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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016

Wednesday, February 3, 2016
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~

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:

Solomon implored the Lord God to:

“ ‘Give me now wisdom and knowledge to go out and come in before this people, for who can rule this great people of yours?’ ”

(II Chronicles 1:10)

Join me as we pray:

In the same manner, Lord, that Solomon called upon You to grant him the gift of wisdom, so do we urge these Senators to embrace the importance of education for all of the people of our State. How critical it is that these leaders do all they can to promote learning at every level, for every child, youth, young adult, and even for our older residents. May the members of this Senate at every turn do everything possible, O God, to support and encourage those who teach here in South Carolina. We will be stronger only if they do so. We hopefully pray this in Your name, dear Lord. Amen.

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

RECESS

At 11:55 A.M., on motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, the Senate recessed from business for the purpose of attending the Joint Assembly.

JOINT ASSEMBLY

Elections

At 12:00 Noon, the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House.

The PRESIDENT of the Senate called the Joint Assembly to order and announced that it had convened under the terms of a Concurrent Resolution adopted by both Houses.

Election to the Position of Judge
Supreme Court, Seat #2

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The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Supreme Court, Seat #2.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Ralph King Anderson III, the Honorable John Cannon Few and the Honorable Harris Bruce Williams had been screened and found qualified to serve.

On motion of Senator LARRY MARTIN, the name of the Honorable Ralph King Anderson III, was withdrawn from consideration.

Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the names of the Honorable John Cannon Few and the Honorable Harris Bruce Williams in nomination.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted for Hon. John Cannon Few:

Alexander	Allen	Bennett
Bright	Campbell	Campsen
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Fair	Gregory	Grooms
Hayes	Hembree	Hutto
Leatherman	Malloy	<i>Martin, Larry</i>
Massey	Nicholson	Peeler
Turner		

Total--22

The following named Senators voted for Hon. Harris Bruce Williams:

Bryant	Cleary	Coleman
Courson	Jackson	Johnson
Kimpson	Lourie	<i>Martin, Shane</i>
<i>Matthews, John</i>	<i>Matthews, Margie</i>	Rankin
Reese	Sabb	Scott
Setzler	Shealy	Sheheen
Thurmond	Verdin	Williams
Young		

Total--22

Rep. Bill Hixon asked unanimous consent to make a motion to allow the members of the House to vote by electronic roll call.

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Rep. Bamberg objected.

The Reading Clerk of the House called the roll of the House, and the Representatives voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Representatives voted for Hon. John Cannon

Few:

Allison	Bannister	Bedingfield
Bradley	R. L. Brown	Burns
Chumley	Clemmons	Collins
Corley	H. A. Crawford	Crosby
Daning	Dillard	Duckworth
Erickson	Felder	Forrester
Fry	Funderburk	Gagnon
Gambrell	Gilliard	Goldfinch
Hamilton	Hardee	Henderson
Hill	Hixon	Johnson
Jordan	Kennedy	Kirby
Limehouse	Loftis	Long
Lowe	Lucas	W. J. McLeod
Merrill	D. C. Moss	V. S. Moss
Nanney	Newton	Ott
Parks	Pitts	Pope
Putnam	Riley	Rivers
Robinson-Simpson	Ryhal	Sandifer
Simrill	G. M. Smith	G. R. Smith
Sottile	Southard	Stavrinakis
Stringer	Taylor	Thayer
Tinkler	Wells	White
Williams	Willis	Hicks
Yow		

Total--70

The following named Representatives voted for Hon. Harris Bruce

Williams:

Alexander	Anderson	Anthony
Atwater	Bales	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bernstein	Bingham
Bowers	Brannon	G. A. Brown

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M. S. McLeod	Clary	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Cole	Delleney
Douglas	Finlay	George
Govan	Hart	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hiott
Hodges	Horne	Hosey
Howard	Huggins	Jefferson
King	Knight	Mack
McCoy	McEachern	McKnight
Mitchell	Murphy	Neal
Norrell	Quinn	Ridgeway
Rutherford	J. E. Smith	Spires
Weeks	Whipper	Whitmire

Total--51

RECAPITULATION

Total number of Senators voting	44
Total number of Representatives voting.....	<u>121</u>
Grand Total.....	165
Necessary to a choice	83
Of which Hon. John Cannon Few received	92
Of which Hon. Harris Bruce Williams received	73

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable John Cannon Few was elected to the position of Judge, Supreme Court, Seat #2 for the term to expire July 31, 2016.

