matthews desires to be present.)

H. 3187--Reps. Finlay, Cole, Anderson, Bales, G.A. Brown, R.L. Brown, Felder, Funderburk, Hart, Knight, Lucas, Murphy, Newton, Norman, Norrell, Pope, Putnam, Rivers, Southard, Spires, Tallon, Taylor, Wells, Williams, Willis, Long, Henderson, G.M. Smith, G.R. Smith, McCoy, Clary, Weeks, W.J. McLeod and Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1300, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN REGARD TO CAMPAIGN PRACTICES, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS.

(Read the first time--January 28, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--May 13, 2015)
(Majority Favorable with amendments)
(Minority Unfavorable)

H. 3188--Reps. Finlay, Cole, Anderson, Bales, G.A. Brown, R.L. Brown, Felder, Funderburk, Hart, Knight, Lucas, Murphy, Newton, Norman, Norrell, Pope, Putnam, Rivers, Southard, Spires, Tallon, Taylor, Wells, Williams, Willis, Long, Douglas, Henderson, G.M. Smith, G.R. Smith, McCoy, Clary, Weeks, W.J. McLeod, J.E. Smith, Whipper and Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1314, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS AND RESTRICTIONS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CERTAIN NONCANDIDATE COMMITTEES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1340, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS BY ONE CANDIDATE TO ANOTHER AND COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED, FINANCED, MAINTAINED, OR CONTROLLED BY A CANDIDATE, SO AS TO DELETE THE CONTRIBUTION RESTRICTION EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF COMMITTEES.

(Read the first time--January 28, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--May 13, 2015)
(Favorable with amendments)
(Senator J. Matthews desires to be present.)

H. 3189--Reps. Finlay, Cole, Anderson, Bales, G.A. Brown, R.L. Brown, Felder, Funderburk, Hart, Knight, Lucas, Murphy, Newton, Norman, Norrell, Pope, Putnam, Rivers, Southard, Spires, Tallon, Taylor, Wells, Williams, Willis, Long, Henderson, G.M. Smith, G.R. Smith, McCoy, Clary, J.E. Smith, W.J. McLeod, Weeks, Whipper and Hicks: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1313 SO AS TO REQUIRE A PERSON WHO IS NOT A COMMITTEE AND WHO MAKES AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT OR VALUE IN EXCESS OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS DURING A CALENDAR YEAR OR MAKES AN ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATION TO FILE A REPORT OF SUCH EXPENDITURE OR COMMUNICATION WITH THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION; AND TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1300, AS

AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN REGARD TO CAMPAIGN PRACTICES, SO AS TO DEFINE "ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATION".

(Read the first time--February 17, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--May 13, 2015)
(Majority Favorable with amendments)
(Minority Unfavorable)

H. 3193--Reps. Cole, Finlay, Newton, Pope, Anderson, Bales, G.A. Brown, R.L. Brown, Felder, Funderburk, Hart, Knight, Lucas, Murphy, Norman, Norrell, Putnam, Rivers, Southard, Spires, Tallon, Taylor, Wells, Williams, Willis, Long, Henderson, G.M. Smith, G.R. Smith, McCoy, Clary, J.E. Smith, Hicks and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1320, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ATTRIBUTION OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIFIC TYPES OF ELECTIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE MANNER IN WHICH CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ATTRIBUTED TO A PRIMARY ELECTION AND TO A PRIMARY ELECTION RUNOFF.

(Read the first time--February 4, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--May 13, 2015)
(Favorable with amendments)
(Senator Scott desires to be present.)

H. 3200--Reps. Cole, Finlay, Newton, Pope, Anderson, Bales, G.A. Brown, R.L. Brown, Felder, Funderburk, Hart, Knight, Lucas, Murphy, Norman, Norrell, Putnam, Rivers, Southard, Spires, Tallon, Taylor, Wells, Williams, Willis, Long, Henderson, G.M. Smith, G.R. Smith, McCoy, Clary, J.E. Smith, Hicks and Jefferson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-756 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION OR OFFICE FOR FINANCIAL GAIN, REPORTING OF PARTICULAR GIFTS, RESTRICTIONS ON FUTURE EMPLOYMENT AND RELATED PROVISIONS, DO NOT APPLY TO A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OF AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY THAT BENEFITS THE INSTITUTION AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

IF THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION RETAINS SOME ROYALTY RIGHTS TO THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.

