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Wednesday, January 28, 2015
(Statewide Session)

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Indicates New Matter

The Senate assembled at 2:00 P.M., the hour to which it stood adjourned, and was called to order by the PRESIDENT.

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

In Proverbs we read:

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Bow in prayer with me, please:

Dear Lord, the list of needs and concerns facing our State is quite, quite long. So many issues have to be addressed by this Senate, almost all of them significant. We pray, O God, that You will bless these Senators and guide them as they debate the ways to address and, hopefully, resolve these matters, not the least of which concerns our highways. Our State needs roadways and expressways that are safe and well-maintained. Grant to this Body a vision, O God, of how to accomplish this, along with the many other challenges facing these leaders. In Your name we humbly pray all of this, Lord. Amen.

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

Point of Quorum

At 2:05 P.M., Senator PEELER made the point that a quorum was not present. It was ascertained that a quorum was not present.

Call of the Senate

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

Alexander	Bennett	Bright
Bryant	Campbell	Campsen
Coleman	Cromer	Davis
Grooms	Hayes	Hembree
Johnson	Leatherman	Malloy
<i>Martin, Larry</i>	<i>Martin, Shane</i>	Massey

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Matthews	McElveen	Nicholson
Peeler	Reese	Sabb
Scott	Setzler	Shealy
Sheheen	Thurmond	Young

A quorum being present, the Senate resumed.

ADDENDUM TO THE JOURNAL

The following remarks by Senator KIMPSON were ordered printed in the Journal of January 15, 2015:

Remarks by Senator KIMPSON

Yesterday, we all attended the gubernatorial inauguration. Since 1934, by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly, the governor has appointed a poet laureate. The poet laureate is Marjory Heath Wentworth. Ms. Wentworth submitted her poem to the inaugural committee, but was not allowed to read her poem. Last year we had a great debate about expression and freedom of speech.

I rise today to read her poem that she was not allowed to read. It's a poem that she was inspired to write given the current affairs of this nation where unarmed African-American citizens are being shot. It was a poem she was inspired to write, because the last two previous poems she was able to deliver were about animals and nature, safer subjects. But she recognized the tension in America and thought that she should address that at the inauguration. I want to give her and the words that she spent time writing as the official poet laureate of this State, which we've had since 1934 -- I want to give these words just due. It's called *One River, One Boat*.

One River, One Boat

Because our history is a knot
we try to unravel, while others
try to tighten it, we tire easily
and fray the cords that bind us.

The cord is a slow moving river,
spiraling across the land

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in a succession of S's,
splintering near the sea.

Picture us all, crowded onto a boat
at the last bend in the river:
watch children stepping off the school bus,
parents late for work, grandparents

Fishing for favorite memories,
teachers tapping their desks
with red pens, firemen suiting up
to save us, nurses making rounds,

Baristas grinding coffee beans,
dockworkers unloading apartment size
containers of computers and toys
from factories across the sea.

Every morning a different veteran
stands at the base of the bridge
holding a cardboard sign
with misspelled words and an empty cup.

In fields at daybreak, rows of migrant
farm workers standing on ladders, break open
iced peach blossoms; their breath rising
and resting above the frozen fields like clouds.

A johnboat drifts down the river.
Inside, a small boy lies on his back;
hand laced behind his head, he watches
stars fade from the sky and dreams.

Consider the prophet John, calling us
from the edge of the wilderness to name
the harm that has been done, to make it
plain, and enter the river and rise.

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It is not about asking for forgiveness.
It is not about bowing our heads in shame;
because it all begins and ends here:
while workers unearth trenches

At Gadsden's Wharf, where 100,000
Africans were imprisoned within brick walls
awaiting auction, death, or worse.
Where the dead were thrown into the water,

And the river clogged with corpses
has kept centuries of silence.
It is time to gather at the water's edge,
and toss wreaths into this watery grave.

And it is time to praise the judge
who cleared George Stinney's name,
seventy years after the fact,
we honor him; we pray.

Here, where the Confederate flag still flies
beside the State House, haunted by our past,
conflicted about the future; at the heart
of it, we are at war with ourselves

Huddled together on this boat
handed down to us – stuck
at the last bend of a wide river
splintering near the sea.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following appointments were transmitted by the Honorable Nikki
Randhawa Haley:

Statewide Appointments

Initial Appointment, South Carolina Commission on Consumer
Affairs, with the term to commence September 30, 2014, and to expire
September 30, 2018

At-Large:

Pamela S. Evette, 302 Hindman Rd., Travelers Rest, SC 29690 *VICE*
vacant

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Referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

Initial Appointment, Director of Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services, with term coterminous with Governor

Director:

Jerry B. Adger, 4 Whetstone Creek Court, Irmo, SC 29063 *VICE* Ms. Kela Thomas

Referred to the Committee on Corrections and Penology.

Initial Appointment, South Carolina Foster Care Review Board, with the term to commence June 30, 2012, and to expire June 30, 2016

3rd Congressional District:

Daniel R. Bracken, Jr., 124 Omega Ln., Piedmont, SC 29673 *VICE* Carolyn Pinson (resigned)

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Reappointment, Real Estate Appraisers Board, with the term to commence May 31, 2015, and to expire May 31, 2018

Licensed or Certified Appraiser:

Christopher E. Barczak, 2965 North Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201

Referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

Reappointment, South Carolina Panel for Dietetics, with the term to commence May 30, 2015, and to expire May 30, 2017

Dietetics Educator:

Judy H. Thomas, 101 Laurel Circle, Fort Mill, SC 29715

Referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

Initial Appointment, Medical Disiplinary Commission of the State Board of Medical Examiners, with the term to commence July 1, 2014, and to expire July 1, 2018

2nd Congressional District:

Michael W. Powelson, 819 Aiken Street, Columbia, SC 29201 *VICE* vacant

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Referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

Initial Appointment, South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy, with the term to commence September 30, 2014, and to expire September 30, 2017

Occupational Therapist:

Todd A. Laliberte, 510 Juanita Dr., Florence, SC 29501 *VICE* Janie Turner

Referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

REGULATIONS RECEIVED

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

Document No. 4476

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60, 59-33-30, 59-53-1810, and

20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.

