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SENATE
OF THE
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA



REGULAR SESSION BEGINNING TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015

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Tuesday, January 13, 2015
(Statewide Session)

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The Senate assembled at 12:00 Noon, the hour to which it stood adjourned, and was called to order by the PRESIDENT.

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

The Psalmist writes:

“My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him.
...Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him.”
(Psalm 62:1,5)

Good friends, let us pray:

Glorious and Everloving God, here on this initial day of the first session of the 121st South Carolina General Assembly, we gather with hope-filled hearts. We do recognize, O Lord, that our greatest hope is always rooted in Your love. So do we pray hopefully for this Senate today, and for this State we love, and for all of the people of South Carolina. Bless, dear God, all who serve You here: each Senator and every staff member. May these dedicated individuals feel Your holy presence in this place and find themselves strengthened for the tasks ahead. In addition, dear God, we offer our sympathy and our heartfelt prayers to Senator GLENN REESE and his family in the recent death of the Senator’s brother, Dr. James W. Reese. All this, O Lord, we pray in Your loving name. Amen.

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

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

Office of the Secretary of State
1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 525
Columbia, SC 29201
November 12, 2014

South Carolina Senate
Office of the Clerk
Jeffrey S. Gossett, Clerk
P.O. Box 142
Columbia, SC 29202

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Dear Mr. Gossett:

Please find enclosed a copy of the election results for the Honorable Ronnie Sabb, State Senate District 32 in the Special Election held November 4, 2014, as certified to this office by the State Election Commission.

If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 734-2512.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

/s/ Mark Hammond

Secretary of State

South Carolina Election Commission

1205 Pendleton Street

Columbia, SC 29201

November 12, 2014

Honorable Mark Hammond

Secretary of State

1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 525

Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The State Election Commission, in its capacity as the State Board of Canvassers, hereby certifies the winners of State Senate and State House of Representatives in the General Election held on November 4, 2014, as reflected in the enclosed winner's report.

Sincerely,

/s/ Marci Andino

Executive Director

SENATE MEMBER

2014 Election Results

District 32

Hon. Ronnie Sabb

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PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

On motion of Senator BRYANT, with unanimous consent, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 35, the Privilege of the floor was extended to the family of Senator SABB.

Administration of Oath of Office

Senator Sworn In

Senator SABB presented himself at the Bar and the Oath of Office was administered to him by the PRESIDENT.

Motion Adopted

On motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, with unanimous consent, Senator SABB was introduced and granted leave to address the Senate with brief remarks.

Remarks To Be Printed

On motion of Senator KIMPSON, with unanimous consent, the remarks of Senator SABB, when reduced to writing and made available to the Desk, would be printed in the Journal.

Election of the PRESIDENT *PRO TEMPORE*

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations for the PRESIDENT *Pro Tempore* were in order.

Senator RANKIN nominated Senator LEATHERMAN as PRESIDENT *Pro Tempore*.

Senator SETZLER spoke on the nomination.

Senator RANKIN spoke on the nomination.

Senators PEELER and CAMPBELL moved that the nominations be closed and that Senator LEATHERMAN be elected PRESIDENT *Pro Tempore* by acclamation.

The PRESIDENT announced that Senator LEATHERMAN had been elected PRESIDENT *Pro Tempore* by acclamation.

Remarks to be Printed

On motion of Senator SHANE MARTIN, with unanimous consent, the remarks of Senator SETZLER, when reduced to writing and made available to the Desk, would be printed in the Journal.

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Remarks to be Printed

On motion of Senator KIMPSON, with unanimous consent, the remarks of Senator RANKIN, when reduced to writing and made available to the Desk, would be printed in the Journal.

Administration of Oath of Office PRESIDENT *Pro Tempore*

Senator LEATHERMAN presented himself at the Bar and the Oath of Office was administered by Chief Justice Jean Toal.

Remarks by Senator LEATHERMAN

Senator LEATHERMAN was recognized for brief remarks.

Remarks to be Printed

On motion of Senator SETZLER, with unanimous consent, the remarks of Senator LEATHERMAN, when reduced to writing and made available to the Desk, would be printed in the Journal.

Election of Senate Officers

The Senate proceeded to the election of Clerk of the Senate, the Reading Clerk, Chaplain and the Sergeant-at-Arms, *en banc*.

Senator LEATHERMAN placed the names of Mr. Jeffrey Stephen Gossett in nomination as Clerk of the Senate, Mr. John Othniel Wienges as Reading Clerk, Reverend Dr. James I. St. John as Chaplain and Mr. James R. Melton as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Senator LEATHERMAN moved that the nominations be closed and that Mr. Jeffrey Stephen Gossett be elected as Clerk of the Senate, Mr. John Othniel Wienges be elected as Reading Clerk, Reverend Dr. James I. St. John be elected as the Chaplain and Mr. James R. Melton be elected as Sergeant-at-Arms by acclamation.

The PRESIDENT announced that Mr. Jeffrey Stephen Gossett was elected Clerk of the Senate, Mr. John Othniel Wienges was elected Reading Clerk, Reverend Dr. James I. St. John was elected Chaplain and Mr. James R. Melton was elected Sergeant-at-Arms by acclamation.

Administration of the Oath of Office

The Clerk, Reading Clerk, Chaplain and Sergeant-at-Arms presented themselves at the Bar, and the Oath of Office was administered to them by the PRESIDENT.

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Clerk's Appointments

The Clerk announced the following appointments:

Mr. Kenneth M. Moffitt	Assistant Clerk Appointed September 2, 2014
Mr. Edward H. Bender	Counsel to the Clerk
Mrs. Michele Neal	Journal Clerk
Ms. Cynthia Aiken	Journal Clerk
Ms. Agnes H. Walker	General Desk Clerk
Mrs. Lesley Stone	Calendar Clerk
Mrs. Betty Graham	Chief Administrative Assistant to the Clerk of the Senate
Mrs. Ann John	Records Management Clerk
Mrs. Beth Dworjanyn	Director of Senate Finance
Mrs. Jean Tisdale	Accounts Manager
Mrs. Stephanie Jones-Fitts	Payroll/Personnel Manager
Ms. Alicia Eatmon	Bill Clerk
Ms. Kathleen Burns	Assistant Bill Clerk

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK

January 13, 2015

Chapter 2, Title 2 of the 1976 Code, as added by the South Carolina Restructuring Act of 2014, provides a framework for systematic oversight of government agencies by the General Assembly. The President *Pro Tempore*, after consulting with the Standing Committee Chairmen and the Clerk of the Senate pursuant to Section 2-2-30 of the 1976 Code, determined that the Senate will schedule the following state agencies for Oversight Review during 2015:

- The Department of Mental Health
- The Department of Employment and Workforce
- The Administrative Law Court
- The Forestry Commission
- The Museum Commission
- The Confederate Relic Room
- The Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging

Agencies scheduled for review are encouraged to review the provisions contained in Chapter 2, Title 2 so that they may prepare for the oversight process.

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STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Verdin, Daniel B., Chairman
Matthews, John W., Jr.
Grooms, Larry K.
Bryant, Kevin
Williams, Kent M.
Campbell, Paul G., Jr.
Sheheen, Vincent A.
Gregory, Chauncey K. "Greg"
Massey, Shane
Coleman, Creighton
Corbin, Tom
Hembree, Greg
McElveen, Thomas
Shealy, Katrina
Young, Tom
Hutto, Brad
Sabb, Ronnie

BANKING AND INSURANCE

Hayes, Robert W., Jr., Chairman
Setzler, Nikki
Courson, John E.
Matthews, John W., Jr.
Reese, Glenn G.
Jackson, Darrell
Martin, Larry A.
Rankin, Luke
Alexander, Thomas C.
Cromer, Ronnie W.
Pinckney, Clementa C.
Malloy, Gerald
O'Dell, William
Davis, Thomas C.
Lourie, Joel
Bright, Lee
Bennett, Sean

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CORRECTIONS AND PENOLOGY

Fair, Michael L., Chairman
Pinckney, Clementa C.
Williams, Kent M.
Campbell, Paul G., Jr.
Massey, A. Shane
Martin, Shane R.
Nicholson, Floyd
Gregory, Chauncey K. "Greg"
Davis, Tom
Allen, Karl
Shealy, Katrina
Thurmond, Paul
Turner, Ross
Young, Tom
Kimpson, Marlon
Reese, Glenn
Sabb, Ronnie

EDUCATION

Courson, John E., Chairman
Setzler, Nikki
Matthews, John W., Jr.
Hayes, Robert W., Jr.
Rankin, Luke A.
Fair, Michael L.
Peeler, Harvey S., Jr.
Jackson, Darrell
Grooms, Larry K.
Martin, Larry A.
Malloy, Gerald
Hutto, Brad
Pinckney, Clementa
Sheheen, Vincent A.
Cleary, Ray
Hembree, Greg
Thurmond, Paul

ETHICS

Rankin, Luke, Chairman
Leatherman, Hugh K.

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Hayes, Robert W., Jr.
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Matthews, John
Jackson, Darrell
Setzler, Nikki

FINANCE

Leatherman, Hugh K., Chairman
Setzler, Nikki
Peeler, Harvey S., Jr.
Courson, John E.
Matthews, John W., Jr.
O'Dell, William H.
Reese, Glenn G.
Hayes, Robert W., Jr.
Alexander, Thomas C.
Grooms, Larry K.
Pinckney, Clementa C.
Fair, Michael L.
Verdin, Daniel B.
Cromer, Ronnie W.
Bryant, Kevin
Jackson, Darrell
Cleary, Ray
Lourie, Joel
Williams, Kent
Campbell, Paul G., Jr.
Davis, Tom
Nicholson, Floyd
Sheheen, Vincent

FISH, GAME AND FORESTRY

Campsen, George E. "Chip", III, Chairman
Hutto, C. Bradley
Cromer, Ronnie W.
Williams, Kent
Sheheen, Vincent
Coleman, Creighton B.

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Gregory, Chauncey K. "Greg"
Bennett, Sean
Corbin, Tom
Hembree, Greg
McElveen, Thomas
Shealy, Katrina
Thurmond, Paul
Turner, Ross
Young, Tom
Kimpson, Marlon
Sabb, Ronnie

GENERAL COMMITTEE

O'Dell, William H., Chairman
Sheheen, Vincent A.
Lourie, Joel
Bryant, Kevin
Jackson, Darrell
Cromer, Ronnie
Cleary, Raymond E., III
Bright, Lee
Verdin, Danny
Campbell, Paul G., Jr.
Martin, Shane
Shealy, Katrina
Young, Tom
Kimpson, Marlon
Johnson, Kevin
McElveen, Thomas
Sabb, Ronnie

INTERSTATE COOPERATION

Leatherman, Hugh K., Chairman
Setzler, Nikki
Peeler, Harvey S.
Matthews, John
O'Dell, William H.

INVITATIONS

Bryant, Kevin, Chairman
Alexander, Thomas C.

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Reese, Glenn G.
Verdin, Daniel B.
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Cromer, Ronnie W.
Malloy, Gerald
Cleary, Ray
Johnson, Kevin
Kimpson, Marlon
McElveen, Thomas

JUDICIARY

Martin, Larry A., Chairman
Rankin, Luke
Hutto, C. Bradley
Malloy, Gerald
Campsen, George E. "Chip", III
Massey, A. Shane
Bright, Lee
Coleman, Creighton B.
Martin, Shane R.
Scott, John L., Jr.
Gregory, Chauncey K. "Greg"
Allen, Karl
Bennett, Sean
Corbin, Tom
Hembree, Greg
Johnson, Kevin
McElveen, Thomas
Shealy, Katrina
Thurmond, Paul
Turner, Ross
Young, Tom
Kimpson, Marlon
Sabb, Ronnie

LABOR, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Alexander, Thomas C., Chairman
Setzler, Nikki
O'Dell, William H.
Reese, Glenn G.
Leatherman, Hugh K.

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Bryant, Kevin
Williams, Kent
Massey, A. Shane
Bright, Lee
Nicholson, Floyd
Davis, Tom
Scott, John
Bennett, Sean
Corbin, Tom
Johnson, Kevin
Turner, Ross
Allen, Karl

MEDICAL AFFAIRS

Peeler, Harvey S., Jr., Chairman
Courson, John E.
Hayes, Robert W., Jr.
Jackson, Darrell
Fair, Michael L.
Hutto, C. Bradley
Pinckney, Clementa C.
Verdin, Daniel B.
Cleary, Raymond E., III
Lourie, Joel
Martin, Shane R.
Nicholson, Floyd
Scott, John L., Jr.
Alexander, Thomas
Bright, Lee
Davis, Tom
Johnson, Kevin

RULES

Cromer, Ronnie W., Chairman
Martin, Larry A.
Reese, Glenn G.
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Massey, A. Shane
Martin, Shane R.
Nicholson, Floyd

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Allen, Karl B.
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Thurmond, Paul
Turner, Ross
Lourie, Joel
Coleman, Creighton

TRANSPORTATION

Grooms, Larry K., Chairman
Leatherman, Hugh K.
Rankin, Luke
Verdin, Daniel B.
Malloy, Gerald
Campsen, George E. "Chip", III
Cleary, Raymond E., III
Peeler, Harvey
Campbell, Paul
Coleman, Creighton
Scott, John L., Jr.
Allen, Karl B.
Bennett, Sean
Hembree, Greg
McElveen, Thomas
Johnson, Kevin
Kimpson, Marlon

INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS OF THE SENATE

ALEXANDER, THOMAS C.

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ALLEN, KARL

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BRIGHT, LEE

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BRYANT, KEVIN

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CAMPBELL, PAUL G., JR.

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CAMPSEN, GEORGE E. "CHIP", III

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CLEARY, RAYMOND E., III

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COLEMAN, CREIGHTON

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CORBIN, TOM

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COURSON, JOHN E.

Banking and Insurance
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CROMER, RONNIE W.

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DAVIS, THOMAS C.

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FAIR, MICHAEL L.

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GREGORY, CHAUNCEY K. "GREG"

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GROOMS, LARRY K.

Agriculture and Natural Resources
Education
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Transportation, Chairman

HAYES, ROBERT W., JR.

Banking and Insurance, Chairman
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HEMBREE, GREG

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HUTTO, C. BRADLEY

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JACKSON, DARRELL

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JOHNSON, KEVIN

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KIMPSON, MARLON

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Fish, Game and Forestry
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LEATHERMAN, HUGH K.

Ethics
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Interstate Cooperation, Chairman
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LOURIE, JOEL

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MALLOY, GERALD

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MARTIN, LARRY A.

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MARTIN, SHANE

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MASSEY, A. SHANE

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MATTHEWS, JOHN W., JR.

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O'DELL, WILLIAM H.

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Interstate Cooperation
Labor, Commerce and Industry

PEELER, HARVEY S., JR.

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Interstate Cooperation
Medical Affairs, Chairman
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PINCKNEY, CLEMENTA C.

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RANKIN, LUKE

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Ethics, Chairman
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REESE, GLENN G.

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SABB, RONNIE A.

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SCOTT, JOHN L., JR.

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SETZLER, NIKKI

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SHEALY, KATRINA

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SHEHEEN, VINCENT A.

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THURMOND, PAUL

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TURNER, ROSS

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VERDIN, DANIEL B.

Agriculture and Natural Resources, Chairman
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WILLIAMS, KENT M.

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YOUNG, TOM

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SEATING SELECTIONS

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Pursuant to the Rules, the Senate proceeded to the selection of seats.

The Reading Clerk called the roll in accordance with Rule 4 for the purpose of seating selections as follows:

Seat 1 Sen. Leatherman
Seat 2 Sen. Peeler
Seat 3 Sen. Courson
Seat 4 Sen. O'Dell
Seat 5 Sen. Cromer
Seat 6 Sen. Hayes
Seat 7 Sen. Larry Martin
Seat 8 Sen. Fair
Seat 9 Sen. Alexander
Seat 10 Sen. Campbell
Seat 11 Sen. Cleary
Seat 12 Sen. Campsen
Seat 13 Sen. Grooms
Seat 14 Sen. Verdin
Seat 15 Sen. Bright
Seat 16 Sen. Bryant
Seat 17 Sen. Gregory
Seat 18 Sen. Hembree
Seat 19 Sen. Bennett
Seat 20 Sen. Massey
Seat 21 Sen. Davis
Seat 22 Sen. Corbin
Seat 23 Sen. Shane Martin
Seat 24 Sen. Reese
Seat 25 Sen. Setzler
Seat 26 Sen. Matthews
Seat 27 Sen. Lourie
Seat 28 Sen. Sheheen
Seat 29 Sen. Pinckney
Seat 30 Sen. Malloy
Seat 31 Sen. Williams
Seat 32 Sen. Jackson
Seat 33 Sen. Rankin
Seat 34 Sen. Hutto
Seat 35 Sen. Coleman
Seat 36 Sen. Nicholson
Seat 37 Sen. Scott

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Seat 38 Sen. Sabb
Seat 39 Sen. Allen
Seat 40 Sen. Thurmond
Seat 41 Sen. Turner
Seat 42 Sen. Young
Seat 43 Sen. Johnson
Seat 44 Sen. McElveen
Seat 45 Sen. Kimpson
Seat 46 Sen. Shealy

Motion Adopted

Senators LEATHERMAN and LARRY MARTIN asked unanimous consent to make a motion that the list of prefiled Bills, a copy of which has been made available to each member, and any additional Bills to be introduced be entered in the Journal *en banc* as having been read and referred, as noted, unless any member shall make a motion to refer a Bill to a different committee.

REGULATIONS RECEIVED

The following were received and referred to the appropriate committees for consideration:

Document No. 4454
Agency: Public Service Commission
Chapter: 103
SUBJECT: Commissioners
Received by Lieutenant Governor January 13, 2015
Referred to Judiciary Committee

Document No. 4455
Agency: Public Service Commission
Chapter: 103
SUBJECT: Proceedings
Received by Lieutenant Governor January 13, 2015
Referred to Judiciary Committee

Document No. 4459
Agency: Clemson University - State Crop Pest Commission
Chapter: 27
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 46-26-30
SUBJECT: Landplaster

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Received by Lieutenant Governor January 13, 2015
Referred to Agriculture Committee

Document No. 4461

Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
SUBJECT: Minimum Standards for Licensing Hospitals and
Institutional General Infirmaries
Received by Lieutenant Governor January 13, 2015
Referred to Medical Affairs Committee

Document No. 4464

Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
SUBJECT: Standards for Licensing Facilities that Treat Individuals for
Psychoactive Substance Abuse or Dependence
Received by Lieutenant Governor January 13, 2015
Referred to Medical Affairs Committee

Document No. 4466

Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
SUBJECT: Procedures for Contested Cases
Received by Lieutenant Governor January 13, 2015
Referred to Medical Affairs Committee

Document No. 4468

Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
Chapter: 61
SUBJECT: Hypodermic Devices; and Drugs and Devices
Received by Lieutenant Governor January 13, 2015
Referred to Medical Affairs Committee

Document No. 4471

Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
Chapter: 61
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 44-7-260
SUBJECT: Standards for Licensing Ambulatory Surgical Facilities
Received by Lieutenant Governor January 13, 2015
Referred to Medical Affairs Committee

Document No. 4480

Agency: Department of Insurance
Chapter: 69

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Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 1-23-110 et seq., 38-3-110 and 38-9-180

SUBJECT: Insurance Holding Company Systems
Received by Lieutenant Governor January 13, 2015
Referred to Banking and Insurance Committee

Document No. 4481

Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
Chapter: 61
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 48-1-10 et seq.
SUBJECT: Air Pollution Control Regulations and Standards
Received by Lieutenant Governor January 13, 2015
Referred to Committee Medical Affairs

Document No. 4482

Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
Chapter: 61
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 13-7-10, 13-7-40 and 13-7-45 et seq.
SUBJECT: Particle Accelerators (Title C)
Received by Lieutenant Governor January 13, 2015
Referred to Committee Medical Affairs

Document No. 4483

Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
Chapter: 61
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 44-1-140
SUBJECT: Shellfish
Received by Lieutenant Governor January 13, 2015
Referred to Committee Medical Affairs

Document No. 4484

Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
Chapter: 61
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 44-7-260
SUBJECT: Standards for Licensing Community Residential Care Facilities
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Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
Chapter: 61
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-1-50 and 48-1-110
SUBJECT: Standards for Wastewater Facility Construction
Received by Lieutenant Governor January 13, 2015
Referred to Medical Affairs Committee

Document No. 4490
Agency: Clemson University - State Crop Pest Commission
Chapter: 27
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 46-9-40 and 46-9-50
SUBJECT: Plant Pests
Received by Lieutenant Governor January 13, 2015
Referred to Agriculture Committee

Document No. 4496
Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
Chapter: 61
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-75-10 et seq.
SUBJECT: Athletic Trainers
Received by Lieutenant Governor January 13, 2015
Referred to Committee Medical Affairs

Document No. 4525
Agency: Office of the Attorney General
Chapter: 13
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 35-1-101 et seq.
SUBJECT: Securities
Received by Lieutenant Governor January 13, 2015
Referred to Committee Banking and Insurance

REGULATIONS WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

The following were received:

Document No. 4345
Agency: South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy
SUBJECT: Adjudication of Misconduct Allegations (Reporting of
Misconduct by Law Enforcement Officers)
Received by Lieutenant Governor January 13, 2015
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Document No. 4350

Agency: South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 23-23-10 et seq. and 23-47-20(C)(15)

SUBJECT: Law Enforcement Officer and E-911 Officer Training and Certification

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 13, 2015

Referred to Judiciary Committee

Document No. 4372

Agency: South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy

SUBJECT: Certification

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 13, 2015

Referred to Judiciary Committee

Doctor of the Day

Senator HAYES introduced Dr. Terry L. Dodge of Chester, S.C., as the Doctor of the Day.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

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

S. 1 Sens. Grooms, Hembree
S. 2 Sen. Grooms
S. 3 Sens. Lourie, Hembree
S. 7 Sen. Johnson
S. 8 Sens. Campsen, Hembree
S. 9 Sen. Campsen
S. 9 Sen. Johnson
S. 10 Sen. Campsen
S. 11 Sens. Campsen, Johnson, Hembree
S. 14 Sen. Courson
S. 16 Sen. Grooms
S. 23 Sens. Campsen, Hembree
S. 24 Sen. Bryant
S. 25 Sen. Bryant
S. 26 Sens. Campsen, Hembree
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S. 8 -- Senators L. Martin, Campsen and Hembree: A BILL TO RATIFY AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE THAT UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION THE ADJUTANT GENERAL MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE FOR A TERM NOT COTERMINOUS WITH THE GOVERNOR, MAY BE REMOVED ONLY FOR CAUSE, AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PROVIDE BY LAW FOR THE TERM, DUTIES, COMPENSATION, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE, THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE APPOINTMENT IS MADE, AND THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE ADJUTANT GENERAL MAY BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE; AND TO RATIFY AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4, ARTICLE XIII, RELATING TO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL AND HIS STAFF OFFICERS, TO UPDATE

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REFERENCES TO HIS TITLE AND PROVIDE THAT THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S MILITARY RANK IS MAJOR GENERAL AS OPPOSED TO BRIGADIER GENERAL, AND TO PROVIDE THAT UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION, HE MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR IN THE MANNER REQUIRED BY SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI.

Senator LARRY MARTIN asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Bill from the Committee on Judiciary.

The Bill was recalled from the Committee on Judiciary and ordered placed on the Calendar for consideration tomorrow.

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S. 9 -- Senators Cleary, L. Martin, Campsen and Johnson: A BILL TO RATIFY AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION ON LOTTERIES AND THE EXCEPTIONS TO THIS PROHIBITION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY AUTHORIZE RAFFLES TO BE OPERATED AND CONDUCTED BY RELIGIOUS, CHARITABLE, OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR RELIGIOUS, CHARITABLE, OR ELEMOSYNARY PURPOSES, AND BY GENERAL LAW MUST DEFINE THE TYPE OF ORGANIZATION AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT RAFFLES, PROVIDE THE STANDARDS FOR THEIR CONDUCT AND MANAGEMENT, PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND PROVIDE FOR ANY OTHER LAW NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE PROPER FUNCTIONING, HONESTY, INTEGRITY, AND CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE RAFFLES ARE CONDUCTED.

Senator LARRY MARTIN asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Bill from the Committee on Judiciary.

The Bill was recalled from the Committee on Judiciary and ordered placed on the Calendar for consideration tomorrow.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following were introduced:

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S. 1 -- Senators L. Martin, Peeler, Hayes, Campsen, Courson, Malloy, Fair, Grooms and Hembree: A BILL TO ENACT THE "2015 ETHICS REFORM ACT"; TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 2-17-20 AND 2-17-25 RELATING TO LOBBYISTS, TO AMEND LOBBYIST AND LOBBYIST'S PRINCIPAL REGISTRATION FEES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 2-17-30, 2-17-35, AND 2-17-40 TO PROVIDE FOR LOBBYING FILING REPORT DATES FOR LOBBYISTS, LOBBYIST'S PRINCIPALS AND STATE AGENCIES; TO AMEND SECTION 2-19-70 TO PROHIBIT A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM BEING ELECTED TO A JUDICIAL OFFICE FOR TWO YEARS AFTER SERVICE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO PROHIBIT DIRECT OR INDIRECT PLEDGES FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES UNTIL THE TIME PRESCRIBED BY LAW; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-130 TO PERMIT THE SENATE AND HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEES TO LEVY A FEE ON A PERSON WHO COMMITTED AN ETHICS VIOLATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND HEARING; BY AMENDING CHAPTER 13, ARTICLES 3 AND 5 OF TITLE 8, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA ETHICS COMMISSION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEES AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-700, RELATING TO USE OF AN OFFICIAL POSITION OR OFFICE FOR FINANCIAL GAIN, TO PROHIBIT PRIVATE BUSINESS DEALINGS DURING HOURS FOR WHICH A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, PUBLIC MEMBER, OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE IS COMPENSATED FOR GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES AND TO PROVIDE FOR WHEN A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, PUBLIC MEMBER, OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE MUST RECUSE HIMSELF; TO AMEND SECTIONS 8-13-720 AND 8-13-725 BY PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL PENALTIES; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-755 TO PROHIBIT A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, PUBLIC MEMBER, OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE FROM LOBBYING OR ACCEPTING EMPLOYMENT IN AN AREA IN WHICH THE OFFICIAL, MEMBER, OR EMPLOYEE DIRECTLY AND SUBSTANTIALLY PARTICIPATED DURING HIS PUBLIC SERVICE; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-756 TO PROVIDE SOME EXCEPTIONS IN THE PROHIBITION AGAINST FINANCIAL

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GAIN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYEES WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-775 TO PROVIDE WHEN A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, PUBLIC MEMBER, OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE AWARDED OF A GOVERNMENT CONTRACT; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-870 TO ELIMINATE THE OPTION FOR THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION TO ISSUE AN ORAL WARNING OR REPRIMAND; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-790 TO REQUIRE RECOVERY OF THE VALUE OF ANYTHING RECEIVED BY A PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE IN VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 13, ARTICLES 1-11 OF TITLE 8; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-360 TO REQUIRE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTRONIC FILINGS ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1110 FOR TECHNICAL CHANGES AND TO PROVIDE THAT ALL SALARIED MEMBERS OF A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR AGENCY MUST FILE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS AND TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT DIRECTORS OF A DIVISION, INSTITUTION, OR FACILITY MUST FILE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1120, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST, TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THESE CONTENTS; TO ADD SECTIONS 8-13-1145 AND 8-13-1364 TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTRONIC NOTICE OF OBLIGATION TO FILE A REPORT WITH THE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY OFFICE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 8-13-1170 AND 8-13-1372 TO ELIMINATE CONFIDENTIALITY OF TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1300, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN REGARD TO CAMPAIGN PRACTICES, TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-365 TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTRONIC FILINGS WITH THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 8-13-1308 AND 8-13-1309 TO PROVIDE FOR PRE-ELECTION REPORTS TO FILED FIVE DAYS BEFORE AN ELECTION; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-1311 TO ESTABLISH FILING REQUIREMENTS OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE-ONLY COMMITTEES; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-1313 TO ESTABLISH FILING REQUIREMENTS OF A PERSON, WHO IS NOT A COMMITTEE, WHO MAKES AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-1315 TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PROHIBITIONS AGAINST AN ELECTED OFFICIAL OR CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE COORDINATING WITH AN

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INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE-ONLY COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1318, RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO RETIRE CAMPAIGN DEBTS, TO REQUIRE ANY SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE ONLY; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1320 TO PROVIDE A TIME FRAME FOR WHEN CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ATTRIBUTED TO A PRIMARY RUN-OFF; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1322 TO PROVIDE THAT COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTION LIMITS DO NOT APPLY TO AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE-ONLY COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1328 TO ELIMINATE PROVISIONS CONCERNING CANDIDATE LOAN REPAYMENTS AS IT APPLIES TO THE CANDIDATE'S FAMILY MEMBERS; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-1337, TO CLARIFY WHO MAY NOT SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS, NOR PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT ADVANTAGES OR DISADVANTAGES BASED UPON A CONTRIBUTION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1340, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS BY ONE CANDIDATE TO ANOTHER, OR THROUGH COMMITTEES CONTROLLED BY A CANDIDATE, TO DELETE AN EXCEPTION FOR A COMMITTEE, OTHER THAN THE CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE, CONTROLLED BY A CANDIDATE IF IT IS THE ONLY SUCH COMMITTEE, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1344 TO PROVIDE RESTRICTIONS ON A CANDIDATE, COMMITTEE OR POLITICAL PARTY FROM OFFERING AN INCENTIVE TO ENDORSE A CANDIDATE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1348 TO PROHIBIT USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS TO PAY PENALTIES FROM CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AND TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL PENALTIES; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1356 TO REQUIRE A CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY WIDE, OR LESS THAN COUNTY WIDE OFFICE, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 8-13-1160, 8-13-1180; 8-13-1310, 8-13-1350, 8-13-1358, 8-13-1362, AND 8-13-1366; AND TO PROVIDE FOR TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES.

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S. 2 -- Senators Setzler and Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING

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SECTION 11-43-167 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE INTERSTATE LANE EXPANSION FUND TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF LANES ON EXISTING MAINLINE INTERSTATES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE NON-TAX FUNDS TO THE FUND IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT PROJECTED TO BE CREDITED TO THE GENERAL FUND IN THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR FROM CERTAIN SALES, USE, AND CASUAL EXCISE TAXES DERIVED FROM THE SALE, USE, OR TITLING OF A MOTOR VEHICLE REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED AND REGISTERED, AND TO PROVIDE THE MANNER IN WHICH THE SOUTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK SELECTS ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 3 -- Senators L. Martin, Shealy, Malloy, Courson, Fair, Turner, Lourie and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-25-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 16-25-20 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CRIMINAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO RESTRUCTURE THE CRIMINAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES INTO DEGREES AND PROVIDE PENALTIES; TO AMEND SECTION 16-25-30, RELATING TO THE ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A PERSON CONVICTED OF A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSE, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSE OR A PERSON SUBJECT TO AN ORDER OF PROTECTION FOR DOMESTIC OR FAMILY VIOLENCE TO SHIP, TRANSPORT, OR RECEIVE A FIREARM OR AMMUNITION, AND TO PROVIDE NOTICE TO A PERSON TO WHOM THE STATUTE APPLIES; TO AMEND SECTION 16-25-65, RELATING TO CRIMINAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COURT MUST ORDER PARTICIPATION IN A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM AND ALLOW A RESTRICTION ON FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION AS A CONDITION OF BOND; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST THE PERSON, BY ADDING ARTICLE 18, TO PROVIDE NECESSARY

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DEFINITIONS AND TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMANENT AND EMERGENCY CIVIL NO-CONTACT ORDERS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DURATION OF CIVIL NO-CONTACT ORDERS, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF CIVIL NO-CONTACT ORDERS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 4 -- Senator Setzler: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-18-110, SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF PRIVATE SECURITY SERVICES HIRED TO PROTECT REAL PROPERTY, TO ENACT "JIM'S LAW" TO REQUIRE AN EMPLOYER WHO HIRES A PRIVATE SECURITY SERVICE TO PLACE A SIGN IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE ON THE PROPERTY STATING THE SECURITY OFFICER HAS THE SAME ARREST AUTHORITY ON THE PROPERTY GRANTED TO SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES, TO PROVIDE FOR A FINE FOR FAILURE TO PLACE A SIGN ON THE PROPERTY, AND TO CLARIFY THAT FAILURE TO PLACE A SIGN DOES NOT AFFECT THE ARREST AUTHORITY GRANTED TO SECURITY OFFICERS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

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S. 5 -- Senator O'Dell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-250, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION ALLOWED FOR PERSONS WHO ARE OVER THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE YEARS, DISABLED, OR LEGALLY BLIND, SO AS TO INCREASE THE EXEMPTION AMOUNT FROM THE FIRST FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE FIRST SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE HOMESTEAD; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 12-37-245 RELATING TO AN OBSOLETE REFERENCE TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION.