(Read the first time--February 4, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--May 13, 2015)
(Favorable)
(Senator J. Matthews desires to be present.)

S. 811--Medical Affairs Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DISAPPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF NEED FOR HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4538, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

(Without reference--May 21, 2015)
(Senators Jackson and Lourie desire to be present.)

H. 3353--Reps. Bradley, Herbkersman, Daning, Erickson, Long, Bowers, Newton, Wells, Corley, Hodges, R.L. Brown, George, Johnson and Robinson-Simpson: 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.

(Read the first time--April 28, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Education--May 27, 2015)
(Favorable)
(Senator S. Martin desires to be present.)

S. 574--Senators Hutto, Shealy, Johnson, Lourie, Campbell, O'Dell and Nicholson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-32-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION ACT, SO AS TO DEFINE "MEDICALLY ACCURATE INFORMATION"; TO AMEND SECTION 59-32-20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION UNITS AND SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AWARENESS UNITS TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SECTION 59-32-30, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS IMPLEMENT COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS, BOTH SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-32-60, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPORT COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACT, SO AS TO REQUIRE EACH DISTRICT SHALL PUBLISH ON ITS WEBSITE HEALTH EDUCATION MATERIALS APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND USED IN DISTRICT CLASSROOMS, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.

(Read the first time--March 18, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Education--May 28, 2015)
(Favorable with amendments)
(Senator Fair desires to be present.)

S. 653--Senator Scott: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38-63-80, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PAYMENT OF INDIVIDUAL LIFE INSURANCE POLICY BENEFIT PROCEEDS IN A LUMP SUM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE INTEREST PAID MUST BE PAID AT A RATE NOT LESS THAN THE CURRENT RATE INTEREST PAID ON DEATH PROCEEDS LEFT ON DEPOSIT WITH THE INSURER; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38-65-120, RELATING TO PAYMENT OF GROUP LIFE INSURANCE POLICY BENEFIT PROCEEDS IN A LUMP SUM, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS SUBMISSIONS, AND TO PROVIDE INTEREST PAID ON LUMP SUM PAYMENTS MUST BE PAID AT A RATE NOT

LESS THAN THE CURRENT RATE OF INTEREST PAID ON DEATH PROCEEDS LEFT ON DEPOSIT WITH THE INSURER.

(Read the first time--April 14, 2015)

(Reported by Committee on Banking and Insurance--June 2, 2015)

(Favorable with amendments)

(Senator Sheheen desires to be present.)

H. 3250--Reps. G.M. Smith, Clyburn, Merrill and Anthony: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-7-130, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO TERMINOLOGY FOR THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM, SO AS TO ADD THE TERM "NEW AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGY"; BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-215 SO AS TO ENTITLE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO HAVE ACCESS TO CERTAIN DATA MAINTAINED BY THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE; TO AMEND SECTION 13-7-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "NONIONIZING RADIATION", SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION; TO AMEND SECTION 13-7-45, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REGULATION OF SOURCES OF IONIZING AND NONIONIZING RADIATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE ACCREDITATION OR CERTIFICATION FOR CERTAIN SOURCES OF RADIATION AND TO CHANGE ALLOWABLE FEES; TO AMEND SECTION 44-1-60, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE REVIEW OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED DECISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL AND REQUESTS FOR CONTESTED CARE HEARINGS IN CERTIFICATE OF NEED CASES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE BOARD REVIEW; TO AMEND SECTION 44-7-120, RELATING TO THE PURPOSE OF THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE USE OF A STATE HEALTH PLAN; TO AMEND SECTION 44-7-130, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE DEFINITIONS FOR "AFFECTED PERSON", "HEALTH SERVICE", "FREESTANDING OR MOBILE TECHNOLOGY", AND "LIKE NEW AND EMERGING