Election to the Position of Judge, Court of Appeals, Seat #9

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Court of Appeals, Seat #9.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable James Edward Lockemy had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable James Edward Lockemy in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

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Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable James Edward Lockemy was elected to the position of Judge, Court of Appeals, Seat #9 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

Election to the Position of Judge, Circuit Court

1st Judicial Circuit, Seat #1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 1st Judicial Circuit, Seat #1.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Edgar Warren Dickson had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable Edgar Warren Dickson in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Edgar Warren Dickson was elected to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 1st Judicial Circuit, Seat #1 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

Election to the Position of Judge, Circuit Court

1st Judicial Circuit, Seat #2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 1st Judicial Circuit, Seat #2.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Diane Schafer Goodstein had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable Diane Schafer Goodstein in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Diane Schafer Goodstein was elected to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 1st Judicial Circuit, Seat #2 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

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**Election to the Position of Judge, Circuit Court
2nd Judicial Circuit, Seat #1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 2nd Judicial Circuit, Seat #1.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Doyet A. Early III had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable Doyet A. Early III in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Doyet A. Early III was elected to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 2nd Judicial Circuit, Seat #1 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

**Election to the Position of Judge, Circuit Court
3rd Judicial Circuit, Seat #1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 3rd Judicial Circuit, Seat #1.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Ralph Ferrell Cothran, Jr. had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable Ralph Ferrell Cothran, Jr. in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Ralph Ferrell Cothran, Jr. was elected to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 3rd Judicial Circuit, Seat #1 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

**Election to the Position of Judge, Circuit Court
6th Judicial Circuit, Seat #1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 6th Judicial Circuit, Seat #1.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Brian M. Gibbons had been screened and found qualified to serve.

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Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable Brian M. Gibbons in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Brian M. Gibbons was elected to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 6th Judicial Circuit, Seat #1 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

**Election to the Position of Judge, Circuit Court
8th Judicial Circuit, Seat #1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 8th Judicial Circuit, Seat #1.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Frank Robert Addy, Jr. had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable Frank Robert Addy, Jr. in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Frank Robert Addy, Jr. was elected to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 8th Judicial Circuit, Seat #1 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

**Election to the Position of Judge, Circuit Court
13th Judicial Circuit, Seat #4**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 13th Judicial Circuit, Seat #4.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable David Garrison Hill had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable David Garrison Hill in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable David Garrison Hill was elected to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 13th Judicial Circuit, Seat #4 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

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**Election to the Position of Judge, Circuit Court
15th Judicial Circuit, Seat #1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 15th Judicial Circuit, Seat #1.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Steven H. John had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable Steven H. John in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Steven H. John was elected to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 15th Judicial Circuit, Seat #1 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

**Election to the Position of Judge, Circuit Court
16th Judicial Circuit, Seat #1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 16th Judicial Circuit, Seat #1.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable John Calvin Hayes III had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable John Calvin Hayes III in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable John Calvin Hayes III was elected to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 16th Judicial Circuit, Seat #1 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

**Election to the Position of Judge, Circuit Court
16th Judicial Circuit, Seat #2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 16th Judicial Circuit, Seat #2.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Daniel Dewitt Hall had been screened and found qualified to serve.

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Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable Daniel Dewitt Hall in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, asked with unanimous consent, to have the vote taken by acclamation.

Senator SHANE MARTIN objected.

Senator SHANE MARTIN spoke against the election of the nominee.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted in the affirmative:

Alexander	Allen	Bennett
Campbell	Campsen	Coleman
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Fair	Gregory	Grooms
Hayes	Hembree	Hutto
Jackson	Johnson	Kimpson
Lourie	Malloy	<i>Martin, Larry</i>
Massey	<i>Matthews, John</i>	<i>Matthews, Margie</i>
Nicholson	Peeler	Rankin
Reese	Sabb	Scott
Setzler	Sheheen	Thurmond
Turner	Verdin	Williams
Young		

Total--37

The following named Senators voted in the negative:

Bright	Bryant	Courson
<i>Martin, Shane</i>	Shealy	

Total--5

On the motion of Rep. Todd Rutherford, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted in the affirmative:

Alexander	Anderson	Anthony
Atwater	Bales	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bernstein