SUBJECT: Defined Program 6-8

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 27, 2015

Referred to Committee Education

Document No. 4477

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60, 59-18-110, 59-18-310(B), 59-29-10 et seq., 59-33-30, 59-53-1810, 20 U.S.C. 1232(g), and

20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.

SUBJECT: Defined Program, Grades 9-12 and Graduation Requirements

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 27, 2015

Referred to Committee Education

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Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60(1), (3), and (6), 59-39-100, and 20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.

SUBJECT: Adult Education

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 28, 2015

Referred to Committee Education

Document No. 4495

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60, 59-24-30, and 59-24-40

SUBJECT: Program for Assisting, Developing, and Evaluating Principal Performance (PADEPP)

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 28, 2015

Referred to Committee Education

Doctor of the Day

Senator FAIR introduced Dr. John P. Evans of Greenville, S.C., Doctor of the Day.

Expression of Personal Interest

Senator MALLOY rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

Remarks to be Printed

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

Expression of Personal Interest

Senator DAVIS rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

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Senator SHEHEEN rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

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Senator JOHNSON rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

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Senator NICHOLSON rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

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Senator MATTHEWS rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

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Senator COURSON rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

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Senator SETZLER rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

Expression of Personal Interest

Senator LEATHERMAN rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

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

- S. 76 Sens. Setzler and Matthews
- S. 358 Sen. Campsen
- S. 5 Sen. Coleman
- S. 153 Sens. Johnson, McElveen, Cromer and Campsen
- S. 16 Sen. Campbell
- S. 36 Sen. Alexander
- S. 35 Sen. Alexander
- S. 361 Sen. Alexander
- S. 76 Sen. Nicholson
- S. 2 Sen. Davis

RECALLED

S. 344 -- Senators O'Dell and Bryant: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 81 IN ANDERSON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH MASTERS BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF ANDERSON TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE TOWN OF IVA "DEPUTY J. ALEX BURDETTE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THIS DESIGNATION.

Senator O'DELL asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Resolution from the Committee on Transportation.

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

RECALLED AND COMMITTED

S. 337 -- Senators O'Dell and Campbell: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 8 TO TITLE 38 ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA NEW MARKET JOBS ACT" SO AS TO PROVIDE A CREDIT AGAINST INSURANCE PREMIUM TAXES AND POSSIBLE OTHER STATES TAXES MADE IN CERTAIN INVESTMENTS BY QUALIFIED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ENTITIES, PROVIDING INVESTMENT CAPITAL FOR A QUALIFIED ACTIVE LOW INCOME COMMUNITY SMALL BUSINESS LOCATED IN THIS STATE, TO MODEL THIS STATE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX CREDIT ON THE FEDERAL NEW MARKETS TAX CREDIT PROGRAM PROVIDING FEDERAL INCOME TAX CREDITS FOR SUCH INVESTMENTS BUT LIMITED TO INVESTMENTS IN THIS STATE, TO ADOPT FEDERAL DEFINITIONS AS APPLICABLE FOR THE CREDIT BUT MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE PARTICULAR SOUTH CAROLINA APPLICATION OF THE CREDITS, TO PROVIDE A MAXIMUM INITIAL INDIVIDUAL INVESTMENT, A MAXIMUM OVERALL LIMIT FOR ALL SUCH INVESTMENTS ELIGIBLE FOR THE CREDIT, AND AN ANNUAL MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF CREDIT THAT MAY BE CLAIMED, TO PROVIDE THAT THESE CREDITS APPLY OVER SEVEN YEARS AND ARE NONREFUNDABLE AND NOT SALEABLE, TO REQUIRE FEES FOR PROCESSING APPLICATIONS FOR SUCH CREDITS AND FOR RECAPTURE OF THE CREDITS IF QUALIFICATIONS ARE NOT MAINTAINED, TO PROVIDE FOR LETTER RULINGS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE WHEN FEDERAL REGULATIONS DO NOT PROVIDE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE, AND TO PROVIDE OTHER LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

On motion of Senate CAMPBELL, with unanimous consent, the Bill was recalled from the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

On motion of Senate CAMPBELL, with unanimous consent, the Bill was committed to the Committee on Finance.

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RECALLED

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 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.

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

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

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S. 365 -- Senator Alexander: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 2015 AS TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH THROUGHOUT SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO URGE THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO WORK TOWARD ENDING TEEN DATING VIOLENCE BY EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP HEALTHIER RELATIONSHIPS, ASSISTING VICTIMS IN ACCESSING THE INFORMATION AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES THEY NEED, CREATING BETTER AND MORE RESOURCES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN NEED, INSTITUTING EFFECTIVE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION POLICIES IN SCHOOLS, AND ENGAGING IN DISCUSSIONS WITH FAMILY MEMBERS AND PEERS TO PROMOTE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION OF THE QUIET EPIDEMIC OF TEEN DATING VIOLENCE.

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

The Resolution 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. 370 -- Senator Grooms: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE HONORABLE JIM ROZIER UPON BEING ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 371 -- Senator Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-33-110, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINING NURSES, SO AS TO ADD THE OVERMEDICATING OR UNDERMEDICATING OF A PATIENT BY A NURSE WHO MISREADS A PHYSICIAN'S ORDER AS A GROUND TO REVOKE THE NURSE'S LICENSE.

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

S. 372 -- Senator Lourie: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-21-625, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE SURTAX ON CIGARETTES, INCLUDING THE DEFINITION OF "CIGARETTE", SO AS TO REVISE THE WEIGHT LIMITATION ON CIGARETTES FROM THREE POUNDS OR LESS PER ONE THOUSAND CIGARETTES TO FOUR AND ONE-HALF POUNDS OR LESS PER ONE THOUSAND CIGARETTES AND TO EXEMPT THOSE WRAPPED TOTALLY IN TOBACCO LEAF WITH NO FILTER, AND TO DEFINE "CIGARETTE" TO INCLUDE 0.325 OUNCES OF TOBACCO LIKELY INTENDED TO BE PURCHASED TO ROLL YOUR OWN CIGARETTES; AND TO REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO DETERMINE IF THERE ARE BARRIERS TO THE ENFORCEMENT OR COLLECTION OF CIGARETTE TAXES, TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO REMOVE THESE BARRIERS, AND TO REPORT THEIR FINDINGS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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

S. 373 -- Senator Setzler: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 9-1-1620, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE OPTIONAL FORMS OF RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES, SO TO ALLOW A MEMBER TO CHANGE THE FORM OF MONTHLY PAYMENT WITHIN FIVE YEARS OF A

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CHANGE IN MARITAL STATUS, INSTEAD OF ONE YEAR, AND IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS, TO REQUIRE THE MEMBER TO REIMBURSE THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF ANY EXCESS PAYMENT RECEIVED.