TECHNOLOGY WITH SIMILAR CAPABILITIES"; TO AMEND SECTION 44-7-150, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE USE OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED FEES, SO AS TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO RETAIN ALL FEES COLLECTED FOR THE USE OF THE PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 44-7-160, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A CERTIFICATE OF NEED IS REQUIRED, SO AS TO CHANGE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 44-7-170, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CERTIFICATE OF NEED EXCEPTIONS, SO AS TO ADD NEW EXCEPTIONS AND MAKE CHANGES TO EXISTING EXCEPTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 44-7-200, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO NOTICE REQUIREMENTS ABOUT CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATIONS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE AND INSTEAD TO REQUIRE THE APPLICANT TO FILE A LETTER OF INTENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND TO ELIMINATE THE REFERENCE TO BOARD REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT DECISIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 44-7-210, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEW PROCEDURES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT OF A PUBLIC HEARING, THE APPLICATION OF THE STATE HEALTH PLAN, AND BOARD REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT DECISIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 44-7-220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT DECISIONS ON CERTIFICATE OF NEED MATTERS, SO AS TO ADD CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE AWARD OF ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS AND TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF FRIVOLOUS APPEAL; TO AMEND SECTION 44-7-230, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO LIMITATIONS ON CERTIFICATES OF NEED, SO AS TO SUBSTITUTE THE TERM "NEW AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGY" FOR "MEDICAL EQUIPMENT" AND TO ELIMINATE THE ROLE OF THE BOARD; TO AMEND SECTION 44-7-240, RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS IN THE STATE, SO AS TO ELIMINATE REFERENCE TO THE STATE HEALTH PLAN; TO AMEND SECTION 44-7-1590, RELATING TO PROCEDURES FOR APPROVAL OF HOSPITAL BONDS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE RIGHT TO CHALLENGE AN ACTION BY THE DEPARTMENT; TO REPEAL SECTION

44-7-180 RELATING TO THE STATE HEALTH PLANNING COMMITTEE AND THE STATE HEALTH PLAN, AND SECTION 44-7-225 RELATING TO JUDICIAL CONSIDERATION OF THE STATE HEALTH PLAN IN MATTERS BEFORE THE COURT; AND TO REQUIRE THE BOARD TO REVIEW CERTAIN PROJECTS FOR WHICH A CERTIFICATE OF NEED WAS REQUIRED BUT NOT OBTAINED BETWEEN JULY 1, 2013, AND APRIL 14, 2014, TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE PROJECTS MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF NEED, AND TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF NEED IN APPROPRIATE CASES.

(Read the first time--May 4, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Medical Affairs--June 4, 2015)
(Majority Favorable)
(Minority Unfavorable)
(Senator Peeler desires to be present.)

S. 139--Senator Cleary: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 48-39-130 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PERMITS REQUIRED FOR COASTAL ZONE CRITICAL AREAS, TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TECHNOLOGIES, METHODOLOGIES, OR STRUCTURES WITH REGARD TO PROTECTING BEACH AND DUNE CRITICAL AREAS WHEN AN EMERGENCY ORDER IS ISSUED BY APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 48-39-280, TO PROHIBIT THE SEAWARD MOVEMENT OF THE BASELINE AFTER JULY 1, 2015, AND TO ELIMINATE THE RIGHT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND LANDOWNERS TO PETITION THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT TO MOVE THE BASELINE SEAWARD UPON COMPLETION OF A BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROJECT; TO AMEND SECTION 48-39-290, TO NARROW THE EXCEPTION OF GOLF COURSES FROM A PERMIT REQUIREMENT TO REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING GOLF COURSES, TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXEMPTION FOR SANDFENCING, REVEGITATION OF DUNES, MINOR BEACH RENOURISHMENT, AND DUNE CONSTRUCTION; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO APPROVE REPAIRS TO CERTAIN EROSION CONTROL DEVICES WHICH WOULD

OTHERWISE BE PROHIBITED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH REPAIRS MAY BE MADE; TO AMEND SECTION 48-39-320 BY ADDING A SUBSECTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL MAY APPROVE EROSION CONTROL DEVICES NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THIS CHAPTER IF THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT A DEVICE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL WITH REGARD TO EROSION CONTROL; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 48-39-290(D)(2).

