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REGULAR SESSION BEGINNING TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015

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TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015

**Tuesday, March 24, 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 cried to the Lord, saying:

“Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.” (Psalm 51:11)

Bow in prayer with me, if you will:

Glorious and Ever-faithful God, we pray this day that Your very real presence will be always experienced by those who gather here in this Senate Chamber, as well as out under the Dome, in the Senate office building, the meeting rooms, even the hallways. Be ever present with these Senators and their staff members and bestow Your blessings, Lord: granting vision and genuine hopefulness, bestowing courage to do what is right and just, and inspiring these servants as You alone can. May the power of Your presence, O God, bring great benefit to this State we love. We pray this in Your wondrous name, dear Lord. Amen.

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

**ADDENDUM TO THE JOURNAL**

The following remarks by Senator JOHNSON were ordered printed in the Journal of February 25, 2015:

**Remarks by Senator JOHNSON**

Thank you Mr. PRESIDENT, and members of the Senate. I sat for a long time as we dealt with Senate Bill 3, the Criminal Domestic Violence Bill, and we spent a lot of time with the Judiciary Committee on the Bill. Actually, when the Bill was prefiled, I thought it was something we could deal with in a hurry. Realizing that we are first in the nation, probably second now, behind Alaska, but mainly first for the last several years in the number of cases of criminal domestic violence against women and others in our State. I figured that this would be something that we could address very quickly and try to alleviate some of the CDV and not be at the top of the list. Somehow this CDV Bill has now been considered a

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Bill to take people's gun rights away, and I hate that this has happened because even though part of the Bill does deal with taking gun rights under certain circumstances, this is not what the Bill is designed for. The Bill is designed to hopefully decrease the number of cases of CDV in this State or make them think twice or either suffer harsher penalties if they decide to continue down this road.

This Bill has a number of negative ramifications and I just wanted to address it because I know there's been a lot of talk about a lot of the emails we are receiving from the Bloomberg group. I have received a lot of what I call foreign emails, but I've also received a lot of emails and letters and have had phone calls, and I've had conversations with who I would call "real people". I feel for these people because all they are asking for is for a chance for us to decrease the number of cases of CDV.

I received a letter from one of my constituents, and it has weighed heavily on me, and I'm not going to read it because I know we are not supposed to be read to; but, I just wanted to point out some of the highlights in this letter. It comes from a minister in Manning and his eight siblings who lost a sister to CDV. Some of the things that they point out in this letter is that the brother-in-law who actually killed his wife, who was their sister, had a history of violent behavior. He was reported several times for domestic violence and had several restraining orders and orders of protection issued against him. They said that their sister, who is now deceased, had to flee for her safety and her life many times at shelters and with relatives and friends trying to make sure that he could not harm her further. She was a sweet daughter, a beloved sister, a devoted wife, adoring mother, supporting aunt and a great friend. She was a home health care giver in their community and she gave everything she had for her marriage and for her family. She was a beautiful woman who was full of life and she just wanted to live; but, she was murdered by her husband in cold blood in her home -- the same wife that stuck with him through thick and thin, the same wife that supported him time and time again. So this is what he did; he shot her five times in their home one night. He didn't call for any help as she laid there bleeding to death. He didn't call 911 or EMS, he just sat there and watched her bleed to death and then he went down to the detention center and turned himself in. For this young lady and for others like her -- that is the reason I'm going to support this Bill -- even Section 3. Because I realize that most people that have guns abide by the law, respect the law and they cherish that right. It has been said several times that with every right there comes responsibility, and I think a person's right to own a gun ends

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when they use that gun to commit CDV -- to harm women and children, to frighten them and to kill them. I understand that we all love our weapons, but, I think that if we're going to use our weapons in cases such as these, then there should be provisions where guns are taken away from these people. So I'm going to go on record and say that I am in support of this Bill, including the section that takes guns away from people because they have shown that they are going to use those weapons to hurt people and whose actions have a negative effect on families for the rest of their lives. Thank you Mr. PRESIDENT.

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**Point of Quorum**

At 12:23 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	Allen	Bennett
Bright	Bryant	Campbell
Campsen	Cleary	Coleman
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Fair	Gregory	Grooms
Hayes	Hembree	Kimpson
Leatherman	Malloy	<i>Martin, Larry</i>
<i>Martin, Shane</i>	Massey	O'Dell
Peeler	Sabb	Setzler
Shealy	Thurmond	Turner
Verdin	Young	

A quorum being present, the Senate resumed.