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S. 6 -- Senator Hayes: 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.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 7 -- Senators Jackson and Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-5-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN OFFENDER SENTENCED TO NINETY OR FEWER DAYS IMPRISONMENT WHO IS EMPLOYED AT THE TIME OF SENTENCING AND IS ABLE TO MAINTAIN EMPLOYMENT MAY SERVE HIS SENTENCE AT A TIME WHEN

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HE IS NOT WORKING AND THE SENTENCE DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH HIS EMPLOYMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR WAGE GARNISHMENT TO SATISFY CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 8 -- Senators L. Martin, Campsen and Hembree: A BILL TO RATIFY AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE THAT UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION THE ADJUTANT GENERAL MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE FOR A TERM NOT COTERMINOUS WITH THE GOVERNOR, MAY BE REMOVED ONLY FOR CAUSE, AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PROVIDE BY LAW FOR THE TERM, DUTIES, COMPENSATION, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE, THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE APPOINTMENT IS MADE, AND THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE ADJUTANT GENERAL MAY BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE; AND TO RATIFY AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4, ARTICLE XIII, RELATING TO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL AND HIS STAFF OFFICERS, TO UPDATE REFERENCES TO HIS TITLE AND PROVIDE THAT THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S MILITARY RANK IS MAJOR GENERAL AS OPPOSED TO BRIGADIER GENERAL, AND TO PROVIDE THAT UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION, HE MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR IN THE MANNER REQUIRED BY SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 9 -- Senators Cleary, L. Martin, Campsen and Johnson: A BILL TO RATIFY AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING

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TO THE PROHIBITION ON LOTTERIES AND THE EXCEPTIONS TO THIS PROHIBITION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY AUTHORIZE RAFFLES TO BE OPERATED AND CONDUCTED BY RELIGIOUS, CHARITABLE, OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR RELIGIOUS, CHARITABLE, OR ELEEMOSYNARY PURPOSES, AND BY GENERAL LAW MUST DEFINE THE TYPE OF ORGANIZATION AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT RAFFLES, PROVIDE THE STANDARDS FOR THEIR CONDUCT AND MANAGEMENT, PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND PROVIDE FOR ANY OTHER LAW NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE PROPER FUNCTIONING, HONESTY, INTEGRITY, AND CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE RAFFLES ARE CONDUCTED.

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S. 10 -- Senators L. Martin, Peeler, Courson and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 30-4-40(a), SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS IN THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, TO REMOVE THE CAUSE OF DEATH BY A PERSON EXAMINED BY AN AUTOPSY FROM THE AUTOPSY EXCLUSIONS OF INFORMATION SUBJECT TO PUBLIC RELEASE IN THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 30-4-50 RELATING TO CATEGORIES SPECIFICALLY NAMED PUBLIC INFORMATION, TO INCLUDE REPORTS OF THE CAUSE OF DEATH FOR PERSONS EXAMINED BY AUTOPSY.

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S. 11 -- Senators L. Martin, Malloy, Peeler, Courson, Campsen, Johnson and Hembree: 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.

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S. 12 -- Senators L. Martin, Campsen and Malloy: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX NOON ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015, AS THE TIME TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 5, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2015; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 6, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2015; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2018, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2015; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2015; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2016, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, AND TO FILL THE SUBSEQUENT FULL TERM WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2022; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2015; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2015; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2015; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2015; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2015; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2015; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE,

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SEAT 4, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2015; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 5, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2015; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 6, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2015; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 7, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2015; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 8, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2015; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 9, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2015, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, AND TO FILL THE SUBSEQUENT FULL TERM WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2021; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 10, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2015; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2019, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2015; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SEAT 4, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2015; AND AS THE DATE TO MEET IN JOINT SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY, AT-LARGE, SEAT 12, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2017; TO ELECT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON/ UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON, AT-LARGE, SEAT 15, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2018; TO ELECT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LANDER UNIVERSITY, FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2016; TO ELECT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY, AT-LARGE, SEAT 10, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2018.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 13 -- Senator Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE COMMISSION FOR COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND MANAGER CERTIFICATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, AND BY ADDING CHAPTER 28 TO TITLE 27, SO AS TO ENACT THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ACT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 14 -- Senators Rankin and Courson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 2-17-20 AND 2-17-25 RELATING TO LOBBYISTS, TO AMEND LOBBYIST AND LOBBYIST'S PRINCIPAL REGISTRATION FEES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 2-17-30, 2-17-35, AND 2-17-40 TO PROVIDE FOR LOBBYING FILING REPORT DATES FOR LOBBYISTS, LOBBYIST'S PRINCIPALS AND STATE AGENCIES; TO AMEND SUBSECTIONS 8-13-100(5) AND (9) TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "CANDIDATE" AND "CONTRIBUTION"; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-130 TO PERMIT THE APPROPRIATE ETHICS COMMITTEE TO LEVY AN ENFORCEMENT OR ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH INVESTIGATING AND HEARING OF A VIOLATION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-320(10)(g) REGARDING PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION; TO FURTHER AMEND SECTIONS 8-13-320 AND 8-13-530 TO PROVIDE FOR ETHICS LAW EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-360 TO PROVIDE FOR REPORTS FILED WITH THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION TO BE ELECTRONICALLY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-530 REGARDING DUTIES OF THE ETHICS COMMITTEES; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-535 TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR ETHICS COMMITTEES TO ISSUE ADVISORY OPINIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-540(3), RELATING TO THE ETHICS COMMITTEES AND THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING ETHICS LAWS; TO AMEND

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SECTION 8-13-740, RELATING TO REPRESENTATION OF ANOTHER PERSON BY A PUBLIC OFFICIAL BEFORE A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY, SO AS TO FURTHER DELINEATE WHAT IS CONSIDERED A CONTESTED CASE WHEN REPRESENTATION BY A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS PERMITTED; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-756 TO PROVIDE SOME EXCEPTIONS IN THE PROHIBITION AGAINST FINANCIAL GAIN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYEES WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-870 TO ELIMINATE THE OPTION FOR THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION TO ISSUE AN ORAL WARNING OR REPRIMAND; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-790 TO REQUIRE RECOVERY OF THE VALUE OF ANYTHING RECEIVED BY A PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE IN VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 13, ARTICLES 1-11 OF TITLE 8; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1120, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST, TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THESE CONTENTS; TO ADD SECTIONS 8-13-1145 AND 8-13-1364 TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTRONIC NOTICE OF OBLIGATION TO FILE A REPORT WITH THE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY OFFICE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 8-13-1170 AND 8-13-1372, TO ELIMINATE CONFIDENTIALITY OF TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1300, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN REGARD TO CAMPAIGN PRACTICES, TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS AND TO ADD CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1302 TO PERMIT AN APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY OFFICE TO REQUEST DISCLOSURE OF CONTRIBUTION RECORDS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 8-13-1308 AND 8-13-1309 TO PROVIDE FOR PRE-ELECTION REPORTS TO BE FILED FIVE DAYS BEFORE AN ELECTION; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-1311 TO ESTABLISH FILING REQUIREMENTS OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE-ONLY COMMITTEES; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1312 TO REQUIRE CANDIDATE OR COMMITTEE EXPENSES TO BE PAID WITH A DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD OR THROUGH ONLINE TRANSFER AUTHORIZED BY THE CANDIDATE OR COMMITTEE OFFICER; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-1313 TO ESTABLISH FILING REQUIREMENTS OF A PERSON, WHO IS NOT A COMMITTEE, WHO MAKES AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-1315 TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PROHIBITIONS AGAINST AN ELECTED

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OFFICIAL OR CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE COORDINATING WITH AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE-ONLY COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1318, RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO RETIRE CAMPAIGN DEBTS, TO REQUIRE ANY SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE ONLY; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1320 TO PROVIDE A TIME FRAME FOR WHEN CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ATTRIBUTED TO A PRIMARY RUN-OFF; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1322 TO PROVIDE THAT COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTION LIMITS DO NOT APPLY TO AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE-ONLY COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1338 TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN STATE AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT HEADS FROM SOLICITING CANDIDATE CONTRIBUTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1340, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS BY ONE CANDIDATE TO ANOTHER, OR THROUGH COMMITTEES CONTROLLED BY A CANDIDATE, TO DELETE AN EXCEPTION FOR A COMMITTEE, OTHER THAN THE CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE, CONTROLLED BY A CANDIDATE IF IT IS THE ONLY SUCH COMMITTEE, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES;

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 15 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-9-55(B) AND (C) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF REGULATIONS CONCERNING AUTOMATIC RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLERS IN HOMES AND THE ENFORCEMENT DATE OF SECTION 501.3 OF THE 2012 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE EFFECTIVE DATE AND THE ENFORCEMENT DATE ARE CHANGED TO JULY 1, 2016 FROM JULY 1, 2015.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

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S. 16 -- Senators Gregory, Peeler and Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING

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SECTION 42-1-378 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN EMPLOYEE COVERED BY THE LONGSHORE AND HARBOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT, OR ANY OF ITS EXTENSIONS, OR THE MERCHANT MARINE ACT IS EXEMPT FROM WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAWS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 17 -- Senator Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITY ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE MAY NOT INQUIRE, CONSIDER, OR REQUIRE DISCLOSURE OF THE CRIMINAL RECORD OR CRIMINAL HISTORY OF AN APPLICANT FOR EMPLOYMENT UNTIL THE APPLICANT IS SELECTED FOR AN INTERVIEW BY THE EMPLOYER OR BEFORE A CONDITIONAL OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT IS MADE TO THE APPLICANT, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED DEFINITIONS AND PROCEDURES, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

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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

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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.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 19 -- Senator Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 25, TITLE 16 ENTITLED "DATING VIOLENCE" SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DATING VIOLENCE, AND PROVIDE A PENALTY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 20 -- Senator Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 17-22-935 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN NONVIOLENT OFFENSES MAY BE EXPUNGED AND TO ESTABLISH THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE EXPUNGEMENT MAY OCCUR.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 21 -- Senator Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-222 SO AS TO EXPAND VISION STANDARDS AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS TO ALLOW CERTAIN PERSONS WHO WEAR BIOPTIC TELESCOPIC LENSES FOR VISION ASSISTANCE TO OBTAIN A DRIVER'S LICENSE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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S. 22 -- Senator Grooms: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF

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SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO MISCELLANEOUS CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS, BY ADDING SECTION 16 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A SPECIFIED PROCEDURE FOR THE ENACTMENT OR REPEAL OF LAWS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS BY INITIATIVE PETITION AND REFERENDUM AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 23 -- Senators Grooms, Campsen and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-110, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE MOTOR FUEL USER FEE, BY ADDING "LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS" TO THE DEFINITION OF "ALTERNATIVE FUEL" AND TO ADD "DIESEL GALLON EQUIVALENT" TO THE LIST OF DEFINITIONS FOR THE CHAPTER; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-310, RELATING TO THE MOTOR FUEL USER FEE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A USER FEE OF SIXTEEN CENTS PER DIESEL GALLON EQUIVALENT BE APPLIED TO LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 24 -- Senators Grooms and Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1145 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A DEDUCTION FROM STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA TAXABLE INCOME UP TO SPECIFIED AMOUNTS FOR TUITION PAID BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN FOR THEIR CHILD OR WARD TO ATTEND AN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL OR A PUBLIC SCHOOL OUTSIDE THE CHILD'S OR WARD'S SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE, AND TO ALSO AUTHORIZE A SIMILAR INCOME TAX DEDUCTION UP TO A SPECIFIED AMOUNT TO A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN FOR HOME SCHOOL EXPENDITURES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1146 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A CREDIT AGAINST A TAXPAYER'S SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX LIABILITY OR CERTAIN OTHER TAX LIABILITY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO NONPROFIT SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE GRANTS FOR

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CHILDREN WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FEDERAL FREE OR REDUCED SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM, WHO ARE "EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS" CHILDREN, OR WHOSE FAMILIES MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL MEDICAID BENEFITS TO ATTEND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS OF THEIR CHOICE, AND TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURES FOR, AND CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF, THESE TAX CREDITS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 25 -- Senators Grooms and Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT", TO PROVIDE FINDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE THAT A PHYSICIAN SHALL CALCULATE THE PROBABLE POST-FERTILIZATION AGE OF AN UNBORN CHILD BEFORE PERFORMING OR INDUCING AN ABORTION, TO PROVIDE THAT AN ABORTION MAY NOT BE PERFORMED IF THE PROBABLE POST-FERTILIZATION AGE OF THE UNBORN CHILD IS TWENTY OR MORE WEEKS WITH LIMITED EXCEPTIONS, TO REQUIRE PHYSICIANS TO FILE REPORTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL AFTER PERFORMING AN ABORTION AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR THE FAILURE TO REPORT, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS ADDRESSING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND ANNUALLY TO ISSUE A PUBLIC REPORT PROVIDING A STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF ABORTION DATA REPORTED BY PHYSICIANS, TO ESTABLISH CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR PHYSICIANS FAILING TO MAKE A DETERMINATION OF A PROBABLE POST-FERTILIZATION AGE OF AN UNBORN CHILD BEFORE PERFORMING OR INDUCING AN ABORTION, TO CREATE A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR CERTAIN WOMEN UPON WHOM ABORTIONS ARE PERFORMED AND CERTAIN FATHERS OF ABORTED UNBORN CHILDREN AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE RIGHT TO SEEK INJUNCTIVE RELIEF, AND

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TO PROVIDE THE ACT DOES NOT IMPLICITLY OR OTHERWISE REPEAL ANOTHER PROVISION OF LAW.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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

S. 26 -- Senators Grooms, Campsen and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 34 TO TITLE 12 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA FAIR TAX ACT", TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE ACT AND DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR JUDICIAL GUIDANCE FOR INTERPRETATION OF THE ACT AND THE IMPOSITION OF THE TAX, TO PROVIDE FOR CREDITS AND REFUNDS, TO PROVIDE FOR A FAMILY CONSUMPTION ALLOWANCE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TAX BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ACT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR COLLECTIONS, APPEALS, AND TAXPAYER RIGHTS; TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL RULES RELATED TO INTERMEDIATE SALES, TAXABLE GAMING SERVICES, PURCHASES BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES, MIXED USE PROPERTY OR SERVICES, AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR TAXATION OF FINANCIAL INTERMEDIATION SERVICES, TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL MATTERS RELATED TO THE SALE OF A COPYRIGHT OR TRADEMARK, CERTAIN EXCLUSIONS FROM TAXATION, TAXATION RELATED TO THE PURCHASE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY OR SERVICES SUBJECT TO AN EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT, TAXABLE PROPERTY OR SERVICES GIVEN AS A GIFT, PRIZE, REWARD, OR AS RENUMERATION FOR EMPLOYMENT BY A REGISTERED PERSON, AND TO PROVIDE FOR TAX TREATMENT FOR INVENTORY HELD BY A TRADE OR BUSINESS ON THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST OF THE YEAR THAT THIS ACT IS ENACTED; TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDING TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FUND, THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING FUND, THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1984 FUND, FUNDING FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES, AND THE TOURISM EXPENDITURE REVIEW COMMITTEE; TO PROVIDE FOR A SPECIAL VOTE TO AMEND OR REPEAL THIS

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ACT WITHIN THREE YEARS OF ITS ENACTMENT AND REFERENDUM FOR CHANGES AFTER THE FOURTH YEAR; AND TO REPEAL CHAPTERS 6, 8, 11, 13, 16, 36, 58, AND 62 OF TITLE 12.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 27 -- Senators Grooms and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-510 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO TAX RATES FOR INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, AND TRUSTS FOR TAXABLE YEARS AFTER 1994, TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL TWO TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT REDUCTION IN TAX RATES BEGINNING IN TAX YEAR 2016 AND CEASING AFTER TAX YEAR 2025, AT WHICH TIME THE REDUCTION IN EACH AFFECTED TAX BRACKET SHALL BE PERMANENT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-310, RELATING TO USER FEES ON GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL, TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL TWO CENT INCREASE IN THE MOTOR FUEL USER FEE FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2016 AND ENDING ON JANUARY 1, 2025.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 28 -- Senator Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ABORTIONS, BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT", TO PROVIDE FINDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO PROVIDE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE THAT A PHYSICIAN OR ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHALL CALCULATE THE PROBABLE POST-FERTILIZATION AGE OF AN EMBRYO OR FETUS BEFORE PERFORMING OR INDUCING AN ABORTION, TO PROVIDE THAT AN ABORTION MAY NOT BE PERFORMED IF THE PROBABLE POST-FERTILIZATION AGE OF THE EMBRYO OR FETUS IS TWENTY OR MORE WEEKS, TO PROVIDE FOR EXCEPTIONS, TO REQUIRE CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS BE PRODUCED AND DISTRIBUTED, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE ACT DOES NOT

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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S. 29 -- Senator Grooms: 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 TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 30 -- Senators Grooms and Hembree: 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.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 31 -- Senator Grooms: 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 ESTABLISH THAT MARRIAGE IN THE UNITED STATES SHALL CONSIST ONLY OF THE UNION OF A MAN AND A WOMAN.

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S. 32 -- Senator Cleary: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO MISCELLANEOUS CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS, BY ADDING SECTION 15 TO ESTABLISH A SPECIFIED PROCEDURE FOR THE ENACTMENT OR REPEAL OF LAWS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS BY INITIATIVE PETITION AND REFERENDUM AND TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 33 -- Senators Bryant, Grooms and Davis: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-1140 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FROM SOUTH CAROLINA TAXABLE INCOME OF INDIVIDUALS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX ACT, SO AS TO ALLOW THE DEDUCTION OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SERVICE ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-1170 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE RETIREMENT INCOME DEDUCTION, SO AS TO CONFORM THIS DEDUCTION TO THE MILITARY RETIREMENT DEDUCTION ALLOWED BY THIS ACT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 34 -- Senators Bryant and Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-41-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ABORTIONS, TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ABORTIONS, BY ADDING SECTION 44-41-90, TO PROVIDE THAT IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL TO KNOWINGLY PRESCRIBE ANY ABORTION-INDUCING DRUG TO A PREGNANT WOMAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF INDUCING AN ABORTION, EXCEPT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY

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PHYSICIAN PROVIDING AN ABORTION-INDUCING DRUG TO A PREGNANT WOMAN SHALL EXAMINE THE WOMAN FIRST AND PROVIDE HER WITH A COPY OF THE DRUG'S LABEL, TO PROVIDE THAT A PHYSICIAN PRESCRIBING THE DRUG MUST HAVE A SIGNED CONTRACT WITH A PHYSICIAN WHO AGREES TO TREAT ANY COMPLICATIONS THAT MAY ARISE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE PHYSICIAN PRESCRIBING THE DRUG SHALL SCHEDULE A FOLLOW-UP VISIT WITH THE PREGNANT WOMAN WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE PHYSICIAN PRESCRIBING THE DRUG MUST PROVIDE A WRITTEN REPORT WITHIN THREE DAYS IF AN ADVERSE EVENT OCCURS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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S. 35 -- Senator Bryant: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 16, ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO BENEFITS AND FUNDING OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PENSION PLANS IN THIS STATE AND THE INVESTMENTS ALLOWED FOR FUNDS OF THE VARIOUS STATE-OPERATED RETIREMENT SYSTEMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE FUNDS OF ANY TRUST FUND ESTABLISHED BY LAW FOR THE FUNDING OF POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS MAY BE INVESTED AND REINVESTED IN EQUITY SECURITIES SUBJECT TO THE SAME LIMITATIONS ON SUCH INVESTMENTS APPLICABLE FOR THE FUNDS OF THE VARIOUS STATE-OPERATED RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND TO PROVIDE THAT FUNDS OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE SET ASIDE FOR THE FUNDING OF POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OF EMPLOYEES OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, INCLUDING FUNDS INVESTED IN AN INDEPENDENT TRUST ESTABLISHED FOR THAT PURPOSE, MAY BE SIMILARLY INVESTED.

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S. 36 -- Senator Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 23-31-510 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF THE OWNERSHIP, TRANSFER, OR POSSESSION OF FIREARMS OR AMMUNITION, TO PROVIDE THAT NO GOVERNING BODY OF ANY COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN THE STATE MAY ENACT, ENFORCE, OR PROMULGATE ANY REGULATION OR ORDINANCE THAT REGULATES OR ATTEMPTS TO REGULATE THE TRANSFER, OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, CARRYING, OR TRANSPORTATION OF KNIVES, FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, COMPONENTS OF FIREARMS, OR ANY COMBINATION OF THESE THINGS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 37 -- Senator Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 11, TITLE 16 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY ACT; BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-460 TO PROVIDE THAT AN ORDER CONCERNING IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION UNDER THE ARTICLE IS IMMEDIATELY APPEALABLE; AND TO PROVIDE THAT A DEFENDANT WHO DOES NOT APPEAL THE ORDER IMMEDIATELY MAY APPEAL THE DENIAL AFTER CONVICTION AND SENTENCING.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 38 -- Senator Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 40, TITLE 27 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT, BY ADDING SECTION 27-40-795 TO ALLOW GARNISHMENT FOR A DEBT ARISING FROM A TENANT WILFULLY VIOLATING THE RENTAL AGREEMENT AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GARNISHMENT ACTION MUST BE BROUGHT IN MAGISTRATES COURT; BY ADDING SECTION 15-19-120, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS RELATED TO GARNISHMENT; BY ADDING SECTION 15-19-130, TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR THE GARNISHMENT OF WAGES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY ADDING SECTION 15-19-140, TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE IF AN EMPLOYER OF THE DEBTOR REFUSES TO WITHHOLD EARNINGS OF THE DEBTOR

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DEMANDED IN A WRIT OF GARNISHMENT OR KNOWINGLY MISREPRESENTS THE EARNINGS OF THE DEBTOR AND PROVIDE THAT GARNISHMENT IS SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC LIMITATIONS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 15-19-150, TO PROVIDE THAT AN EMPLOYER MAY NOT TAKE NEGATIVE ACTION AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE EXCLUSIVELY RELATED TO A WRIT OF GARNISHMENT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 39 -- Senator Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 9, TITLE 4 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COUNCIL MAY CALL FOR A REFERENDUM ON THE QUESTION TO GIVE THE COUNCIL THE AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH POSITIONS, AS PRESCRIBED IN ORDINANCE, THAT WILL REPORT DIRECTLY TO AND SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COUNCIL.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 40 -- Senators Bryant, Grooms and Davis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO JOIN THE SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA JOINT WATER CAUCUS TO ENCOURAGE STATE AGENCIES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, TO IMPLEMENT A WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE SAVANNAH RIVER BASIN TO ENSURE CONTINUOUS OPTIMIZATION OF WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY MANAGEMENT OF THE WATER RESOURCES SHARED BY SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA THROUGHOUT THE SAVANNAH RIVER BASIN.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

The Concurrent Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

S. 41 -- Senator Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 58-5-30 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE EXEMPTION OF

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MUNICIPAL UTILITIES FROM REGULATION BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, TO LIMIT THE EXEMPTION TO A PUBLIC UTILITY'S OPERATIONS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY'S CORPORATE LIMITS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 58-27-1010, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION ON REGULATION BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF CONTRACTS MADE BY A MUNICIPALITY, TO LIMIT THE PROHIBITION TO CONTRACTS MADE BY A MUNICIPALITY WITH CUSTOMERS LOCATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 42 -- Senators Bryant, Grooms and Davis: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-1140, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FROM SOUTH CAROLINA TAXABLE INCOME OF INDIVIDUALS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX ACT, SO AS TO ALLOW A DEDUCTION FOR MILITARY PAY AND ALLOWANCES OF A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TO PHASE IN THE DEDUCTION OVER FOUR YEARS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 43 -- Senators Malloy, Bryant and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 138 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS AND PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP, POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES; TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY: TO PROVIDE FOR THE SERVICE OF TRUSTEES OR MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT, THE POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION NOT INCONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER 138, TITLE 59 ARE DEVOLVED UPON THE SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE AND

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UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 59-53-10 RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION, AND SECTION 59-103-10 RELATING TO THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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

S. 44 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-1-425, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE STATUTORY SCHOOL TERM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL SEEKING A WAIVER FROM THE STATUTORY SCHOOL TERM TO OPERATE ON A YEAR-ROUND MODIFIED SCHOOL CALENDAR SHALL SUBMIT TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION A PLAN DETAILING THE GOALS THAT SCHOOLS SEEK CONSEQUENTLY TO ACHIEVE, TO REQUIRE APPROVAL OF THE PLAN BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION BEFORE A WAIVER MAY BE GRANTED, TO REQUIRE THAT THE SCHOOL ANNUALLY REPORT ITS PROGRESS TOWARD MEETING THESE GOALS TO THE STATE BOARD, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD REVIEW THE REPORT AND MAKE A DETERMINATION ON WHETHER THIS PROGRESS IS SATISFACTORY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE BOARD INITIALLY MAY NOT REVOKE A WAIVER OF A SCHOOL FOR UNSATISFACTORY PROGRESS, TO PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD TO HAVE MADE UNSATISFACTORY PROGRESS MUST BE PLACED ON PROBATION FOR ONE YEAR DURING WHICH TIME IT MUST DEVELOP WITH THE STATE BOARD A PROBATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN, TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD SHALL REVOKE THE WAIVER OF A SCHOOL THAT FAILS TO MAKE SATISFACTORY PROGRESS ON A PROBATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND DIRECT THE TRANSITION OF THE SCHOOL BACK TO THE STATUTORY SCHOOL TERM, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL WHOSE WAIVER IS REVOKED SUBSEQUENTLY MAY APPLY FOR A WAIVER.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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S. 45 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-1-425, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE STATUTORY SCHOOL YEAR, SO AS TO REMOVE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE SPECIFIC NUMBER OF DAYS THAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN A SCHOOL YEAR, TO PROVIDE THAT A DISTRICT SHALL REPORT THE SCHOOL CALENDAR THAT IT SELECTS TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, ALONG WITH A RATIONALE BEHIND THE STRUCTURE OF THE CALENDAR, AND TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN DEVELOPING A CALENDAR, THE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD SHALL FOCUS ON STRUCTURING THE CALENDAR TO MAXIMIZE THE EDUCATION BENEFIT IN THE UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES OF EACH SCHOOL BECAUSE CIRCUMSTANCES VARY AMONG DISTRICTS AND SCHOOLS WITHIN DISTRICTS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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

S. 46 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-35 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY PAY LUMP SUM BONUSES TO AID IN RETAINING TEACHERS WHO EXCEL IN PROVIDING QUALITY INSTRUCTION, LEADERSHIP, OR BOTH; TO REQUIRE THAT BONUSES MUST BE APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD; TO CAP BONUSES AT NOT MORE THAN TWENTY PERCENT OF THE TEACHER'S BASE SALARY; AND TO PROVIDE THAT PAYMENT OF THESE BONUSES IS NOT A PART OF THE EMPLOYEE'S BASE SALARY AND IS NOT EARNABLE COMPENSATION FOR PURPOSES OF EMPLOYEE AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO RESPECTIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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

S. 47 -- Senators Malloy, Kimpson, Johnson and Pinckney: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-240, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH BODY-WORN CAMERAS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 48 -- Senators Malloy, L. Martin, Kimpson, Pinckney and Bryant:
A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE "STUDY COMMITTEE ON RACIAL PROFILING" TO REVIEW STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICIES, PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES REGARDING RACIAL PROFILING, AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE LAWS REGARDING SUCH POLICIES, PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 49 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-156-120, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE AVAILABILITY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILD EARLY READING DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION PROGRAM IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, SO AS TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM IN THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR TO QUALIFIED CHILDREN RESIDING IN OTHER DISTRICTS BASED UPON THE DISTRICT'S POVERTY INDEX, TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM IN THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR TO ALL QUALIFIED CHILDREN IN ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE ALL CHILDREN, REGARDLESS OF FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY, WITHIN FIVE YEARS OF THE PROGRAM BEING EXPANDED TO ALL DISTRICTS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-156-130, RELATING TO A CHILD'S ELIGIBILITY, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING AMENDMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 59-156-140, RELATING TO PROVIDER APPLICATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING AMENDMENT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-156-220, RELATING TO FUNDING OF THE PROGRAM, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO FUND THE PROGRAM IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, AND TO SET THE RATE FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR.