(Read the first time--January 13, 2016)
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S. 687--Senators McElveen, Johnson, Hembree, Verdin, Shealy, Williams and Campbell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-69-295 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO MOBILE VETERINARY FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE THAT A MOBILE VETERINARY PRACTICE OR FACILITY MUST IDENTIFY THE CLOSEST LOCAL EMERGENCY SERVICES FACILITY AND POST THE CONTACT INFORMATION OF THAT FACILITY, AND TO DEFINE "MOBILE VETERINARY PRACTICE" AND "PET" FOR PURPOSES OF THAT SECTION; TO AMEND CHAPTER 69, TITLE 40 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO VETERINARIANS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEFINITION OF "ANIMAL SHELTER" AND "VETERINARY SERVICES", TO PROVIDE THAT ANIMAL SHELTERS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE SUPERVISION AND REGULATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION, TO PROVIDE THAT VETERINARIANS AND ANIMAL SHELTERS SHALL PREPARE MEDICAL RECORDS FOR ANIMALS IN THEIR CARE AND MAINTAIN THOSE RECORDS FOR A MINIMUM OF THREE YEARS, TO PROVIDE THAT ANIMAL SHELTERS SHALL MAINTAIN RECORDS THAT DOCUMENT THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS ADMITTED AND THE METHOD BY WHICH THEY EXIT THE FACILITY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE SCOPE OF

PRACTICE FOR ANIMAL SHELTERS; TO AMEND CHAPTER 69, TITLE 40 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO VETERINARIANS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DISPENSING OF A PRESCRIPTION DRUG TO THE OWNER OF AN END USER FOR THE TREATMENT OF A BODILY INJURY OR DISEASE OF AN ANIMAL SHALL BE UNLAWFUL, UNLESS PROPERLY LABELED AND PRESCRIBED BY A LICENSED VETERINARIAN, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

(Read the first time--April 21, 2015)

(Reported by Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources--January 13, 2016)

(Favorable with amendments)

(Senator Lourie desires to be present.)

S. 315--Senator Grooms and Campsen: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO REPEAL SECTION 6 OF ACT 114, RELATED TO THE TERMINATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY TO APPOINT THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION; AND TO EXTEND THE GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY UNTIL FURTHER ACTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE CONTRARY.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2015)

(Reported by Committee on Transportation--January 20, 2016)

(Favorable)

S. 911--Senators L. Martin, Campsen, Massey, Hayes, Alexander, Bennett, Bright, Bryant, Campbell, Corbin, Gregory, Hembree, S. Martin, O'Dell, Peeler, Shealy, Turner, Johnson, Grooms, Williams, Davis, Verdin, Fair, Reese, Nicholson, Cleary and Lourie: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CLOSING FEES ON MOTOR VEHICLE SALES CONTRACTS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A DEFINITION OF A CLOSING FEE THAT A MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER MAY CHARGE BY AMENDING SECTION 37-2-307 OF THE CODE AND TO PROVIDE AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER WHO COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CODE IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW; RELATING TO THE DEALERS' ACT TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURAL PROCESS FOR BRINGING A CLAIM SO AS TO REPEAL SECTION

56-15-110(2) AND TO AMEND THE PROCEDURAL PROCESS FOR A PERSON TO BRING A CLAIM IN AN INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY UNDER THE DEALER'S ACT IN SECTION 56-15-110(1); AND TO CLARIFY THE CURRENT PROCEDURAL PROCESS IN STATE LAW FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE TO BRING ACTION OR CLAIM FOR DAMAGE AND HARM TO ITS BUSINESS OR PROPERTY BY THE MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR OR OTHER PERSON BY AMENDING SECTION 56-15-30.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2016)
(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--January 20, 2016)
(Majority Favorable)
(Minority Unfavorable)

S. 267--Senators Young, Campsen, Hembree, Bennett, Turner, Thurmond, Davis, Bright, Bryant, Hayes, L. Martin and S. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2–1–180 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ADJOURNMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO CHANGE THE DATE FOR THE MANDATORY ADJOURNMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE FIRST THURSDAY IN JUNE TO THE FIRST THURSDAY IN MAY, AND PROVIDE THAT IN ANY YEAR THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FAILS TO GIVE THIRD READING TO THE APPROPRIATIONS BILL BY MARCH FIRST, RATHER THAN MARCH THIRTY-FIRST, THE DATE OF ADJOURNMENT IS EXTENDED BY ONE STATEWIDE DAY FOR EACH STATEWIDE DAY AFTER MARCH FIRST, THAT THE HOUSE FAILS TO GIVE THE BILL THIRD READING.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--January 27, 2016)
(Favorable with amendments)

S. 647--Senators Malloy, Kimpson, Johnson, Nicholson and Allen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-5-50, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF HINDERING A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH OFFENSE DOES NOT APPLY TO A PERSON WHO PHOTOGRAPHS OR RECORDS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

PERFORMING THE OFFICER'S OFFICIAL DUTIES WHILE THE OFFICER IS IN A PUBLIC PLACE OR THE PERSON IS IN A PLACE THE PERSON HAS THE RIGHT TO BE.