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Bingham	Bowers	Bradley
Brannon	G. A. Brown	R. L. Brown
M. S. McLeod	Clary	Clemmons
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Cole
Collins	Corley	H. A. Crawford
Crosby	Daning	Delleney
Dillard	Douglas	Duckworth
Erickson	Felder	Finlay
Forrester	Fry	Funderburk
Gagnon	Gambrell	George
Gilliard	Goldfinch	Govan
Hamilton	Hardee	Hart
Hayes	Henderson	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hiott	Hixon
Hodges	Horne	Hosey
Howard	Huggins	Jefferson
Johnson	Jordan	Kennedy
King	Kirby	Knight
Limehouse	Long	Lowe
Lucas	Mack	McCoy
McEachern	McKnight	W. J. McLeod
Mitchell	D. C. Moss	V. S. Moss
Murphy	Nanney	Neal
Newton	Ott	Parks
Pope	Norrell	Quinn
Ridgeway	Riley	Rivers
Robinson-Simpson	Rutherford	Ryhal
Sandifer	Simrill	G. M. Smith
J. E. Smith	Sottile	Southard
Spires	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Tinkler	Weeks
Wells	Whipper	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Hicks
Yow		

Total--109

The following named Representatives voted in the negative:

Bedingfield	Burns	Chumley
Hill	Loftis	Pitts

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G. R. Smith Stringer

Total--8

RECAPITULATION

Total number of Senators voting	42
Total number of Representatives voting.....	<u>117</u>
Grand Total.....	159
Necessary to a choice	80
Ayes	146
Nays	13

Senator COLEMAN asked unanimous consent to speak.
Rep. Crosby objected.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Daniel Dewitt Hall was elected to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 16th Judicial Circuit, Seat #2 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

**Election to the Position of Judge, Circuit Court
At-Large, Seat #10**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, at-large, Seat #10.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that Jocelyn Newman, Grady L. Patterson III and Robert L. Reibold had been screened and found qualified to serve.

On motion of Senator LARRY MARTIN, the name of Robert L. Reibold was withdrawn from consideration.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted for Newman:

Allen	Campbell	Cleary
Coleman	Hutto	Jackson
Johnson	Kimpson	Leatherman
Malloy	<i>Matthews, John</i>	<i>Matthews, Margie</i>
Nicholson	Rankin	Reese
Sabb	Scott	Setzler
Sheheen	Thurmond	Williams

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Total--21

The following named Senators voted for Patterson:

Alexander	Bennett	Bright
Bryant	Campsen	Corbin
Courson	Cromer	Davis
Fair	Gregory	Grooms
Hayes	Hembree	Lourie
<i>Martin, Larry</i>	<i>Martin, Shane</i>	Massey
Peeler	Shealy	Turner
Verdin	Young	

Total--23

On the motion of Rep. Rutherford, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted for Newman:

Alexander	Allison	Anderson
Bales	Bamberg	Bernstein
Bowers	G. A. Brown	R. L. Brown
M. S. McLeod	Clemmons	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	H. A. Crawford
Crosby	Daniny	Dillard
Douglas	Funderburk	George
Gilliard	Goldfinch	Govan
Hart	Hayes	Henegan
Hodges	Horne	Hosey
Howard	Jefferson	Johnson
Jordan	King	Kirby
Knight	Lowe	Mack
McCoy	McEachern	McKnight
Merrill	Mitchell	Murphy
Neal	Newton	Parks
Pitts	Norrell	Ridgeway
Rivers	Robinson-Simpson	Rutherford
G. M. Smith	J. E. Smith	Sottile
Southard	Stavrinnakis	Tinkler
Weeks	Whipper	Williams

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Willis

Total--64

The following named Representatives voted for Patterson:

Anthony	Atwater	Ballentine
Bannister	Bedingfield	Bingham
Bradley	Brannon	Burns
Chumley	Clary	Cole
Corley	Delleney	Duckworth
Erickson	Felder	Finlay
Forrester	Fry	Gagnon
Gambrell	Hamilton	Hardee
Henderson	Herbkersman	Hill
Hiott	Hixon	Huggins
Kennedy	Limehouse	Loftis
Long	Lucas	W. J. McLeod
D. C. Moss	V. S. Moss	Nanney
Ott	Pope	Putnam
Quinn	Riley	Ryhal
Sandifer	Simrill	G. R. Smith
Spires	Stringer	Taylor
Thayer	Wells	White
Whitmire	Hicks	Yow

Total--57

RECAPITULATION

Total number of Senators voting	44
Total number of Representatives voting.....	<u>121</u>
Grand Total.....	165
Necessary to a choice	83
Of which Jocelyn Newman received	85
Of which Grady L. Patterson III received	80

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Jocelyn Newman was elected to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, at-large, Seat #10 for the term to expire June 30, 2021.