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S. 50 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-156-120, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE AVAILABILITY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILD EARLY READING DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION PROGRAM IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, SO AS TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM IN THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR TO QUALIFIED CHILDREN RESIDING IN OTHER DISTRICTS BASED UPON THE DISTRICT'S POVERTY INDEX, TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM IN THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR TO ALL QUALIFIED CHILDREN IN ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE ALL CHILDREN, REGARDLESS OF FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY, WITHIN FIVE YEARS OF THE PROGRAM BEING EXPANDED TO ALL DISTRICTS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-156-130, RELATING TO A CHILD'S ELIGIBILITY, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING AMENDMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 59-156-140, RELATING TO PROVIDER APPLICATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING AMENDMENT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-156-220, RELATING TO FUNDING OF THE PROGRAM, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO FUND THE PROGRAM IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, AND TO SET THE RATE FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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

S. 51 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-500 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO INSTALL, MAINTAIN, AND PROVIDE WIRELESS LOCAL AREA NETWORKS IN EVERY K-12 SCHOOL IN THIS STATE, AND THEREAFTER TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO INSTALL, MAINTAIN, AND PROVIDE WIRELESS LOCAL AREA NETWORKS IN EVERY SCHOOL BUS IN THIS STATE, TO REQUIRE EACH DISTRICT TO ADOPT A PLAN TO MAKE THE SCHOOL BUSES AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS ON NONSCHOOL DAYS, AND TO REQUIRE EACH DISTRICT TO ISSUE A REPORT DETAILING THE USE OF THE FUNDS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 52 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-11-311 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO BURGLARY, HOUSEBREAKING, ROBBERY AND THE LIKE, TO ENACT THE "HOME INVASION PROTECTION ACT", TO PROVIDE THAT BURGLARY IN THE FIRST DEGREE MAY BE PUNISHABLE BY LIFE IMPRISONMENT IF THE BURGLARY INVOLVES CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF THIS SECTION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR SENTENCING OF A PERSON GUILTY OF BURGLARY IN THE FIRST DEGREE OF NOT LESS THAN TWENTY YEARS IF A PERSON WHO IS NOT A PARTICIPANT IN THE CRIME IS PRESENT IN THE DWELLING.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 53 -- Senators Campsen and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 22-3-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CIVIL JURISDICTION OF THE MAGISTRATES COURT, TO INCREASE THE CIVIL JURISDICTION FROM SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND TO REQUIRE THAT, EXCEPT FOR LANDLORD AND TENANT CASES, ANY CASE WITH AN AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY EQUALING OR EXCEEDING FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS MUST BE ORDERED FOR MANDATORY MEDIATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 54 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 24-21-410, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PLACEMENT OF A DEFENDANT ON PROBATION, TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE DEFENDANT IS CONVICTED OF OR PLEADS GUILTY TO AN OFFENSE INVOLVING A VIOLENT ACT AGAINST A PERSON OR THE TAKING OF PROPERTY FROM A PERSON, AND THE DEFENDANT IS PLACED ON PROBATION, THE DEFENDANT MAY NOT BE PLACED ON PROBATION FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 55 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-180 SO AS TO REQUIRE EACH POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE WHOSE GOVERNING BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COUNCIL IS POPULARLY ELECTED FROM SINGLE-MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS, RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS, OR A COMBINATION OF AT-LARGE AND SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS TO BE REAPPORTIONED TO A POPULATION VARIANCE OF LESS THAN TEN PERCENT WITHIN THREE YEARS OF THE DATE ON WHICH THE LATEST OFFICIAL UNITED STATES DECENNIAL CENSUS IS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR CONTINUITY OF REPRESENTATION WHEN REAPPORTIONMENT LOCATES TWO OR MORE ELECTED MEMBERS IN THE SAME ELECTION DISTRICT, AND TO CLARIFY CERTAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE REGARDING REAPPORTIONMENT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 56 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-61-160(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE DATA COLLECTED OR PREPARED BY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE IDENTITIES OF PATIENTS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS MENTIONED REFERENCED OR OTHERWISE APPEARING IN INFORMATION AND DATA COLLECTED OR PREPARED BY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ARE SUBJECT TO SUBPOENA IN ANY ADMINISTRATIVE, CIVIL, OR CRIMINAL PROCEEDING.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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

S. 57 -- Senators Campsen and Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING

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SECTION 50-11-525, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES THE AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS GOVERNING CERTAIN AREAS TO ESTABLISH SEASONS, DATES, AREAS, BAG LIMITS, AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS FOR HUNTING AND TAKING WILD TURKEY; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50-11-520, AS AMENDED, 50-11-530, 50-11-540, AND 50-11-544, ALL RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES' REGULATION OF THE HUNTING OF WILD TURKEYS, SO AS TO REVISE THE SEASON FOR THE HUNTING AND TAKING OF MALE WILD TURKEYS, TO ESTABLISH "SOUTH CAROLINA YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING DAY", TO ESTABLISH BAG LIMITS FOR THE TAKING OF MALE WILD TURKEYS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MUST CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS OF THE STATE'S WILD TURKEY RESOURCES AND ISSUE A REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH RECOMMENDS CHANGES TO THE WILD TURKEY SEASON AND BAG LIMITS, TO REVISE THE DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORITY TO REGULATE THE HUNTING OF WILD TURKEYS, AND TO ALLOW IT TO PROMULGATE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS FOR THE PROPER CONTROL OF THE HARVESTING OF WILD TURKEYS, TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS THAT REGULATE THE HUNTING OF WILD TURKEY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ALL WILD TURKEY TRANSPORTATION TAGS MUST BE VALIDATED AS PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE A TURKEY IS MOVED FROM THE POINT OF KILL.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

S. 58 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 4, TITLE 49 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SURFACE WATER WITHDRAWAL, PERMITTING USE, AND REPORTING ACT, BY ENACTING THE "SURFACE WATER STEWARDSHIP ACT", TO PROVIDE THAT REGISTERED SURFACE WATER WITHDRAWERS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS MUST OBTAIN A SURFACE WATER WITHDRAWAL PERMIT RATHER THAN REGISTERING WITHDRAWALS; TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN REGISTERED SURFACE WATER WITHDRAWERS ARE EXEMPT FROM THE

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PERMITTING REQUIREMENT; AND TO PROVIDE THAT INCREASES IN SURFACE WATER WITHDRAWALS BY REGISTERED SURFACE WATER WITHDRAWERS ARE SUBJECT TO PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS ON THE INCREASED AMOUNT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

S. 59 -- Senator Campsen: 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, TO DELETE THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL FROM THE LIST OF STATE OFFICERS WHICH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES TO BE ELECTED AND PROVIDE THAT THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE FOR A TERM COTERMINOUS WITH THE GOVERNOR UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 60 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-530, OF THE 1976 CODE OF LAWS, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE FAMILY COURT IN CERTAIN MATTERS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE LANGUAGE THAT ALLOWS FOR A CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION TO RUN UNTIL THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR AFTER THE CHILD REACHES NINETEEN YEARS OF AGE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 61 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 11-11-410 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIMIT ON STATE SPENDING IMPOSED PURSUANT TO

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SECTION 7(C), ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, TO IMPOSE AN ANNUAL LIMIT ON THE STATE GENERAL FUND REVENUES AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION BY RESTRICTING ANY INCREASE TO A PERCENTAGE THAT IS EQUAL TO THE AVERAGE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM THE PREVIOUS TEN COMPLETED STATE FISCAL YEARS; TO CREATE A SEPARATE BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO WHICH MUST BE CREDITED ALL GENERAL FUND REVENUES IN EXCESS OF THE ANNUAL LIMIT; TO PROVIDE FOR DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND; TO DEFINE EMERGENCIES AND TO PROVIDE FOR SUSPENSION OF THIS APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT IN EMERGENCIES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR DISBURSEMENTS OF SURPLUS FUNDS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 62 -- Senators Campsen and Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 7, TITLE 2 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENTS BY ADDING SECTION 2-7-61, TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL NOT INCREASE OR IMPLEMENT A FINE OR PENALTY IN THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL AND MUST ONLY DO SO BY SEPARATE ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT A STATE AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, OR ENTITY MUST NOT INCREASE OR IMPLEMENT A FINE OR FEE BY REGULATION OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION; AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 63 -- Senators Campsen, Davis and Hembree: 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, TO DELETE THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE FROM THE LIST OF STATE OFFICERS WHICH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES TO BE ELECTED AND PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE MUST BE

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APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, FOR A TERM COTERMINOUS WITH THE GOVERNOR UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 64 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO TAX CREDITS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX ACT, TO ENACT THE "LONG-TERM CARE TAX CREDIT ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3395, TO ALLOW A STATE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CREDIT OF FIFTEEN PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF PREMIUMS PAID BY A TAXPAYER PURSUANT TO A LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE CONTRACT, NOT TO EXCEED THREE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS IN A TAXABLE YEAR FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL COVERED BY SUCH A CONTRACT, AND TO PROHIBIT A DOUBLE BENEFIT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 65 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 17-25-326 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ALTERATION, MODIFICATION, OR RESCISSION OF A COURT ORDER, TO PROVIDE THAT A COURT SHALL NOT ALTER, MODIFY, OR RESCIND A DEFENDANT'S CRIMINAL SENTENCE, UNLESS THE COURT HAS HELD A HEARING ALLOWING THE DEFENDANT, ATTORNEY GENERAL OR SOLICITOR, AND THE VICTIM TO TESTIFY REGARDING THE DECISION TO ALTER, MODIFY, OR RESCIND THE SENTENCE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 66 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-108 TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON MAY USE A FIREARM TO KILL OR ATTEMPT TO KILL ANY ANIMAL DURING ANY

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SEASON IN SELF-DEFENSE, DEFENSE OF ANOTHER, OR DEFENSE OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO USES DEADLY FORCE AGAINST A BIG GAME ANIMAL OR ALLIGATOR MUST REPORT THE INCIDENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN ANIMAL CARCASSES TAKEN PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE RETAINED, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REPORT THE INCIDENT OR SURRENDER THE CARCASS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

S. 67 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-530, OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE FAMILY COURT, TO PROVIDE THAT THE FAMILY COURT CAN ESTABLISH A RECOVERY COURT PROGRAM IN EACH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-1690, RELATING TO PLACEMENT PLANS IN CASES IN WHICH THERE ARE SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE FAMILY COURT IS ALLOWED TO PERMIT A PARENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A RECOVERY COURT PROGRAM OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 68 -- Senators Campsen, Grooms, Davis, Young and Hembree: 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 THE DATE OF 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

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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 OFFICE, AND THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE APPOINTMENT IS MADE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 69 -- Senators Campsen, Grooms, Davis, Young and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-3-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE TERM, QUALIFICATIONS, AND FILLING OF A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 59-3-20.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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

S. 70 -- Senators Campsen, Grooms and Davis: 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, TO DELETE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FROM THE LIST OF STATE OFFICERS WHICH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES TO BE ELECTED AND PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE FOR A TERM COTERMINOUS WITH THE GOVERNOR UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

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S. 71 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 11, TITLE 50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PROTECTION OF GAME, BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-525 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES THE AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS GOVERNING CERTAIN AREAS TO ESTABLISH SEASONS, DATES, AREAS, BAG LIMITS, AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS FOR HUNTING AND TAKING WILD TURKEY; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50-11-520, AS AMENDED, 50-11-530, 50-11-540, AND 50-11-544, ALL RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES' REGULATION OF THE HUNTING OF WILD TURKEYS, SO AS TO REVISE THE SEASON FOR THE HUNTING AND TAKING OF MALE WILD TURKEYS, TO ESTABLISH "SOUTH CAROLINA YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING DAY", TO ESTABLISH BAG LIMITS FOR THE TAKING OF MALE WILD TURKEYS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MUST CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS OF THE STATE'S WILD TURKEY RESOURCES AND ISSUE A REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH RECOMMENDS CHANGES TO THE WILD TURKEY SEASON AND BAG LIMITS, TO REVISE THE DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORITY TO REGULATE THE HUNTING OF WILD TURKEYS, AND TO ALLOW IT TO PROMULGATE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS FOR THE PROPER CONTROL OF THE HARVESTING OF WILD TURKEYS, TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS THAT REGULATE THE HUNTING OF WILD TURKEY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ALL WILD TURKEY TRANSPORTATION TAGS MUST BE VALIDATED AS PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE A TURKEY IS MOVED FROM THE POINT OF KILL.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

S. 72 -- Senators Campsen and Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-39-112 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR RELEASED TIME CLASSES IN RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY, AS A MEANS TO ENSURE EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTION ON THE BASIS OF PURELY SECULAR CRITERIA, ACCEPT TIME RELEASED CREDITS AS TRANSFER CREDITS

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FROM AN ACCREDITED PRIVATE SCHOOL THAT HAS AWARDED PRIVATE SCHOOL CREDITS FOR A RELEASED TIME PROGRAM OPERATED BY AN UNACCREDITED ENTITY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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

S. 73 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 11, TITLE 50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PROTECTION OF GAME, BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-108, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON MAY USE A FIREARM TO KILL OR ATTEMPT TO KILL ANY ANIMAL DURING ANY SEASON IN SELF-DEFENSE, DEFENSE OF ANOTHER, OR DEFENSE OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS; TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO USES DEADLY FORCE AGAINST A BIG GAME ANIMAL OR ALLIGATOR MUST REPORT THE INCIDENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN ANIMAL CARCASSES TAKEN PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE RETAINED; AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REPORT THE INCIDENT OR SURRENDER THE CARCASS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

S. 74 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO ENACT THE "2015 ETHICS REFORM ACT"; TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 2-17-20 AND 2-17-25 RELATING TO LOBBYISTS, TO AMEND LOBBYIST AND LOBBYIST'S PRINCIPAL REGISTRATION FEES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 2-17-30, 2-17-35, AND 2-17-40 TO PROVIDE FOR LOBBYING FILING REPORT DATES FOR LOBBYISTS, LOBBYIST'S PRINCIPALS AND STATE AGENCIES; TO AMEND SECTION 2-19-70 TO PROHIBIT A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM BEING ELECTED TO A JUDICIAL OFFICE FOR TWO YEARS AFTER SERVICE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO PROHIBIT DIRECT OR INDIRECT PLEDGES FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES UNTIL THE TIME PRESCRIBED BY LAW; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-130 TO PERMIT THE SENATE AND HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEES TO

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LEVY A FEE ON A PERSON WHO COMMITTED AN ETHICS VIOLATION FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND HEARING; BY AMENDING CHAPTER 13, ARTICLES 3 AND 5 OF TITLE 8, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA ETHICS COMMISSION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEES AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-700, RELATING TO USE OF AN OFFICIAL POSITION OR OFFICE FOR FINANCIAL GAIN, TO PROHIBIT PRIVATE BUSINESS DEALINGS DURING HOURS FOR WHICH A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, PUBLIC MEMBER, OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE IS COMPENSATED FOR GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES AND TO PROVIDE FOR WHEN A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, PUBLIC MEMBER, OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE MUST RECUSE HIMSELF; TO AMEND SECTIONS 8-13-720 AND 8-13-725 BY PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL PENALTIES; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-755 TO PROHIBIT A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, PUBLIC MEMBER, OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE FROM LOBBYING OR ACCEPTING EMPLOYMENT IN AN AREA IN WHICH THE OFFICIAL, MEMBER, OR EMPLOYEE DIRECTLY AND SUBSTANTIALLY PARTICIPATED DURING HIS PUBLIC SERVICE; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-756 TO PROVIDE SOME EXCEPTIONS IN THE PROHIBITION AGAINST FINANCIAL GAIN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYEES WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-775 TO PROVIDE WHEN A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, PUBLIC MEMBER, OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE AWARDING OF A GOVERNMENT CONTRACT; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-870 TO ELIMINATE THE OPTION FOR THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION TO ISSUE AN ORAL WARNING OR REPRIMAND; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-790 TO REQUIRE RECOVERY OF THE VALUE OF ANYTHING RECEIVED BY A PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE IN VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 13, ARTICLES 1-11 OF TITLE 8; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-360 TO REQUIRE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTRONIC FILINGS ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1110 FOR TECHNICAL CHANGES AND TO PROVIDE THAT ALL SALARIED MEMBERS OF A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR AGENCY MUST FILE A STATEMENT OF

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ECONOMIC INTERESTS AND TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT DIRECTORS OF A DIVISION, INSTITUTION, OR FACILITY MUST FILE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1120, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST, TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THESE CONTENTS; TO ADD SECTIONS 8-13-1145 AND 8-13-1364 TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTRONIC NOTICE OF OBLIGATION TO FILE A REPORT WITH THE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY OFFICE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 8-13-1170 AND 8-13-1372 TO ELIMINATE CONFIDENTIALITY OF TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1300, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN REGARD TO CAMPAIGN PRACTICES, TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-365 TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTRONIC FILINGS WITH THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 8-13-1308 AND 8-13-1309 TO PROVIDE FOR PRE-ELECTION REPORTS TO FILED FIVE DAYS BEFORE AN ELECTION; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-1311 TO ESTABLISH FILING REQUIREMENTS OF INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE-ONLY COMMITTEES; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-1313 TO ESTABLISH FILING REQUIREMENTS OF A PERSON, WHO IS NOT A COMMITTEE, WHO MAKES AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-1315 TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PROHIBITIONS AGAINST AN ELECTED OFFICIAL OR CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE COORDINATING WITH AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE-ONLY COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1318, RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO RETIRE CAMPAIGN DEBTS, TO REQUIRE ANY SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE ONLY; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1320 TO PROVIDE A TIME FRAME FOR WHEN CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ATTRIBUTED TO A PRIMARY RUN-OFF; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1322 TO PROVIDE THAT COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTION LIMITS DO NOT APPLY TO AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE-ONLY COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1328 TO ELIMINATE PROVISIONS CONCERNING CANDIDATE LOAN REPAYMENTS AS IT APPLIES TO THE CANDIDATE'S FAMILY MEMBERS; TO ADD SECTION 8-13-1337, TO CLARIFY WHO MAY NOT SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS, NOR PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT ADVANTAGES OR DISADVANTAGES BASED UPON A CONTRIBUTION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1340, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON

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CONTRIBUTIONS BY ONE CANDIDATE TO ANOTHER, OR THROUGH COMMITTEES CONTROLLED BY A CANDIDATE, TO DELETE AN EXCEPTION FOR A COMMITTEE, OTHER THAN THE CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE, CONTROLLED BY A CANDIDATE IF IT IS THE ONLY SUCH COMMITTEE, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1344 TO PROVIDE RESTRICTIONS ON A CANDIDATE, COMMITTEE OR POLITICAL PARTY FROM OFFERING AN INCENTIVE TO ENDORSE A CANDIDATE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1348 TO PROHIBIT USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS TO PAY PENALTIES FROM CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AND TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL PENALTIES; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1356 TO REQUIRE A CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY WIDE, OR LESS THAN COUNTY WIDE OFFICE, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 8-13-1160, 8-13-1180; 8-13-1310, 8-13-1350, 8-13-1358, 8-13-1362, AND 8-13-1366; AND TO PROVIDE FOR TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 75 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 57 OF TITLE 38 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO INSURANCE TRADE PRACTICES, BY ADDING SECTION 38-57-190, TO PROVIDE THAT TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF HEALTH CARE CONTRACTS ISSUED BY HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUERS THAT PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE IN THE INDIVIDUAL, SMALL GROUP, OR LARGE GROUP MARKET DO NOT DISCRIMINATE UNREASONABLY AGAINST OR AMONG HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WILLING AND QUALIFIED TO MEET THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION ESTABLISHED BY A HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUER OR OTHERWISE PROHIBIT OR LIMIT PARTICIPATION BY A PROVIDER WHO IS WILLING TO ACCEPT AN ISSUER'S TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-450, TO PROVIDE THAT INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR CERTIFICATES OF COVERAGE MAY PROVIDE FOR WELLNESS CREDITS OR DISCOUNTS AND TO DEFINE WELLNESS CREDITS OR DISCOUNTS; AND BY ADDING

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SECTION 38-71-815, TO PROVIDE THAT GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR CERTIFICATES OF COVERAGE MAY PROVIDE FOR WELLNESS CREDITS OR DISCOUNTS AND TO DEFINE WELLNESS CREDITS OR DISCOUNTS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

S. 76 -- Senator Massey: 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.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 77 -- Senators Massey and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-1150 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FREE VEHICULAR REGISTRATION FOR FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECTION APPLIES TO ALL FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR REGARDLESS OF WHEN IT IS AWARDED OR THE CONFLICT OR WAR INVOLVED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-220(B)(29), RELATING TO GENERAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VEHICLES THAT IS AFFORDED TO FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR APPLIES TO ALL FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR REGARDLESS OF WHEN IT IS AWARDED OR THE CONFLICT OR WAR INVOLVED.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

S. 78 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 59, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FORFEITED LANDS, BY ADDING SECTION 12-59-140, SO AS TO ENACT THE "FORFEITED LANDS EMERGENCY DEVELOPMENT ACT", AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE

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AUTHORITY OF COUNTY COUNCILS AND FORFEITED LAND COMMISSIONS TO PETITION LEGISLATIVE DELEGATIONS FOR THE USE OF THE SPECIAL AUTHORITIES PROVIDED IN THIS ACT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 79 -- Senators Massey and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 56-5-130 AND 56-5-140 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THE TERMS "MOTOR VEHICLE" AND "MOTORCYCLE", SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MOPEDS ARE MOTOR VEHICLES AND NOT MOTORCYCLES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

S. 80 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38-75-750 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RENEWAL OF POLICIES OF INSURANCE, TO PROVIDE THAT AN INSURED MUST HAVE NOTICE OF AND GIVE WRITTEN CONSENT TO ANY INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF A DEDUCTIBLE PRIOR TO RENEWAL.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

S. 81 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38-77-122 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COVERAGE AND THE AMOUNT OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PREMIUMS, TO PROVIDE THAT INSURERS MAY NOT USE A NUMERICAL CREDIT-BASED INSURANCE SCORE OR OTHER CREDIT RATING AS A BASIS FOR DETERMINING COVERAGE OR THE AMOUNT OF A PREMIUM, AND TO AMEND SECTION 38-77-123, RELATING TO RENEWALS OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICIES, TO PROVIDE THAT INSURERS MAY NOT USE A NUMERICAL CREDIT-BASED INSURANCE SCORE OR OTHER CREDIT RATING AS A BASIS FOR DETERMINING WHETHER TO RENEW A POLICY FOR AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

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S. 82 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-29-120(B) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO TOPICS OF STUDY ON VETERANS DAY AND ATTENDANCE AT VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES, TO PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THIS STATE REQUIRE AT LEAST ONE HOUR OF INSTRUCTION ON NOVEMBER ELEVENTH ON THE HISTORY AND MEANING OF VETERANS DAY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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

S. 83 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-420 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE EXTENT OF SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED, TO REVISE THE TRANSPORTATION OBLIGATION THE STATE ASSUMES FROM ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES TO ONE-HALF MILE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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

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

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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.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 85 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 15-39-410 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PROPERTY WHICH MAY BE ORDERED TO BE APPLIED TOWARD THE SATISFACTION OF A JUDGMENT, TO PROVIDE, INSTEAD OF A COMPLETE EXEMPTION OF THE EARNINGS OF A JUDGMENT DEBTOR FOR HIS PERSONAL SERVICES, THAT ONLY SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE EARNINGS OF THE DEBTOR FOR HIS PERSONAL SERVICES CANNOT BE APPLIED, AND THE EARNINGS OF THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR FOR HIS PERSONAL SERVICES TO BE WITHHELD MAY NOT EXCEED THE LIMITS SET FORTH BY THE FEDERAL CONSUMER CREDIT PROTECTION ACT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 86 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 56 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DRIVER'S LICENSES, BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-45 TO PROVIDE THAT IN ADDITION TO

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OTHER REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN FULL LICENSURE, A PERSON AT LEAST FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE WHO HAS NEVER HELD A FORM OF LICENSE EVIDENCING PREVIOUS DRIVING EXPERIENCE MUST ENROLL IN AND SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE A DRIVER TRAINING COURSE CONDUCTED BY A DRIVER TRAINING SCHOOL LICENSED UNDER CHAPTER 23 OF THIS TITLE OR, IF REGULARLY ENROLLED IN A HIGH SCHOOL OF THIS STATE WHICH CONDUCTS A DRIVER'S TRAINING COURSE, A COURSE TAUGHT BY A QUALIFIED INSTRUCTOR TO OBTAIN FULL LICENSURE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WHO HAS NEVER HELD A FORM OF LICENSE EVIDENCING PREVIOUS DRIVING EXPERIENCE MUST ENROLL IN AND SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE AN EIGHT-HOUR DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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S. 87 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-710(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO VOTING PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL ELECTIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN A PERSON PRESENTS HIMSELF TO VOTE, HE MAY PRODUCE A VALID AND CURRENT SOUTH CAROLINA CONCEALED WEAPON PERMIT PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-31-215.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 88 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-23-420 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO POSSESSION OF A FIREARM ON ANY PREMISES OR PROPERTY OWNED, OPERATED, OR CONTROLLED BY A PRIVATE OR PUBLIC COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, TECHNICAL COLLEGE, OR OTHER POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON AUTHORIZED TO CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23, WHO IS A REGISTERED STUDENT, EMPLOYEE, OR FACULTY MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTION, MAY POSSESS A FIREARM ON ANY PREMISES OR PROPERTY OWNED, OPERATED, OR CONTROLLED BY THE

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INSTITUTION, AND A PRIVATE COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, TECHNICAL COLLEGE OR OTHER POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION MAY POST A SIGN STATING "NO CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ALLOWED" WHICH SHALL CONSTITUTE NOTICE TO A PERSON HOLDING A PERMIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 THAT CONCEALABLE WEAPONS NOT BE BROUGHT UPON THE PREMISES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 89 -- Senator Bright: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON BUDGET DEPENDENCE ON FEDERAL FUNDING TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTS OF REDUCTION IN OR ELIMINATION OF FEDERAL FUNDING ON THE STATE BUDGET DUE TO FEDERAL FISCAL POLICY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 90 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 17-13-180 TO DEFINE THE TERM "CELLULAR OR OTHER PORTABLE ELECTRONIC WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE" AND TO PROHIBIT THE SEARCH OF CELLULAR OR OTHER PORTABLE ELECTRONIC WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES INCIDENT TO A LAWFUL CUSTODIAL ARREST WITHOUT A SEARCH WARRANT OR WITHOUT THE EXPRESS WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE PERSON OR OTHER LAWFUL OWNER OF THE DEVICE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 91 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 23-31-215 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF A CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT, TO PROVIDE THAT A CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT IS VALID UNTIL THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION DETERMINES THE RENEWAL APPLICATION IS DENIED.

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S. 92 -- Senators Bright and Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-41-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING ABORTIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT A LICENSED PHYSICIAN WHO PERFORMS AN ABORTION MUST ALSO BE BOARD CERTIFIED IN OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44 BY ADDING SECTION 44-41-25 TO PROVIDE THAT A PHYSICIAN PERFORMING AN ABORTION OUTSIDE OF A HOSPITAL MUST HAVE ADMITTING AND STAFF PRIVILEGES AT A LOCAL CERTIFIED HOSPITAL.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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S. 93 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 1-23-138 TO PROVIDE THAT A REGULATION PROMULGATED UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT BECOMES EFFECTIVE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 1-23-120, RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF REGULATIONS, TO DELETE LANGUAGE REQUIRING A STATE AGENCY TO PERIODICALLY REVIEW REGULATIONS IT PROMULGATES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 94 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 71, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SCHOOL BONDS, BY ADDING SECTION 59-71-35 TO PROHIBIT SCHOOL DISTRICTS FROM ISSUING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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S. 95 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 29, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SUBJECTS OF INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS OF THIS STATE, BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-85, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL, PUBLIC SCHOOL, PRIVATE SCHOOL, PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, MAGNET SCHOOL, OR HOME SCHOOL MAY OFFER AS AN ELECTIVE COURSE A ONE-SEMESTER, ONE CREDIT COURSE IN FIREARM MARKSMANSHIP THAT SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS THE "SOUTH CAROLINA GUN SAFETY PROGRAM" COURSE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COURSE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF COURSE INSTRUCTORS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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S. 96 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ABORTIONS, TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HUMAN HEARTBEAT PROTECTION ACT", BY ADDING SECTION 44-41-25 TO PROVIDE THAT PHYSICIANS OR ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS MUST CONDUCT A FETAL HEARTBEAT ABDOMINAL ULTRASOUND TEST PRIOR TO PERFORMING OR INDUCING AN ABORTION, TO PROHIBIT ABORTIONS WHEN A FETAL HEARTBEAT IS DETECTED, TO PROVIDE FOR INFORMATION TO BE GIVEN TO THE WOMAN, TO PROVIDE FOR REGULATIONS OF THE ULTRASOUND PROCEDURE AND STATISTICAL PROBABILITIES OF BRINGING A FETUS TO TERM, TO PROVIDE FOR EXEMPTIONS, TO DEFINE MEDICAL EMERGENCY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE SECTION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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S. 97 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-15-60 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL, TO PROVIDE THAT THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL PERFORM AUDITS FOR STATE AGENCIES EVERY FIVE YEARS AND TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE APPROPRIATE ENTITY OR PERSONS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 98 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 22-9-180 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CONSTABLES AUTHORIZED TO CARRY PISTOLS, TO PROVIDE THAT MAGISTRATE'S CONSTABLES WHO HAVE RECEIVED THE REQUIRED TRAINING ARE AUTHORIZED TO CARRY PISTOLS ON OR ABOUT THEIR PERSON WHEN OFF DUTY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 99 -- Senator Bright: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AMEND SECTION 26, ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATES, TO PROVIDE THAT MAGISTRATES MUST BE APPOINTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE RESIDENT CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES IN THE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT WHERE THE MAGISTRATE WILL SERVE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 100 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38-79-30 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO VOLUNTEER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, TO PROVIDE THAT A LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER WHO RENDERS MEDICAL SERVICES VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT COMPENSATION OR THE EXPECTATION OR PROMISE OF COMPENSATION AND SEEKS NO REIMBURSEMENT FROM CHARITABLE AND GOVERNMENTAL SOURCES TO AT LEAST TEN PERCENT OF HIS PATIENTS IN A CALENDAR YEAR SHALL NOT BE LIABLE IN ANY ACTION FOR NONECONOMIC DAMAGES ALLEGING MEDICAL MALPRACTICE IN AN AMOUNT THAT EXCEEDS TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

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S. 101 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 14-1-240 TO PREVENT A COURT OR OTHER ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY FROM ENFORCING FOREIGN LAW IN THIS STATE FROM A FORUM OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES OR ITS TERRITORIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 102 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-43-83(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR OUT OF STATE PHARMACIES, TO PROVIDE THAT PHARMACIES LICENSED IN CERTAIN NAMED COUNTRIES MAY EXPORT PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE WITHOUT A STATE PHARMACY LICENSE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A DOMESTIC ENTITY MAY FACILITATE THE DELIVERY OF THE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS WITHOUT A PHARMACY LICENSE; TO AMEND ARTICLE 15, CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN ENTITIES AND PHARMACIES ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 BY ADDING ARTICLE 17 TO PROVIDE THAT RESIDENTS MAY ORDER, RECEIVE, AND POSSESS PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FROM CERTAIN ENTITIES AND FOREIGN PHARMACIES AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN ENTITIES AND FOREIGN PHARMACIES MAY EXPORT AND DISPENSE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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S. 103 -- Senators Bright and Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 38 OF THE 1976 CODE, BY ADDING SECTION 38-1-40 TO ENACT THE "FREEDOM OF CHOICE IN HEALTH CARE ACT," TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THE FEDERAL PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT EXCEEDS THE POWER GRANTED TO CONGRESS UNDER THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND THEREFORE IS NOT LAW, BUT IS ALTOGETHER VOID AND OF

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NO FORCE, TO PROVIDE THAT IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ADOPT AND ENACT ANY AND ALL MEASURES TO PREVENT THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE THAT NO PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THIS STATE SHALL HAVE ANY AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE OR ATTEMPT TO ENFORCE ANY ASPECT OF THE FEDERAL PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY OFFICIAL, AGENT, OR EMPLOYEE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WHO UNDERTAKES ANY ACT WITHIN THE BORDERS OF THIS STATE THAT ENFORCES OR ATTEMPTS TO ENFORCE ANY ASPECT OF THE FEDERAL PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSON WHO HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO ANY ACT ATTEMPTING TO ENFORCE THE FEDERAL PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT WITHIN THIS STATE'S BORDERS SHALL HAVE A PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT AND FOR DAMAGES AGAINST ANY PERSON VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

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S. 104 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-19-70 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO PROVIDE THAT A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY NOT BE ELECTED TO JUDICIAL OFFICE FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY YEARS AFTER HE CEASES TO BE A MEMBER OR FAILS TO FILE FOR ELECTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 105 -- Senators Bright and Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY ACT OF 2015", TO AMEND SECTION 16-23-20, RELATING TO OFFENSES

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INVOLVING WEAPONS, TO CHANGE THE OFFENSE OF UNLAWFULLY CARRYING A HANDGUN TO CARRYING A HANDGUN WITH INTENT TO COMMIT A CRIME; TO REPEAL SECTION 16-23-460, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON; TO AMEND SECTION 23-31-220, RELATING TO SIGNS AND THE RIGHT TO ALLOW OR PERMIT CONCEALED WEAPONS UPON PREMISES, TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMITS AND TO ALLOW A PRIVATE EMPLOYER OR OWNER TO ALLOW OR PROHIBIT ANYONE FROM CARRYING A WEAPON UPON HIS PREMISES BY PROVIDING NOTICE WITH A SIGN; TO AMEND SECTION 23-31-225, RELATING TO CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS INTO RESIDENCES OR DWELLINGS, TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMITS AND TO PROHIBIT ANY PERSON FROM ENTERING A RESIDENCE OR DWELLING OF ANOTHER WITH A WEAPON WITHOUT PERMISSION; AND TO AMEND SECTION 23-31-240, RELATING TO PERSONS WHO ARE ALLOWED TO CARRY A WEAPON ANYWHERE IN THE STATE WHILE ON DUTY, TO INCLUDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 106 -- Senator Bright: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 36(B)(2) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND, TO PROHIBIT FUNDS FROM BEING EXPENDED FOR OTHER NONRECURRING PURPOSES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 107 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-1-50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION IN THE OVERSIGHT AND ADMINISTRATION OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL BOARDS, INCLUDING THE PROCESS WHEREBY THESE BOARDS ESTABLISH FEE SCHEDULES, TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING BOARDS

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ESTABLISHING FEES AND TO REQUIRE THAT ALL FEES MUST BE APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS PROVIDED BY LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENT IN THE GENERAL AND PERMANENT LAW OF THE STATE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

S. 108 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 24 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE STATE PRISON SYSTEM, BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-83 TO DEFINE HORMONAL THERAPY, TO DEFINE SEXUAL REASSIGNMENT SURGERY, AND TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FROM USING STATE FUNDS OR STATE RESOURCES TO PROVIDE A PRISONER WITH SEXUAL REASSIGNMENT SURGERY OR HORMONAL THERAPY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Corrections and Penology.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Corrections and Penology.