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

S. 374 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 30, CHAPTER 20, TITLE 2, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY AMENDING SECTION 30, SO AS TO PROVIDE A TIME FOR CANDIDATES TO OBTAIN PLEDGES OR COMMITMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS ON THE CANDIDATES AND TO SET A TIME FOR THE ELECTION OF THE CANDIDATES.

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

S. 375 -- Senator Hayes: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-5-15, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO SECURING DEPOSITS OF FUNDS BY LOCAL ENTITIES, SO AS TO ALLOW A LOCAL ENTITY TO DEPOSIT ALL OR A PORTION OF SURPLUS PUBLIC FUNDS IN ITS CONTROL OR POSSESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

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

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

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

S. 377 -- Senators Grooms, Campbell, Thurmond, Bennett and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-130-30 OF THE 1976

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CODE, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES, TO ALLOW THE BOARD TO CREATE A UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON AS A RESEARCH UNIVERSITY.

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

S. 378 -- Senator Allen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 11-11-240 SO AS TO CREATE THE "SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILY FRIENDLY FUND" TO ASSIST FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WITH INTELLECTUAL AND PHYSICAL DISABILITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3760 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CREDIT TO INDIVIDUALS WHO CONTRIBUTE TO A FAMILY WITH A CHILD WITH AN INTELLECTUAL OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-5060, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY AN INDIVIDUAL BY MEANS OF THE INCOME TAX RETURN CHECK OFF, SO AS TO ADD THE SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILY FRIENDLY FUND.

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

S. 379 -- Senator Courson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-4-520 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO COUNTY TAX OFFICIALS, TO REDUCE THE OBLIGATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SHALL ANNUALLY EXAMINE RECORDS OF ASSESSORS, AUDITORS, TREASURERS, AND TAX COLLECTORS TO A PERMISSIVE AUTHORITY TO ANNUALLY EXAMINE THESE RECORDS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-4-530, RELATING TO INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF VIOLATIONS, TO REDUCE THE OBLIGATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INITIATE COMPLAINTS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND PROSECUTIONS OF VIOLATIONS TO A PERMISSIVE AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-30, RELATING TO THE ASSESSMENT OF MULTIPLE TAXES TO BE LEVIED ON THE SAME ASSESSMENT, TO CHANGE THE DESIGNATION OF STATE TAXES TO COUNTY TAXES; TO AMEND SECTION 21-37-266, RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR DWELLINGS HELD IN TRUST, TO REQUIRE A

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COPY OF THE TRUST AGREEMENT BE PROVIDED; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-290, RELATING TO THE GENERAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, TO CHANGE THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAXES FROM THE FIRST TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE FIRST FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS OF THE VALUE OF THE PRIMARY RESIDENCE OF A HOMEOWNER WHO IS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO CONFORM WITH OTHER SECTIONS OF THE CODE, AND TO TRANSFER FROM THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE THE AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE RULES AND FORMS, AND THE OBLIGATION TO REIMBURSE THE STATE AGENCY OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN EVALUATING DISABILITY UNDER THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-450, RELATING TO THE BUSINESS INVENTORY TAX EXEMPTION, TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE AMOUNT OF REIMBURSEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO DEBT SERVICE BE REDISTRIBUTED TO OTHER SEPARATE MILLAGES ONCE THE DEBT IS PAID, TO REQUIRE THE REIMBURSEMENT BE REDISTRIBUTED PROPORTIONATELY TO THE SEPARATE MILLAGES LEVIED BY THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, TO STRIKE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE REDISTRIBUTION BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE MILLAGE RATES IN THE YEAR 1987, AND TO REQUIRE THE ATTRIBUTION OF THE CURRENT TAX YEAR MILLAGE RATES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-710, RELATING TO THE RETURN AND ASSESSMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, TO STRIKE "OF FULL AGE AND OF SOUND MIND" AS A QUALIFIER FOR EVERY PERSON WHO MUST LIST PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR TAXATION; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-715, RELATING TO THE FREQUENCY OF AD VALOREM TAXATION ON PERSONAL PROPERTY, TO ALLOW NEWLY ACQUIRED VEHICLES TO BE TAXED MORE THAN ONCE IN A TAX YEAR; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-760, RELATING TO STATEMENTS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR TAXATION WHERE A PERSON REFUSES OR NEGLECTS TO DELIVER A STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, TO ELIMINATE THE OBLIGATION AND TO ALLOW THE PERMISSIVE AUTHORITY FOR THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO ASCERTAIN AND RETURN A LIST OF THAT PERSON'S PERSONAL PROPERTY AND TO