Election to the Position of Judge, Family Court

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1st Judicial Circuit, Seat #2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 1st Judicial Circuit, Seat #2.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable William J. Wylie, Jr. had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable William J. Wylie, Jr. in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable William J. Wylie, Jr. was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 1st Judicial Circuit, Seat #2 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

Election to the Position of Judge, Family Court

1st Judicial Circuit, Seat #3

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 1st Judicial Circuit, Seat #3.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Nancy Chapman McLin had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable Nancy Chapman McLin in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Nancy Chapman McLin was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 1st Judicial Circuit, Seat #3 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

Election to the Position of Judge, Family Court

2nd Judicial Circuit, Seat #1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 2nd Judicial Circuit, Seat #1.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Vicki J. Snelgrove had been screened and found qualified to serve.

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Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable Vicki J. Snelgrove in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Vicki J. Snelgrove was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 2nd Judicial Circuit, Seat #1 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

**Election to the Position of Judge, Family Court
3rd Judicial Circuit, Seat #1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 3rd Judicial Circuit, Seat #1.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable George Marion McFaddin, Jr. had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable George Marion McFaddin, Jr. in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable George Marion McFaddin, Jr. was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 3rd Judicial Circuit, Seat #1 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

**Election to the Position of Judge, Family Court
4th Judicial Circuit, Seat #1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 4th Judicial Circuit, Seat #1.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Cely Anne Brigman had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable Cely Anne Brigman in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Cely Anne Brigman was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 4th Judicial Circuit, Seat #1 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

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**Election to the Position of Judge, Family Court
5th Judicial Circuit, Seat #1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 5th Judicial Circuit, Seat #1.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Dorothy Mobley Jones had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable Dorothy Mobley Jones in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Dorothy Mobley Jones was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 5th Judicial Circuit, Seat #1 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

**Election to the Position of Judge, Family Court
5th Judicial Circuit, Seat #4**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 5th Judicial Circuit, Seat #4.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Gwendlyne Young Jones had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable Gwendlyne Young Jones in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Gwendlyne Young Jones was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 5th Judicial Circuit, Seat #4 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

**Election to the Position of Judge, Family Court
7th Judicial Circuit, Seat #3**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 7th Judicial Circuit, Seat #3.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Usha J. Bridges had been screened and found qualified to serve.

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Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable Usha J. Bridges in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Usha J. Bridges was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 7th Judicial Circuit, Seat #3 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

**Election to the Position of Judge, Family Court
8th Judicial Circuit, Seat #2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 8th Judicial Circuit, Seat #2.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable John M. Rucker had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable John M. Rucker in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable John M. Rucker was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 8th Judicial Circuit, Seat #2 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

**Election to the Position of Judge, Family Court
9th Judicial Circuit, Seat #1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 9th Judicial Circuit, Seat #1.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Daniel E. Martin, Jr. had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable Daniel E. Martin, Jr. in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Daniel E. Martin, Jr. was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 9th Judicial Circuit, Seat #1 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

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**Election to the Position of Judge, Family Court
9th Judicial Circuit, Seat #3**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 9th Judicial Circuit, Seat #3.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that Spiros Stavros Ferderigos, Michele Patrao Forsythe and Rita J. Roache had been screened and found qualified to serve.

On motion of Senator LARRY MARTIN, the names of Rita J. Roache and Spiros Stavros Ferderigos were withdrawn from consideration.

Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of Michele Patrao Forsythe in nomination, moved that the nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Michele Patrao Forsythe was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 9th Judicial Circuit, Seat #3 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

**Election to the Position of Judge, Family Court
9th Judicial Circuit, Seat #6**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 9th Judicial Circuit, Seat #6.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Jack Alan Landis had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable Jack Alan Landis in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Jack Alan Landis was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 9th Judicial Circuit, Seat #6 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

**Election to the Position of Judge, Family Court
10th Judicial Circuit, Seat #2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 10th Judicial Circuit, Seat #2.

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Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Karen F. Ballenger had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable Karen F. Ballenger in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Karen F. Ballenger was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 10th Judicial Circuit, Seat #2 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

**Election to the Position of Judge, Family Court
11th Judicial Circuit, Seat #1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 11th Judicial Circuit, Seat #1.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable William Gregory Seigler had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable William Gregory Seigler in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable William Gregory Seigler was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 11th Judicial Circuit, Seat #1 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

**Election to the Position of Judge, Family Court
12th Judicial Circuit, Seat #3**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 12th Judicial Circuit, Seat #3.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Jerry Deese Vinson, Jr. had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable Jerry Deese Vinson, Jr. in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

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Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Jerry Deese Vinson, Jr. was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 12th Judicial Circuit, Seat #3 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