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

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

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**Statewide Appointments**

Reappointment, South Carolina State Ports Authority, with the term to commence March 19, 2014, and to expire March 19, 2019

At-Large:

Whitemarsh S. Smith, 12 Greenhill Street, Charleston, SC 29401

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Reappointment, South Carolina State Ports Authority, with the term to commence February 13, 2015, and to expire February 13, 2020

At-Large:

William H. Stern, 2134 Bermuda Hills, Columbia, SC 29223

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Reappointment, South Carolina State Ports Authority, with the term to commence February 13, 2015, and to expire February 13, 2020

At-Large:

Pamela P. Lackey, 1672 Tanglewood Road, Columbia, SC 29204

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Reappointment, South Carolina State Ports Authority, with the term to commence February 13, 2015, and to expire February 13, 2020

Willie E. Jeffries, 85 Nance Drive, Elloree, SC 29047

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Initial Appointment, South Carolina State Ports Authority, with the term to commence February 13, 2015, and to expire February 13, 2020

At-Large:

Richard L. Stanley, 14 Ramsford Lane, Simpsonville, SC 29681 *VICE*  
John Fleming Hassell III

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**REGULATION RECEIVED**

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

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Document No. 4547

Agency: Department of Natural Resources

Chapter: 123

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 50-11-2200

SUBJECT: Term and Conditions for the Public's Use of State Lakes and

Ponds Owned or Leased by the Department of Natural Resources

Received by Lieutenant Governor March 24, 2015

Referred to Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry

**Doctor of the Day**

Senator GROOMS introduced Dr. Radwan Hallaba of Charleston, S.C., Doctor of the Day.

**Leave of Absence**

On motion of Senator SABB, at 12:25 P.M., Senator KIMPSON was granted a leave of absence for the balance of the day.

**Leave of Absence**

On motion of Senator MASSEY, at 12:25 P.M., Senators BENNETT and CAMPSER were granted a leave of absence for the balance of the day.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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

S. 579 Sen. Thurmond

S. 320 Sen. Alexander

S. 426 Sen. Hayes

**RECALLED AND COMMITTED**

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

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CERTAIN SETTINGS; TO CREATE AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO COMMITTING OFFENSES PROVIDED FOR IN THE ARTICLE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

There was no objection and the Bill was recalled from the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Senator LARRY MARTIN, with unanimous consent, the Bill was committed to the General Committee.

**RECALLED AND ADOPTED**

S. 579 -- Senator Hembree: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF DIABETES AND TO PROCLAIM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015, AS "DIABETES AWARENESS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA, COINCIDING WITH SOUTH CAROLINA'S "DIABETES UNDER THE DOME DAY," SPONSORED BY THE DIABETES INITIATIVE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION.

Senator HEMBREE asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Resolution from the Committee on Medical Affairs.

The Resolution was recalled from the Committee on Medical Affairs.

Senator HEMBREE asked unanimous consent to make a motion to take the Resolution up for immediate consideration.

There was no objection.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Resolution. The question then was the adoption of the Resolution.

On motion of Senator HEMBREE, the Resolution was adopted.

**RECOMMITTED**

S. 564 -- Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, RELATING TO DEFINED PROGRAM 6-8, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4476, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

On motion of Senator HAYES, the Joint Resolution was recommitted to the Committee on Education.

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S. 565 -- Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, RELATING TO DEFINED PROGRAM, GRADES 9-12 AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4477, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

On motion of Senator HAYES, the Joint Resolution was recommitted to the Committee on Education.

S. 566 -- Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL AREAS OF CERTIFICATION, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4478, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

On motion of Senator HAYES, the Joint Resolution was recommitted to the Committee on Education.

S. 567 -- Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, RELATING TO ADULT EDUCATION, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4491, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

On motion of Senator HAYES, the Joint Resolution was recommitted to the Committee on Education.

S. 568 -- Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, RELATING TO PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS FOR REVIEW OF CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4494, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

On motion of Senator HAYES, the Joint Resolution was recommitted to the Committee on Education.