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ALLOW THAT HE MAY DENOTE REASONS FOR THE REFUSAL; TO REPEAL SECTION 12-37-850, RELATING TO THE REMOVAL OF THE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS TO HEAR MATTERS ORIGINATED FROM THE TAXPAYER CONCERNING ALLEGATIONS OF FALSE RETURNS, TAX EVASION, OR FRAUD; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-890, RELATING TO PERSONAL PROPERTY RETURNS FOR TAXATION PURPOSES, TO STRIKE LANGUAGE LISTING ANIMALS AND VEHICLES AND REPLACE WITH DESIGNATION OF PROPERTY USED IN ANY BUSINESS TO BE RETURNED TO THE COUNTY IN WHICH IT IS SITUATED FOR TAXATION PURPOSES, AND TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL BANKERS' CAPITAL OR PERSONAL ASSETS RELATED TO THE BANKING BUSINESS BE RETURNED TO THE COUNTY WHERE THE BANKING HOUSE IS LOCATED FOR TAXATION PURPOSES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-900, RELATING TO PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RETURNS, TO STRIKE THE DESIGNATED DATES OF THE REQUIRED ANNUAL RETURNS OF PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND TO STRIKE THE AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO WAIVE THE PENALTIES OF FAILURE TO MAKE THIS STATEMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-940, RELATING TO VALUATION OF ARTICLES OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, TO STRIKE THE REQUIREMENT THAT MONEY AND BANK BILLS BE VALUED AT PAR VALUE AND THAT CREDITS BE VALUED AT THE FACE VALUE OF THE CONTRACT UNLESS THE PRINCIPAL BE PAYABLE AT A FUTURE TIME WITHOUT INTEREST AND CONTRACTS FOR THE DELIVERY OF SPECIFIC ARTICLES BE VALUED AT THE USUAL SELLING PRICE OF SUCH ITEMS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-970, RELATING TO THE ASSESSMENT AND RETURN OF MERCHANTS' INVENTORIES, TO REMOVE MERCHANTS' INVENTORIES FROM THE REQUIRED ASSESSMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR TAXATION PURPOSES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2420, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX RETURNS FOR AIRLINE COMPANIES, TO CHANGE THE DATE OF FILING FROM APRIL FIFTEENTH TO APRIL THIRTIETH, AND TO STRIKE LANGUAGE DESIGNATING THE FILING DEADLINES FOR AIRLINES IN YEAR 1976; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2610, RELATING TO TAX YEAR OF MOTOR VEHICLES, TO REMOVE

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REFERENCES TO VEHICLE LICENSE AND REPLACE WITH VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, TO REMOVE REFERENCES AND PROCEDURES FOR TWO-YEAR VEHICLE LICENSES, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR TRANSFER OF THE LICENSE FROM ONE VEHICLE TO ANOTHER, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NOTICES OF SALES BY DEALERS MUST BE MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES RATHER THAN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2630, RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES, TO REQUIRE THAT AN OWNER OF A VEHICLE SHALL MAKE A PROPERTY TAX RETURN TO THE AUDITOR WITHIN FORTY-FIVE DAYS OF THE VEHICLE BECOMING TAXABLE IN A COUNTY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2660, RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE REGISTRATIONS, TO REDUCE THE TIME THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MUST PROVIDE A LIST OF LICENSE REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR FROM NINETY TO SIXTY DAYS AND TO UPDATE THE REQUIRED FORM OF THE LISTINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2725, RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF THE TITLE OF A VEHICLE TO ANOTHER STATE, TO CHANGE THE LOCATION OF THE RETURN OF THE LICENSE PLATE AND VEHICLE REGISTRATION FROM THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AND TO DELINEATE THE PROCESS FOR OBTAINING A TAX REFUND FOR THE PORTION OF THE TAX YEAR REMAINING; TO REPEAL SECTION 12-37-2735, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FUND; TO REPEAL SECTION 12-39-10, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR; TO AMEND SECTION 12-39-40, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY AUDITOR, TO REQUIRE THE APPOINTMENT TO BE FILED WITH THE STATE TREASURER INSTEAD OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL; TO AMEND SECTION 12-39-60, RELATING TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, TO CHANGE THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING TAX RETURNS FROM APRIL FIFTEENTH TO APRIL THIRTIETH AND TO REDUCE THE REQUIREMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE FOR A LOCATION TO RECEIVE RETURNS TO A PERMISSIVE AUTHORITY FOR THE PROVIDING OF THIS NOTICE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-39-120, RELATING TO THE POWER OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO ENTER INTO BUILDINGS THAT

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ARE NOT DWELLINGS TO DETERMINE VALUE, TO CHANGE THE DETERMINATION FROM THE VALUE OF ANY BUILDING TO THE VALUE OF ANY TAXABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-39-160, RELATING TO SPECIAL LEVIES, TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE COUNTY AUDITOR REPORT THE AMOUNT OF PROPERTIES SUBJECT TO SPECIAL LEVIES TO THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT, BOARDS OF EDUCATION, AND BOARDS OF TRUSTEES, TO A PERMISSIVE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION; TO AMEND SECTION 12-39-190, RELATING TO THE REPORTING OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES, TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE REPORTING BE IN A NUMBER OF COLUMNS SPECIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-39-200, RELATING TO FORMS THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE MAY PRESCRIBE, TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE THE TYPES OF ACCEPTABLE FORMAT REQUIRED; TO AMEND SECTION 12-39-220, RELATING TO OMISSION OF NEW PROPERTY FROM THE COUNTY DUPLICATE, TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR, TO ELIMINATE THE SPECIFICATION OF A TWENTY PERCENT PENALTY FOR UNPAID TAXES TO REPLACE WITH ALL APPLICABLE PENALTIES, AND TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATE LANGUAGE IN THE CODE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-39-260, RELATING TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S RECORDS, TO REDUCE THE REQUIREMENT THAT AUDITORS KEEP RECORDS OF ALL SALES OR CONVEYANCES OF REAL PROPERTY TO A PERMISSIVE AUTHORITY TO KEEP THESE RECORDS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-39-270, RELATING TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S ABATEMENT BOOK, TO REMOVE THE PROVISION THAT REQUIRES THE ABATEMENT ALLOWED IN ANNUAL SETTLEMENTS BETWEEN THE AUDITOR AND THE TREASURER TO BE ACCORDING TO THE RECORD IN THE ABATEMENT BOOK; TO AMEND SECTION 12-43-220, RELATING TO COUNTY EQUALIZATION AND REASSESSMENT, TO REQUIRE THAT IN ORDER TO PROVE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE FOUR PERCENT HOME ASSESSMENT RATIO, THE OWNER-OCCUPANT MUST PROVIDE PROOF THAT ALL MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED IN HIS NAME WERE REGISTERED AT THAT SAME ADDRESS; TO REPEAL SECTION