S. 109 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 23-31-215, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF A CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT, TO REMOVE THE APPLICATION FEE OF FIFTY DOLLARS, THE REPLACEMENT FEE OF FIVE DOLLARS, AND THE RENEWAL FEE OF FIFTY DOLLARS; TO REPEAL SECTION 23-31-216, RELATING TO THE COLLECTION AND RETENTION OF FEES BY THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION; AND TO AMEND SECTION 23-31-600, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF AN IDENTIFICATION CARD TO A RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, TO REMOVE THE COLLECTION OF ANY FEE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 110 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FIREARMS, BY ADDING

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SECTION 23-31-218 TO PROVIDE THAT A VALID PERMIT TO CARRY CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ISSUED BY A STATE THAT SOUTH CAROLINA RECOGNIZES RECIPROCALLY SHALL REMAIN VALID UNTIL ITS EXPIRATION DATE SHOULD THE HOLDER BECOME A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 111 -- Senator Bright: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AMEND TITLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, TO PROVIDE THAT SUPREME COURT JUSTICES, JUDGES ON THE COURT OF APPEALS, AND CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE RATHER THAN ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO REPEAL PROVISIONS REQUIRING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ESTABLISH A JUDICIAL MERIT SCREENING COMMISSION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 112 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-30 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FAMILY COURT JUDGE QUALIFICATIONS AND TERMS, TO PROVIDE THAT FAMILY COURT JUDGES MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; TO AMEND SECTION 1-23-510, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT JUDGES, TO PROVIDE THAT ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT JUDGES MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; AND TO MAKE CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 1-23-525 AND 1-23-550.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 113 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-23-20 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS TO THE UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF HANDGUNS, TO PROVIDE AN

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EXCEPTION FOR A PERSON WHO SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY FOR A PERIOD OF MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS AND WAS DISCHARGED OR RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY WITH AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 114 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 8 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, BY ADDING SECTION 8-1-15 TO PROHIBIT ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE OR ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FROM AIDING THE DETENTION OF ANY UNITED STATES CITIZEN WITHOUT TRIAL BY THE U.S. ARMED FORCES IN VIOLATION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 115 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO TAXATION, BY ADDING SECTION 12-2-110, TO PROVIDE THAT PRIVATE CHILDCARE FACILITIES, PRIVATE SCHOOLS, AND HOME SCHOOLS BE TAXED IN THE SAME MANNER AS A PUBLIC FACILITY PROVIDING LIKE SERVICES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 116 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 20-1-230 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO MARRIAGE LICENSES, TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON EMPLOYED BY A JUDGE OF PROBATE OR CLERK OF COURT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE ANY ACTION RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF A MARRIAGE LICENSE TO A SAME SEX COUPLE IF THE OBJECTION TO TAKING SUCH ACTION IS BASED UPON A SINCERELY HELD RELIGIOUS BELIEF, TO PROVIDE THAT THERE WILL BE NO LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES ARISING FROM SUCH REFUSAL, TO PROHIBIT DISMISSAL, SUSPENSION, DEMOTION, DISCIPLINE, OR DISCRIMINATION BY THE JUDGE

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OF PROBATE OR THE CLERK OF COURT AGAINST THE EMPLOYEE FOR SUCH REFUSAL, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A CIVIL ACTION FOR DAMAGES OR REINSTATEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT, OR BOTH, WHERE EMPLOYMENT HAS BEEN ALTERED OR TERMINATED IN VIOLATION OF SECTION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 117 -- Senators Bright, Grooms and Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 OF THE 1976 CODE, BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA FIREARMS LIBERTY ACT", TO PROVIDE THAT A FIREARM, FIREARM ACCESSORY, OR AMMUNITION POSSESSED OR MANUFACTURED AND RETAINED IN SOUTH CAROLINA IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL REGULATION UNDER THE COMMERCE CLAUSE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY FEDERAL LAW TO RESTRICT THE POSSESSION, OWNERSHIP, OR MANUFACTURE OF A FIREARM PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE MAY NOT BE ENFORCED BY FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES FOR FEDERAL OFFICIALS SEEKING TO ENFORCE FEDERAL LAW CONTRARY TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO PROVIDE THAT FEDERAL ACTION TO RESTRICT OWNERSHIP OF A SEMI-AUTOMATIC FIREARM OR MAGAZINE OF ANY FIREARM, OR THE REGISTRATION OF A FIREARM OR MAGAZINE, IS UNENFORCEABLE IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 118 -- Senators Bright and Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-43-220 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY AND THE APPLICABLE ASSESSMENT RATIOS FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSITION OF PROPERTY TAX, TO REDUCE THE ASSESSMENT RATIO ON MANUFACTURING, UTILITY, AND MINING REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM TEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT

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OF VALUE TO SIX PERCENT OF VALUE AND TO DELETE PROVISIONS MADE OBSOLETE BY THIS REDUCTION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 119 -- Senators Bright and Grooms: A BILL TO REPEAL SECTION 41-27-525 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE AVAILABILITY OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR PERSONS SEEKING ONLY PART-TIME WORK.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

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S. 120 -- Senators Bright and Grooms: 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, TO DELETE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION FROM THE LIST OF STATE OFFICERS WHICH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES TO BE ELECTED AND PROVIDE THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR A TERM COTERMINOUS WITH THE GOVERNOR UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PROVIDE BY LAW FOR THE DUTIES, COMPENSATION, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE, THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE APPOINTMENT IS MADE, AND THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION MAY BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 121 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 101, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO

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PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-605, TO PROVIDE FOR A HIGHER EDUCATION BASE STUDENT COST AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING MUST BE FUNDED BY USING THE BASE STUDENT COST.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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S. 122 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 11, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO STATE EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES INSURANCE, TO PROHIBIT EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FROM BEING USED TO PAY FOR ABORTIONS AND ANCILLARY SERVICES, TO PROVIDE THAT EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE USED TO REIMBURSE EXPENSES AND ANCILLARY SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH ABORTIONS PERFORMED IN CASES OF RAPE, INCEST, OR WHERE THE HEALTH OF THE MOTHER IS ENDANGERED, TO PROVIDE THAT REIMBURSEMENT MUST COME FROM A FUND CREATED SPECIFICALLY FOR THAT PURPOSE, TO ALLOW FOR SUBSCRIBERS TO OPT OUT OF PERMITTING A PORTION OF THEIR EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEANS TO OPT OUT, AND TO ESTABLISH THE FUND AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS PURPOSES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 123 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-1-180 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO REQUIRE THE SESSION TO END ON THE SECOND THURSDAY IN MARCH IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND ON THE SECOND THURSDAY IN APRIL IN ODD-NUMBERED YEARS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 2-7-60, RELATING TO THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, TO REQUIRE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PASS BIENNIAL APPROPRIATIONS IN EACH ODD NUMBERED YEAR.

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S. 124 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 22-1-40 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO APPEARANCE AS AN ATTORNEY IN A CASE BEFORE A MAGISTRATE, TO PROHIBIT SENATORS, THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, AND LEGAL ASSOCIATES FROM REPRESENTING ANOTHER PERSON AS AN ATTORNEY AT LAW BEFORE A MAGISTRATE THE SENATOR RECOMMENDED TO THE GOVERNOR FOR APPOINTMENT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 125 -- Senators Bright and Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FIREARMS, BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO ENACT THE "SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT" TO NULLIFY UNCONSTITUTIONAL ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN REGARD TO THE INFRINGEMENT OF THE RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS, AND TO PROHIBIT ENFORCEMENT OF UNCONSTITUTIONAL ACTS AND CONVICTIONS FOR FAILING TO FOLLOW UNCONSTITUTIONAL FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 126 -- Senators Bright and Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23, TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA FIREARMS FREEDOM ACT", TO PROVIDE THAT A FIREARM, FIREARM ACCESSORY, OR AMMUNITION MANUFACTURED AND RETAINED IN SOUTH CAROLINA IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL REGULATION UNDER THE COMMERCE CLAUSE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

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S. 127 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 32, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACT, BY ADDING SECTION 1-32-41 TO PROHIBIT RESTRICTIONS ON THE FREE EXERCISE OF SPEECH OR RELIGION DURING THE COURSE OF ANY LOCALITY, MUNICIPALITY, COUNTY, OR OTHER STATE INSTRUMENTALITY PROCEEDING IN VIOLATION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OR ARTICLE I, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 128 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 21 TO TITLE 37 TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF PREPAID MEDICAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS THROUGH WHICH EMPLOYERS, INDIVIDUALS AND NON-EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS ON BEHALF OF INDIVIDUALS MAY CONTRACT DIRECTLY WITH HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS, TO PROVIDE THAT THOSE CONTRACTS ARE NOT INSURANCE, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

S. 129 -- Senators Bright and Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1, TO ENACT THE "PERSONHOOD ACT OF SOUTH CAROLINA" WHICH ESTABLISHES THAT THE RIGHT TO LIFE FOR EACH BORN AND PREBORN HUMAN BEING VESTS AT FERTILIZATION, AND THAT THE RIGHTS OF DUE PROCESS AND EQUAL PROTECTION, GUARANTEED BY ARTICLE I, SECTION 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE, VEST AT FERTILIZATION FOR EACH BORN AND PREBORN HUMAN PERSON.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 130 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ABORTIONS, TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT", TO PROVIDE FOR FINDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO PROVIDE THAT A PHYSICIAN OR ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL MUST CALCULATE THE PROBABLE POST CONCEPTION AGE OF THE EMBRYO OR FETUS PRIOR TO PERFORMING OR INDUCING AN ABORTION, TO PROVIDE THAT AN ABORTION MAY NOT BE PERFORMED AFTER THE PROBABLE POST CONCEPTION AGE OF THE EMBRYO OR FETUS IS TWENTY OR MORE WEEKS, TO PROVIDE FOR EXCEPTIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS TO BE PRODUCED AND DISTRIBUTED, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECTION DOES NOT IMPLICITLY OR OTHERWISE REPEAL ANOTHER SECTION OF LAW, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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

S. 131 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 57-1-90, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST MOTORCYCLES, MOTORCYCLE OPERATORS, OR MOTORCYCLE PASSENGERS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

S. 132 -- Senator Bright: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XI OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION, 1895, RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION, TO ADD SECTION 5 TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL DEVELOP A SYSTEM FOR FUNDING THE PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS OF THIS STATE ON A UNIFORM AND NONDISCRIMINATORY PER PUPIL BASIS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 133 -- Senators Davis and Kimpson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-19-2050 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO RECORD DESTRUCTION OF JUVENILE RECORDS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTOMATIC EXPUNGEMENT OF JUVENILE RECORDS FOR NON-VIOLENT CRIMES THAT OCCUR BEFORE THE AGE OF SIXTEEN YEARS OLD, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE AUTOMATIC EXPUNGEMENT MAY OCCUR, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXPUNGEMENT PROCESS FOR JUVENILE RECORDS RELATED TO CERTAIN CRIMES THAT OCCUR AT THE AGE OF SIXTEEN OR SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 134 -- Senators Davis, Campsen and Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE OF LAWS, BY ADDING CHAPTER 66, TO PROVIDE THAT LEGISLATION PROVIDING TARGETED TAX INCENTIVES OR SUBSIDIES MUST BE INTRODUCED IN SEPARATE BILLS AND IS SUBJECT TO A RECORDED VOTE; TO PROVIDE THAT TAX INCENTIVES AND SUBSIDIES ARE TO BE GRANTED AS FORGIVABLE LOANS; TO PROVIDE THE CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE MET FOR THE LOANS TO BE FORGIVEN, TO PROVIDE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TARGETED TAX INCENTIVE AND SUBSIDY APPLICATIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS AND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SHALL CONDUCT ANALYSES AND REVIEWS OF TARGETED TAX INCENTIVES AND SUBSIDIES; TO PROVIDE THAT A RECIPIENT BUSINESS OF A TARGETED TAX INCENTIVE OR A BUSINESS SUBSIDY IS PROHIBITED FROM MAKING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS TO ANY CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION OR ELECTION TO ANY PUBLIC OFFICE IN SOUTH CAROLINA, OR TO ANY POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEE OR LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE IN SOUTH CAROLINA, OR TO ANY GROUP, COMMITTEE OR POLITICAL PARTY OTHER THAN THE INDIVIDUAL'S OWN CAMPAIGN; TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION PROHIBITION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 30-4-40 OF THE

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1976 CODE, RELATING TO MATTERS EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE AS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 66, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE OF LAWS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 135 -- Senators Cleary, Campbell and Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38-71-280, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER, SO AS TO REVISE RELATED DEFINITIONS, TO DELETE EXISTING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE A CITATION TO THE SECTION AS BEING "RYAN'S LAW".

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

S. 136 -- Senator Cleary: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38-71-1520, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE ACCESS TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROVIDER TO INCLUDE ORAL SURGEONS AND DENTISTS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

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S. 137 -- Senator Cleary: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 2 OF THE 1976 CODE, BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-75, TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IF THAT PERSON HAS SERVED SIX TERMS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THAT NO PERSON SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION TO THE SENATE IF THAT PERSON HAS SERVED THREE TERMS IN THE SENATE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY TERM SERVED FOR WHICH THE

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ELECTION WAS HELD PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2020, SHALL NOT BE COUNTED AS A TERM SERVED.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 138 -- Senator Cleary: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-63-130, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF STUDENT HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, OR BULLYING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A SCHOOL EMPLOYEE OR VOLUNTEER MAY GRATUITOUSLY INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF A STUDENT SUBJECTED TO HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, OR BULLYING; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-63-150, RELATING TO CERTAIN LEGAL IMMUNITIES FOR A SCHOOL EMPLOYEE OR VOLUNTEER WHO REPORTS AN INCIDENT OF STUDENT HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, OR BULLYING IN COMPLIANCE WITH DISTRICT POLICY, SO AS TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY FROM CRIMINAL OR CIVIL LIABILITY FOR A SCHOOL EMPLOYEE OR VOLUNTEER WHO IN GOOD FAITH GRATUITOUSLY INTERVENES ON BEHALF OF A STUDENT SUBJECTED TO HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, OR BULLYING.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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

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,

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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, REVEGETATION 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 REGARDS TO EROSION CONTROL; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 48-39-290(D)(2).

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

S. 140 -- Senators Cleary and Hembree: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE OCTOBER 13, 2015 "ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO RECOGNIZE ITALIAN AMERICANS FOR THEIR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR STATE AND NATION.

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Prefiled and referred to the General Committee.

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S. 141 -- Senator Coleman: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-350 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS TO FURNISH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION WITH A MONTHLY REPORT AT NO CHARGE OF PERSONS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WHO HAVE DIED AND TO PROVIDE A

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PROCEDURE FOR REMOVING A DECEDENT'S NAME FROM THE OFFICIAL LIST OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS; TO AMEND SECTION 7-5-340, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION REGARDING THE REMOVAL OF AN ELECTOR FROM THE OFFICIAL LIST OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION TO RETAIN FOR FOUR YEARS A SEPARATE RECORD FOR REGISTERED VOTERS WHOSE NAMES HAVE BEEN DELETED AND THE REASON FOR THEIR DELETION, AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION TO RETAIN PERMANENTLY A SEPARATE RECORD FOR INFORMATION RECEIVED REGARDING DEATHS, FELONY CONVICTIONS, AND ADJUDICATIONS OF INCAPACITY; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 7-3-40 RELATING TO REPORTS FURNISHED BY THE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 142 -- Senator Coleman: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 11-11-221 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL GENERAL FUND REVENUES ACCUMULATED IN A FISCAL YEAR IN EXCESS OF GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS MUST BE CREDITED TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING MAINLINE INTERSTATES AND STATE AND LOCAL ROADS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 143 -- Senator Coleman: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 11-27-110, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS THAT CERTAIN FINANCING AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY TO ACQUIRE AN ASSET ARE SUBJECT TO REFERENDUM APPROVAL IF THE PRINCIPAL BALANCE OF THE FINANCING AGREEMENT WHEN ADDED TO THE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY'S EXISTING LIMITED BONDED INDEBTEDNESS EXCEEDS EIGHT PERCENT OF THE ASSESSED VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE GOVERNMENTAL

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ENTITY, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY FROM ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT IN WHICH INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS OF THE PURCHASE PRICE ARE TO BE PAID BY A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY TO A NONPROFIT CORPORATION, POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, OR ANY OTHER ENTITY IN ORDER TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, OR REPAIR OF ANY ASSET.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 144 -- Senators Scott, Pinckney, Johnson and Allen: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, BY ADDING SECTION 16 TO ARTICLE XVII RELATING TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS, SO AS TO IMPOSE A MANDATORY MINIMUM WAGE FOR PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN THE STATE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE MINIMUM WAGE PROVIDED BY FEDERAL LAW, IF ANY; TO PROVIDE A PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION FOR A VIOLATION; TO PROVIDE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY BRING A CIVIL ACTION; TO PROVIDE REMEDIES FOR CIVIL ACTIONS BROUGHT PRIVATELY AND BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; TO PROVIDE A CLASS ACTION MAY BE USED TO BRING AN ACTION UNDER THIS SECTION; TO REQUIRE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DESIGNATE A STATE OFFICE OR AGENCY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION IN A CERTAIN MANNER; AND TO LIMIT THE SCOPE OF AUTHORITY OF THIS STATE OFFICE OR AGENCY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 145 -- Senators Scott, Pinckney, Johnson and Allen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA MINIMUM WAGE ACT"; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 10, TITLE 41 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CITATION AND THE PURPOSE OF THE ACT, TO PROVIDE EMPLOYERS SHALL PAY EMPLOYEES A CERTAIN MINIMUM WAGE, TO PROVIDE A MECHANISM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE TO

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ADJUST THIS MINIMUM WAGE BY THE RATE OF INFLATION ANNUALLY, TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR AN EMPLOYER TO RETALIATE AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE WHO EXERCISES HIS RIGHTS WITH RESPECT TO THIS MINIMUM WAGE, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN REMEDIES TO THE EMPLOYEE AND STATE, TO PROVIDE A STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT AN ACTION BROUGHT UNDER THE ACT MAY BE BROUGHT AS A CLASS ACTION, AND TO LIMIT AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT WITH RESPECT TO IMPLEMENTING THE ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 6-1-130, RELATING TO THE SCOPE OF AUTHORITY OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE TO SET A MINIMUM WAGE RATE, TO AMEND SECTION 44-22-160, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS FOR THERAPEUTIC EMPLOYMENT, TO AMEND SECTION 53-1-100, RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR SUNDAY WORK BY MACHINE SHOP EMPLOYEES, AND TO AMEND SECTION 53-1-110, RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR SUNDAY WORK BY A PERSON EMPLOYED IN THE MANUFACTURE OR FINISHING OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 10, TITLE 41 AS ARTICLE 1 ENTITLED "PAYMENT OF WAGES GENERALLY".

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

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S. 146 -- Senators Scott, Pinckney, Johnson and Allen: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR A STATEWIDE ADVISORY REFERENDUM TO BE HELD AT THE SAME TIME AS THE 2016 GENERAL ELECTION TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THIS STATE FAVOR REQUIRING PAYMENT OF A MINIMUM HOURLY WAGE RATE OF ONE DOLLAR ABOVE THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE TO EMPLOYEES FOR ALL HOURS WORKED IN THIS STATE.

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S. 147 -- Senator Scott: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-39-105 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL AWARD A SPECIAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA INSTEAD OF A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE OR OTHER CERTIFICATE TO A HANDICAPPED HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LAWFULLY ASSIGNED TO A SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AND WHO COMPLETES AN INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLAN IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP AND TO ADOPT RELATED ALTERNATE ASSESSMENTS TO EXISTING STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS, TO PROVIDE THESE ALTERNATE ASSESSMENTS MUST BE ADMINISTERED TO SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE A SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT'S INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM MUST SERVE AS AN ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT FOR THE STUDENT, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION DIPLOMAS AND THE STATUS OF RECIPIENTS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION DIPLOMAS AS BEING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES; TO AMEND SECTION 59-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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

S. 148 -- Senators Scott, Setzler, Sheheen, Johnson and Kimpson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-25 SO AS TO ESTABLISH EARLY VOTING PROCEDURES; TO AMEND SECTION 7-3-20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO FURTHER DEFINE HIS DUTIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-320, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PERSONS QUALIFIED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO INCLUDE VOTING DURING THE EARLY VOTING PERIOD.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 149 -- Senator Allen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA SECOND CHANCE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 17-22-935 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN NONVIOLENT MISDEMEANOR AND FELONY OFFENSES MAY BE EXPUNGED AND TO ESTABLISH THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE EXPUNGEMENT MAY OCCUR.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 150 -- Senators Shealy, Lourie, McElveen and Grooms: A BILL AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CHILD WELFARE REFORM ACT OF 2015" SO AS TO TRANSFER, REALIGN AND RESTRUCTURE CERTAIN PROGRAMS, REQUIREMENTS, AND PROCEDURES RELATING TO CHILD AND FAMILY PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND WELFARE, INCLUDING PROVISION TO ABOLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES ON JULY 1, 2016; TO AMEND SECTION 1-30-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE AGENCIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND ELIMINATE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; TO ESTABLISH CHAPTER 2 OF TITLE 63 OF THE 1976 CODE, CREATING THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY PROTECTIVE SERVICES, TO TRANSFER CERTAIN PROGRAMS AND DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY PROTECTIVE SERVICES, AND TO CREATE EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD WELFARE CASEWORKERS; TO AMEND SECTION 43-5-10, AS AMENDED, TO TRANSFER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES THE AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER PUBLIC WELFARE IN SOUTH CAROLINA; TO AMEND SECTION 44-6-30, AS AMENDED, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO

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ADMINISTER PUBLIC WELFARE IN SOUTH CAROLINA; TO AMEND ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 7, TITLE 63 OF THE 1976 CODE BY ADDING MAXIMUM CASELOAD STANDARDS FOR CASEWORKERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY PROTECTIVE SERVICES; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-900 BY ESTABLISHING A STATEWIDE, TOLL-FREE CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-910 REQUIRING REPORTS OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT TO BE MADE THROUGH THE STATEWIDE, TOLL-FREE HOTLINE, DETAILING THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY PROTECTIVE SERVICE'S RESPONSIBILITIES UPON RECEIPT OF A REPORT OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT, AND REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT AND REPORT CERTAIN DATA RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE, TOLL-FREE CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-920 TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT AN IN-PERSON MEETING WITH A CHILD WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF A REPORT SUSPECTED ABUSE OR NEGLECT OR SOONER IF THE CHILD IS FOUR YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER AND PRESENTS TO A HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT AND ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT TO COLLABORATE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-310 BY INCLUDING REFERENCE TO THE STATEWIDE, TOLL-FREE CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE AND INCLUDING RESPONSIBILITIES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES UPON RECEIPT OF A REPORT OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-370 TO REQUIRE LAW ENFORCEMENT TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY PROTECTIVE SERVICES IN CASES OF SUSPECTED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WHERE THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE SUSPECTED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WELFARE OF A CHILD; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-450(C) TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO PUBLICIZE THE STATEWIDE, TOLL-FREE CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE; TO REPEAL CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 43 RELATING TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES, CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 43 RELATING TO THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND BOARDS OF SOCIAL SERVICES, SECTION 43-5-220 RELATING TO OBTAINING SUPPORT PAYMENTS FROM ABSENT PARENTS, SECTION 43-5-222 RELATING TO CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS PAID TO WELFARE RECIPIENTS,

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SECTION 43-5-225 RELATING TO THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF RECORDS OF PARENTS WHO HAVE DESERTED OR ABANDONED A CHILD WHO RECEIVES AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN, SECTION 43-5-230 RELATING TO THE PUBLIC WELFARE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FUND, SECTION 43-5-235 RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENT OF LOCAL ENTITIES FOR COSTS OF CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTION AND PATERNITY DETERMINATION PROGRAMS, SECTION 43-5-240 RELATING TO THE EXECUTION OF COOPERATIVE SUPPORT PROGRAM AGREEMENTS BETWEEN COUNTIES DESIRING TO OBTAIN APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC WELFARE SUPPORT REIMBURSEMENT FUND AND THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, SECTION 43-5-245 RELATING TO COUNTIES AND JUDICIAL DISTRICTS SUBMITTING PLANS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES RELATING TO STAFFING AND EQUIPMENT NEEDS FOR THEIR CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAMS, SECTION 43-5-580 RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS OF ABSENT PARENTS, SECTION 43-5-590 RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROVED CHILD SUPPORT PLANS, SECTION 43-5-598 RELATING TO DEFINITIONS AND THE NEW HIRE DIRECTORY FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA EMPLOYABLES PROGRAM ACT, SECTION 43-5-600 RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF THE LEGAL PROCESS, BROUGHT TO ENFORCE CHILD OR SPOUSAL SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS TO PAYMENTS MADE BY SOUTH CAROLINA, SECTION 43-5-610 RELATING TO THE MAINTENANCE OF A CENTRAL REGISTRY OF RECORDS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR EACH CASE WHERE SERVICES WERE PROVIDED PURSUANT TO TITLE IV-D OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, SECTION 43-5-620 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF INFORMATION CLEARANCE AND RETRIEVAL WHERE THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT OFFICE SHALL HAVE ACCESS TO INFORMATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES, SECTION 43-5-630 RELATING TO THE PRORATION OF INTERMITTENT INCOME BY APPLICANTS FOR ASSISTANCE AND SECTION 63-7-320 RELATING TO REPORTS OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT MADE TO LAW

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ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS, FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ACT, AND FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH IT SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED.

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Prefiled and referred to the General Committee.

Read the first time and referred to the General Committee.