(Read the first time--April 14, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--January 27, 2016)
(Majority Favorable with amendments)
(Minority Unfavorable)

S. 849--Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 71, TITLE 38 SO AS TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE COST REIMBURSEMENTS FOR GENERIC PRESCRIPTION DRUGS BY PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS, TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, TO EXEMPT THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES IN ADMINISTERING MEDICAID UNDER TITLES XIX AND XXI OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR PLACING DRUGS ON MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE COST LISTS BY PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS, AND TO PROVIDE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS; TO PROVIDE CONTRACTS BETWEEN PHARMACIES AND PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS THAT ARE ENTERED INTO, RENEWED, OR EXTENDED ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT; AND TO MAKE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016.

(Read the first time--June 2, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Banking and Insurance--January 27, 2016)
(Favorable)
(Senator Scott desires to be present.)

S. 978--Senator Hayes: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38-9-330, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO RISK-BASED CAPITAL PLANS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MULTIPLIER FOR A COMPANY ACTION LEVEL EVENT FOR A LIFE AND HEALTH INSURER FROM 2.5 TO 3.0; TO AMEND SECTION 38-87-30, RELATING TO THE CHARTERING OF A RISK RETENTION GROUP, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROVIDE THAT A MAJORITY OF A RISK RETENTION GROUPS' DIRECTORS MUST BE INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS, TO ESTABLISH THE MAXIMUM TERM OF ANY MATERIAL SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACT, TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO ADOPT A WRITTEN POLICY, TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO ADOPT AND DISCLOSE ITS GOVERNANCE STANDARDS, TO REQUIRE THE BOARD TO ADOPT AND DISCLOSE A CODE OF BUSINESS CONDUCT AND ETHICS, TO REQUIRE A RISK RETENTION GROUP TO COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE REGULATIONS, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE, AND TO SET ESTABLISHED DATES FOR COMPLIANCE; TO AMEND SECTION 38-87-40, RELATING TO OUT-OF-STATE RISK RETENTION GROUPS, SO AS TO ALLOW AN OUT-OF-STATE RISK RETENTION GROUP TO SUBMIT REVISIONS TO ITS PLAN OF OPERATION WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF APPROVAL BY THE STATE INSURANCE COMMISSION OR WITHIN THIRTY DAYS IF NO APPROVAL IS REQUIRED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38-90-160, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO EXTEND THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 38-87-30 TO A RISK RETENTION GROUP LICENSED AS A CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2016)

(Reported by Committee on Banking and Insurance--January 27, 2016)

(Favorable)

H. 3682--Reps. Finlay, Bannister, Newton, Cole, Delleney, Weeks, Whipper, Robinson-Simpson and Bingham: 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.

(Read the first time--April 29, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--January 27, 2016)
(Favorable with amendments)
(Senator McElveen desires to be present.)

S. 493--Senator O'Dell: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 40-68-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DETERMINATION OF TAX CREDITS AND ECONOMIC INCENTIVES BASED ON EMPLOYMENT WITH RESPECT TO CLIENT COMPANIES OF PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-68-55, RELATING TO THE ABILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE TO PROVIDE BY REGULATION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF AFFIDAVIT OR CERTIFICATION OF APPROVAL OF QUALIFIED ASSURANCE ORGANIZATIONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THESE FUNCTIONS BE PROVIDED BY REGULATION; TO AMEND SECTION 40-68-60, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT ORGANIZATION SERVICES AGREEMENTS BETWEEN PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSIGNED EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT TERMS MUST BE ESTABLISHED BY WRITTEN

CONTRACT, AND INSTEAD TO PROVIDE ORGANIZATIONS ONLY SHALL PROVIDE ASSIGNED EMPLOYEES WITH WRITTEN NOTICE OF HOW THE AGREEMENT AFFECTS THEM; TO AMEND SECTION 40-68-70, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT ORGANIZATION SERVICES AGREEMENTS BETWEEN PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS AND CLIENT COMPANIES, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT MUST BE ESTABLISHED BY WRITTEN CONTRACT; TO AMEND SECTION 40-68-150, RELATING TO CERTAIN PROHIBITED ACTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS SHALL NOT ENGAGE IN THE SALE OF INSURANCE OR ACT AS THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATORS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE SPONSORING AND MAINTAINING OF EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS FOR THE BENEFIT OF ASSIGNED EMPLOYEES DOES NOT CONSTITUTE THE SALE OF INSURANCE; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 40-68-45 RELATING TO CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION.