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12-45-10, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY TREASURERS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-45-35, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY COUNTY TREASURERS, TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENT OF THE FILING OF THE APPOINTMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO THE FILING WITH THE STATE TREASURER; TO AMEND SECTION 12-45-70, RELATING TO COLLECTION OF TAXES, TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE OFFICIAL CHARGED WITH COLLECTING TAXES SHALL SEND A LIST OF TAXES PAID TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES INSTEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ACCEPT THIS CERTIFICATION INSTEAD OF A TAX RECEIPT; TO AMEND SECTION 12-45-90, RELATING TO THE FORMS OF PAYMENT FOR TAXES, TO STRIKE FROM THE ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PAYMENT, JURY CERTIFICATES, CIRCUIT COURT WITNESS PER DIEMS, AND COUNTY CLAIMS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-45-120, RELATING TO DELINQUENT TAXATION, TO REPLACE THE DESIGNATION OF CHATTEL TAX WITH THE TERM PERSONAL TAX; TO AMEND SECTION 12-45-180, RELATING TO THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES, TO ADD THE OFFICE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT DELINQUENT TAXES AS AN OFFICE AUTHORIZED TO WAIVE PENALTIES IN CASES OF IMPROPER MAILING OR ERROR; TO AMEND SECTION 12-45-185, RELATING TO THE WAIVER OF PENALTIES FOR DELINQUENT TAXES, TO ALLOW THE COUNTY TREASURER TO NOTIFY THE COUNTY AUDITOR OF SUCH WAIVERS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-45-260, RELATING TO THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE COUNTY TREASURER TO THE COUNTY SUPERVISOR, TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE TREASURER MUST REPORT TO THE COUNTY SUPERVISOR ON THE FIFTEENTH OF EACH MONTH AND TO ALLOW THE TREASURER TO REPORT MONTHLY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-45-300, RELATING TO THE AUDITOR'S LIST OF DELINQUENT TAXES, TO STRIKE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE AUDITOR MUST MAKE MARGINAL NOTATIONS AS TO THE REASONS THE TAXES WERE NOT COLLECTABLE, AND TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE TREASURER MUST SIGN AND SWEAR TO THE LIST BEFORE THE AUDITOR; TO AMEND SECTION 12-45-420, RELATING TO THE WAIVER OF

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PENALTIES DUE TO ERRORS BY THE COUNTY BY A COMMITTEE MADE UP OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR, TREASURER, AND ASSESSOR, TO REQUIRE THAT THE WAIVER MUST BE BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-49-10, RELATING TO LIENS AND SUITS FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES, TO CHANGE THE DESIGNATION OF DEBTS PAYABLE TO THE STATE TO DEBTS PAYABLE TO THE COUNTY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-49-20, RELATING TO LIENS IN THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES, TO MOVE THE AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY SHERIFF TO COLLECT DELINQUENT TAXES TO THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR; TO AMEND SECTION 12-49-85, RELATING TO UNCOLLECTABLE PROPERTY TAX FOR DERELICT MOBILE HOMES, TO CHANGE THE AUTHORITY FROM THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO THE COUNTY ASSESSOR TO DETERMINE THE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF A MOBILE HOME AND TO INCLUDE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE ASSESSOR REMOVE THE DERELICT HOME FROM HIS RECORDS AND THE AUDITOR TO REMOVE THE DERELICT HOME FROM THE DUPLICATE LIST; TO AMEND SECTION 12-49-910, RELATING TO THE SEIZURE OF PROPERTY SUBJECT TO A TAX LIEN BY THE SHERIFF OR COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR, TO REMOVE THE AUTHORITY OF THE SHERIFF TO LEVY AND SEIZE PROPERTY OF A DEFAULTING TAXPAYER; TO AMEND SECTION 12-49-920, RELATING TO THE SEIZURE OF PROPERTY FOR TAX DEFAULT BY THE COUNTY SHERIFF OR THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR, TO REMOVE THE AUTHORITY OF THE SHERIFF TO POSSESS THE SEIZED PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-49-930, RELATING TO THE REMOVAL OR DESTRUCTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO A TAX LIEN, TO REMOVE THE REFERENCE TO THE COUNTY SHERIFF; TO AMEND SECTION 12-49-940, RELATING TO THE DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY SEIZED DUE TO A TAX LIEN BY THE COUNTY SHERIFF OR TAX COLLECTOR, TO REMOVE THE AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY SHERIFF TO ADVERTISE FOR THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-49-950, RELATING TO BIDDING ON PERSONAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO A TAX LIEN BY THE FORFEITED LAND COMMISSION, TO ALLOW BIDS TO BE MADE ON BEHALF OF THE FORFEITED LAND COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 12-49-960,

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RELATING TO THE SALE OF PROPERTY SUBJECT TO A TAX SALE, TO REMOVE THE AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY SHERIFF; TO AMEND SECTION 12-49-1110, RELATING TO THE RIGHTS OF REAL PROPERTY MORTGAGES, TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF "TAX TITLE" FROM "A DEED FOR REAL PROPERTY AND A BILL OF SALE FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY" TO "A DEED FOR REAL PROPERTY OR A BILL OF SALE FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY"; TO AMEND SECTION 12-49-1150, RELATING TO THE NOTICE TO A MORTGAGEE OF A TAX SALE, TO INCLUDE IN THE INFORMATION PROVIDED THE TAX MAP NUMBER OF THE PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-49-1220, RELATING TO THE PROCEDURES FOR PROVIDING NOTICE OF TAX SALE OF MOBILE OR MANUFACTURED HOMES, TO SPECIFY THE FORMS OF LIENHOLDERS PROVIDED TO TAX COLLECTORS FOR NOTICE TO BE THOSE PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF MANUFACTURED HOMES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-49-1270, RELATING TO THE RIGHTS OF THE LIENHOLDER IN A TAX SALE AND THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES THAT ARE NOT AFFECTED BY COMPLIANCE OF THE INFORMATION PROVISIONS, TO CHANGE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED FROM THE AUDITOR TO THE ASSESSOR; TO AMEND SECTION 12-51-40, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAXES AND THE TREATMENT OF MOBILE HOMES AS PERSONAL PROPERTY, TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT OF WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE HOMES ANNEXATION TO THE LAND BY THE HOMEOWNER TO THE AUDITOR TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH DE-TITLING PROVISIONS OF THE MANUFACTURED HOUSING LAW AND TO ALLOW A COUNTY TO CONTRACT IN THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-51-55, RELATING TO THE BID ON PROPERTY SOLD FOR AD VALOREM TAXES, TO REMOVE THE PROVISIONS FOR THE APPLICATIONS OF THE FUNDS FOR WHEN THE PROPERTY IS NOT REDEEMED; TO AMEND SECTION 12-51-80, RELATING TO THE SETTLEMENT BY THE TREASURER, TO INCREASE THE TIME OF SETTLEMENT TO THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FROM THIRTY DAYS TO FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER THE TAX SALE; TO REPEAL SECTION 12-59-30, RELATING TO THE SUFFICIENCY OF DEEDS OF LANDS FORFEITED TO THE STATE COMMISSIONS IN YEAR