S. 151 -- Senators Shealy, S. Martin and Turner: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-15-30 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CONSIDERATION OF A CHILD'S PREFERENCE IN A CUSTODY ORDER, TO PROVIDE THAT IN DETERMINING THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD, THE COURT MUST CONSIDER THE CHILD'S REASONABLE PREFERENCE FOR PARENTING TIME; TO AMEND SECTION 63-15-210, RELATING TO TERMS APPLICABLE TO COURT-ORDERED CUSTODY, TO DEFINE "SHARED CUSTODY"; TO AMEND ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 15, TITLE 63, RELATING TO COURT-ORDERED CUSTODY, BY ADDING SECTION 63-15-215, TO PROVIDE THAT IN A SHARED CUSTODY ORDER, THERE SHALL BE A PRESUMPTION THAT, ABSENT PROOF OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT, OR AN AGREEMENT TO THE CONTRARY, THE PARENTS SHALL HAVE SHARED LEGAL DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY AND SHARE APPROXIMATELY EQUALLY IN THE PARENTING TIME OF A CHILD; TO AMEND SECTION 63-15-220, RELATING TO PARENTING PLANS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COURT SHALL PROVIDE PARENTS, AT NO ADDITIONAL COST, MEDIATION SERVICES, TO DEVELOP A PARENTING PLAN OR SHARED PARENTING PLAN; TO AMEND ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 15, TITLE 63, RELATING TO COURT-ORDERED CUSTODY, BY ADDING SECTION 63-15-225, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COURT MAY ORDER ANY PERSON SEEKING LEGAL DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY OR PARENTING TIME TO UNDERGO TESTING FOR THE ILLEGAL USE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES OR ABUSE OF ALCOHOL; TO AMEND ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 15, TITLE 63, RELATING TO COURT-ORDERED CUSTODY, BY ADDING SECTION 63-15-227, TO PROVIDE THAT IF A PARTY IS ABSENT OR RELOCATES, THE COURT SHALL NOT CONSIDER IT AS A FACTOR IN DETERMINING LEGAL DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY OR PARENTING TIME IF THE ABSENCE OR RELOCATION IS OF SHORT DURATION OR THE PARTY IS

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ABSENT OR RELOCATES BECAUSE OF SAFETY REASONS; TO AMEND SECTION 63-15-230, RELATING TO CONSIDERATIONS IN A FINAL CUSTODY DETERMINATION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER A SHARED CUSTODY AWARD IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD; TO AMEND SECTION 63-15-240, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF AN ORDER FOR CUSTODY AFFECTING THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS, TO PROVIDE THAT IN ISSUING OR MODIFYING AN ORDER FOR CUSTODY, THE ORDER MAY INCLUDE THE AWARD OF SHARED CUSTODY, IN WHICH CASE THE ORDER MUST INCLUDE RESIDENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS, MAJOR DECISIONS CONCERNING THE CHILD, AND THAT EACH CHILD MUST SPEND AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF PARENTING TIME BUT NOT LESS THAN THIRTY-FIVE PERCENT OF CUSTODY TIME WITH EACH PARENT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 63-15-250, RELATING TO TELEPHONIC AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION BETWEEN A MINOR CHILD AND A PARENT, TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN A COURT ORDERS JOINT CUSTODY OR SHARED CUSTODY TO BOTH PARENTS, EACH PARENT SHOULD FACILITATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR REASONABLE TELEPHONIC AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE MINOR CHILD AND THE OTHER PARENT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 152 -- Senators Shealy, Hembree and L. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING, BY ADDING SECTION 56-3-115, TO PROVIDE THAT NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, FOR THE PURPOSES OF REGISTRATION AND THE REQUIRED LIMITS OF LIABILITY INSURANCE, A MOPED IS A MOTOR VEHICLE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-50, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 5 TO THE OPERATION OF MOPEDS, TO STRIKE THE EXCEPTION FOR THE APPLICATION OF ARTICLES 35 AND 37 AS APPLIED TO THE OPERATION OF MOPEDS ON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS AND STREETS OF THIS STATE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

S. 153 -- Senators Shealy and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-220 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO A TAX EXEMPTION FOR A DISABLED VETERAN, TO PROVIDE THAT THE TAX EXEMPTION IS ALLOWED TO THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF THE PERSON ON ONE PRIVATE PASSENGER VEHICLE OWNED OR LEASED BY THE SPOUSE FOR THEIR LIFETIME OR UNTIL THE REMARRIAGE OF THE SURVIVING SPOUSE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 154 -- Senators Shealy and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-39-160 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES, TO PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY GRANT A WAIVER OF THE REQUIREMENTS IF A STUDENT'S INELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES IS DUE TO A LONG TERM ABSENCE AS A RESULT OF A MEDICAL CONDITION, BUT THE STUDENT HAS BEEN MEDICALLY CLEARED TO PARTICIPATE OR FOR ANY OTHER REASONABLE CIRCUMSTANCE AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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

S. 155 -- Senators Shealy, Turner, Hembree, Grooms and Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-517 SO AS TO REPLACE THE INCOME TAX IMPOSED ON THE TAXABLE INCOME OF INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, TRUSTS, AND CERTAIN OTHER ENTITIES IN TAX YEARS BEGINNING AFTER 2014 BY REDUCING THE RATE OF TAXATION BY 1.4 PERCENT EACH YEAR UNTIL THE TAX RATE FOR ALL BRACKETS IS ZERO PERCENT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

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.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 157 -- Senators Shealy and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-17-650 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO COCKFIGHTING, TO INCREASE THE FINES AND PENALTIES FOR THE OFFENSE, CREATE A NEW OFFENSE OF BEING PRESENT AT A STRUCTURE, FACILITY, OR LOCATION WHERE COCKFIGHTING IS TAKING PLACE, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR MINORS PRESENT WHEN COCKFIGHTING IS TAKING PLACE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 158 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-27-80 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE EXEMPTIONS OF CERTAIN ACTIVITIES FROM THE ANIMAL FIGHTING AND BAITING ACT, TO DELETE THE EXEMPTION OF "BEAR-BAYING"; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50-11-430, RELATING TO BEAR HUNTING AND UNLAWFUL ACTS IN REGARD TO BEARS INCLUDING A PROVISION THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO POSSESS A CAPTIVE BEAR EXCEPT BY PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, TO PROVIDE THAT A CAPTIVE BEAR FOR WHICH A PERMIT HAS BEEN ISSUED

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AND WHICH UPON INFORMATION AND BELIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN OR IS BEING USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF "BEAR-BAYING" MUST BE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PLACE THESE BEARS IN A SUITABLE ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING ZOOS OR ANIMAL PARKS WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THIS STATE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 159 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO ENACT THE PROPERTY TAX FAIRNESS ACT, BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220(B) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION, TO PROVIDE FOR REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR NON-OWNER OCCUPIED REAL PROPERTY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 160 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-19-20(1) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "ADVERTISEMENT" AS USED IN REGARDS TO EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS, BY ADDING THE TERM "INTERNET" TO THE DEFINITION OF ADVERTISEMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 40-14-20 OF THE 1976 CODE BY ADDING A DEFINITION FOR THE TERM "THIRD PARTY FUNERAL SERVICE PROVIDER"; TO AMEND CHAPTER 19, TITLE 40 OF THE 1976 CODE; BY ADDING SECTION 40-19-40, TO PROVIDE THAT THIRD PARTY FUNERAL SERVICE PROVIDERS MUST BE LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE, TO PROVIDE NOTICE AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR THIRD PARTY FUNERAL SERVICE PROVIDER ADVERTISEMENTS, TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSE REVOCATION FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE SHALL PROSCRIBE THE FORMAT OF ADVERTISEMENT DISCLOSURE BY REGULATION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIRD PARTY FUNERAL SERVICE PROVIDERS MUST DISCLOSE TO CUSTOMERS THE NAME AND CONTACT

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INFORMATION OF THE FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT THAT WILL BE IN CHARGE OF HANDLING ALL FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

S. 161 -- Senators McElveen, Johnson, Davis and Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-1140 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FROM SOUTH CAROLINA TAXABLE INCOME OF INDIVIDUALS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX ACT, SO AS TO ALLOW THE DEDUCTION OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SERVICE ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-1170 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE RETIREMENT INCOME DEDUCTION, SO AS TO CONFORM THIS DEDUCTION TO THE MILITARY RETIREMENT DEDUCTION ALLOWED BY THIS ACT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 162 -- Senators McElveen and Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 21, TITLE 50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION OF WATERCRAFT, TO ENACT "HAILEY'S LAW", BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-118, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO OPERATE A BOAT IN EXCESS OF THE NO WAKE-IDLE SPEED ON CERTAIN LAKES AND RESERVOIRS AFTER DARK; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

S. 163 -- Senator Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 5-1-26(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL

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INCORPORATION, TO PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE WITH ADDITIONAL DUTIES; TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 5, RELATING TO THE INCORPORATION OF MUNICIPALITIES, TO PROVIDE THAT A MUNICIPALITY WHOSE POPULATION DROPS BELOW THREE HUNDRED MUST SHOW THAT IT IS MAINTAINING MUNICIPAL SERVICES AT AN ADEQUATE LEVEL TO MAINTAIN ITS CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION; TO PROVIDE THAT A REVIEW OF A MUNICIPALITY'S CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION MAY BE INITIATED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REVIEW AND DETERMINATION PROCESS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 164 -- Senators Shealy, Alexander, Cleary, Hayes, Verdin, Jackson, Lourie, Hutto, Turner, Setzler and L. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-32-30(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS, TO PROVIDE THAT AT LEAST ONE TIME DURING THE FOUR YEARS OF GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE EACH STUDENT SHALL RECEIVE INSTRUCTION IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAVE UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS ACT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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

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

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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.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 166 -- Senators Hembree and Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 37, TITLE 58 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ENERGY SUPPLY AND EFFICIENCY, BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-60, TO PROVIDE THAT "OFFSHORE WIND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES" MEANS INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN BY AN ELECTRICAL UTILITY FOR THE LONG-TERM ADVANCEMENT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CLEAN ENERGY BENEFITS RELATED TO OFFSHORE WIND, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT ENCOURAGE ELECTRICAL UTILITIES SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION TO INVEST IN OFFSHORE WIND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES THAT PROVIDE INCENTIVES AND COST RECOVERY FOR ENERGY SUPPLIERS AND DISTRIBUTORS WHO INVEST IN OFFSHORE

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WIND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES THAT ARE INTENDED TO RESULT IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES RELATED TO THE MANUFACTURING AND DEPLOYMENT OF OFFSHORE WIND, AND THAT THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS ENCOURAGING INVESTMENT IN OFFSHORE WIND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES NO LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2016.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 167 -- Senators Turner and Campbell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-25-60, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF A LICENSE FOR THE PRACTICE OF SPECIALIZING IN HEARING AIDS, SO AS TO EXPAND APPLICABILITY OF THE REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE OFFERS TO SELL HEARING AIDS THROUGH MAIL, INTERNET, OR OTHER MEANS; TO REVISE AN EXCLUSION FOR BUSINESSES THAT EMPLOY LICENSEES TO ALSO INCLUDE BUSINESSES THAT CONTRACT WITH LICENSEES TO SELL AND FIT HEARING AIDS; TO PROVIDE THAT NOTHING IN THIS CHAPTER PROHIBITS A PERSON FROM ENGAGING IN THE BUSINESS OF SELLING OR OFFERING FOR SALE HEARING AIDS THROUGH THE MAIL, INTERNET, OR OTHER MEANS TO DISTRIBUTORS, DEALERS, OR OTHER PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE PRACTICE OF SPECIALIZING IN HEARING AIDS THAT ARE LICENSED IN THIS STATE; AND TO PROVIDE THAT NOTHING IN THIS CHAPTER PROHIBITS THE SALE OF HEARING AIDS THROUGH THE MAIL, INTERNET, OR ANY OTHER MEANS IF THE SALE IS MADE PURSUANT TO THE DIRECT PRESCRIBED RECOMMENDATION OF A PERSON HOLDING AN UNSUSPENDED, UNREVOKED LICENSE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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

S. 168 -- Senator Kimpson: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE SEPTEMBER 26, ANNUALLY, AS MESOTHELIOMA AWARENESS DAY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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

S. 169 -- Senator Kimpson: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX ACT, BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3710, TO ALLOW A TAX CREDIT TO ANY TAXPAYER THAT EMPLOYS A FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL AS A FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE, TO SPECIFY THE TAXES FOR WHICH THE CREDIT MAY BE APPLIED, TO ALLOW THE CREDIT FOR TWENTY-FOUR CONSECUTIVE MONTHS FOR EACH FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL, TO SPECIFY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 170 -- Senator Kimpson: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 36, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SALES AND USE TAX ACT, BY ADDING SECTION 12-36-71, TO PROVIDE THAT A RETAILER IS PRESUMED TO BE LIABLE FOR THE SALES TAX OR RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING AND REMITTING THE USE TAX IF THE RETAILER ENTERS INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE UNDER WHICH THE RESIDENT, FOR CONSIDERATION, REFERS POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS, WHETHER BY AN INTERNET LINK OR OTHERWISE, TO REQUIRE SUCH RETAILERS TO OBTAIN A RETAIL LICENSE AND REMIT SALES AND USE TAX ON ALL TAXABLE RETAIL SALES, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 171 -- Senator Kimpson: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 101, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO COLLEGES AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING GENERALLY, BY ADDING ARTICLE 5, TO PROVIDE THAT PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS IN THIS STATE SHALL ANNUALLY AWARD

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STIPENDS TO STUDENT ATHLETES WHO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORT AND MAINTAIN A GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR, TO PROVIDE CONDITIONS FOR RECEIPT OF STIPENDS, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; TO AMEND CHAPTER 101, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO COLLEGES AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING GENERALLY, BY ADDING ARTICLE 6, TO PROVIDE THAT PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS IN THIS STATE SHALL CREATE A STUDENT ATHLETE TRUST FUND AND FUND THE TRUST WITH A PERCENTAGE OF THE INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORT GROSS REVENUE GENERATED FROM CERTAIN SOURCES, TO PROVIDE THAT FOR EACH YEAR A STUDENT ATHLETE MAINTAINS GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING, FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS WILL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE FUND ON HIS BEHALF AND THE TOTAL TRUST FUND AMOUNT MAY NOT EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER STUDENT ATHLETE; TO PROVIDE THAT AFTER FULFILLMENT OF ALL ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION AND COMPLETION OF A STATE-APPROVED FINANCIAL LITERACY COURSE, THE PARTICIPATING INSTITUTION SHALL PROVIDE A ONE-TIME PAYMENT TO EACH STUDENT ATHLETE IN THE FULL AMOUNT DEPOSITED IN THE FUND ON THEIR BEHALF, TO PROVIDE CONDITIONS FOR RECEIPT OF THE TRUST FUND PAYMENT, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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

S. 172 -- Senator Kimpson: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 41 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, TO ENACT THE EARNED PAID SICK LEAVE ACT, TO PROVIDE THAT EMPLOYEES SHALL ACCRUE EARNED PAID AND EARNED UNPAID SICK LEAVE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE METHOD OF AND LIMITS OF ACCRUAL; TO PROVIDE FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH AN EMPLOYEE MAY USE EARNED PAID OR EARNED UNPAID SICK LEAVE; TO PROVIDE FOR CERTIFICATION OF THE REASONS FOR WHICH EARNED PAID OR EARNED UNPAID SICK LEAVE IS USED; TO PROVIDE THAT AN EMPLOYER CANNOT HINDER AN EMPLOYEE'S USE OF EARNED PAID OR EARNED UNPAID SICK LEAVE; TO

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PROVIDE THAT EMPLOYERS MAY NOT PENALIZE A PERSON FOR PROPERLY USING EARNED PAID OR EARNED UNPAID SICK LEAVE; TO PROVIDE THAT EMPLOYERS WHO ALREADY HAVE POLICIES THAT EXCEED THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER DO NOT HAVE TO CHANGE THOSE POLICIES; TO PROVIDE THAT EMPLOYEES MUST PROVIDE REASONABLE NOTICE TO EMPLOYERS BEFORE USING EARNED PAID OR EARNED UNPAID SICK LEAVE IF POSSIBLE; TO PROVIDE FOR NOTICE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER TO EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

S. 173 -- Senator Kimpson: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 27, TITLE 58 OF THE 1976 CODE, CONCERNING GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATED TO ELECTRIC UTILITIES AND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES, TO PROVIDE THAT NOTICE MUST BE GIVEN TO RESIDENTS IN IDENTIFIABLE COMMUNITIES OR NEIGHBORHOODS PRIOR TO A UTILITY COMPANY UNDERTAKING, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTENTS OF THE NOTICE, TO PROVIDE FOR A PUBLIC MEETING RELATED TO THE MAINTENANCE PLAN, TO PROVIDE THAT UTILITY COMPANIES CONSIDER COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS WHEN FINALIZING THESE MAINTENANCE PLANS, TO PROVIDE THAT UTILITY COMPANIES MUST USE BEST EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT MAINTENANCE PLANS DO NOT DEGRADE THE CHARACTER AND VALUE OF THE AFFECTED AREAS, TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXEMPTION IN THE CASE OF A NATURAL DISASTER OR OTHER EMERGENCY, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 174 -- Senator Leatherman: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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NAME THE INTERSECTION OF N. OLD GEORGETOWN ROAD AND HIGHWAY 378 THE "DEPUTY JOSEPH C. ANTWINE MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS INTERSECTION CONTAINING THE WORDS "DEPUTY JOSEPH C. ANTWINE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY".

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

S. 175 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-2020 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY IN EACH COUNTY WITHIN THIS STATE, TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND TO ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE TO REVIEW CHANGES IN COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 176 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-63-74(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ELECTRONIC FILING AND TRANSMISSION OF DEATH CERTIFICATES, TO PROVIDE THAT DEATH CERTIFICATES MUST BE ELECTRONICALLY FILED WITH THE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS WITHIN THREE DAYS AFTER DEATH, TO PROVIDE THAT MEDICAL CERTIFICATIONS OF CAUSE OF DEATH SHALL BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO FUNERAL HOME DIRECTORS WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS AFTER DEATH BY THE PHYSICIAN IN CHARGE OF THE PATIENT'S CARE FOR THE ILLNESS OR CONDITION WHICH RESULTED IN DEATH, EXCEPT WHEN INQUIRY IS REQUIRED BY CORONER OR MEDICAL EXAMINER, TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE CAUSE OF DEATH CANNOT BE DETERMINED WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS AFTER DEATH, A MEDICAL CERTIFICATION SHALL BE ENTERED AS PENDING AND A SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT SHALL BE FILED WITH THE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

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AND THIS REPORT SHALL BE MADE PART OF THE DEATH CERTIFICATE, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 32-8-325(A)(1), RELATING TO THE RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR CREMATION, TO PROVIDE THAT A DEATH CERTIFICATE ABSTRACT IS SUFFICIENT TO AUTHORIZE CREMATIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 32-8-340(A), RELATING TO THE TIME PERIOD PRIOR TO CREMATION, TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS ALLOWING FOR THE USE OF A DEATH CERTIFICATE ABSTRACT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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

S. 177 -- Senators L. Martin and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 19-5-520 SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN RECORDS OF REGULARLY CONDUCTED ACTIVITY, OR BUSINESS RECORDS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL RULE 902(11) AND (12).

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 178 -- Senators L. Martin and S. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-2953, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE VIDEO RECORDING AT THE INCIDENT SITE AND BREATH TEST SITE OF A PERSON SUSPECTED OF DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR OTHER DRUGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT FAILURE OF THE VIDEO RECORDING EQUIPMENT TO CAPTURE ALL OF A FIELD SOBRIETY TEST IS NOT ALONE A GROUND FOR DISMISSAL OF ANY CHARGES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 179 -- Senators L. Martin and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 61-6-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS, SO AS TO INCLUDE POWDERED OR CRYSTALLINE ALCOHOLS

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WHEN HYDROLYZED IN THE DEFINITION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS AND TO AMEND SECTION 61-6-4157, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION TO POSSESS, USE, SELL, OR PURCHASE POWDERED ALCOHOL, SO AS TO INCLUDE BOTH POWDERED AND CRYSTALLINE ALCOHOL WHEN HYDROLYZED.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 180 -- Senators L. Martin and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-19-20, RELATING TO PUBLICATION OF JUDICIAL VACANCIES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION SHALL NOTIFY THE GOVERNOR OF A JUDICIAL VACANCY, TO PROVIDE THE TIMEFRAME FOR WHICH HIS RECOMMENDATIONS MUST BE MADE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION MUST SUBMIT THE NAMES OF JUDICIAL CANDIDATES TO THE GOVERNOR AFTER RECEIPT OF AN APPLICATION OR NOTICE OF INTENTION; TO AMEND SECTION 2-19-80, RELATING TO THE NOMINATION OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR JUDGESHIP, TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL RECOMMEND AT LEAST THREE NAMES FOR CONSIDERATION FOR ANY JUDICIAL VACANCY IN WHICH THERE IS NO INCUMBENT, AND IF THERE IS AN INCUMBENT, TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR MAY RECOMMEND ADDITIONAL NAMES FOR CONSIDERATION OR SOLELY THE INCUMBENT, TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL HAVE THIRTY DAYS FROM RECEIPT FROM THE COMMISSION THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO HAVE APPLIED TO RECOMMEND THREE CANDIDATES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH A REPORT DETAILING ITS REVIEW OF THE QUALIFICATIONS OF EACH OF THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 181 -- Senator Hayes: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF RAWLINSON ROAD IN THE CITY OF ROCK HILL FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH WEST MAIN

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STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH HECKLE BOULEVARD
"COACH ROBERT T. 'BOB' JENKINS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"
AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS
PORTION OF HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THIS DESIGNATION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

S. 182 -- Senators Hayes and Hembree: 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.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 183 -- Senators Hayes and Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND THE
CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY AMENDING
SECTION 16-3-2010, RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING
DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE "COERCION"; BY AMENDING
SECTION 16-3-2020, RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING
OFFENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON IS
CONSIDERED A TRAFFICKER IF THE PERSON SOLICITS OR
PARTICIPATES IN PROSTITUTION WITH ANOTHER PERSON
KNOWING THAT THE OTHER PERSON IS A HUMAN
TRAFFICKING VICTIM, TO PROVIDE THAT A VICTIM
CONVICTED OF A HUMAN TRAFFICKING VIOLATION OR
PROSTITUTION MAY MOTION THE COURT TO VACATE THE
CONVICTION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A VICTIM IS NOT
SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING OR
PROSTITUTION IF THE VICTIM WAS A MINOR AT THE TIME OF
THE OFFENSE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A VICTIM'S SEXUAL
HISTORY IS NOT ADMISSIBLE BY A DEFENDANT IN A
CRIMINAL ACTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2030,
RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING, SO
AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COURT MAY CONSIDER
DISGORGEMENT OF PROFIT FROM A BUSINESS INVOLVED IN

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND DISBARMENT FROM GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2040, RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESTITUTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COURT MAY ORDER AN AMOUNT REPRESENTING THE VALUE OF THE VICTIM'S LABOR OR SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2050, RELATING TO THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE TASK FORCE MAY MAKE GRANTS OR CONTRACTS TO DEVELOP OR EXPAND VICTIM SERVICE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2060, RELATING TO HUMAN TRAFFICKING CIVIL ACTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A VICTIM'S SEXUAL HISTORY IS NOT ADMISSIBLE BY A DEFENDANT IN A CIVIL ACTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2070, RELATING TO VICTIMS' RIGHTS AND THE STATE CRIME VICTIM'S COMPENSATION FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS ARE CONSIDERED VICTIMS REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE PICTURES AND IMAGES OF VICTIMS MUST BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL, AND TO PROVIDE THE PROTOCOL A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SHALL FOLLOW WHEN INTERACTING WITH A VICTIM; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-2100, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE POSTING OF INFORMATION REGARDING THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCE CENTER HOTLINE IN CERTAIN BUSINESSES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 184 -- Senator Hayes: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 61, TITLE 15 SO AS TO ENACT THE "UNIFORM PARTITION OF HEIRS PROPERTY ACT"; TO PROVIDE RELATED DEFINITIONS AND DIFFERENT TYPES OF PARTITION, SUCH AS PARTITION BY ALLOTMENT, PARTITION IN KIND, AND PARTITION BY SALE; TO PROVIDE FOR NOTICE BY PUBLICATION; TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR A COURT TO FOLLOW IN DETERMINING THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY AND FACTORS FOR A COURT TO CONSIDER FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF PARTITIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR OPEN-MARKET SALES, SEALED BIDS, OR AUCTIONS; TO DESIGNATE THE

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EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 61 AS ARTICLE 1; TO AMEND SECTION 15-61-10, RELATING TO PARTITION ACTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A COURT HEARING TO DETERMINE IF THE PARTITION ACTION CONCERNS HEIRS PROPERTY; AND TO AMEND SECTION 15-61-100, RELATING TO WRITS OF PARTITION, SO AS TO DELETE REFERENCES TO REPEALED CODE SECTIONS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 185 -- Senator Hayes: 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.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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

S. 186 -- Senator Fair: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 24, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, SO AS TO DEVOLVE ITS DUTIES, FUNCTIONS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES UPON THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND INSTITUTIONAL CORRECTIONS; BY ADDING CHAPTER 2 TO TITLE 24 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND INSTITUTIONAL CORRECTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 24-19-10, AS AMENDED, 24-19-20, 24-19-30, 24-19-40, 24-19-50, 24-19-60, 24-19-110, AS AMENDED, AND 24-19-160, RELATING TO THE CORRECTION AND TREATMENT OF YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS, SO AS TO SUBSTITUTE THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS" FOR THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND INSTITUTIONAL CORRECTIONS", TO SUBSTITUTE THE TERM "YOUTHFUL

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OFFENDER DIVISION" FOR THE TERM "YOUTHFUL OFFENDER PAROLE AND REENTRY SERVICES DIVISION, TO DELETE THE TERM "TREATMENT" AND ITS DEFINITION, TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR THE TERM "CRIMINOGENIC RISKS AND NEEDS", TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIVISION OF YOUTHFUL OFFENDER PAROLE AND REENTRY SERVICES SHALL CONSIDER ITS CLIENTS CRIMINOGENIC RISKS AND TO REVISE THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE HOUSING AND TREATMENT OF YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS, TO SUBSTITUTE THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES" FOR THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND INSTITUTIONAL CORRECTIONS", TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND TO SUBSTITUTE THE TERM "PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES BOARD" FOR THE TERM "PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES BOARD"; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 21, TITLE 24, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES, SO AS TO DEVOLVE ITS DUTIES, FUNCTIONS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES UPON THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND INSTITUTIONAL CORRECTIONS, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "HEARING OFFICER", TO SUBSTITUTE THE TERM "BOARD OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES" FOR THE TERM "BOARD OF PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES", TO REVISE THE BOARD'S DUTIES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO PAY SUPERVISION FEES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Corrections and Penology.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Corrections and Penology.

S. 187 -- Senators Fair and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-975 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, IT IS UNLAWFUL TO POSSES WITHIN OR INTRODUCE UPON THE GROUNDS OF A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY A TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE, TO DEFINE THE TERM "TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE", TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION, AND TO

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PROVIDE THE COURTS IN WHICH A VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION MUST BE ADJUDICATED.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Corrections and Penology.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Corrections and Penology.

S. 188 -- Senator Fair: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-148, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE IDENTIFYING CODE AFFIXED TO THE DRIVER'S LICENSE OF A PERSON CONVICTED OF CERTAIN CRIMES, SO AS TO REMOVE THE FIFTY DOLLAR FEE ASSOCIATED WITH PLACING THE IDENTIFYING CODE ON A DRIVER'S LICENSE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

S. 189 -- Senators Fair and Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-13-40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR EMPLOYMENT IN CHILDCARE FACILITIES, SO AS TO ALSO PROHIBIT SUCH EMPLOYMENT OF A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF UNLAWFUL CONDUCT TOWARD A CHILD, CRUELTY TO CHILDREN, OR CHILD ENDANGERMENT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 190 -- Senators Fair and Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-386 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF SEXTING FOR A PERSON LESS THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE; TO PROVIDE FOR CIVIL FINES AND COSTS FOR COMMITTING A FIRST OR SECOND OFFENSE; TO PROVIDE FOR A MISDEMEANOR AND A CRIMINAL FINE AND COSTS FOR COMMITTING THREE OR MORE OFFENSES; TO PROHIBIT THE ARREST OR PLACEMENT IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE OR OTHER CONFINEMENT FOR COMMITTING A FIRST OR SECOND OFFENSE, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; TO PROHIBIT

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PROSECUTION OF A PERSON WHO HAS COMMITTED A FIRST OR SECOND SEXTING OFFENSE UNDER THIS SECTION OF COMMITTING CERTAIN OTHER CRIMES; TO PROHIBIT PLACEMENT ON THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY FOR COMMITTING AN OFFENSE UNDER THIS SECTION; TO PROVIDE FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT AND REQUIRED COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR FAILURE TO PAY FINES FOR FIRST AND SECOND OFFENSES; AND TO VEST EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION TO HEAR ALLEGED OFFENSES IN THE MUNICIPAL AND MAGISTRATES COURT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 191 -- Senators Fair and Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-13-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF TERMS USED IN THE REGULATION OF CHILDCARE FACILITIES, SO AS TO DEFINE "SCHOOL VACATION AND SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS FOR CHILDREN"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 63-13-220 SO AS TO MAKE CERTAIN EMPLOYEE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS WHO WORK AT SCHOOL VACATION AND SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS; TO HAVE A CAREGIVER PRESENT AT ALL TIMES AT SCHOOL VACATION AND SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS WHO IS CERTIFIED IN BASIC FIRST AID AND INFANT-CHILD CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION; AND TO HAVE A LIFEGUARD PRESENT AT ALL TIMES FOR SCHOOL VACATION AND SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS THAT ALLOW CHILDREN TO HAVE ACCESS TO A BODY OF WATER.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 192 -- Senator Fair: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 57 TO TITLE 46 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA EQUINE PROMOTION ACT" INCLUDING PROVISIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUPPORT OF THIS PROGRAM BY MEANS OF A VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION MADE BY PREVIOUS FILING OF SOUTH CAROLINA STATE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX

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RETURNS AND OTHER DONATIONS, GRANTS, OR APPROPRIATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH THE REVENUE DERIVED FROM THESE ASSESSMENTS MUST BE USED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-5060, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES MADE BY TAXPAYERS ON STATE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RETURNS, SO AS TO CONFORM THE SECTION TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA EQUINE PROMOTION ACT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 193 -- Senator Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-2080 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR A COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE, TO ESTABLISH THE INTRASTATE VISION WAIVER PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN VISUALLY IMPAIRED INDIVIDUALS MAY OBTAIN A WAIVER FROM THE SIGHT REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH A COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE WAIVER, THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A WAIVER MAY GRANTED, AND THE PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING A WAIVER.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

S. 194 -- Senators Hutto, L. Martin and Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 38 TO TITLE 6 SO AS TO ENACT THE "DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS ACT", TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT A MUNICIPALITY MAY BRING A CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST THE OWNER OF PROPERTY NOT IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES, TO IDENTIFY WHO MAY SERVE AS A COURT-APPOINTED RECEIVER FOR PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THIS CAUSE OF ACTION, TO DESIGNATE THE POWERS OF A COURT-APPOINTED RECEIVER, TO ESTABLISH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY CONCERNING A VIOLATION AGAINST WHICH THE MUNICIPALITY MAY

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BRING A CAUSE OF ACTION UNDER THIS ACT, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN REMEDIES AND PROCEDURES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 195 -- Senators Johnson, Hutto and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 57-3-619 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO IMPOSE A TOLL ALONG INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 95 WHERE IT CROSSES LAKE MARION IN EITHER ORANGEBURG COUNTY OR CLARENDON COUNTY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

S. 196 -- Senators Hutto and L. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-1610, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE STATE GRAND JURY SYSTEM AND LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND APPLICABILITY, SO AS TO INCLUDE CRIMES INVOLVING TRAFFICKING PERSONS IN THE PURVIEW OF THE STATUTE; TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-1630, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OF THE STATE GRAND JURY, SO AS TO INCLUDE CRIMES INVOLVING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS IN THE PURVIEW OF THE STATUTE; TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-2010, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "SEX TRAFFICKING"; BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-2100 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE POSTING OF INFORMATION REGARDING THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCE CENTER HOTLINE IN CERTAIN BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS, PROVIDE LANGUAGE FOR THE POSTING, AND PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE FAILURE TO POST THE INFORMATION; AND TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-2050, RELATING TO THE INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE FOR THE PREVENTION OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TASK FORCE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 197 -- Senator Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 17-5-140 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE FUNDS FROM THE SURCHARGE IMPOSED PURSUANT TO SECTION 44-63-84 MUST BE DISBURSED TO THE COUNTIES EQUALLY TO PAY THE DULY ELECTED FULL-TIME CORONER OR OTHER RELATED PERSONNEL OR EQUIPMENT AND TO PROVIDE THAT EXCESS FUNDS MUST BE USED BY THE CORONERS TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES; TO AMEND SECTION 17-5-130, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CORONERS TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DUTIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44-63-84, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF A DEATH CERTIFICATE, SO AS TO IMPOSE A FIVE DOLLAR SURCHARGE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF AN INITIAL DEATH CERTIFICATE AND THREE DOLLARS FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT DEATH CERTIFICATE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 198 -- Senator Grooms: 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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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 199 -- Senators Grooms and Hembree: 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

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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.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

S. 200 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ETHICS, GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, AND CAMPAIGN REFORM, BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1339, TO PROHIBIT A POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE ORGANIZED BY OR ON BEHALF OF CERTAIN STATEWIDE OFFICIALS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1340, RELATING TO COMMITTEES BEING ESTABLISHED, FINANCED, OR CONTROLLED BY A CANDIDATE, SO AS TO DELETE REFERENCES TO A COMMITTEE ORGANIZED, ESTABLISHED, FINANCED, MAINTAINED, OR CONTROLLED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BY A CANDIDATE OR PUBLIC OFFICIAL.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 201 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-30 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE FUNCTIONS AND PURPOSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MUST DEVELOP A PROCESS TO PRIORITIZE AND EXPEDITE PROJECTS RELATING TO PRESERVING, MAINTAINING, REHABILITATING, AND EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE EXISTING STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND BRIDGES; TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 57, BY ADDING SECTION 57-1-45,

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TO PROVIDE A WAITING PERIOD AFTER CERTAIN DEPARTMENTAL ENGINEERS SEPARATE FROM EMPLOYMENT BEFORE THEY MAY PARTICIPATE IN BIDDING ON, NEGOTIATING, OR PARTICIPATING IN THE PERFORMANCE OF CONTRACTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-370, TO PROVIDE THAT ROAD AND BRIDGE PRESERVATION, MAINTENANCE, AND REHABILITATION MUST BE THE PRIMARY CONSIDERATIONS WHEN DEVELOPING THE STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLAN, TO PROVIDE ROAD AND BRIDGE STRUCTURAL AND FUNCTIONAL BENCHMARKS, AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING ALLOCATION TO MEET AND MAINTAIN THE BENCHMARKS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 57-3-110, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO MAINTAIN AN INVENTORY OF THE ROADS AND BRIDGES IN THE MOST URGENT NEED OF MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION, AND TO DEVELOP LONG-TERM FINANCING PLANS FOR PRESERVATION, MAINTENANCE, AND REHABILITATION OF THE ROADS AND BRIDGES IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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S. 202 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-320(9) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THAT COMPLAINTS AGAINST MEMBERS OR STAFF, INCLUDING STAFF ELECTED TO SERVE AS OFFICERS OF OR CANDIDATES FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MUST BE FILED WITH THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-320(10)(D), TO PROVIDE THAT A FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE REGARDING A VERIFIED COMPLAINT FILED BY THE COMMISSION MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR SENATE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE, AS APPROPRIATE, FOR DISPOSITION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-320(10)(I), TO PROVIDE THAT A FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE REGARDING A VERIFIED COMPLAINT FILED BY AN INDIVIDUAL MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR SENATE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE, AS APPROPRIATE, FOR DISPOSITION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-510, TO PROVIDE