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S. 569 -- Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, RELATING TO PROGRAM FOR ASSISTING, DEVELOPING, AND EVALUATING PRINCIPAL PERFORMANCE (PADEPP), DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4495, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

On motion of Senator HAYES, the Joint Resolution was recommitted to the Committee on Education.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

The following were introduced:

S. 584 -- Senators Davis and Campbell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-53-110(27) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF MARIJUANA, TO EXCLUDE FROM THE DEFINITION THE SUBSTANCE CANNABIDIOL, A NONPSYCHOACTIVE CANNABINOID, OR ANY COMPOUND, MANUFACTURE, SALT, DERIVATIVE, MIXTURE, OR PREPARATION OF ANY PLANT OF THE GENUS CANNABIS THAT CONTAINS NINE-TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT OR LESS OF TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL OR TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL ACID FOR INDIVIDUALS CERTIFIED AS HAVING A NON-TREATABLE MEDICAL CONDITION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTIFICATION OF NON-TREATABLE MEDICAL CONDITIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44-53-110 TO DEFINE "NON-TREATABLE MEDICAL CONDITION".

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Senator DAVIS spoke on the Bill.

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

S. 585 -- Senator Setzler: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 9-8-60, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO RETIREMENT IN THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES AND SOLICITORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE TERM OF A SOLICITOR WHO HAS RETIRED AND CONTINUES TO SERVE AS A SOLICITOR BEGINS BEFORE THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH THE SOLICITOR ATTAINS THE AGE OF SEVENTY-TWO YEARS, THEN THE

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SOLICITOR MAY CONTINUE TO SERVE AS SOLICITOR AND RECEIVE A RETIREMENT BENEFIT UNTIL THE END OF THE SOLICITOR'S TERM.

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

S. 586 -- Senators L. Martin, Sheheen and Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1-11-470, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO LIMITATIONS ON A CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER'S USE OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO CHANGE REFERENCES FROM THE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD TO THE STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY; TO AMEND CHAPTER 30 OF TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE CORRECT REFERENCES TO ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY OR DUTIES FOR EACH DEPARTMENT AND DELETE LANGUAGE CONCERNING GOVERNMENT AGENCY TRANSFERS THAT HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED; TO AMEND SECTION 2-13-240, RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION OF CODE SETS BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AS IT DETERMINES IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE STATE, MAY DISTRIBUTE OR SELL CODE OF LAWS, SUPPLEMENTS, OR REPLACEMENT VOLUMES TO PUBLIC SECTOR ENTITIES EXCEPT THAT IT MUST NOT CHARGE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR CODES PLACED IN THE STATEHOUSE OR GRESSETTE OR BLATT BUILDINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 48-4-10, RELATING TO CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, SO AS TO DELETE PROVISIONS CONCERNING GOVERNMENT AGENCY TRANSFERS THAT HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED; TO AMEND SECTION 58-3-580, RELATING TO STAFF ORGANIZATION AND ALLOCATION IN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, SO AS TO DELETE PROVISIONS THAT HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AND TO CLARIFY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S AUTHORITY CONCERNING OFFICE PERSONNEL; TO AMEND SECTION 63-19-360, RELATING TO INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES, SO AS TO DELETE LANGUAGE CONCERNING REPORTS THAT ALREADY HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND TO PROVIDE THAT FUTURE REPORTS BE

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MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION INSTEAD OF THE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD, WHICH WILL BE ABOLISHED JULY 1, 2015, AS PROVIDED BY ACT 121 OF 2014; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 1-11-22, RELATING TO THE ORGANIZATION OF THE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD STAFF; SECTION 48-22-20, RELATING TO POWERS DEVOLVED UPON THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES BY THE 1993 RESTRUCTURING ACT; AND SECTION 59-150-355, RELATING TO EDUCATION LOTTERY APPROPRIATIONS AND USES, SO AS TO DELETE PROVISIONS CONCERNING TRANSFERS OF OR ACTIONS BY STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES THAT HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

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

S. 587 -- Senators Grooms, Corbin, Verdin and Fair: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 5, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, BY ADDING SECTION 59-5-170, TO ESTABLISH THE DIVISION OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS WITHIN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS, DUTIES, AND AUTHORITY OF THE DIVISION; TO AMEND SECTION 59-39-160, TO REMOVE A REFERENCE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE; AND TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO ENACT EMERGENCY REGULATIONS TO ENSURE THAT HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES CONTINUE WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.

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Senator GROOMS spoke on the Bill.