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1939; TO AMEND SECTION 12-59-40, RELATING TO FORFEITED LAND COMMISSIONS, TO INCLUDE LANDS FORFEITED TO COUNTY TAX COLLECTORS IN LANDS AUTHORIZED FOR SALE AND TO REMOVE THE STATE AS HOLDER OF PROPERTY HELD AND SOLD BY THE FORFEITED LAND COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 12-59-50, RELATING TO THE FORFEITED LAND COMMISSION, TO REMOVE THE REFERENCE TO DELINQUENT STATE TAXES SUBJECT TO THESE PROVISIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-59-70, RELATING TO FORFEITED LAND COMMISSION SALES, TO REMOVE REFERENCE TO THE SHERIFF SUBMITTING TITLE TO THE COMMISSION AND TO REFERENCE THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR SUBMITTING TITLE TO THE COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 12-59-80, RELATING TO THE FORFEITED LAND COMMISSION, TO DESIGNATE THE PROCEDURE FOR ACCEPTING BIDS FOR THE SALE OF FORFEITED PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-59-90, RELATING TO FORFEITED LANDS TAX SALES, TO REMOVE THE AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY SHERIFF TO EXECUTE DEEDS AND CONVEYANCES FOR FORFEITED LANDS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR TO EXECUTE THE DEEDS AND CONVEYANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-59-100, RELATING TO THE TURNING OVER OF PROCEEDS OF A DELINQUENT TAX SALE BY THE FORFEITED LANDS COMMISSION TO THE COUNTY TREASURER AND THE TREASURER TO DEPOSIT THESE FUNDS INTO THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT THE TREASURER DO SO AT THE CLOSE OF THE FISCAL YEAR AND TO STRIKE REFERENCES TO THE STATE INTERESTS IN THESE PROCEEDS; TO REPEAL SECTION 12-59-110, RELATING TO FEES AND COSTS OF THE SHERIFF FOR SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE FORFEITED LANDS COMMISSION IN REGARD TO DELINQUENT TAX SEIZURES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-59-120, RELATING TO THE FORFEITED LANDS COMMISSION, TO REPLACE REFERENCE TO THE COUNTY SHERIFFS WITH THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR REGARDING THE ALLOWING OF AGENTS OF THE COMMISSION ACCESS TO EXECUTIONS ISSUED FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-60-1760, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX PROTESTS, TO REPLACE THE COUNTY AUDITOR WITH THE COUNTY IN REGARD TO WHO IS OBLIGATED TO RATABLY

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APPORTION FEES, EXPENSES, DAMAGES, AND COSTS RESULTING IN DEFENDING A COURT ACTION, AND TO REPLACE THE COUNTY AUDITOR OR TREASURER WITH THE COUNTY AS TO WHO MAY CAUSE A MUNICIPALITY TO BE MADE A PARTY TO ANY ACTION INVOLVING A MUNICIPAL LEVY.

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

S. 380 -- Senator Davis: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-2090, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, SECTION 16-8-260, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CRIMINAL GANG PREVENTION ACT, SECTION 16-13-175, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO LARCENY, SECTION 16-13-177, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO TIMBER THEFT, SECTION 16-27-55, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ANIMAL FIGHTING, SECTION 39-15-1195, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO COUNTERFEITING, SECTION 44-53-520, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, SECTION 44-53-530, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, AND SECTIONS 56-29-40 AND 56-29-50, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CHOP SHOPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PROPERTY SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE MAY BE SEIZED UPON CRIMINAL CONVICTION AND THAT PROCEEDS FROM DISPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY MUST BE DEPOSITED IN THE STATE'S GENERAL FUND.

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

S. 381 -- Senators Shealy, Bright, Turner, Johnson, Young, Jackson, Grooms, Sabb, Thurmond, Massey, Allen, Sheheen, Davis, Hembree, L. Martin, Bryant, Peeler, Alexander and Lourie: 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

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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.

S. 382 -- Senators Matthews, Hutto, Williams, Courson, Hayes and Nicholson: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE AGENCY HEAD OF SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY TO INSTITUTE A MANDATORY FURLOUGH PROGRAM OF UP TO SEVEN DAYS IN FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FURLOUGH PROGRAM.

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Senator MATTHEWS spoke on the Resolution.

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

S. 383 -- Senators Nicholson, Malloy, Hayes, Shealy, Scott, Hembree, Massey, Johnson, Campsen, Setzler, Bennett, Davis, Thurmond, Reese, Matthews, Williams, Jackson, Turner, Coleman, Sabb, McElveen, Sheheen and Alexander: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF GREENWOOD TO ALTER THE WORLD WAR I AND WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL MONUMENTS LOCATED ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF GREENWOOD, SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

S. 384 -- Senator Matthews: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE ALONG CLEVELAND STREET IN THE TOWN OF ELLOREE "DAVID EARLE POLIN BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS BRIDGE THAT CONTAIN THIS DESIGNATION.