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THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEES MUST EACH BE COMPRISED OF TEN MEMBERS WITH FIVE MEMBERS FROM THE MAJORITY PARTY AND FIVE MEMBERS FROM THE MINORITY PARTY; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-520, TO PROVIDE THAT EACH LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE MUST MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC A COMPILATION OF THE PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN ITS ADVISORY OPINIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-530, TO PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF EACH LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-540, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCESS AND PROCEDURE FOR DISPOSITION OF ETHICS COMPLAINTS REFERRED TO THE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEES; TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8, BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-545, TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES AND THE DISPOSITION OF TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEES; TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8, BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1317, TO PROHIBIT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM RECEIVING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS DURING THE ANNUAL REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8, BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1341, TO PROHIBIT LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP POLITICAL ACTIONS COMMITTEES; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-755, TO PROVIDE THAT FORMER MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY NOT LOBBY FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS AFTER LEAVING OFFICE; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8, BY ADDING ARTICLE 12, TO REQUIRE ANNUAL PERSONAL FINANCE DISCLOSURES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE FILING DEADLINE, THE INFORMATION THAT MUST BE DISCLOSED, PENALTIES, AND FOR THE DISPOSITION OF INADVERTENT AND UNINTENTIONAL VIOLATIONS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 203 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8 OF THE 1976 CODE, BY ADDING ARTICLE 8, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION SHALL ADMINISTER TRAINING PROGRAMS ON STATE ETHICS LAWS,

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TO PROVIDE WHO SHALL ATTEND THE TRAINING SESSIONS, TO PROVIDE WHEN SESSIONS SHALL BE HELD, TO PROVIDE PERSONS QUALIFIED TO TEACH THE SESSIONS, TO PROVIDE ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE PERSONS REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE SESSIONS ARE NOT PRECLUDED FROM PENALIZATION OR PROSECUTION FOR VIOLATIONS OF ETHICS LAWS PRIOR TO ATTENDING THE SESSIONS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 204 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-11-20 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARIES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION CONDUCT PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARIES FOR CERTIFIED POLITICAL PARTIES THAT RECEIVED AT LEAST FIVE PERCENT OF THE POPULAR VOTE IN SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THE PARTY'S CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, EXCEPT WHEN A STATE COMMITTEE OF A POLITICAL PARTY DECIDES TO HOLD A PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 7-11-25, AND IF MORE THAN ONE STATE COMMITTEE DECIDES TO HOLD A PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY, THE COMMITTEES MUTUALLY SHALL SET A SINGLE DATE FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY THAT HAS A FILING DEADLINE NO LATER THAN SEVENTY-FIVE DAYS BEFORE THE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY DATE, TO BE AGREED UPON BY JANUARY FIRST OF THE YEAR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IS TO BE HELD AND SUBMITTED TO THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, AND IF THE STATE COMMITTEES ARE NOT ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE DATE FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY, THEN THE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY MUST BE HELD AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 7-13-40.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 205 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-150, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING

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TO THE OPERATION OF A FOREIGN PRIVATELY OWNED AND OPERATED VEHICLE OF A NONRESIDENT, TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROPERTY TAXES ASSESSED AGAINST THE VEHICLE OF A NONRESIDENT MUST BE PAID BEFORE IT MAY BE OPERATED, TO PROVIDE OTHER CONDITIONS IMPOSED UPON A NONRESIDENT BEFORE HE MAY OPERATE HIS VEHICLE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE WRITTEN INQUIRY BY THE AUDITOR MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE OPERATOR'S LAST KNOWN ADDRESS, AND TO REVISE THE PENALTY PROVISION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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S. 206 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 9-4-60, SO AS TO DIRECT THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC BENEFIT AUTHORITY TO DESIGN, IMPLEMENT, AND MAINTAIN A LONGEVITY PAY PLAN FOR STATE EMPLOYEES AND TO REQUIRE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO FUND THE COSTS OF THE PLAN BY A SPECIFIC APPROPRIATION OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 207 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 27, TITLE 8 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION FOR REPORTS OF VIOLATIONS OF STATE AND FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION, BY ADDING SECTION 8-27-05 SO AS TO ENTITLE CHAPTER 27 THE "SOUTH CAROLINA WHISTLEBLOWER AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PROTECTION ACT"; TO AMEND SECTION 8-27-20, RELATING TO REWARDS FOR REPORTS RESULTING IN SAVINGS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE TWO THOUSAND DOLLAR CAP ON REWARDS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 8-27-30, RELATING TO CIVIL ACTIONS AGAINST AN EMPLOYING PUBLIC BODY FOR RETALIATION AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE WHO REPORTS A VIOLATION OF STATE OR FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ONE-YEAR LIMITATION ON THE PERIOD

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DURING WHICH THE EMPLOYEE IS PROTECTED FROM ADVERSE EMPLOYMENT ACTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL REMEDIES.

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S. 208 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 11, TITLE 11 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BUDGET SYSTEM, BY ADDING SECTION 11-11-87, TO REQUIRE THE GOVERNOR'S ANNUAL STATE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION AND THE REPORTS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT TO BE IN A PROGRAMMATIC FORMAT BY PROVIDING A NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF EACH SEPARATE PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY A STATE AGENCY AND PROVIDING THE ELEMENTS THAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE NARRATIVE, AND TO REQUIRE THE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION FOR AN AGENCY TO INCLUDE AN OVERALL BUDGET RECOMMENDATION BY BUDGET CATEGORY AND A SIMILAR RECOMMENDATION FOR EACH SEPARATE PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE AGENCY AND THE SPECIFIC SOURCE OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THE AGENCY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 209 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 14 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO COURTS, BY ADDING CHAPTER 31, TO ESTABLISH A MENTAL HEALTH COURT PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE FOR A SYSTEM THAT DIVERTS MENTALLY ILL OFFENDERS TO APPROPRIATE TREATMENT PROGRAMS RATHER THAN INCARCERATION, TO PROVIDE FOR ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN MENTAL HEALTH COURT, TO PROVIDE THAT EACH SOLICITOR MUST ESTABLISH A PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE THAT SOLICITORS WHO ACCEPT STATE FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM MUST ESTABLISH IT WITHIN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS.

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S. 210 -- Senators Campsen, Bryant and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FREEDOM OF RELIGION FOR STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT NO PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING SHALL TAKE ANY ACTION OR ENFORCE ANY POLICY THAT DENIES A RELIGIOUS STUDENT ASSOCIATION ANY BENEFIT AVAILABLE TO ANY OTHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION BASED ON THE RELIGIOUS STUDENT ASSOCIATION'S REQUIREMENT THAT ITS LEADERS OR MEMBERS ADHERE TO ITS SINCERELY HELD RELIGIOUS BELIEFS OR STANDARDS OF CONDUCT; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.
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S. 211 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-2-105(E) OF THE 1976 CODE, SO AS TO ALLOW POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO CREATE SEPARATE GOLF CART PATHS ON STREETS AND ROADS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.
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S. 212 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-224 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR BOATS AND WATERCRAFT WITH CERTAIN FEATURES, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON MAY CLAIM A QUALIFYING BOAT OR WATERCRAFT AS HIS PRIMARY RESIDENCE FOR PURPOSES OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXATION, TO PROVIDE FOR APPLICATION FILING REQUIREMENTS IN THE EVENT OF A CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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S. 213 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-27-30 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FUNDING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND FROM GENERAL FUND REVENUES, TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT NOT LESS THAN FOUR AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES MUST BE APPROPRIATED, AND TO PROVIDE THAT APPROPRIATIONS MUST BE MADE BETWEEN NOT LESS THAN THE ALLOCATION RATIO OF THE LATEST FISCAL YEAR OR THE AVERAGE OF THE ALLOCATION RATIO OF THE FIVE LATEST FISCAL YEARS, OR HIGHER; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEFINITION OF ALLOCATION RATIO.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 214 -- Senators Campsen and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-19-30, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION'S PUBLIC HEARINGS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY OF A JUDICIAL CANDIDATE WHO WITHDRAWS AT THE PUBLIC HEARING AFTER OFFERING HIS TESTIMONY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 215 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 7-13-35 AND 7-13-190, TO PROVIDE THAT AN ELECTION SHALL BE POSTPONED IF THE GOVERNOR DECLARES A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR AN ENTIRE JURISDICTION HOLDING AN ELECTION, THAT THE POSTPONED ELECTION SHALL BE HELD ON THE FIRST TUESDAY FOLLOWING THE ORIGINAL ELECTION DATE, AND THAT THIS PROVISION DOES NOT APPLY TO STATEWIDE PRIMARIES OR GENERAL ELECTIONS UNLESS THE DECLARATION COVERS THE ENTIRE STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-350 TO CHANGE THE DATE THAT CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT MUST BE CERTIFIED TO THE FIRST TUESDAY FOLLOWING THE FIRST MONDAY IN SEPTEMBER; TO AMEND SECTION 5-15-100 RELATING TO MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT

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MANAGERS OF AN ELECTION SHALL CERTIFY THE RESULTS WITHIN TWO DAYS OF THE ELECTION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 7-17-10 AND 7-17-20, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTION FOR STATEWIDE OFFICERS, SOLICITORS, MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND COUNTY OFFICERS MUST MEET ON THE MONDAY FOLLOWING AN ELECTION TO ORGANIZE AS THE COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS AND TO REQUIRE THAT THEY SUBMIT THEIR RESULTS TO THE STATE BOARD OF CANVASSERS BY NOON ON THE TUESDAY FOLLOWING THE ELECTION; TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 17, TITLE 7 BY ADDING SECTION 7-17-25 TO PROVIDE THAT POST ELECTION AUDITS ARE TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY BOARDS OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTION PRIOR TO CERTIFICATION AND TO REQUIRE THAT ENABLING REGULATIONS ARE TO PROVIDE THAT THE AUDIT DATA AND RESULTS ARE TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC; TO AMEND SECTION 7-11-15 RELATING TO THE FILING OF THE STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY AND PARTY PLEDGE, TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SIGNED COPIES THAT MUST BE FILED WITH THE ELECTION COMMISSION FROM THREE TO ONE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 7-11-80 TO PROVIDE FOR AN ALTERNATE PAPER SIZE FOR NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR CANDIDACY OR POLITICAL PARTY CERTIFICATION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 216 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-10 RELATING TO COUNTY BOARDS REGISTRATION AND ELECTION, TO REQUIRE THAT THE CHAIRMAN BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE APPOINTED CHAIRMAN SHALL CONTINUE TO SERVE UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIED.

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S. 217 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 34-39-180(E) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR DEFERRED PRESENTMENT OR DEPOSIT OF CHECKS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE EFFECTIVE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE CHARGED ON A DEFERRED PRESENTMENT TRANSACTION CANNOT EXCEED THIRTY-SIX PERCENT.

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S. 218 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES ACT, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO ACCEPTS A CHECK FOR A DEFERRED PRESENTMENT TRANSACTION VIOLATES THE SOUTH CAROLINA UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES ACT, AND TO REPEAL CHAPTER 39, TITLE 34 RELATING TO DEFERRED PRESENTMENT SERVICES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 219 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 37-3-501 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SUPERVISED LOANS, BY ADDING SECTION 37-3-501(1)(C), TO PROVIDE THAT SHORT-TERM VEHICLE SECURED LOANS ARE NOT SUPERVISED LOANS; TO AMEND CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES ACT, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS AN UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICE FOR SUPERVISED LENDERS TO PROVIDE SHORT-TERM VEHICLE SECURED LOANS; TO AMEND SECTION 37-3-413, RELATING TO SHORT-TERM VEHICLE SECURED LOANS, BY ELIMINATING THE REPAYMENT TERM FROM THE DEFINITION, BY CAPPING THE LOAN INTEREST RATE FOR SPECIFIC LOAN AMOUNTS, TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 37 OF THE 1976 CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR A DATABASE TO PREVENT A PERSON FROM HAVING A SHORT-TERM VEHICLE SECURED LOAN THAT EXCEEDS A CERTAIN LIMIT AND TO TRACK LOAN TRANSACTIONS IN GENERAL, AND TO

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PROVIDE THAT ALL SHORT-TERM VEHICLE SECURED LOANS MAY ONLY BE MADE BY A LICENSEE.

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S. 220 -- Senators Malloy and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE "OMNIBUS CRIME REDUCTION AND SENTENCING REFORM ACT OF 2010", CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-110, RELATING TO ARSON, SO AS TO RESTRUCTURE THE DEGREES OF ARSON; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-500, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM OR AMMUNITION BY A PERSON CONVICTED OF A VIOLENT CRIME CLASSIFIED AS A FELONY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS A VIOLATION OF PROBATION, PAROLE, COMMUNITY SUPERVISION, OR ANY OTHER SUPERVISION PROGRAM OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES FOR AN OFFENDER TO PURCHASE OR POSSESS A FIREARM, AMMUNITION, OR ANY OTHER DANGEROUS WEAPON; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-560, RELATING TO THE ABILITY OF MAGISTRATES TO PUNISH BREACHES OF THE PEACE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MAGISTRATES MAY PUNISH BREACHES OF THE PEACE BY A FINE NOT EXCEEDING FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR IMPRISONMENT FOR A TERM NOT EXCEEDING THIRTY DAYS, OR BOTH; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-5-920, RELATING TO THE EXPUNGEMENT OF YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS' RECORDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EXPUNGEMENT DOES NOT APPLY TO OFFENSES IN WHICH REGISTRATION ON THE SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRY IS REQUIRED, EXCEPT IN CASES IN WHICH A DETERMINATION IS MADE BY THE SENTENCING COURT THAT THE SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A VICTIM OF AT LEAST FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE WAS CONSENSUAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 24-19-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF A "YOUTHFUL OFFENDER", SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE OFFENDER COMMITTED BURGLARY IN THE SECOND DEGREE PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-11-312(B), THE OFFENDER MUST RECEIVE AND SERVE A MINIMUM SENTENCE OF AT LEAST THREE YEARS, NO PART OF WHICH MAY BE SUSPENDED,

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AND THE PERSON IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CONDITIONAL RELEASE UNTIL THE PERSON HAS SERVED THE THREE-YEAR MINIMUM SENTENCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 24-21-5 AND SECTION 24-21-100, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE MONITORING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURES THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FOLLOW WHEN NOTIFYING PERSONS UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE MONITORING; BY AMENDING SECTION 24-21-280, RELATING TO COMPLIANCE CREDITS OF PERSONS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL MAY EARN UP TO TWENTY DAYS OF COMPLIANCE CREDITS FOR EACH THIRTY-DAY PERIOD IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE INDIVIDUAL HAS SUBSTANTIALLY FULFILLED ALL OF THE CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-370 AND SECTION 44-53-375, RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OFFENSES, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO PRIOR AND SUBSEQUENT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE CONVICTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-470, RELATING TO WHEN A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OFFENSE IS CONSIDERED A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CONVICTION FOR TRAFFICKING IN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES MUST BE CONSIDERED A PRIOR OFFENSE FOR PURPOSES OF ANY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PROSECUTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-396, RELATING TO THE DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSION AMNESTY PERIOD, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT QUALIFYING SUSPENSIONS DO NOT INCLUDE SUSPENSIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 56-5-2990 OR SECTION 56-5-2945, AND DO NOT INCLUDE SUSPENSIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 56-1-460, IF THE PERSON DRIVES A MOTOR VEHICLE WHEN THE PERSON'S LICENSE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED OR REVOKED PURSUANT TO SECTION 56-5-2990 OR SECTION 56-5-2945; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-460, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT FOR A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, THE PERSON MUST BE FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS, AND IMPRISONED FOR UP TO NINETY DAYS OR CONFINED TO THE PERSON'S PLACE OF RESIDENCE

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PURSUANT TO THE HOME DETENTION ACT FOR UP TO NINETY DAYS.

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S. 221 -- Senators Malloy and Campsen: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE THE "SENTENCING REFORM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE" UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2020.

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S. 222 -- Senators Malloy and Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-240 SO AS TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, RELATING TO THE RECORDING OF STATEMENTS OBTAINED DURING THE QUESTIONING, OR INTERROGATION CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN STATEMENTS MADE DURING QUESTIONING OR INTERROGATION MUST BE AUDIO OR VIDEO RECORDED, TO PROVIDE THAT A COURT MUST INSTRUCT A JURY THAT IT MAY DRAW AN ADVERSE INFERENCE FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO FAILS TO RECORD A STATEMENT AS REQUIRED, TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A PERSON'S STATEMENT MAY BE USED FOR IMPEACHMENT PURPOSES, TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN A STATEMENT OBTAINED IN ANOTHER STATE OR BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS ADMISSIBLE IN THIS STATE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT AN INAUDIBLE PORTION OF A RECORDING DOES NOT RENDER IT INADMISSIBLE.

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S. 223 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 85 TO TITLE 15, SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA FALSE CLAIMS ACT" PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS, LIABILITY FOR FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIMS

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UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, PROCEDURES FOR CIVIL ACTIONS FOR FALSE CLAIMS, THE PROCEDURE AND CONTENTS OF CIVIL INVESTIGATIVE DEMANDS, AND CREATING THE STATE FALSE CLAIMS ACT INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION FUND.

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S. 224 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-160 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ON JULY 1, 2017, THE AREA OF EACH COUNTY OF THIS STATE ALSO MUST BE CONSTITUTED AS A SCHOOL DISTRICT AND A COUNTY MAY NOT HAVE MULTIPLE SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY LOCAL LAW BEFORE JULY 1, 2017, SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE GOVERNANCE, FISCAL AUTHORITY, AND ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR A COUNTYWIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT WHERE NO PROVISIONS OF LAW NOW APPLY; AND TO PROVIDE THAT ALL ACTS OR PARTS OF ACTS RELATING TO A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT IS NOT A COUNTYWIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUIRED BY SECTION 59-17-160 ARE REPEALED AS OF JULY 1, 2017.

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S. 225 -- Senator Cromer: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND PROVISIO 105.15 OF PART 1B OF THE 2014-2015 APPROPRIATIONS ACT, RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENT RATES PAID TO PHARMACIES PARTICIPATING IN THE STATE HEALTH PLAN BY CATAMARAN, THE CONTRACTED PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER FOR THE PLAN.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 226 -- Senator Lourie: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-

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60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A STATE AGENCY, BOARD, COMMISSION, INSTITUTION, DEPARTMENT, OR OTHER STATE ENTITY THAT HOSTS A WEBPAGE ACCESSIBLE THROUGH THE INTERNET MAY NOT DISPLAY THE FULL BIRTHDATE OR HOME ADDRESS OF A PERSON WHO HAS COMMITTED A TRAFFIC OFFENSE FOR WHICH A UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKET WAS ISSUED OR FOR A TRAFFIC OFFENSE WITH A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF NO MORE THAN THIRTY DAYS IMPRISONMENT, A FINE, OR BOTH.

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S. 227 -- Senator Campbell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-10-88 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE REMISSION OF REDEVELOPMENT FEES TO A REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, TO EXTEND THE END DATE FOR REMISSIONS FROM JANUARY 1, 2017, TO JANUARY 1, 2037.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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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.

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S. 229 -- Senators Campbell and Turner: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 48-1-90 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO REMEDIES FOR CAUSING OR PERMITTING POLLUTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, TO CLARIFY THAT PERSONS WHO MAY FILE A PETITION WITH THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE A DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, COMMISSION, DEPARTMENT, OR

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POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR DEPARTMENT DECISIONS THAT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW IN A CIVIL PROCEEDING; TO AMEND SECTION 6 OF ACT 198 OF 2012, RELATING TO THE SAVINGS CLAUSE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SAVINGS CLAUSE OF ACT 198 APPLIES ONLY TO CASES FILED BEFORE JUNE 6, 2012, AND ANY FEDERAL PROJECT FOR WHICH A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WAS ISSUED PRIOR TO JUNE 6, 2012, BUT NO RECORD OF DECISION WAS ISSUED PRIOR TO JUNE 6, 2012.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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S. 230 -- Senators Bright and Bryant: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY NOT AUTHORIZE A STATE AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, OR ENTITY TO INCREASE OR IMPLEMENT A FEE, PENALTY, OR FINE IN THE STATE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OR OTHER ACTS SUPPLEMENTAL TO THAT ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY INCREASE OR IMPLEMENTATION OF A FEE OR FINE ONLY MAY BE AUTHORIZED BY AN ACT SEPARATE FROM AN APPROPRIATIONS ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT NO STATE AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, OR ENTITY MAY INCREASE OR IMPLEMENT BY REGULATION OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION A FEE, PENALTY, OR FINE; TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO THESE PROHIBITIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPIRATION OF THESE PROHIBITIONS ON JANUARY 15, 2016, UNLESS REAUTHORIZED BY LAW; TO ESTABLISH THE OTHER FUNDS STUDY COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING AGENCY EARMARKED AND RESTRICTED FUND ACCOUNTS, INCLUDING FUNDS FROM ALL SOURCES RETAINED AND EXPENDED FOR AGENCY OPERATIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE; AND TO REQUIRE THE COMMITTEE TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15, 2017, AFTER WHICH THE COMMITTEE TERMINATES.

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S. 231 -- Senators Bright and Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE, BY ADDING ARTICLE 27, RELATING TO DRUG TESTING AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, TO DEFINE THE TERM "PUBLIC ASSISTANCE", TO PROVIDE THAT, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY LAW, A PERSON SEEKING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE MUST SUBMIT TO CERTAIN DRUG TESTS, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON MUST BE GIVEN NOTICE THAT DRUG TESTING WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A CONDITION FOR RECEIVING BENEFITS AND THAT THE PERSON MUST BEAR THE COST OF TESTING, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO TESTS POSITIVE FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES IS INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE BENEFITS FOR ONE YEAR AFTER THE DATE OF THE POSITIVE DRUG TEST, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO TESTS POSITIVE AND IS DENIED BENEFITS AS A RESULT MAY REAPPLY FOR THOSE BENEFITS AFTER SIX MONTHS IF HE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES A SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM AND PASSES AN INITIAL DRUG TEST, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO TWICE FAILS A DRUG TEST MAY NOT RECEIVE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE AGENCY THAT ADMINISTERS THIS TEST SHALL IMMEDIATELY TERMINATE THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFITS IT PAYS HIM.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 232 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 2 OF THE 1976 CODE, BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-190, TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IF THAT PERSON HAS SERVED FOUR TERMS IN THE SAME BODY, AND THAT NO PERSON SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION TO THE SENATE IF THAT PERSON HAS SERVED TWO TERMS IN THE SAME BODY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY TERM SERVED FOR WHICH THE ELECTION WAS HELD PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2015, SHALL NOT BE COUNTED AS A TERM SERVED.

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S. 233 -- Senators Campsen and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-1-160 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO INVOCATIONS TO OPEN MEETINGS OF DELIBERATIVE BODIES, TO PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC PRAYER MEANS A PRAYER OR INVOCATION; TO PROVIDE THAT DELIBERATIVE PUBLIC BODY INCLUDES THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD; TO PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC INVOCATIONS SHALL NOT PROSELYTIZE OR ADVANCE ANY ONE FAITH OR BELIEF, OR COERCE PARTICIPATION BY OBSERVERS; AND TO BROADEN THE ITEMS THAT MAY BE INCLUDED IN A POLICY TO PERMIT PUBLIC INVOCATIONS ADOPTED BY THE PUBLIC BODY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 234 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-710(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO VOTING PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL ELECTIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN A PERSON PRESENTS HIMSELF TO VOTE, HE MAY PRODUCE A VALID AND CURRENT SOUTH CAROLINA CONCEALED WEAPON PERMIT PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-31-215; TO AMEND SECTION 23-31-215(C) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS, TO PROVIDE THAT IN ADDITION TO ISSUANCE OF A CONCEALED WEAPON PERMIT, SLED SHALL ALSO PROVIDE THE APPLICANT INFORMATION REGARDING VOTER REGISTRATION AND A VOTER REGISTRATION FORM.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 235 -- Senator Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA BY ADDING SECTION 44-6-110 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR REVOCATION OF A PERSON'S MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY UPON HIS CONVICTION FOR A VIOLATION OF SECTION 44-53-370 IF MEDICAID WAS USED TO PURCHASE THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OR UPON HIS CONVICTION FOR VIOLATION OF SECTION 44-53-395.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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S. 236 -- Senators Allen, Corbin and Thurmond: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 8-21-310, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO COURT FEES AND COSTS; SECTION 17-1-40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS; SECTION 17-1-45, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT NOTICE REQUIREMENTS; SECTION 17-22-150, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PRETRIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAMS; SECTION 17-22-170, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO INFORMATION REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN PRETRIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAMS; SECTION 17-22-330, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO TRAFFIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS; SECTION 17-22-530, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ALCOHOL EDUCATION PROGRAMS; SECTION 17-22-910, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT APPLICATIONS; SECTION 17-22-920, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT INQUIRIES; SECTION 17-22-930, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT FORMS; SECTION 17-22-940, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT PROCESSES; SECTION 17-22-950, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT IN SUMMARY COURTS; SECTION 22-5-910, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS; SECTION 22-5-920, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS; SECTION 23-3-660, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT OF DNA RECORDS; SECTION 24-19-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS; SECTION 24-21-930, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ORDERS OF PARDON; SECTION 24-21-940, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PARDONS; SECTION 34-11-90, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO FRAUDULENT CHECK

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OFFENSES; SECTION 34-11-95, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO REPORTING FRAUDULENT CHECK CONVICTIONS; SECTION 4-53-450, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OFFENSES; SECTION 56-5-750, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO FAILURE TO STOP A MOTOR VEHICLE WHEN SIGNALLED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT; AND SECTION 63-19-2050, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DESTRUCTION OF JUVENILE RECORDS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 238 -- Senator Allen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-220 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO ALLOW AN INMATE WHO THE DEPARTMENT HAS DETERMINED IS NOT A SECURITY RISK AND CONFINED IN A DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS' FACILITY TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL SERVICE OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS AND VISIT CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHILE THEY ARE HOSPITALIZED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 24-3-210, RELATING TO FURLOUGHS FOR QUALIFIED INMATES, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT ALLOWS AN INMATE TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL OF CERTAIN PERSONS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Corrections and Penology.

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S. 239 -- Senator Allen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-20-50, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO

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VARIOUS FUNDING REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE EDUCATION FINANCE ACT, INCLUDING CERTIFIED TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR SALARY REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REVISE THESE SALARY REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE THAT, AT A MINIMUM, CERTIFIED TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS ARE ALWAYS PAID AT THE SOUTHEASTERN AVERAGE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED PROVISIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS REQUIREMENT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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S. 240 -- Senator Coleman: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-2950, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO A PERSON WHO HOLDS A DRIVER'S LICENSE'S IMPLIED CONSENT TO BE TESTED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY ARE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITH AN UNLAWFUL ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF AN ARRESTING OFFICER FAILS TO PROPERLY FILE A NOTICE OF SUSPENSION WITHIN TEN DAYS OF AN ARREST WITH THE PROPER REPORTING AUTHORITY, FOR A PERSON WHO REFUSES TO TAKE A BREATH TEST, GIVE BLOOD SAMPLES, OR WHO REGISTERS AN UNLAWFUL ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION, THEN THE SUSPENSION MUST BE VACATED.

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S. 241 -- Senator Turner: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 39-6-60, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN DEALERSHIP AGREEMENTS, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE CANCELLATION OR NONRENEWAL OF A DEALERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH NINETY DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE, INSTEAD OF A ONE-YEAR NOTICE IN CASES OF A DEALER'S FAILURE TO MEET MARKETING REQUIREMENTS AND NINETY-DAYS NOTICE INSTEAD OF ONE-HUNDRED-EIGHTY-DAYS NOTICE IN ALL OTHER CASES.

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S. 242 -- Senator Corbin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-19-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND QUALIFICATIONS OF ITS MEMBERS.

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S. 243 -- Senators Bennett, Turner, Hembree, Thurmond, Shealy, Campbell and Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-220, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAX FORTY-TWO AND SEVENTY-FIVE ONE HUNDREDTHS PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF MANUFACTURING PROPERTY, AND TO PHASE IN THE EXEMPTION OVER FIVE YEARS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 244 -- Senators Gregory and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 14 TO TITLE 6 SO AS TO ENACT THE "LOCAL OPTION MOTOR FUEL USER FEE ACT", TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY MAY IMPOSE BY ORDINANCE, APPROVED BY REFERENDUM, A USER FEE OF NOT MORE THAN FIVE CENTS A GALLON ON RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR FUEL FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND ROAD MAINTENANCE WITHIN THE COUNTY, TO PROVIDE THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE USER FEE MAY BE IMPOSED, AND TO PROVIDE THE MANNER IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SHALL COLLECT AND DISTRIBUTE THE USER FEE.