(Read the first time--March 3, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry--January 28, 2016)
(Favorable with amendments)

S. 997--Senators Bright, S. Martin, Peeler, Fair, Grooms, Corbin, Verdin and Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 43 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, BY ADDING SECTION 43-1-730 TO PROVIDE THAT REFUGEES PLACED IN THIS STATE BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MUST REGISTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; TO AMEND TITLE 15, CHAPTER 5 OF THE 1976 CODE, TO PROVIDE CIVIL LIABILITY FOR VOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT ORGANIZATIONS ARISING FROM THE ACTIONS OF A REFUGEE PLACED IN THIS STATE TO WHOM THE ORGANIZATION PROVIDED SPONSORSHIP OR RESETTLEMENT SERVICES; TO PROHIBIT STATE OR

LOCAL FUNDS BEING EXPENDED FOR THE DIRECT OR INDIRECT BENEFIT OF REFUGEES UNTIL LEGISLATION SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE IS ENACTED; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

(Read the first time--January 14, 2016)
(Reported by General Committee--January 28, 2016)
(Majority Favorable with amendments)
(Minority Unfavorable)

S. 561--Senators Grooms, Davis, Gregory, Peeler, Malloy, Campbell, Cleary and Bennett: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 57 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION TO NINE MEMBERS, TO PROVIDE THAT COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR FROM THE STATE AT LARGE SUBJECT TO SCREENING BY THE JOINT TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, TO PROVIDE THAT COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE APPOINTED TO SIX-YEAR TERMS, AND TO CLARIFY THE COMMISSION'S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-410, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, SHALL APPOINT A SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION SUBJECT TO THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-720(C) AND 57-1-730 TO MAKE TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS REFLECTING THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS RATHER THAN ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS; TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, TO ESTABLISH A DIVISION WITHIN THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INTERNAL

AUDIT FUNCTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 57-1-460 AND 57-1-740.

(Read the first time--March 17, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Transportation--February 3, 2016)
(Favorable with amendments)
(Senator Scott desires to be present.)

S. **1017--Senators Campsen, L. Martin, Peeler, Massey, Bryant, Turner, Hembree and Young: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, BEGINNING UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION SERVING IN OFFICE ON JANUARY 10, 2019, AND AFTER THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION, TO DELETE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION FROM THE LIST OF STATE OFFICERS WHICH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES TO BE ELECTED, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, AND MUST SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR, AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROVIDE BY LAW FOR THE DUTIES, COMPENSATION, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE OFFICE, AND THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE APPOINTMENT IS MADE.**

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(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--February 3, 2016)
(Majority Favorable with amendments)
(Minority Unfavorable)

H. **3184--Reps. Pope, Cole, Anderson, Bales, G.A. Brown, R.L. Brown, Finlay, Funderburk, Hart, Knight, Lucas, Murphy, Newton, Norman, Norrell, Putnam, Rivers, Southard, Spires, Tallon, Taylor, Wells, Williams, Willis, Bernstein, Long, Douglas, Henderson, G.M. Smith, G.R. Smith, McCoy, McKnight, Clary, M.S. McLeod, Thayer, W.J. McLeod, Weeks, J.E. Smith and Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-310, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE STATE ETHICS**