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

S. 385 -- Senator Shealy: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE SUPPORT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA FOR ORGAN, EYE, AND TISSUE DONATION AND TO DESIGNATE

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THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015, AS "ORGAN DONOR REGISTRATION DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

S. 386 -- Senators Hayes, Peeler, Gregory and Coleman: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE YORK COUNTY AS A VITAL PART OF THE PALMETTO STATE AND TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 24, 2015, "YORK COUNTY DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

S. 387 -- Senators Thurmond, Turner, Young, Shealy, Bennett and McElveen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 8-11-55 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO COMPENSATORY TIME FOR WORKING OVERTIME, TO PROVIDE THAT OFFICERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL WILL HAVE A CHOICE BETWEEN SELECTING COMPENSATORY TIME OR PAYMENT AT ONE AND ONE-HALF THE OFFICER'S REGULAR RATE OF PAY IN EXCHANGE FOR WORKING OVERTIME.

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

S. 388 -- Senator Coleman: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE RICHARD WINN ACADEMY EIGHT-MAN FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

H. 3187 -- Reps. Finlay, Cole, Anderson, Bales, G. A. Brown, R. L. Brown, Felder, Funderburk, Hart, Knight, Lucas, Murphy, Newton, Norman, Norrell, Pope, Putnam, Rivers, Southard, Spires, Tallon, Taylor, Wells, Williams, Willis, Long, Henderson, G. M. Smith, G. R.

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Smith, McCoy, Clary, Weeks, W. J. McLeod and Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1300, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN REGARD TO CAMPAIGN PRACTICES, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS.

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

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

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

H. 3368 -- Rep. Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RENAME THE PORTION OF OAKLAND AVENUE FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH NORFOLK STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH WILSON ROAD IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE WHICH CURRENTLY IS DESIGNATED AS "REVEREND DR. VANDROTH BACKUS WAY", TO "REVEREND DR. VANDROTH BACKUS WAY-A MONTFORD POINT MARINE", REMOVE THE SIGNS ERECTED ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THE FORMER DESIGNATION, AND REPLACE THEM WITH SIGNS THAT CONTAIN THE LATTER DESIGNATION.

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

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REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senator LARRY MARTIN from the Committee on Judiciary submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

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.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator LARRY MARTIN from the Committee on Judiciary submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

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.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

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

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Senator LARRY MARTIN from the Committee on Judiciary submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

S. 177 -- Senators L. Martin, Hembree and Campsen: 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).

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

S. 350 -- Senators Campbell, Malloy, Setzler, Scott, Alexander, Hembree, O'Dell, Hayes, Grooms, Cleary, Williams, Bennett, Johnson, Hutto, L. Martin, Fair, Turner, Allen, Matthews, Peeler, Lourie, Courson, Coleman, Jackson, McElveen, Shealy and Sabb: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 4 OF ACT 314 OF 2000, AS LAST AMENDED BY ACT 248 OF 2010 TO TERMINATE THE PROVISIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT ON JUNE 30, 2020.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Appointment Reported

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

Initial Appointment, John de la Howe School Board of Trustees, with the term to commence April 1, 2013, and to expire April 1, 2018

At-Large:

Melissa A. Tilden, 114 Sherwood Dr., Laurens, SC 29360 *VICE* Ted O. McGee (resigned)

Received as information.

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

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READ THE SECOND TIME

The following Resolution, having been read the second time, was ordered placed on the Third Reading Calendar:

S. 35 -- Senators Bryant, Lourie, Bennett, Leatherman, Jackson, Bright, Campsen, Cleary, Alexander and S. Martin: 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.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Resolution, the question being the second reading of the Resolution.

Senator BRYANT explained the Resolution.

On motion of Senator BRYANT, the text of the Joint Resolution was printed in full.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. It is proposed that Section 16, Article X of the Constitution of this State be amended by adding a new paragraph at the end to read:

“Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 11 of this article, the funds of any trust fund established by the General Assembly by law for the

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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.”

SECTION 2. The proposed amendment must be submitted to the qualified electors at the next general election for representatives. Ballots must be provided at the various voting precincts with the following words printed or written on the ballot:

“Must Section 16, Article X of the Constitution of this State 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 be amended 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?”

Yes

No

Those voting in favor of the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘Yes’, and those voting against the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘No’.”

SECTION 3. It is proposed that Section 16, Article X of the Constitution of this State be amended by adding an additional paragraph at the end to read:

“Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 11 of this article, the funds of any political subdivision of this State that have been set aside for the funding of post-employment benefits for the political subdivision’s employees, including those invested in independent trusts established for that purpose, may be invested or reinvested in equity securities of the type permitted for investment by the various state-operated retirement systems, as provided for by the General Assembly.”

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SECTION 4. The proposed amendment must be submitted to the qualified electors at the next general election for representatives. Ballots must be provided at the various voting precincts with the following words printed or written on the ballot:

“Must Section 16, Article X of the Constitution of this State 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 be amended so as to provide that the funds of any political subdivision of this State that have been set aside for the funding of post-employment benefits for the political subdivision’s employees, including those invested in independent trusts established for that purpose, may be invested or reinvested in equity securities of the type permitted for investment by the various state-operated retirement systems, as provided for by the General Assembly?”

Yes

No

Those voting in favor of the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘Yes’, and those voting against the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘No’.”

The question then was second reading of the Resolution.

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

Ayes 41; Nays 0

AYES

Alexander	Allen	Bennett
Bright	Bryant	Campbell
Campsen	Coleman	Corbin
Courson	Cromer	Davis
Fair	Gregory	Grooms
Hayes	Hembree	Johnson
Kimpson	Leatherman	Lourie
Malloy	<i>Martin, Larry</i>	<i>Martin, Shane</i>

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Massey	Matthews	McElveen
Nicholson	O'Dell	Peeler
Reese	Sabb	Scott
Setzler	Shealy	Sheheen
Thurmond	Turner	Verdin
Williams	Young	

Total--41

NAYS

Total--0

The Resolution was read the second time and ordered placed on the Third Reading Calendar.

READ THE SECOND TIME

The following Bill, having been read the second time, was ordered placed on the Third Reading Calendar:

S. 153 -- Senators Shealy, Hembree, Cromer, McElveen, Johnson and Campsen: 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.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill, the question being the second reading of the Bill.

Senator HAYES explained the Bill.

The question then was second reading of the Bill.