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

S. 588 -- Senators Young, Setzler and Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-7-40, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN AIKEN COUNTY, SO AS TO ADD FIVE PRECINCTS, AND TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THE NAMES OF THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND AND MAINTAINED BY THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

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

S. 589 -- Senator Lourie: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 85 TO TITLE 40 SO AS TO ENACT THE "MUSIC THERAPY PRACTICE ACT"; TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF MUSIC THERAPY; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; TO CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA MUSIC THERAPY ADVISORY GROUP TO ASSIST THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT IN REGULATION OF THE PROFESSION OF MUSIC THERAPY; TO PROHIBIT THE PRACTICE OF MUSIC THERAPY WITHOUT A LICENSE; TO PROVIDE CRITERIA FOR LICENSURE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF A PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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

S. 590 -- Senators L. Martin and Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 56-1-400(B) AND 56-5-2941(L), CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE EMPLOYER'S VEHICLE WAIVER DOES NOT APPLY TO A PERSON CONVICTED OF A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION OF SECTION 56-5-2930, 56-5-2933, 56-5-2945, OR A LAW OF ANOTHER STATE THAT PROHIBITS A PERSON FROM DRIVING A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR OTHER DRUGS, UNLESS THE PERSON'S DRIVING PRIVILEGES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED FOR NOT LESS THAN ONE YEAR OR THE PERSON HAS HAD AN IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE INSTALLED FOR NOT LESS THAN ONE YEAR ON EACH OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES OWNED OR OPERATED, OR BOTH, BY THE PERSON; AND TO AMEND SECTION 29-5-2990(B), CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF A PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR A VIOLATION OF SECTION 56-5-2930, SECTION 56-5-2933, OR A LAW OF ANOTHER STATE THAT PROHIBITS A PERSON FROM DRIVING A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR OTHER

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DRUGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ENTRY INTO AN ALCOHOL AND DRUG SAFETY ACTION PROGRAM'S SERVICES, IF THE SERVICES ARE NECESSARY, IS A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT FOR THE ISSUANCE OF AN IGNITION INTERLOCK RESTRICTED LICENSE.

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

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

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

H. 3656 -- Reps. Yow, Henegan and Lucas: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 205 OF 1993, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CHESTERFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO REVISE THE DATE FOR ELECTIONS FOR TRUSTEES, THE FILING PERIOD FOR DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDACY, AND THE TIME IN WHICH BOARD MEMBERS TAKE OFFICE.

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

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H. 3658 -- Reps. Yow, Henegan and Lucas: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 1010 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE LOCAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCILS IN THE CHESTERFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO REVISE THE NUMBER OF ADVISORY COUNCILS FROM SEVEN TO FOUR THROUGH CONSOLIDATION OF SPECIFIC ATTENDANCE AREAS, TO PROVIDE UNEXPIRED TERMS OF ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS SERVING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT ARE TERMINATED ON THAT DATE AND ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS SUBSEQUENTLY MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION WILL HAVE NO ROLE IN APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ADVISORY COUNCILS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE STAGGERING OF ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER TERMS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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

H. 3663 -- Reps. Bingham and Mitchell: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO REMOVE THE CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY AND DEVOLVE THE BOARD'S POWERS UPON THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD AND DIRECT THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD TO REMOVE THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY AND EMPLOY AN INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER WHO SHALL SERVE AT-WILL AT THE PLEASURE OF THE BOARD TO AID IN DIRECTING THE UNIVERSITY IN A NEW DIRECTION WITH AN EMPHASIS ON ADDRESSING AND CORRECTING THE ONGOING FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES OF THE UNIVERSITY IN ORDER TO KEEP THE UNIVERSITY FUNCTIONAL AND MAINTAIN ITS ACCREDITATION.

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

H. 3844 -- Reps. Parks, Pitts and Riley: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE WAIVER OF TWO OR FEWER DAYS FOR SCHOOLS IN GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 50, GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 51, AND GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 52 THAT CLOSED IN FEBRUARY 2015 DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER FROM THE STATUTORY

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REQUIREMENT THAT SCHOOL DAYS MISSED DUE TO SNOW, EXTREME WEATHER, OR OTHER DISRUPTIONS BE MADE UP, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS REQUIREMENT DOES NOT APPLY TO TIME MISSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER FROM THESE STORMS.