COMMISSION AND ITS MEMBERSHIP, SO AS TO RECONSTITUTE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015, TO CONSIST OF FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, FOUR MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE SUPREME COURT, TWO MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TWO MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE SENATE, RESPECTIVELY, TO PROVIDE FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THESE MEMBERS, TO PROVIDE FOR OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERS' TERMS OF OFFICE AND MANNER OF THEIR REMOVAL UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-320, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DUTIES, POWERS, AND PROCEDURES OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, SO AS TO REVISE THESE DUTIES, POWERS, AND PROCEDURES INCLUDING PROVISIONS TO VEST WITH THE COMMISSION THE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO INITIATE OR RECEIVE COMPLAINTS AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ITS STAFF, AND CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO INITIATE OR RECEIVE COMPLAINTS AGAINST JUDGES AND OTHER JUDICIAL OFFICIALS OF THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND THEIR STAFFS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND PROCESSING OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS, STAFF, AND CANDIDATES PURSUANT TO SPECIFIED PROCEDURES AND FOR THE REFERRAL OF SUBSTANTIVE COMPLAINTS TO THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE OR SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEES FOR DISPOSITION TOGETHER WITH THE ETHICS COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE A VIOLATION HAS OCCURRED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND PROCESSING OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST JUDGES AND OTHER JUDICIAL OFFICIALS OR THEIR STAFF PURSUANT TO SPECIFIED PROCEDURES AND, AFTER INVESTIGATION, FOR THE REFERRAL OF SUBSTANTIVE COMPLAINTS TO THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT AND THE SUPREME COURT FOR DISPOSITION TOGETHER WITH THE ETHICS COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS PROBABLE CAUSE TO

BELIEVE A VIOLATION HAS OCCURRED; TO AMEND SECTIONS 8-13-530 AND 8-13-540, BOTH AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DUTIES, FUNCTIONS, AND PROCEDURES OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEES, SO AS TO REVISE THESE DUTIES, FUNCTIONS, AND PROCEDURES IN ORDER TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE ABOVE PROVISIONS AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-545 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE HOUSE OR SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEES TO ISSUE FORMAL ADVISORY OPINIONS AND PROVIDE FOR THEIR EFFECT AND APPLICABILITY; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR JUDICIAL COMPLAINT PROCEDURES IN REGARD TO THE ABOVE PROVISIONS.

(Read the first time--January 29, 2015)
(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--February 3, 2016)
(Majority Favorable with amendments)
(Minority Unfavorable)

S. 937--Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-7-40, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN AIKEN COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THE NAMES OF THE AIKEN COUNTY VOTING PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND AND MAINTAINED BY THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2016)
(Recalled from Committee on Judiciary--February 9, 2016)

H. 4660--Reps. Sandifer and Gambrell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38-43-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PERSONS EXCLUDED FROM LICENSURE AS AN INSURANCE PRODUCER OR AN INSURANCE AGENCY, SO AS TO EXCEPT FROM THESE EXCLUSIONS A LICENSED PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE PRODUCER WHO PLACES SURPLUS LINES INSURANCE THROUGH A LICENSED INSURANCE BROKER; TO AMEND SECTION 38-43-50, RELATING TO LIMITED LINE AND SPECIAL PRODUCER LICENSURE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A LICENSED PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURANCE

PRODUCER MAY PLACE SURPLUS LINES INSURANCE THROUGH A LICENSED INSURANCE BROKER WITHOUT BEING APPOINTED BY THE SURPLUS LINES INSURER; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38-1-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE INSURANCE LAW OF THIS STATE, AND SECTION 38-45-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING INSURANCE BROKERS AND SURPLUS PROPERTY LINES INSURANCE, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO RELATED TERMS.

(Read the first time--January 28, 2016)

(Recalled from Committee on Banking and Insurance--February 9, 2016)

CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

S. 30--Senators Grooms, Hembree, Verdin, Young and Cleary: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPLICATION BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES TO BE CALLED RESTRICTED TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT.

(Introduced--January 13, 2015)

(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--March 18, 2015)

(Majority Favorable with amendments)

(Minority Unfavorable)

S. 198--Senators Grooms, Verdin, Campbell, Hembree, Turner, Young and Cleary: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPLICATION BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES TO BE CALLED BY CONGRESS RESTRICTED TO PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, LIMIT THE POWER AND JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND LIMIT THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR ITS OFFICIALS.

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S. 679--Senators Hembree, Rankin, Coleman and Johnson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CREATE A "STUDY COMMITTEE ON HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS" TO REVIEW LAWS, POLICIES, PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES FROM THIS STATE AND OTHER JURISDICTIONS REGARDING HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS, AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR SOUTH CAROLINA'S STATUTORY LAW.

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