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

Ayes 40; Nays 0

AYES

Alexander	Allen	Bennett
Bright	Bryant	Campbell

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Campsen	Coleman	Corbin
Courson	Cromer	Davis
Fair	Gregory	Grooms
Hayes	Hembree	Johnson
Kimpson	Leatherman	Lourie
Malloy	<i>Martin, Larry</i>	<i>Martin, Shane</i>
Massey	McElveen	Nicholson
O'Dell	Peeler	Reese
Sabb	Scott	Setzler
Shealy	Sheheen	Thurmond
Turner	Verdin	Williams
Young		

Total--40

NAYS

Total--0

The Bill was read the second time and ordered placed on the Third Reading Calendar.

READ THE SECOND TIME

The following Bill, having been read the second time, was ordered placed on the Third Reading Calendar:

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.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill, the question being the second reading of the Bill.

Senator HAYES explained the Bill.

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

Ayes 39; Nays 0

AYES

Alexander	Allen	Bennett
Bright	Bryant	Campbell
Campsen	Coleman	Corbin
Courson	Cromer	Davis
Fair	Gregory	Grooms
Hayes	Hembree	Johnson
Kimpson	Leatherman	Lourie
Malloy	<i>Martin, Larry</i>	<i>Martin, Shane</i>
Massey	McElveen	O'Dell
Peeler	Reese	Sabb
Scott	Setzler	Shealy
Sheheen	Thurmond	Turner
Verdin	Williams	Young

Total--39

NAYS

Total--0

The Bill was read the second time and ordered placed on the Third Reading Calendar.

READ THE SECOND TIME

The following Resolution, having been read the second time, was ordered placed on the Third Reading Calendar:

S. 225 -- Senators Cromer and Setzler: 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.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Resolution, the question being the second reading of the Resolution.

Senator ALEXANDER explained the Resolution.

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

Ayes 38; Nays 0; Abstain 1

AYES

Alexander	Allen	Bennett
Bright	Campbell	Campsen
Coleman	Corbin	Courson
Cromer	Davis	Fair
Gregory	Grooms	Hayes
Hembree	Johnson	Kimpson
Leatherman	Lourie	Malloy
<i>Martin, Larry</i>	<i>Martin, Shane</i>	Massey
McElveen	O'Dell	Peeler
Reese	Sabb	Scott
Setzler	Shealy	Sheheen
Thurmond	Turner	Verdin
Williams	Young	

Total--38

NAYS

Total--0

ABSTAIN

Bryant

Total--1

The Resolution was read the second time and ordered placed on the Third Reading Calendar.

READ THE SECOND TIME

The following Bill, having been read the second time, was ordered placed on the Third Reading Calendar:

S. 295 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-54-250 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF PAYMENT IN IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FUNDS, TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENT FROM FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS, AND TO

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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.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill, the question being the second reading of the Bill.

Senator O'DELL explained the Bill.

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

Ayes 39; Nays 0

AYES

Alexander	Allen	Bennett
Bright	Bryant	Campbell
Campsen	Coleman	Corbin
Courson	Cromer	Davis
Fair	Gregory	Grooms
Hayes	Hembree	Johnson
Kimpson	Leatherman	Lourie
Malloy	<i>Martin, Larry</i>	<i>Martin, Shane</i>
Massey	McElveen	O'Dell
Peeler	Reese	Sabb
Scott	Setzler	Shealy
Sheheen	Thurmond	Turner
Verdin	Williams	Young

Total--39

NAYS

Total--0

The Bill was read the second time and ordered placed on the Third Reading Calendar.

READ THE SECOND TIME

The following Resolution, having been read the second time, was ordered placed on the Third Reading Calendar:

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S. 364 -- Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE REQUIRING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPROVE THE STATE READING PROFICIENCY PLAN FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2015, AS PROVIDED IN ACT 284 OF 2014, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "SOUTH CAROLINA READ TO SUCCEED ACT", TO JUNE 15, 2015.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Resolution, the question being the second reading of the Resolution.

Senator HAYES explained the Resolution.

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

Ayes 38; Nays 1

AYES

Alexander	Allen	Bennett
Bright	Campbell	Coleman
Corbin	Courson	Cromer
Davis	Fair	Gregory
Grooms	Hayes	Hembree
Hutto	Johnson	Kimpson
Leatherman	Lourie	Malloy
<i>Martin, Larry</i>	<i>Martin, Shane</i>	Massey
McElveen	O'Dell	Peeler
Reese	Sabb	Scott
Setzler	Shealy	Sheheen
Thurmond	Turner	Verdin
Williams	Young	

Total--38

NAYS

Bryant

Total--1

The Resolution was read the second time and ordered placed on the Third Reading Calendar.

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CARRIED OVER

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 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.

On motion of Senator LARRY MARTIN, the Bill was carried over.

S. 196 -- Senators Hutto, Larry Martin, Bryant, Campsen and S. 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

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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.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

At 3:49 P.M., on motion of Senator CROMER, the Senate agreed to dispense with the balance of the Motion Period.

THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO THE INTERRUPTED DEBATE.

DEBATE INTERRUPTED

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

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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 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

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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 BE 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

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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 COUNTYWIDE, OR LESS THAN COUNTYWIDE 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.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill, the question being the second reading of the Bill.

Senator LARRY MARTIN explained the Bill.

Debate was interrupted by adjournment.

Motion Adopted

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

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MOTION ADOPTED

On motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Dr. Charles H. Townes of Greenville, S.C. Dr. Townes was a native South Carolinian, Furman graduate and Nobel Laureate in physics. Dr. Townes received the Nobel Prize for his work in quantum electronics leading to the invention of the laser. Since 1993, the Governor's School for Science and Mathematics has presented the Townes Award in his honor. Dr. Townes was a loving husband and devoted father who will be dearly missed.

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MOTION ADOPTED

On motion of Senators BRYANT and O'DELL, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Ms. Billie Louise Brown Bridges of Greenville, S.C. Ms. Bridges was a lifelong member of Welcome Baptist Church. She was a loving wife, devoted mother and doting grandmother who will be dearly missed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:00 P.M., on motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, the Senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at 11:00 A.M.

Recorded Vote

Senators MASSEY and CAMPSSEN desired to be recorded as voting against the motion to adjourn.

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