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

H. 3846 -- Reps. Yow and Henegan: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD, OR ITS SUCCESSOR STATE AGENCY, TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF THE CHERAW NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY TO THE TOWN OF CHERAW.

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

H. 3847 -- Reps. G. R. Smith, Burns, Hamilton, Loftis, Robinson-Simpson, Putnam, Allison, Bannister, Chumley, Dillard, Nanney, Stringer and Willis: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO TEMPORARILY EXEMPT APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE AS A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST ASSISTANT FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF HAVING A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM A REGIONALLY ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOUND IN SECTION 49-67-220 OF THE 1976 CODE IF THE APPLICANT HOLDS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY FROM A NATIONALLY ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION LIBERALLY MUST BE CONSTRUED TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION AND MUST BE APPLIED RETROACTIVELY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPIRATION OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION ON JULY 1, 2019.

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

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

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

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H. 3861 -- Reps. Hiott, Collins and Clary: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE WAIVER OF ONE DAY THAT SCHOOLS IN PICKENS COUNTY CLOSED IN FEBRUARY 2015 DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER FROM THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT THAT SCHOOL DAYS MISSED DUE TO SNOW, EXTREME WEATHER, OR OTHER DISRUPTIONS BE MADE UP, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS REQUIREMENT DOES NOT APPLY TO TIME MISSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER FROM THESE STORMS.

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

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Appointments Reported**

Senator PEELER from the Committee on Medical Affairs submitted a favorable report on:

**Statewide Appointments**

Initial Appointment, Medical Disciplinary Commission of the State Board of Medical Examiners, with the term to commence July 1, 2014, and to expire July 1, 2017

1st Congressional District, Lay Member:

Wade C. Arnette, 731 Royle Road, Ladson, SC 29456 *VICE* (vacant due to redistricting)

Received as information.

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

Occupational Therapist:

Mary Rebecca Terry, 605 Wando Street, Columbia, SC 29205 *VICE*  
Joyce J. Branham

Received as information.

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

Occupational Therapist:

Hima N. Dalal, 121 Clearview Drive, Columbia, SC 29212 *VICE*  
Susan M. Hardin

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Received as information.

Initial Appointment, South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs, with the term to commence June 30, 2014, and to expire June 30, 2018

5th Congressional District:

Gary C. Lemel, 936 Ashford Way, Fort Mill, SC 29708 *VICE*  
Katherine Finley

Received as information.

Reappointment, Medical Disciplinary Commission of the State Board of Medical Examiners, with the term to commence July 1, 2014, and to expire July 1, 2018

4th Congressional District, Lay Member:

Martha H. Wright, 4171 Ridge Road, Greer, SC 29651

Received as information.

Initial Appointment, South Carolina State Board of Pharmacy, with the term to commence June 30, 2014, and to expire June 30, 2020

4th Congressional District:

Eric J. Strauss, 100 Mallard Street, Greenville, SC 29601 *VICE* David  
M. Banks

Received as information.

Initial Appointment, Medical Disciplinary 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 due to redistricting)

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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 Drive, Florence, SC 29501 *VICE* Janie Turner

Received as information.

Reappointment, Medical Disciplinary Commission of the State Board of Medical Examiners, with the term to commence July 1, 2014, and to expire July 1, 2018

3rd Congressional District:

Kenneth C. Walker, 2810 East North Avenue, Anderson, SC 29625

Received as information.

Initial Appointment, South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs, with the term to commence June 30, 2013, and to expire June 30, 2017

3rd Congressional District:

Vicki A. Thompson, 10010 Clovis Drive, Seneca, SC 29672 *VICE* Christine Sharp

Received as information.

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

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

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

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

Senator MASSEY explained the Joint Resolution.

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The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:  
**Ayes 35; Nays 0**

**AYES**

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

**Total--35**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The Joint Resolution was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED  
READ THE SECOND TIME**

S. 460 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-43-370 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY IN THIS STATE MAY ALLOW A TAXPAYER THE OPTION TO RECEIVE CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX BILLS AND RECEIPTS IN ELECTRONIC FORM, TO REQUIRE A PARTICIPATING COUNTY TO MAINTAIN PROOF THAT AN EMAIL WAS SENT TO A TAX PAYER, AND TO REQUIRE A PARTICIPATING COUNTY TO CREATE AN APPLICATION PROCESS AND TO PUBLISH THE APPLICATION PROCESS.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

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The Committee on Finance proposed the following amendment (DKA\460C002.DKA.SA15), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 12-43-370(B) and inserting:

/ (B) Each county electing to utilize the provisions of this section shall create an application process to allow a taxpayer to submit his email address to the county. A county electing to utilize the provisions of this section shall advertise the application process for two weeks in a newspaper printed and circulated in the county and may publish the application process on the county's website or on the property tax bill. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator HAYES explained the amendment.