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S. 245 -- Senator Davis: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 15, TITLE 40 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DENTISTS, DENTAL

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HYGIENISTS, AND DENTAL TECHNICIANS, TO PROVIDE THAT DENTAL THERAPISTS ARE AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE IN SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS AND THE SCOPE OF AUTHORIZATION, TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON SHALL REPRESENT HIMSELF AS A DENTAL THERAPIST WITHOUT A LICENSE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SERVICES AND PROCEDURES THAT MAY BE PERFORMED BY LICENSED DENTAL THERAPISTS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE LIMITATIONS OF DENTAL THERAPY PRACTICE, INCLUDING PUBLIC SETTINGS AUTHORIZED UNDER FEDERAL LAW AND PRIVATE DENTAL PRACTICES THAT SERVE A POPULATION OF AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT MEDICAID PATIENTS, TO PROVIDE THAT A DENTAL THERAPIST MAY ONLY PRACTICE PURSUANT TO A WRITTEN COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT WITH A LICENSED DENTIST AND TO SPECIFY THE REQUIRED TERMS OF EACH COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT, TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING FOR A LICENSE TO BE A DENTAL THERAPIST, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONDITIONS FOR GRANTING A LICENSE TO BE A DENTAL THERAPIST, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCEDURE UPON TERMINATION OF A COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN A DENTAL THERAPIST AND A COLLABORATING DENTIST, TO PROVIDE THAT A DENTAL THERAPIST MUST PERFORM CONTINUING EDUCATION TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A LICENSE RENEWAL, TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEES FOR LICENSURE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT DENTAL THERAPISTS ARE TO BE RECOGNIZED AS PROVIDERS AND ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FROM THIRD PARTIES; TO AMEND SECTION 40-15-120(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY OR DENTAL HYGIENE WITHOUT A LICENSE, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO PRACTICE DENTAL THERAPY WITHOUT BEING LICENSED BY THE BOARD, OR DURING A PERIOD OF SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION; TO AMEND SECTION 40-15-140, RELATING TO THE EXAMINATION OF APPLICANTS FOR LICENSES, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS THE DUTY OF THE BOARD TO EXAMINE ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS FOR A LICENSE TO PRACTICE DENTAL THERAPY; TO AMEND SECTION 40-15-170 TO REQUIRE THAT DENTAL THERAPISTS PAY AN ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE, TO BE SET BY THE BOARD, NOT LATER THAN THE THIRTY-FIRST OF DECEMBER, AND TO

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PROVIDE THAT IF AN INDIVIDUAL'S LICENSE TO PRACTICE DENTAL THERAPY IS REVOKED BY ANOTHER STATE FOR CAUSE IT CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR REVOCATION IN THIS STATE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF A DENTAL THERAPIST FAILS TO RESIDE OR PRACTICE IN SOUTH CAROLINA FOR SIX YEARS HIS LICENSE IS DEEMED INACTIVE; TO AMEND SECTION 40-15-180(1), TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD MAY RECEIVE COMPLAINTS AGAINST A DENTAL THERAPIST AND MAY PROCEED TO FILE A FORMAL ACCUSATION; TO AMEND SECTION 40-15-190, TO PROVIDE FOR MISCONDUCT WHICH CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, PROBATION, REPRIMAND, OR OTHER RESTRICTION OF A LICENSE FOR A DENTAL THERAPIST, AND TO PROVIDE REASONABLE ACTIONS THE BOARD MAY TAKE WHEN INVESTIGATING A COMPLAINT AGAINST A DENTAL THERAPIST; TO AMEND SECTION 40-15-200, TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE BOARD IS SATISFIED THAT A DENTAL THERAPIST IS GUILTY OF AN OFFENSE CHARGED IN THE FORMAL ACCUSATION, IT MAY REVOKE OR SUSPEND THE LICENSE OR THE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE, OR ISSUE A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE REPRIMAND, OR TAKE OTHER REASONABLE ACTION; TO AMEND SECTION 40-15-212, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO PRACTICES DENTAL THERAPY IN VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER OR WHO AIDS OR ABETS A PERSON IN VIOLATING THIS CHAPTER, UPON CONVICTION, MUST BE FINED NOT MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS OR IMPRISONED FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO YEARS, OR BOTH; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-15-215, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY FINAL ORDER OF THE BOARD FINDING THAT A DENTAL THERAPIST IS GUILTY OF ANY OFFENSE CHARGED IN A FORMAL ACCUSATION IS PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, EXCEPT FOR A FINAL ORDER DISMISSING THE ACCUSATION OR DETERMINING THAT A PUBLIC REPRIMAND IS IN ORDER, OR UNLESS STAYED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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S. 246 -- Senators Davis and Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-33-20(23) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS

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FOR THE NURSE PRACTICE ACT, TO REMOVE "FORMULATING A MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS AND INITIATING, CONTINUING, AND MODIFYING THERAPIES, INCLUDING PRESCRIBING DRUG THERAPY" FROM THE DEFINITION; TO AMEND SECTION 40-33-34(C), RELATING TO THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR LICENSED NURSE PRACTITIONERS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR DENTIST TO PERFORM MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS AND INITIATE, CONTINUE, OR MODIFY THERAPIES, INCLUDING PRESCRIBING DRUG THERAPY, IS NO LONGER REQUIRED, AND TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A LICENSED NURSE PRACTITIONER MUST PERFORM DELEGATED MEDICAL ACTS WITHIN FORTY-FIVE MILES OF A SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-33-34(F), TO PROVIDE THAT A LICENSED NURSE PRACTITIONER IS NOT PROHIBITED FROM PRESCRIBING SCHEDULE II CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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S. 247 -- Senator Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-19-80(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO NOMINATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF CANDIDATES FOR JUDICIAL ELECTIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT ALL CANDIDATES SCREENED AND FOUND QUALIFIED BY THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION; AND TO AMEND SECTION 2-19-70(C), TO PROVIDE THAT CANDIDATES MAY NOT SEEK PLEDGES OF SUPPORT FROM MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CANNOT GIVE PLEDGES TO CANDIDATES UNTIL THE SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY AFTER THE CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED AND THE SCREENING COMMITTEE RELEASES ITS FINAL REPORT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 248 -- Senators McElveen and Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-310(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE JUDICIAL CIRCUITS OF THIS STATE ARE CONSTITUTED AND CREATED AS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICTS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION WILL BE COMPRISED OF ONE MEMBER ELECTED FROM EACH TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT AND ONE MEMBER FROM THE STATE AT LARGE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-320, TO ELIMINATE REFERENCES TO DIVIDED COUNTIES, TO LIMIT COUNTY RESIDENT REPRESENTATION TO TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-325, TO PROVIDE THAT ALL MEMBERS OF EACH TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT DELEGATION ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE FOR TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION CANDIDATES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE VOTE TAKEN MUST BE A WEIGHTED VOTE; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-330 TO LIMIT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS TO TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS; TO MAKE CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 57-1-730(4), SECTION 57-1-740(A), SECTION 57-1-740(B)(1), SECTION 57-1-740(D)(2)(a)(iii), AND SECTION 57-4-(D)(2)(c) TO REFLECT THE NEW COMPOSITION OF THE TRANSPORTATION DISTRICTS; TO AMEND 740(D)(2)(a)(iii), (b), AND (c) TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPORTING OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSITION TO THE NEW COMMISSION COMPOSITION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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S. 249 -- Senator McElveen: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 16 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, BY ADDING SECTION 16-1-140 TO ENHANCE THE SENTENCE FOR INDIVIDUALS CONVICTED OF A SERIOUS OR MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE OR A VIOLENT CRIME OR LESSER INCLUDED OFFENSE THAT HE COMMITTED WHILE HE WAS RELEASED ON BOND FOR A SEPARATE SERIOUS OR MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE OR A VIOLENT CRIME OR LESSER INCLUDED OFFENSE FOR WHICH HE WAS ALSO CONVICTED.

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S. 250 -- Senators Shealy, Lourie and Young: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-380 OF THE 1976 CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE RELEASE OF A CHILD'S MEDICAL RECORDS WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT TO A SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM CHILD ABUSE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER FOR EVALUATING THE CHILD FOR SUSPECTED ABUSE OR NEGLECT; TO ADD SECTION 63-7-1990(B)(24) TO ALLOW A SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM CHILD ABUSE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER ACCESS TO RECORDS OF INDICATED CASES OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-1990 BY ADDING SUBSECTION (N) TO ALLOW FOR A SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM CHILD ABUSE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TO RECEIVE A SUMMARY OF REFERRALS AND OUTCOMES OF CASES OF SUSPECTED ABUSE OR NEGLECT SENT TO A CONTRACTED SERVICE AGENCY OR PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-1990 BY ADDING SUBSECTION (O) TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SHALL SHARE INFORMATION RELATING TO AN INDICATED INVESTIGATION OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT WITH A CHILD'S PRIMARY OR SPECIALTY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-2000 BY ADDING SUBSECTION (F) TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO RELEASE A SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS AND THE INVESTIGATION OUTCOME OF UNFOUNDED CASES OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT WITH A SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM CHILD ABUSE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 251 -- Senators Shealy and Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-11-700 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DUMPING LITTER ON PRIVATE AND PUBLIC PROPERTY, TO INCREASE THE FINES FOR THOSE CONVICTED OF LITTERING.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

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S. 252 -- Senators Turner and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 47, TITLE 38 OF THE 1976 CODE RELATING TO INSURANCE ADJUSTERS, BY ADDING SECTION 38-47-45, TO PROVIDE FOR A CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSED ADJUSTERS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

S. 253 -- Senator Thurmond: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 4, TITLE 61, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PROVISIONS CONCERNING BEER AND WINE, BY ADDING SECTION 61-4-105, AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, TITLE 61, RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF RETAILERS OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS, BY ADDING SECTION 61-6-1535, SO AS TO PROVIDE MITIGATING FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION BEFORE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF PERMIT OR LICENSE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 254 -- Senator Thurmond: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 30-2-50, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO OBTAINING OR USING PERSONAL INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM A STATE AGENCY FOR COMMERCIAL SOLICITATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECTION APPLIES TO STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 255 -- Senator Thurmond: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 17-1-40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESTRUCTION OF ARREST AND BOOKING RECORDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON OR ENTITY WHO PUBLISHES ON THE PERSON OR ENTITY'S WEBSITE THE ARREST AND BOOKING RECORDS OF A PERSON WHOSE CHARGES HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED OR DISMISSED, OR OF A PERSON WHO IS

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FOUND NOT GUILTY OF A CHARGE, SHALL, WITHOUT FEE OR COMPENSATION, REMOVE THE ARREST AND BOOKING RECORDS WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF A WRITTEN REQUEST, AND TO PROVIDE THE PENALTIES FOR A PERSON OR ENTITY WHO FAILS TO REMOVE THE ARREST AND BOOKING RECORDS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 256 -- Senator Thurmond: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 5 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CHANGES IN CORPORATE LIMITS, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION, TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADDITIONAL METHOD OF ANNEXATION BY RESOLUTION OF A SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT WHEN A PREEXISTING MUNICIPALITY ANNEXES A MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION OF THE DISTRICT OR WHEN A MUNICIPALITY INCORPORATES A MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION OF A DISTRICT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 257 -- Senator Thurmond: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 44 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO HEALTH, BY ADDING CHAPTER 83, TO AUTHORIZE ELECTRONIC MONITORING OF A RESIDENT'S ROOM IN A LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY, TO PROVIDE THAT A LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE THAT AUTHORIZED ELECTRONIC MONITORING IS PERMITTED AND MAY BE CONDUCTED ONLY WITH CONSENT, TO PROVIDE THAT A LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY SHALL NOT REFUSE TO ADMIT OR REMOVE AN INDIVIDUAL AS A RESIDENT FOR A REASON RELATED TO THE USE OF AUTHORIZED ELECTRONIC MONITORING, TO PROVIDE WHO MAY REQUEST ELECTRONIC MONITORING, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL SHALL DEVELOP CERTAIN GUIDELINES TO ASSIST IN DECIDING WHETHER A RESIDENT LACKS THE REQUIRED CAPACITY TO CONSENT AND GUIDELINES TO DETERMINE WHETHER A PERSON MAY SERVE AS A RESIDENT'S LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR

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PURPOSES OF THIS CHAPTER, TO PROVIDE THAT REQUESTS FOR AUTHORIZED ELECTRONIC MONITORING MUST BE MADE ON A FORM DEVELOPED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL AND TO OUTLINE THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE FORM, TO PROVIDE WHEN AND WHERE AUTHORIZED ELECTRONIC MONITORING MAY BE CONDUCTED, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR AND OF A LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RELATED TO AUTHORIZED ELECTRONIC MONITORING, TO PROVIDE FOR SANCTIONS AND PENALTIES AGAINST ANY PERSON OR ENTITY WHO REFUSES TO ADMIT AN INDIVIDUAL, ALLOWS REMOVAL OF A RESIDENT, OR DOES NOT PERMIT A RESIDENT TO CONDUCT AUTHORIZED ELECTRONIC MONITORING, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES AGAINST ANY PERSON OR ENTITY WHO INTENTIONALLY HAMPERS, OBSTRUCTS, TAMPERS WITH OR DESTROYS AN ELECTRONIC MONITORING DEVICE INSTALLED IN A LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY, TO PROVIDE THAT A TAPE OR RECORDING CREATED THROUGH THE USE OF AUTHORIZED ELECTRONIC MONITORING MAY BE ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE IN A CIVIL OR CRIMINAL COURT ACTION OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING, AND TO PROVIDE FOR NECESSARY FORMS AND DISCLOSURES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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

S. 258 -- Senator Thurmond: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-10, RELATING TO TERMS REGARDING LOBBYISTS AND LOBBYING, TO DEFINE THE TERMS "LOBBYING", "LOBBYIST", "PUBLIC BODY", AND "PUBLIC OFFICIAL" TO INCLUDE MEMBERS OF AND THE GOVERNING BODIES OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 259 -- Senator Thurmond: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1308 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CONTENTS OF CERTIFIED CAMPAIGN REPORTS OF CANDIDATES AND COMMITTEES, AND TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1309, RELATING

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TO THE CONTENTS OF CERTIFIED CAMPAIGN REPORTS OF BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEES, TO REQUIRE A CANDIDATE OR COMMITTEE OR BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEE TO ELECTRONICALLY REPORT DURING THE TWENTY DAY PERIOD PRIOR TO AN ELECTION THE RECEIPT OF A CONTRIBUTION FROM A PERSON THAT EXCEEDS TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS BY A SINGLE CONTRIBUTION OR WHEN COMBINED WITH ALL OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS MADE DURING THE PERIOD.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 260 -- Senator Thurmond: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-2510 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING OF A VEHICLE UPON THE ROADWAY, TO ADD THAT NO PERSON SHALL STOP, PARK, OR LEAVE STANDING A VEHICLE, WHETHER ATTENDED OR UNATTENDED, UPON THE ROADWAY INSIDE OR OUTSIDE A RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT WHEN IT IS PRACTICABLE TO STOP, PARK, OR LEAVE THE VEHICLE OFF THE ROADWAY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

S. 261 -- Senator Thurmond: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-111-320 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PERSONS AGE SIXTY AND OVER ATTENDING CLASSES AT STATE-SUPPORTED COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS WITHOUT PAYMENT OF TUITION, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT THESE PERSONS RECEIVING COMPENSATION AS FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES MUST PAY TUITION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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

S. 262 -- Senators Thurmond and Campsen: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 32B OF THE RULES OF THE SENATE, RELATING TO THE CONTESTED CALENDAR, BY ADDING THAT A SENATOR MAY CAUSE NO MORE THAN

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THREE BILLS OR RESOLUTIONS TO APPEAR ON THE CONTESTED STATEWIDE CALENDAR BY HAVING PLACED A MINORITY REPORT ON THE BILL OR RESOLUTION DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL OR RESOLUTION IN COMMITTEE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Rules.

The Senate Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Rules.

S. 263 -- Senator Thurmond: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE SENATE BY ADDING RULE 55, RELATING TO EARMARKS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION SURROUNDING EARMARKS REQUESTED BY MEMBERS OF THE SENATE FOR INCLUSION IN AN APPROPRIATIONS BILL, TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE FOR THIS DISCLOSURE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THESE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Rules.

The Senate Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Rules.

S. 264 -- Senator Thurmond: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 32, RELATING TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE SENATE, TO PROVIDE THAT A BILL OR RESOLUTION COSPONSORED BY TWENTY-SEVEN OR MORE MEMBERS AT THE TIME OF INTRODUCTION IS CONSIDERED A CONSENSUS BILL AND MUST BE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR WITHOUT REFERENCE, TO PROVIDE THAT A CONSENSUS BILL MUST BE PRINTED ON THE CALENDAR FOR THREE STATEWIDE LEGISLATIVE DAYS PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION, AND TO ESTABLISH AN ORDER OF BUSINESS TO CONSIDER CONTESTED CONSENSUS BILLS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Rules.

The Senate Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Rules.

S. 265 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 19-1-180(G) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ADMISSIBILITY

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OF OUT-OF-COURT STATEMENTS MADE BY CHILDREN, TO ADD AN EXCEPTION FOR STATEMENTS MADE TO EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 266 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 41-35-120 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DISQUALIFICATIONS FROM UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, TO REVISE THE METHOD OF DETERMINING THE BENEFITS OF A PERSON DISCHARGED FROM EMPLOYMENT FOR ILLEGAL DRUG USE, GROSS MISCONDUCT, AND FAILURE TO ACCEPT WORK, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO SPECIFY CRITERIA FOR A LABORATORY QUALIFIED TO PERFORM A TEST FOR ILLEGAL DRUG USE BY A PERSON SEEKING OR RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, TO LIMIT THE LIABILITY OF AN EMPLOYER FOR ACTS OR OMISSIONS IN THE DISCLOSURE OF A DRUG TEST PERFORMED UNDER THIS SECTION, AND TO PROVIDE THE MISUSE OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL OBTAINED IN THE COURSE OF THIS DRUG TESTING IS A MISDEMEANOR SUBJECT TO CERTAIN MONETARY PENALTIES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

S. 267 -- Senators Young, Campsen and Hembree: 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.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 268 -- Senator L. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-1630, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF STATE GRAND JURIES, TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-1650, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL REGARDING THE STATE GRAND JURY SYSTEM, TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-1660, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF GRAND JURORS, TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-1690, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE GRAND JURY'S AREAS OF INQUIRY AND RELATED PROCEDURES, TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-1720, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO SECRECY OF GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS, AND TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-1730, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OF PRESIDING JUDGES OF STATE GRAND JURIES, ALL SO AS TO REVISE PROCEDURES REGARDING THE STATE GRAND JURY SYSTEM RELATING TO NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES WHEN A STATE GRAND JURY IS IMPANELED, COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE PRESIDING JUDGE AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL INCLUDING APPELLATE REVIEW OF A JUDGE'S REFUSAL TO IMPANEL A STATE GRAND JURY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE WHEN A CONFLICT OF INTEREST ARISES INVOLVING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL RELATED TO THE GRAND JURY PROCESS, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES RELATED TO SECRECY OF CERTAIN GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS, AND TO MAKE OTHER NECESSARY TECHNICAL CHANGES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 269 -- Senator Coleman: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE DEATH OF ROBERT C. CALDWELL, SR., OF WINNSBORO AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

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S. 270 -- Senator Sheheen: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE OUTSTANDING LEGACY AND FINE PROFESSIONAL TRADITION OF THE MORRIS FUNERAL HOME OF BENNETTSVILLE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE FAMILY OWNERS AND THE STAFF AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVING FAMILIES WITH DIGNITY AND COMPASSION.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 271 -- Senator Cromer: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DR. OSCAR F. LOVELACE, JR., MD, ON BEING NAMED THE 2015 FAMILY PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR BY THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS AND TO RECOGNIZE HIM FOR AN OUTSTANDING CAREER AS A FAMILY PHYSICIAN.

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The Concurrent Resolution was adopted, ordered sent to the House.

S. 272 -- Senators Setzler, Jackson, Sheheen, Allen, Coleman, Hutto, Johnson, Kimpson, Lourie, Malloy, Matthews, McElveen, Nicholson, Pinckney, Scott and Williams: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE DEATH OF MS. BERTIE L. FELDER OF LEXINGTON COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 273 -- Senator O'Dell: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ELIZABETH "HEIDI" TRULL OF SAYLORS CROSSROADS FOR HER VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO HER COMMUNITY AND STATE AND TO CONGRATULATE HER ON BEING NAMED SOUTH CAROLINA'S UPSTATE CHEF AMBASSADOR BY GOVERNOR NIKKI HALEY.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 274 -- Senators Sheheen and Jackson: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE SOUTH CAROLINA TRIO PROGRAMS FOR

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THEIR EXCELLENCE IN PROVIDING INVALUABLE SERVICES TO NONTRADITIONAL COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS IN THIS GREAT STATE AND TO CELEBRATE THE OCCASION OF SOUTH CAROLINA TRIO PROGRAMS' FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 275 -- Senator Davis: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 11, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD, BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-437 TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS MAY NOT ASSIST FEDERAL AGENCIES IN THE COLLECTION OF ELECTRONIC DATA OR METADATA WITHOUT INFORMED CONSENT, A WARRANT, OR AN EXCEPTION TO THE WARRANT REQUIREMENT.

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

S. 276 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 40-59-135 SO AS TO REQUIRE APPLICANTS APPLYING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION FOR LICENSURE AS A RESIDENTIAL BUILDER OR REGISTRATION AS A RESIDENTIAL SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR TO DISCLOSE AND DESCRIBE ANY CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS, EXCEPT FOR MINOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS, ON HIS APPLICATION, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION SHALL REQUIRE AN APPLICANT FOR INITIAL LICENSURE TO SUBMIT TO A FINGERPRINT-BASED CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK IN THIS STATE AND IN ANY STATE WHERE HE DISCLOSES HAVING A CONVICTION, TO PROVIDE SIMILAR REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS SEEKING RENEWALS, TO IMPOSE RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS ON THE COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL PENALTY FOR FAILING TO DISCLOSE CONVICTIONS REQUIRING REGISTRATION AS A SEX OFFENDER.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

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S. 277 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin and Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "STATE TELECOM EQUITY IN FUNDING ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 58-9-2515 SO AS TO CLARIFY THE JURISDICTION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OVER CERTAIN PROVIDERS REGARDING TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR HEARING AND SPEECH IMPAIRED PEOPLE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-9-2535 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER OF ASSESSING AND COLLECTING DUAL PARTY RELAY CHARGES BY LOCAL EXCHANGE PROVIDERS, COMMERCIAL MOBILE RADIO SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL SERVICE PROVIDERS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 58-9-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF TELEPHONE SERVICE, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITIONS OF "BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE TELEPHONE SERVICE" AND "CARRIER OF LAST RESORT"; TO AMEND SECTION 58-9-280, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND FOR CARRIERS OF LAST RESORT, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSITION OF THE INTERIM LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIER FUND INTO THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND, TO LIMIT THE SIZE OF THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND, AND TO REQUIRE VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL PROVIDERS, COMMERCIAL MOBILE RADIO SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND PREPAID WIRELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 58-9-576, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CERTAIN STAND-ALONE BASIC RESIDENTIAL LINE RATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE TERMINATION OF THE RATES FIVE YEARS AFTER THEY BECOME EFFECTIVE; TO AMEND SECTION 58-9-2510, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR HEARING AND SPEECH IMPAIRED PEOPLE, SO AS TO REVISE THESE DEFINITIONS AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 58-9-2530, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE OPERATING FUND FOR A SYSTEM OF DUAL PARTY RELAY DEVICES AND RELATED TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICES, SO AS TO IMPOSE CERTAIN UNIFORM-RELATED SURCHARGES ON LOCAL EXCHANGE PROVIDERS; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 58-9-2540 RELATING TO AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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CONCERNING STATEWIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY ACCESS SERVICE.

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S. 278 -- Senator Hutto: 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.

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

S. 279 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ELIMINATING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS ASSISTANCE OFFICE AND TO TRANSFER THE POWERS AND DUTIES TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS ON JULY 1, 2016; TO AMEND CHAPTER 31, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE TO PROVIDE VARIOUS POWERS AND DUTIES TO THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS; TO AMEND SECTION 11-35-5220(6) TO CHANGE REFERENCES FROM THE SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS ASSISTANCE OFFICE TO THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS; TO AMEND SECTION 11-35-5230 TO CHANGE REFERENCES FROM THE SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS ASSISTANCE OFFICE TO THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS; TO AMEND SECTION 11-35-5240 TO CHANGE REFERENCES FROM THE

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SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS ASSISTANCE OFFICE TO THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS; TO AMEND 11-35-5260 TO CHANGE REFERENCES FROM THE SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS ASSISTANCE OFFICE TO THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS; TO REPEALS SECTION 11-35-5270 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS ASSISTANCE OFFICE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS, FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ACT, AND FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH IT SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

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.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

S. 281 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND SOLICITORS, TO ENACT ARTICLE 2, THE "TRANSPARENCY IN PRIVATE ATTORNEY CONTRACTS ACT", TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE MAY NOT ENTER INTO CONTINGENCY FEE CONTRACTS WITHOUT A WRITTEN DETERMINATION BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, TO SET THE MAXIMUM FOR CONTINGENCY FEE CONTRACTS, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE MET DURING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT BY FEBRUARY FIRST OF EACH YEAR, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE GOVERNOR DESCRIBING THE USE OF CONTINGENCY FEE CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE ATTORNEYS IN THE PRECEDING CALENDAR

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YEAR AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTENTS OF THE REPORT; TO AMEND SECTION 15-36-100, RELATING TO ACTIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE, TO PROVIDE THAT A DEFENDANT WHO FILES A COUNTERCLAIM ASSERTING A CLAIM FOR PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE SHALL FILE THE REQUIRED AFFIDAVIT; TO AMEND CHAPTER 79, TITLE 15, RELATING TO MEDICAL MALPRACTICE ACTIONS, BY ADDING SECTION 15-79-135 TO PROVIDE THAT EVIDENCE OFFERED TO PROVE PAST MEDICAL EXPENSES SHALL BE LIMITED TO EVIDENCE OF THE AMOUNTS ACTUALLY PAID TO SATISFY THE BILLS THAT HAVE BEEN SATISFIED AND EVIDENCE OF THE AMOUNTS ACTUALLY NECESSARY TO SATISFY THE BILLS THAT HAVE BEEN INCURRED BUT NOT YET SATISFIED; TO AMEND CHAPTER 135, TITLE 44, RELATING TO THE ASBESTOS AND SILICA CLAIMS PROCEDURE ACT OF 2006, BY ADDING SECTION 44-135-65 TO DEFINE "ASBESTOS TRUST CLAIM", TO PROVIDE THAT A CLAIMANT SHALL PROVIDE TO ALL OF THE PARTIES IN AN ASBESTOS TORT ACTION A SWORN STATEMENT BY THE CLAIMANT, UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, IDENTIFYING ALL EXISTING ASBESTOS TRUST CLAIMS MADE BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE CLAIMANT AND ALL TRUST CLAIMS MATERIAL PERTAINING TO EACH IDENTIFIED ASBESTOS TRUST CLAIM, AND TO PROVIDE THE MANNER IN WHICH A DEFENDANT MAY MAKE A MOTION TO STAY THE PROCEEDINGS OF AN ASBESTOS TORT ACTION AND OTHER PROCEDURES RELATED TO A DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO STAY THE PROCEEDINGS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-6540, RELATING TO ADMISSIBILITY AS EVIDENCE OF NEGLIGENCE IN A CIVIL ACTION, TO REMOVE THE PROVISION THAT A VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE IS NOT NEGLIGENCE PER SE OR CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE, AND IT IS NOT ADMISSIBLE AS EVIDENCE IN A CIVIL ACTION.

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

S. 282 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 15-32-220 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO NONECONOMIC DAMAGES LIMIT, TO PROVIDE FOR PERSONAL INJURY ACTIONS AGAINST DEFENDANTS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; TO AMEND CHAPTER 32, TITLE 15, RELATING TO

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DAMAGES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-32-250, TO PROVIDE FOR PLEADINGS IN CLAIMS FOR PUNITIVE DAMAGES; BY ADDING SECTION 15-32-260, TO PROVIDE FOR BIFURCATED TRIALS FOR AWARD OF DAMAGES; BY ADDING SECTION 15-32-270, TO LIMIT PUNITIVE DAMAGES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 15-35-280, TO PROVIDE RESTRICTIONS FOR AWARDED PUNITIVE DAMAGES; TO AMEND THE 1976 CODE, BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 23, TITLE 58, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE CDL DRIVER EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION ACT WHICH PROVIDES THAT CIVIL LIABILITY CLAIMS MADE AGAINST AN EMPLOYER OF A PERSON WHO HOLDS A VALID COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE BASED ON ANY THEORY OF NEGLIGENT HIRING, TRAINING, RETENTION, OR ENTRUSTMENT MUST BE CONSIDERED IN THE SECOND PHASE OF A BIFURCATED TRIAL PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-32-520(E), IF THERE IS EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT AN AWARD OF PUNITIVE DAMAGES, BUT PUNITIVE DAMAGES MAY NOT BE AWARDED AGAINST AN EMPLOYER SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF VICARIOUS LIABILITY; TO AMEND SECTION 15-73-10, RELATING TO SELLER LIABILITY IN PRODUCTS LIABILITY CLAIMS, TO PROHIBIT CLAIMS AGAINST SELLERS UNLESS SPECIFIED CONDITIONS ARE MET; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 32, TITLE 15, RELATING TO PUNITIVE DAMAGES.

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

S. 283 -- Senator Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1-23-110(A)(3) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PUBLIC HEARINGS CONCERNING PROPOSED REGULATIONS, TO REQUIRE PUBLIC MEETINGS PRIOR TO AN AGENCY PROMULGATING, AMENDING, OR REPEALING A REGULATION; AND TO AMEND SECTION 1-23-110(C) TO PROVIDE THAT ALL WRITTEN AND ORAL SUBMISSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING A REGULATION MUST BE TRANSMITTED TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 1-23-120(J) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO REVIEW OF A REGULATION EVERY FIVE YEARS, TO ADD AN EXPIRATION DATE FOR ALL REGULATIONS PROMULGATED AFTER JANUARY 1, 2016 AND TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR THE REGULATION TO REMAIN IN EFFECT BEYOND THE EXPIRATION DATE.

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S. 284 -- Senator Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 39-25-180(H) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS FOR FOOD AND COSMETICS, TO PROVIDE THAT VERY SMALL BUSINESSES AND QUALIFIED EXEMPT FACILITIES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH ANY REQUIREMENT TO IMPLEMENT HAZARD ANALYSIS AND RISK-BASED PREVENTIVE CONTROLS UNDER THE FEDERAL GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICES REGULATIONS, BUT WILL CONTINUE TO BE SUBJECT TO ALL OTHER GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICE REGULATIONS.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

S. 285 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 56-5-6410 AND 56-5-6420 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CHILD PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEMS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AGE FOR WHICH A CHILD MUST BE SECURED IN A PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEM FROM FIVE YEARS OLD TO SEVEN YEARS OLD, TO ADD CERTAIN HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS, TO PROHIBIT A CHILD FROM OCCUPYING THE FRONT PASSENGER SEAT UNTIL THE CHILD IS TWELVE YEARS OLD, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

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

S. 286 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-13-80 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO INSPECTIONS OF CHILDCARE FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL INSPECTIONS OF CHILDCARE FACILITIES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

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

S. 287 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 37 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSUMER PROTECTION CODE, BY ADDING SECTION 37-3-414 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A VIOLATION OF

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FEDERAL LAW AS TO CERTAIN CONSUMER LOAN TRANSACTIONS IS A VIOLATION OF STATE LAW.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

S. 288 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-920, RELATING TO INVESTIGATIONS AND CASE DETERMINATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OR LAW ENFORCEMENT, OR BOTH, MAY COLLECT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MILITARY AFFILIATION OF THE PERSON HAVING THE CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF THE CHILD SUBJECT TO AN INVESTIGATION AND MAY SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE MILITARY AUTHORITIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 63-11-80, RELATING TO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION WITHIN CHILD WELFARE AGENCIES, TO PROVIDE THAT NO OFFICER, AGENT OR EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OR A CHILD WELFARE AGENCY SHALL DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY DISCLOSE INFORMATION LEARNED ABOUT THE CHILDREN, THEIR PARENTS OR RELATIVES OR OTHER PERSONS HAVING CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF THEM, EXCEPT IN CASES INVOLVING CHILDREN IN THE CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF PERSONS WHO HAVE MILITARY AFFILIATION.

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

S. 289 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-600, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON THAT UNLAWFULLY INJURES A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDER, OR FIREFIGHTER, COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE.

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S. 290 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 35, TITLE 43 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE ADULTS FROM ABUSE, NEGLECT, OR EXPLOITATION, SO AS TO DEFINE A SENIOR CITIZEN AS A PERSON SIXTY YEARS OR OLDER AND TO EXTEND APPLICATION OF THE PROTECTIONS OF THE ARTICLE TO SENIOR CITIZENS; TO ADD HUMAN TRAFFICKING AS A CRIME SUBJECT TO FINES AND IMPRISONMENT; TO CHANGE EXISTING CRIMINAL PENALTIES; TO CREATE DUTIES RELATED TO DISCHARGING VULNERABLE ADULTS AND SENIOR CITIZENS FROM CERTAIN SETTINGS; TO CREATE AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO COMMITTING OFFENSES PROVIDED FOR IN THE ARTICLE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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S. 291 -- Senator Sabb: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MRS. ODESSA GILLARD DORSEY OF WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY, AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 292 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 30-5-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR FORMATTING DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO A CLERK OF COURT OR REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR RECORDING, TO PROVIDE A SIX-MONTH GRACE PERIOD, TO PROVIDE THAT AFTER THE GRACE PERIOD A NONCONFORMING DOCUMENT MUST BE ACCEPTED FOR RECORDING WITH THE IMPOSITION OF A NONREFUNDABLE FINE TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND OR MUST BE REFUSED FOR RECORDING, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FOR DOCUMENTS FILED ELECTRONICALLY PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORM REAL PROPERTY ELECTRONIC RECORDING ACT.