The question then was second reading of the Bill.

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

**Ayes 39; Nays 0**

**AYES**

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

**Total--39**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

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There being no further amendments, the Bill was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

H. 3345 -- Reps. Lucas and Delleney: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ADOPT REVISED CODE VOLUMES 13 AND 15 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTENTS, AS THE ONLY GENERAL PERMANENT STATUTORY LAW OF THE STATE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2015.

Senator MASSEY explained the Joint Resolution.

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

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

**Ayes 38; Nays 0**

**AYES**

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

**Total--38**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

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The Joint Resolution was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

**CARRIED OVER**

S. 199 -- Senators Grooms, Hembree, Bennett, Campbell, Verdin, Campsen, Gregory, Johnson, Setzler, Sabb, Nicholson and Scott: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-1535 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SPEEDING IN WORK ZONES AND PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH SPEEDING IN WORK ZONES, TO DELETE THIS PROVISION AND CREATE "PEANUT'S LAW", TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR THE TERMS "HIGHWAY WORK ZONE" AND "HIGHWAY WORKER", TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF "ENDANGERMENT OF A HIGHWAY WORKER", AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THESE OFFENSES; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-720, RELATING TO THE POINT SYSTEM ESTABLISHED FOR THE EVALUATION OF THE DRIVING RECORD OF PERSONS OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE THAT "ENDANGERMENT OF A HIGHWAY WORKER" VIOLATIONS RANGE BETWEEN TWO AND SIX POINTS; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 56-5-1536 RELATING TO DRIVING IN TEMPORARY WORK ZONES AND PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFUL DRIVING IN TEMPORARY WORK ZONES.

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

S. 278 -- Senators Hutto, Johnson, Lourie and Scott: 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

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CONTINGENT UPON RECEIPT OF FULL FUNDING BY STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS.

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

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.

On motion of Senator O'DELL, the Bill was carried over.

S. 458 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-9-55(C) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ENFORCEMENT DATE OF SECTION 501.3 OF THE 2012 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ENFORCEMENT DATE IS CHANGED TO JULY 1, 2016, FROM JULY 1, 2015.

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

S. 320 -- Senators Malloy, Hutto, Hayes, L. Martin, Shealy, Turner and Alexander: 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

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IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

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

S. 426 -- 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 EXISTING MENTAL HEALTH COURTS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT SHALL CONTINUE IN EXISTENCE, TO PROVIDE THAT EACH SOLICITOR MUST ESTABLISH A PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR SERVICE AS A MENTAL HEALTH COURT JUDGE, TO PROVIDE THAT MENTAL HEALTH COURT JUDGES HAVE THE SAME PROTECTIONS FROM CIVIL LIABILITY AND IMMUNITY AS OTHER JUDICIAL OFFICERS IN THIS STATE; AND TO PROVIDE THAT SOLICITORS WHO ACCEPT STATE FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM MUST ESTABLISH IT WITHIN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS.

Senator MASSEY explained the Bill.

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

H. 3035 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Long, Burns, Chumley, Kirby, Hixon, Toole, Corley, Gagnon, Duckworth, Hardee, Johnson, Clemmons, Douglas, Ballentine, Tallon, Hodges, Henegan, Hiott, V.S. Moss, Dillard, Knight, Jefferson, Gilliard, Erickson and Riley: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 54 TO TITLE 48 SO AS TO ENACT THE "TAKE PALMETTO PRIDE WHERE YOU LIVE ACT", TO CREATE THE TAKE PALMETTO PRIDE WHERE YOU LIVE ACT COMMISSION UNDER THE AUSPICES OF, AND STAFFED BY, THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERS, POWERS, AND DUTIES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP A STRATEGIC STATE PLAN FOR LITTER REMOVAL, REDUCTION

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AND PREVENTION, AND LITTER LAW ENFORCEMENT THROUGH THE COORDINATION AND COOPERATION OF STATE AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, PRIVATE PROFIT AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESS, AND INDUSTRY TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPONENTS OF THE PLAN; TO AMEND SECTION 24-23-115, RELATING TO PUBLIC SERVICE WORK AS A CONDITION OF PROBATION OR SUSPENSION OF A SENTENCE, SO AS TO DEFINE "PUBLIC SERVICE WORK" AS PARTICIPATING IN A LITTER REMOVAL PROGRAM OR ANOTHER LITTER PROGRAM UNDER THE COMMISSION UNLESS THE COURT FINDS THAT PARTICIPATION IN SUCH A PROGRAM IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR THE OFFENDER; AND TO REPEAL CHAPTER 67, TITLE 44 RELATING TO THE "LITTER CONTROL ACT OF 1978" UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL.

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

**AMENDED, CARRIED OVER**

S. 437 -- Senators Campsen, Reese, Gregory, Hutto, Cleary, Campbell, Cromer, Young, Bryant, Williams, Bennett, Johnson, Hembree, O'Dell, Davis, Fair, Hayes and Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-240 SO AS TO ENACT THE "JAMES B. EDWARDS CIVICS EDUCATION INITIATIVE" TO REQUIRE ALL STUDENTS OF PUBLIC OR CHARTER SCHOOLS OR PERSONS PURSUING A GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE IN THIS STATE TO TAKE THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP CIVICS TEST PRODUCED BY THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, TO DIRECT SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO AWARD A CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT TO ALL STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE A GRADE OF 60 OR BETTER ON THE TEST, AND TO DIRECT THE RESPECTIVE SCHOOLS TO REPORT RESULTS TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR INCLUSION IN THE REPORT CARD FOR EACH SCHOOL, AS APPLICABLE.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Bill.

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Senator GROOMS proposed the following amendment (437R002.LS.LKG), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, page 2, after line 20, by inserting:  
/ SECTION 3. Article 2, Chapter 101, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59-101-680. (A) For purposes of this section, ‘civics test’ means the one hundred questions that, as of January 1, 2015, and updated accordingly, officers of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services use in order that the applicants can demonstrate a knowledge and understanding of the fundamentals of United States history and the principles and form of United States government, as required by 8 U.S.C. 1423.

(B) To demonstrate compliance with Section 59-29-120, public institutions of higher learning may require students to take the civics test, as defined in subsection (A), but students are not required to obtain a minimum score. However, a student who receives a grade of 60 or better must be awarded a certificate of achievement by the institution. This requirement applies to each student enrolled in a public institution of higher learning in this State. This requirement does not apply to a student who is exempted in accordance with the student’s individualized education program plan.

(C) Every public institution of higher learning in the State is directed to report the civics tests results to the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education for inclusion in the annual report required by Section 59-101-350.

(D) No public institution of higher learning of this State may impose or collect any fees or charges in connection with this section.

(E) This section must be applied to any student entering freshman year beginning in the 2016-2017 school year.” /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED  
CARRIED OVER**

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

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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.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

The Committee on Finance proposed the following amendment (DKA\170C002.DKA.SA15), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by deleting Section 12-36-71(D).

Amend further, by striking SECTION 2 and inserting:

/ This act takes effect on January 1, 2016. /

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

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

**ADOPTED**

S. 535 -- Senators Hembree and Rankin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 410, KNOWN AS GREEN SEA ROAD SOUTH, IN HORRY COUNTY, FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 917 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 701 "DENNIS E. PHIPPS HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THIS DESIGNATION.

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

S. 536 -- Senator Hembree: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 57 IN HORRY COUNTY, FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH GORE

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ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH BRIGHT ROAD “STALVEY BELLAMY MEMORIAL HIGHWAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THIS DESIGNATION.

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

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

**MOTION ADOPTED**

At 1:10 P.M., on motion of Senator CROMER, the Senate agreed to dispense with the balance of the Motion Period.

**Motion Adopted**

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

**MOTION ADOPTED**

On motion of Senators O’DELL and BRYANT, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Judge James A. Cox of West Pelzer, S.C. Judge Cox was an avid supporter and graduate of Clemson University. He served as a Magistrate for Anderson County Detention Center since 1995. Judge Cox was a loving husband, devoted father and doting grandfather who will be dearly missed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 1:17 P.M., on motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, the Senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at 2:00 P.M.

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