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S. 293 -- Senators Alexander and Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 40 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS, TO ENACT THE "SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 24 TO REQUIRE A SPECIFIED LEVEL OF COMPETENCE FOR SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS USED BY CERTAIN ENTITIES OF STATE GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND HOSPITAL SYSTEMS; TO PROVIDE SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION SERVICES TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE CERTAIN HEARING AND SPEECH IMPAIRMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 15-27-15, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS BY THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FOR PARTIES OR WITNESSES WHO HAVE CERTAIN HEARING IMPAIRMENTS, TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

S. 294 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-80 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO ILLEGALLY AND KNOWINGLY POSSESSES OR POSSESSES WITH THE INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE A DRUG AVAILABLE ONLY BY PRESCRIPTION IS GUILTY OF TRAFFICKING IN PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; TO PROVIDE THAT A VIOLATION UNDER THIS SECTION THAT CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES LAWS IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES LAWS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF A PERSON HAS MULTIPLE PRESCRIPTIONS FOR THE SAME PRESCRIPTION DRUG, THIS IS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF THE PERSON'S INTENT TO ENGAGE IN TRAFFICKING IN PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

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

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

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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.

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

S. 296 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-3720 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO REQUIRED EQUIPMENT FOR MOPED USE UPON STATE ROADS, TO REQUIRE THAT MOPEDS BE EQUIPPED WITH A STROBE LIGHT, AND THAT A SAFETY VEST MUST BE WORN BY THE OPERATOR FOR VISIBILITY PURPOSES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-3730, RELATING TO MOPED DRIVERS' USE OF OPERATING LIGHTS, TO REQUIRE THE USE OF A STROBE LIGHT FOR INCREASED VISIBILITY.

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

S. 297 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA REGULATORY REFORM ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 1-23-122 SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR A COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY NOT AMEND OR OTHERWISE CHANGE A REGULATION UNDER GENERAL ASSEMBLY REVIEW; TO AMEND SECTION 1-23-120, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT AN AMENDMENT RECEIVE AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO TAKE EFFECT AND DELETE THE PROVISION THAT ALLOWED A REGULATION TO TAKE EFFECT AFTER ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS; TO AMEND SECTION 1-23-125, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CERTAIN EVENTS THAT TOLL THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAY PERIOD, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 1-23-115, RELATING TO CERTAIN EVENTS THAT TOLL THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAY PERIOD, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

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S. 298 -- Senator Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 11, TITLE 50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF GAME, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION TO PROVIDE THAT IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON ON A DOG HUNT TO PERMIT HIS DOG TO ENTER UPON THE LAND OF ANOTHER OVER WHICH THE PERSON DOES NOT HAVE HUNTING RIGHTS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEFINITION OF "ON A DOG HUNT", TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEFINITION OF "TAKE", AND TO ASSESS A CIVIL FINE NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

S. 299 -- Senator Bryant: A BILL AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING THE DEFINITIONS OF TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY AND PARTICIPATING DRIVER TO SECTION 58-23-10; BY ADDING SECTION 58-23-120 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY NOT ENACT ORDINANCES, ORDERS, OR OTHER REGULATIONS CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES OR PARTICIPATING DRIVERS AND TO PROVIDE THAT LOCAL LAWS AND ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES AND PARTICIPATING DRIVERS ARE SUPERSEDED AND PREEMPTED BY STATE LAW AND STATE AGENCY REGULATIONS AND TO PROVIDE THAT ALL LOCAL LAWS AND ORDINANCES NOT RELATED DIRECTLY TO TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES OR PARTICIPATING DRIVERS BUT APPLIED TO PREVENT THE OPERATION OF TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES ARE PREEMPTED AND SUPERSEDED IN THEIR APPLICATION TO TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES AND PARTICIPATING DRIVERS.

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

S. 300 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-67-20 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA MEDAL OF VALOR, TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE

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UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WHO HAVE RECEIVED SEPARATION, RETIREMENT, OR DISCHARGE FORMS ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE SOUTH CAROLINA MEDAL OF VALOR.

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S. 301 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-2-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY, TO REVISE THE BOARD COMPOSITION; TO AMEND SECTION 40-2-20, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "ATTEST" TO INCLUDE ANY EXAMINATION, REVIEW, OR AGREED UPON PROCEDURE TO BE PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENTS ON STANDARDS FOR ATTEST ENGAGEMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-2-30, RELATING TO LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, TO DELETE REFERENCE TO THE TERM "FINANCIAL STATEMENTS"; TO AMEND SECTION 40-2-35, RELATING TO CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE SUCH APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE TO UNDERGO STATE AND FEDERAL CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS AND TO REQUIRE CONTINUING EDUCATION OR ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE, AS APPLICABLE, FOR AN APPLICANT WHO DELAYS SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR A SUBSTANTIAL PERIOD OF TIME AFTER PASSING THE CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING EXAMINATION OR OBTAINING ACCOUNTING EXPERIENCE; TO AMEND SECTION 40-2-40, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE FIRM OWNERSHIP MUST BE CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, TO PROVIDE QUALIFICATIONS AND CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NONCERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT FIRM OWNERS, AND TO GIVE THE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY THE DISCRETION TO CHARGE REGISTRATION AND RENEWAL FEES; TO AMEND SECTION 40-2-80, RELATING TO THE INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS, TO PROVIDE THAT IN CONDUCTING SUCH INVESTIGATIONS AND PROCEEDINGS THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION

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MAY REQUIRE STATE AND FEDERAL CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-2-250, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSE RENEWAL, TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY FIRST AND TO PROVIDE THAT LATE FILINGS MAY RESULT IN REINSTATEMENT FEES AND SANCTIONING OF THE LICENSEE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-2-255, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION RENEWAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY FIRST AND TO PROVIDE THAT LATE FILINGS MAY RESULT IN SANCTIONING OF THE REGISTRANT.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

S. 302 -- Senator L. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 23-1-210 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO TRANSFERS OR ASSIGNMENTS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZES A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO ENTER INTO MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS OR MULTIJURISDICTIONAL TASK FORCE AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT PROVIDERS AS MAY BE NECESSARY IN THE INTERESTS OF PUBLIC SAFETY, TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A TRANSFER OF OFFICERS MUST BE TEMPORARY IN NATURE, TO PROVIDE THAT NOTHING SHALL PRECLUDE A SHERIFF OF ANY COUNTY FROM ENTERING INTO A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT, SO LONG AS THE AGREEMENT DOES NOT OBLIGATE THE GOVERNING BODY BEYOND APPROVED FINANCIAL RESOURCES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE AGREEMENTS MAY BE TERMINATED IN WRITING AT THE DISCRETION OF ANY OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES INVOLVED, WITH RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, TO REQUIRE THAT ANY ACTION MADE BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THAT PROHIBITS A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FROM TRANSFERRING OR ASSIGNING OFFICERS BE COTERMINOUS WITH THE TENURE OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY HEAD APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY, TO PROVIDE THAT A DECISION BY A

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GOVERNING BODY TO PROHIBIT THE TRANSFER OR ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICERS TO ANOTHER JURISDICTION SHALL NOT IMPEDE OR AFFECT THE SHERIFF'S AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE THE LAW, TO PROVIDE THAT AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE PERFORMED OVER A SPECIFIC PERIOD OF TIME; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 23-1-215 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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

S. 303 -- Senator Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-43-86, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PHARMACIST OVERSIGHT OF PHARMACY TECHNICIANS, SO AS TO REMOVE REQUIREMENTS OF STATE CERTIFICATION FOR PHARMACY TECHNICIANS SUPERVISED BY A PHARMACIST; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-43-130, RELATING TO SATISFACTION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACY TECHNICIANS BY ATTENDANCE AT LECTURES, SEMINARS, OR WORKSHOPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THESE REQUIREMENTS ALSO MAY BE SATISFIED THROUGH COMPLETION OF ONLINE COURSEWORK OR ANY COMBINATION OF THESE FORMATS, AND TO DELETE RELATED MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR FORMATS THAT MUST BE USED.

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

S. 304 -- Senators L. Martin, Alexander, Verdin, Hayes, Peeler, Cromer, Corbin, Nicholson, Rankin and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-23-110, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, RELATING TO CONTRACTS TO BUY POWER BETWEEN A JOINT POWER AND ENERGY AGENCY AND ITS CONSTITUENT MUNICIPALITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENEWAL OR EXTENSION OF CONTRACTS TO BUY POWER FOR ADDITIONAL PERIODS NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY-YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE RENEWAL OR EXTENSION.

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

S. 305 -- Senator Campsen: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA

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CONSTITUTION, 1895, RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT, BY ADDING SECTION 38, TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL DESIGNATE, AS IT DETERMINES, FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY AS TRUST FUNDS, TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES APPLIED TO A TRUST FUND MAY ONLY BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE DESIGNATED PURPOSE EXCEPT UPON THE ADOPTION OF A SEPARATE PIECE OF LEGISLATION ADOPTED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE IN EACH HOUSE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PROVISION DESIGNATING A FUND AS A TRUST FUND MAY ONLY BE AMENDED BY A SEPARATE PIECE OF LEGISLATION ADOPTED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE IN EACH HOUSE.

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

S. 306 -- Senator Campsen: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CAPITAL INCENTIVES ACT" BY TEMPORARILY PROVIDING "BONUS" STATE INCOME TAX EXPENSING DEDUCTIONS FOR NEW DEPRECIABLE BUSINESS PROPERTY, BY EXCLUDING FROM SOUTH CAROLINA TAXABLE INCOME NET CAPITAL GAINS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE SALE OR EXCHANGE OF DEPRECIABLE BUSINESS PROPERTY RECEIVING THAT "BONUS" DEDUCTION, AND TO DEFINE TERMS BY APPROPRIATE REFERENCES TO PROVISIONS IN CHAPTER 6, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE, THE SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX ACT.

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

S. 307 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE 1976 CODE, BY ADDING SECTION 11-9-25, TO PROHIBIT A STATE OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE FROM AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE OR OBLIGATION OR INVOLVE THE STATE IN A CONTRACT OR OBLIGATION WITHOUT APPROPRIATED FUNDS TO PAY THE EXPENDITURE OR OBLIGATION, TO PROHIBIT A STATE OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE FROM MAKING OR AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE OR OBLIGATION EXCEEDING FUNDS AVAILABLE IN A QUARTERLY ALLOCATION PROGRAM, TO PROHIBIT A STATE OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE FROM EMPLOYING PERSONAL SERVICES EXCEEDING THOSE AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, TO

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PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT-RELATED PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THESE PENALTIES ARE IN ADDITION TO AND NOT IN LIEU OF ANY OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE OR CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING OTHER SIMILAR PROVISIONS OF LAW.

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S. 308 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CHAPTER 25, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA TEACHER PROTECTION ACT OF 2014", BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-900, TO PROVIDE THAT A TEACHER MAY BRING A CIVIL ACTION AGAINST A STUDENT WHO COMMITS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE AGAINST THE TEACHER IF THE OFFENSE OCCURS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS OR AT A SCHOOL-RELATED EVENT, OR IF THE OFFENSE IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE TEACHER'S PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO TEACHER HAS CIVIL LIABILITY TO A STUDENT OR TO A PARTY ACTING IN THE INTEREST OF THE STUDENT FOR AN ACT OR OMISSION BY THE TEACHER THAT OCCURS WHILE THE TEACHER IS ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL.

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

S. 309 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 11, TITLE 49 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DAMS, BY ADDING ARTICLE 5, TO ENACT THE "WETLANDS RESTORATION ACT" WHICH PROVIDES THAT CERTAIN IMPOUNDMENTS THAT ORIGINALLY IMPOUNDED A PARCEL OF TIDELAND OR MARSHLAND BUT NO LONGER COMPLETELY IMPOUNDS THAT PARCEL MAY BE REPAIRED OR RESTORED.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

S. 310 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 9, CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FORMS AND REPORTS BY CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO ENACT THE "BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ELECTION REFORM ACT", BY ADDING

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SECTION 8-13-940 TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEFINITION OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION REPORT, TO PROVIDE THAT CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MUST FILE A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION REPORT WITH THE HOUSE AND SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEE, TO PROVIDE THAT NO VOTE CAN BE TAKEN ON A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION UNTIL TEN DAYS AFTER THE REPORT IS FILED, TO PROVIDE THAT A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION REPORT MUST ACCOMPANY THE APPOINTMENT TRANSMISSION TO THE SENATE, TO PROVIDE THAT AN APPOINTEE MAY NOT BE CONFIRMED UNLESS THE REPORT ACCOMPANIES THE TRANSMISSION TO THE SENATE, AND TO PROHIBIT CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CANDIDATES AND APPOINTEES TO CANDIDATES FOR OR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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

S. 311 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-1150 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CAPITAL GAINS TAX, TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CAPITAL GAINS TAX ELIMINATION ACT", TO INCREASE THE DEDUCTION ALLOWED FROM FORTY-FOUR PERCENT TO ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE NET CAPITAL GAIN AND TO PHASE IN THIS INCREASE OVER TEN YEARS.

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

S. 312 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-520 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO INFLATION ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX BRACKETS, TO ENACT THE "TAXPAYER INFLATION PROTECTION ACT", TO DELETE THE PROVISION LIMITING THE INFLATION ADJUSTMENT TO ONE-HALF OF THE ACTUAL INFLATION RATE AND THE OVERALL FOUR PERCENT LIMIT ON THE TOTAL INFLATION ADJUSTMENT, AND TO DELETE REDUNDANT LANGUAGE.

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

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S. 313 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 21, TITLE 24 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO RELEASE ON PAROLE FOR GOOD CONDUCT, TO PROVIDE THAT, UPON RECEIPT OF THE NOTICE OF A PAROLE HEARING, THE VICTIM AND MEMBERS OF THE VICTIM'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN STATEMENTS TO THE BOARD OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATEMENTS MUST BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD IN MAKING ITS DETERMINATION OF PAROLE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATEMENTS MUST BE RETAINED BY THE BOARD AND MUST BE SUBMITTED AT SUBSEQUENT PAROLE HEARINGS IF THE SUBMITTING PERSON DECLARES THAT THE STATEMENT STILL REPRESENTS THE PERSON'S PRESENT POSITION.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Corrections and Penology.

S. 314 -- Senators Campsen, Verdin, Grooms, Gregory, Hembree, Bennett, L. Martin, Shealy, Cleary, Massey, Campbell, Corbin, Hayes, Davis, Young, Thurmond, Bryant, Cromer, Fair, S. Martin and Turner: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 5, TITLE 38 OF THE 1976 CODE, TO ENACT THE "HEALTHCARE SHARING MINISTRIES FREEDOM TO SHARE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 38-5-25 TO PROVIDE THAT A HEALTHCARE SHARING MINISTRY IS A FAITH-BASED, NONPROFIT, TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATION THAT ESTABLISHES CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES TO FACILITATE MATCHING PARTICIPANTS HAVING FINANCIAL OR MEDICAL NEEDS WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE ABLE TO ASSIST IN MEETING THOSE NEEDS OR THAT HELPS PROVIDE FOR THE FINANCIAL OR MEDICAL NEEDS OF A PARTICIPANT THROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS OF ANOTHER PARTICIPANT AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE THAT SUCH A HEALTHCARE SHARING MINISTRY IS NOT ENGAGING IN THE BUSINESS OF INSURANCE.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

S. 315 -- Senator Grooms: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO REPEAL SECTION 6 OF ACT 114, RELATED TO THE TERMINATION OF

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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.

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

S. 316 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 9-8-40 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES, SOLICITORS, AND PUBLIC DEFENDERS, BY REMOVING THE AGE LIMIT OF SEVENTY-TWO FOR THOSE ELIGIBLE TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE SYSTEM; TO AMEND SECTION 9-8-60, RELATING TO RETIREMENT AND RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES, BY REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT THAT MEMBERS OF THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES, SOLICITORS, AND PUBLIC DEFENDERS MUST RETIRE BY THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH THEY TURN SEVENTY-TWO; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 22-1-25, RELATING TO THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR MAGISTRATES.

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

S. 317 -- Senator Malloy: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT BY ADDING SECTION 28, TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, SHALL APPROPRIATE, OUT OF THE ESTIMATED REVENUE OF THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR FOR WHICH THE APPROPRIATIONS ARE MADE, TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ONE PERCENT OF THE GENERAL FUND REVENUE OF THE LATEST COMPLETED FISCAL YEAR, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED PROCEDURAL PROVISIONS IN REGARD TO THIS REQUIREMENT.

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

S. 318 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-710 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PRESENTATION OF

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IDENTIFICATION WHEN AN ELECTOR PRESENTS HIMSELF TO VOTE, TO PROVIDE THAT ELECTORS WHO FAIL TO PRODUCE A VALID AND CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH IDENTIFICATION MAY COMPLETE A STATEMENT AT THE POLLING PLACE AND AFFIRM THAT THE ELECTOR MEETS CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT UPON COMPLETION OF THE STATEMENT, THE STATEMENT AND THE ELECTOR'S PROVISIONAL BALLOT MUST BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT SHOULD THE COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS DETERMINE THE VOTER WAS CHALLENGED ONLY FOR THE INABILITY TO PROVIDE PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION AND THE REQUIRED STATEMENT IS SUBMITTED, THE COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS SHALL FIND THAT THE PROVISIONAL BALLOT IS VALID UNLESS THE BOARD HAS GROUNDS TO BELIEVE THE STATEMENT IS FALSE.

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

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.

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Read the first time and ordered placed on the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

S. 320 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 32, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM, BY AMENDING SECTION 59-32-30 TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND THE USE OF AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR TO ALL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

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

S. 321 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-3515 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE STATE INCOME TAX CREDIT ALLOWED FOR DONATIONS OF A GIFT OF LAND FOR CONSERVATION OR A QUALIFIED CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE CREDIT EQUALS TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE GIFT RATHER THAN TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE CHARITABLE DEDUCTION FOR THE GIFT ALLOWED ON THE TAXPAYER'S FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN, TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM ANNUAL CREDIT ALLOWED A TAXPAYER FROM \$52,500 TO \$150,000, AND TO ADJUST THE MAXIMUM ANNUAL CREDIT FOR INCREASES IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, AND TO DELETE OBSOLETE PROVISIONS.

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

S. 322 -- Senator Campsen: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION INCENTIVES ACT" BY PROVIDING A TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYERS HIRING A NEW FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE WHO WAS FORMERLY UNEMPLOYED, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "CREDITABLE EMPLOYEE" AS USED IN THAT SECTION OF CHAPTER 6, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE, THE SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX ACT.

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

S. 323 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 47, TITLE 40 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PHYSICIAN AND MISCELLANEOUS HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS, BY ADDING 40-47-37 TO PROVIDE THAT PHYSICIANS MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THIS STATE.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

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S. 324 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 8-14-20 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT PUBLIC EMPLOYERS VERIFY THE EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION OF ALL NEW EMPLOYEES, TO PROVIDE THAT A WORKER IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO OBTAIN A SOUTH CAROLINA DRIVER'S LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD IF THE WORKER'S ONLY PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION IS A MATRICULA CONSULAR CARD OR A SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR DOCUMENT ISSUED BY A CONSULATE OR EMBASSY OF ANOTHER COUNTRY; TO AMEND SECTION 8-29-10, RELATING TO THE VERIFICATION OF A PERSON'S LAWFUL PRESENCE IN THE UNITED STATES BY AN AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE THAT AN AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT ACCEPT A MATRICULA CONSULAR CARD OR A SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR DOCUMENT ISSUED BY A CONSULATE OR AN EMBASSY OF ANOTHER COUNTRY AS PROOF OF A PERSON'S LAWFUL PRESENCE IN THE UNITED STATES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-101-430, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF AN ALIEN UNLAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES FROM ATTENDING A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THIS STATE SHALL NOT ACCEPT A MATRICULA CONSULAR CARD OR A SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR DOCUMENT ISSUED BY A CONSULATE OR EMBASSY OF ANOTHER COUNTRY AS VERIFICATION OF A PERSON'S LAWFUL PRESENCE IN THE UNITED STATES.

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

S. 325 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 22-3-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CIVIL JURISDICTION OF THE MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE CIVIL JURISDICTION FROM SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

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

S. 326 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-5-20 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SUPREME COURT'S

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AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF LAW AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SUPREME COURT MAY PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS DEFINING AND REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF LAW SUBJECT TO THE STATUTORY LAW AND DETERMINING THE QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW AND THE LICENSURE OF ATTORNEYS IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PROVISION OF LAW OR RULE THAT REQUIRES AN ATTORNEY TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR IS SUPERSEDED AND OF NO FORCE AND EFFECT, AND TO DELETE INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE BAR; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-5-310, RELATING TO PRACTICING LAW OR SOLICITING THE LEGAL CAUSE OF ANOTHER WITHOUT BEING ENROLLED AS A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR, TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON MAY PRACTICE LAW UNLESS THE PERSON IS LICENSED BY THE SUPREME COURT AND TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A PERSON BE A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

S. 327 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 13 TO CHAPTER 22, TITLE 17, SO AS TO ENACT THE "DRUG COURT PROGRAM ACT", TO DIRECT EACH CIRCUIT SOLICITOR TO ESTABLISH A DRUG COURT PROGRAM FOR ADULTS AND JUVENILES, TO PROVIDE CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY OF PERSONS CHARGED WITH NONVIOLENT OFFENSES, TO ALLOW EACH CIRCUIT SOLICITOR TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICE OF DRUG COURT PROGRAM COORDINATOR, TO DIRECT THE COMMISSION ON PROSECUTION COORDINATION TO ESTABLISH A STATE OFFICE OF DRUG COURT COORDINATION, TO PROVIDE FOR FEES FOR PARTICIPATION IN A DRUG COURT PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS DETAILING THE ACTIVITIES OF DRUG COURT PROGRAMS TO THE COMMISSION ON PROSECUTION COORDINATION WITH A COPY PROVIDED TO THE

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SENTENCING REFORM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF DRUG COURT JUDGES AND COMPENSATION.

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

S. 328 -- Senator Sheheen: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL STUDY COMMISSION TO PRODUCE REFERENCE MATERIAL FOR DELEGATES TO A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION AND THE ELECTION, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTION.

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

S. 329 -- Senator Sheheen: A JOINT RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 3, ARTICLE XVI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO CALLING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, TO PRESENT TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THIS STATE THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO CONVENE A CONVENTION TO REVISE AND MODERNIZE THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION.

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

S. 330 -- Senator Bryant: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO INVITE THE NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, THE HONORABLE MICHAEL "MIKE" D. HELM, TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION IN THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT 12:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015.

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

S. 331 -- Senator Rankin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF US HIGHWAY 17 AT THE INTERSECTION OF FARROW PARKWAY AND SC 707 IN HONOR

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OF THE BELLAMY FAMILY, AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS "THE BELLAMY INTERCHANGE".

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

S. 332 -- Senator Shealy: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO HONOR OUR SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAMS, THE SENIORS THEY SERVE, AND THE VOLUNTEERS WHO CARE FOR THEM AND TO DECLARE MARCH 2015 AS "MARCH FOR MEALS MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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The Concurrent Resolution was introduced and referred to the General Committee.

S. 333 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PUBLIC OFFICIAL WHO PLEADS GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE TO A FELONY COMMITTED WHILE IN OFFICE SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SERVE A PERCENTAGE OF THE JAIL PENALTY, OR ONE YEAR, WHICHEVER IS GREATER, AND THIRTY DAYS OR A PERCENTAGE OF THE JAIL PENALTY, WHICHEVER IS GREATER, FOR A MISDEMEANOR, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A CONVICTION, GUILTY PLEA, OR NOLO CONTENDERE PLEA TO A FELONY COMMITTED WHILE SERVING AS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL SHALL RESULT IN THE FORFEITURE OF ALL RIGHTS AND BENEFITS UNDER AND MEMBERSHIP IN THE PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM IN WHICH HE PARTICIPATES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A CONVICTION, GUILTY PLEA, OR NOLO CONTENDERE PLEA TO A MISDEMEANOR COMMITTED WHILE SERVING AS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL SHALL RESULT IN THE FORFEITURE FROM HIS STATE RETIREMENT ACCOUNT AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE HIGHEST, SINGLE YEAR CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO THE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

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

S. 334 -- Senator Johnson: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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CONDUCT A STATEWIDE STUDY OF BOATING SAFETY ISSUES AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO IMPROVE BOATING SAFETY ON THE WATERS OF THE STATE.

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The Senate Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

S. 335 -- Senators Shealy and Bright: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 8-11-620(A)(1) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO LEAVE AND LUMP-SUM PAYMENTS UPON TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE WHO IS TERMINATED WITHIN ONE YEAR OF FULL RETIREMENT SHALL HAVE FIVE DAYS AFTER TERMINATION TO PURCHASE THE REMAINING TIME.

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

INVITATIONS ACCEPTED

On motion of Senator BRYANT, with unanimous consent, the following invitations were polled favorably from the Committee on Invitations and ordered placed on the Calendar:

Poll of the Invitations Committee

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

AYES

Bryant	Alexander	Campsen
Reese	Verdin	Cleary
Cromer	Malloy	Kimpson
Johnson	McElveen	

Total--11

NAYS

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Tuesday, January 13, 2015 - 6:00-7:30 P.M.

Members of the Senate, Reception, Columbia Museum of Art, by the **SC BANKERS ASSOCIATION**

Tuesday, January 13, 2015 - 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Members of the Senate, Reception, Columbia Convention Center, by the **WILKINS AWARDS RECEPTION AND DINNER**

Wednesday, January 14, 2015 - 8:00-10:00 A.M.

Members of the Senate and Staff, Breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the **SC AVIATION ASSOCIATION**

Wednesday, January 14, 2015 - 12:00-2:00 P.M.

Members of the Senate, Luncheon, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the **AMI KIDS**

Thursday, January 15, 2015 - 8:00-10:00 A.M.

Members of the Senate and Staff, Breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the **SC HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE**

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 - 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Members of the Senate and Staff, Reception, The Marriott, by the **SC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 - 7:00-9:00 P.M.

Members of the Senate, Reception, Ellison Building, State Fair Grounds, by the **SC DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

Wednesday, January 21, 2015 - 8:00-10:00 A.M.

Members of the Senate and Staff, Breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the **SC FORESTRY ASSOCIATION**

Wednesday, January 21, 2015 - 12:00-2:00 P.M.

Members of the Senate, Luncheon, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the **SC CONSORTIUM FOR GIFTED CHILDREN**

Wednesday, January 21, 2015 - 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Members of the Senate and Staff, Reception, Capital Center, by the **SC BAR ASSOCIATION**

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Thursday, January 22, 2015 - 8:00-10:00 A.M.

Members of the Senate and Staff, Breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the **SC HEALTH UNDERWRITERS**

Tuesday, January 27, 2015 - 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Members of the Senate, Reception, The Palmetto Club, by the **SC ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS**

Tuesday, January 27, 2015 - 7:00-9:00 P.M.

Members of the Senate and Staff, Reception, The Palmetto Club, by the **INSTITUTE FOR CHILD SUCCESS**

Wednesday, January 28, 2015 - 8:00-10:00 A.M.

Members of the Senate, Breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the **SC CATHOLIC CONFERENCE**

Wednesday, January 28, 2015 - 12:00-2:00 P.M.

Members of the Senate, Luncheon, State House Grounds, by the **SC BAPTISTS CONVENTION**

Wednesday, January 28, 2015 - 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Members of the Senate and Staff, Reception, Columbia Convention Center, by the **LEXINGTON COUNTY NIGHT**

Thursday, January 29, 2015 - 8:00-10:00 A.M.

Members of the Senate, Breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the **GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR MATH & SCIENCE**

MOTION ADOPTED

On motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, with unanimous consent, the Senate agreed that, when the Senate stands adjourned, it stand adjourned to meet on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, at 10:30 A.M. and that the only orders of business to be taken up, time permitting, will be the Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Communications, and the Introduction of Bills and Resolutions, and,

further, no unanimous consent requests will be considered and, when the time arrives for the Inauguration Proceedings, the Senate would recede from business and, upon the conclusion of the Inauguration Proceedings, the Senate would stand adjourned.

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MOTION ADOPTED

Senator LEATHERMAN asked unanimous consent to make a motion that, when the Senate stands adjourned on Friday, January 16, 2015, the Senate will stand adjourned to meet on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, Wednesday, January 21, 2015, and Thursday, January 22, 2015, subject to the times and limitations set forth in Rule 1B;

and, further, when the Senate stands adjourned on Friday, January 23, 2015, the Senate will stand adjourned to meet on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, in Statewide Session at 12:00 Noon.

There was no objection and the motion was adopted.

MOTION ADOPTED

On motion of Senators PEELER, ALEXANDER, ALLEN, BENNETT, BRIGHT, BRYANT, CAMPBELL, CAMPSER, CLEARY, COLEMAN, CORBIN, COURSON, CROMER, DAVIS, FAIR, GREGORY, GROOMS, HAYES, HEMBREE, HUTTO, JACKSON, JOHNSON, KIMPSON, LEATHERMAN, LOURIE, MALLOY, LARRY MARTIN, SHANE MARTIN, MASSEY, MATTHEWS, McELVEEN, NICHOLSON, O'DELL, PINCKNEY, RANKIN, REESE, SABB, SCOTT, SETZLER, SHEALY, SHEHEEN, THURMOND, TURNER, VERDIN, WILLIAMS and YOUNG with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of former Governor James Edwards of Charleston, S.C. Governor Edwards was South Carolina's first Republican governor since Reconstruction and later became Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy during the Reagan Administration. Gov. Edwards served in the U.S. Maritime Service during World War II and as a Navy Reserve officer during the Korean War. Gov. Edwards served as the Charleston County party chair, served in the State Senate and was elected Governor in 1974. Gov. Edwards was awarded numerous civic and academic honors in his lifetime including the Order of the Palmetto. He was a loving husband, devoted father, doting grandfather and a true statesman who will be dearly missed.

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MOTION ADOPTED

On motion of Senators SETZLER, ALEXANDER, ALLEN, BENNETT, BRIGHT, BRYANT, CAMPBELL, CAMPSER, CLEARY, COLEMAN, CORBIN, COURSON, CROMER, DAVIS, FAIR, GREGORY, GROOMS, HAYES, HEMBREE, HUTTO, JACKSON, JOHNSON, KIMPSON, LEATHERMAN, LOURIE, MALLOY, LARRY MARTIN, SHANE MARTIN, MASSEY, MATTHEWS, McELVEEN, NICHOLSON, O'DELL, PEELER, PINCKNEY, RANKIN, SABB, SCOTT, SHEALY, SHEHEEN, THURMOND, TURNER, VERDIN, WILLIAMS and YOUNG, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Dr. James Wilford Reese of Spartanburg, S.C. Dr. Reese was the brother of the Honorable GLENN REESE. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Reserves, a retired professor of economics at USC Upstate, worked for the Treasury Department and taught overseas. He enjoyed the outdoors, was an excellent photographer and earned his black belt in Tai Kwon Do. Dr. Reese was a loving father and devoted brother who will be dearly missed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:08 P.M., on motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, the Senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at 10:30 A.M. for the purpose of attending the Inaugural Ceremony.

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