**Election to the Position of Judge, Family Court
13th Judicial Circuit, Seat #6**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 13th Judicial Circuit, Seat #6.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Alex Kinlaw, Jr. had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable Alex Kinlaw, Jr. in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Alex Kinlaw, Jr. was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 13th Judicial Circuit, Seat #6 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

**Election to the Position of Judge, Family Court
14th Judicial Circuit, Seat #2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 14th Judicial Circuit, Seat #2.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Peter L. Fuge had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable Peter L. Fuge in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Peter L. Fuge was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 14th Judicial Circuit, Seat #2 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

**Election to the Position of Judge, Family Court
15th Judicial Circuit, Seat #2**

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The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 15th Judicial Circuit, Seat #2.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Melissa J. Buckhannon had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable Melissa J. Buckhannon in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Melissa J. Buckhannon was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 15th Judicial Circuit, Seat #2 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

**Election to the Position of Judge, Family Court
16th Judicial Circuit, Seat #1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 16th Judicial Circuit, Seat #1.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Thomas H. White IV had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable Thomas H. White IV in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Thomas H. White IV was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 16th Judicial Circuit, Seat #1 for the term to expire June 30, 2022.

**Election to the Position of Judge, Administrative Law Court
Administrative Law Judge, Seat #6**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Administrative Law Court, Seat #6.

Senator LARRY MARTIN, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable Sebastien Phillip Lenski had been screened and found qualified to serve.

Senator LARRY MARTIN placed the name of the Honorable Sebastien Phillip Lenski in nomination, moved that the nominations be

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closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Sebastien Phillip Lenski was elected to the position of Judge, Administrative Law Court, Seat #6 for the term to expire June 30, 2021.

The purposes of the Joint Assembly having been accomplished, the PRESIDENT declared it adjourned, whereupon the Senate returned to its Chamber and was called to order by the PRESIDENT.

RECESS

At 1:10 P.M., on motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, the Senate recessed from business until 2:00 P.M.

At 2:03 P.M., the Senate resumed.

Point of Quorum

At 2:08 P.M., Senator BRIGHT made the point that a quorum was not present. It was ascertained that a quorum was not present.

Call of the Senate

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

Alexander	Bennett	Bright
Bryant	Campbell	Cleary
Coleman	Corbin	Cromer
Davis	Gregory	Grooms
Hayes	Hembree	Hutto
Jackson	Johnson	Kimpson
Leatherman	<i>Martin, Larry</i>	<i>Martin, Shane</i>
Massey	<i>Matthews, John</i>	<i>Matthews, Margie</i>
Peeler	Sabb	Scott
Setzler	Shealy	Thurmond
Turner	Williams	Young

A quorum being present, the Senate resumed.

CORRECTION TO THE JOURNAL

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The following Statewide Appointment *Vice* was listed incorrectly in the Journal of Thursday, January 21, 2016 and is corrected as follows:

Appointment, South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, with the term to commence July 1, 2012, and to expire July 1, 2016

At-Large:

Devron H. Edwards, 231 Hiller Road, Chapin, SC 29036 *VICE* Tim Hofferth

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following appointment was transmitted by the Honorable Nikki Randhawa Haley:

Local Appointment

Initial Appointment, Cherokee County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2014, and to expire April 30, 2018

Ben E. Taylor, 1641 West Rutledge Ave., Gaffney, SC 29341 *VICE* Mike Wayne Clary

Doctor of the Day

Senator JOHNSON introduced of Dr. Gary Culbertson of Sumter, S.C., Doctor of the Day.

Leave of Absence

At 2:07 P.M., Senator KIMPSON requested a leave of absence for Senator McELVEEN for the day.

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

The following co-sponsors was added to the respective Bills:
S. 1038 Sen. Coleman

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RECALLED

H. 4723 -- Rep. Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 51 IN FLORENCE COUNTY THAT RUNS TWO HUNDRED YARDS NORTH AND TWO HUNDRED YARDS SOUTH OF ELIZABETH BAPTIST CHURCH "REVEREND SOLOMON EADDY, SR. HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THIS DESIGNATION.

Senator WILLIAMS 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.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following were introduced:

S. 1056 -- Senator Lourie: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 21 THROUGH FEBRUARY 27, 2016, AS "EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO COINCIDE WITH NATIONAL EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK, AND TO DECLARE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016, "EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

S. 1057 -- Senator Bennett: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 56-3-10610 AND 56-3-10710, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF "SILVER STAR" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES AND "BRONZE STAR" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TYPE OF MOTOR VEHICLES THAT MAY DISPLAY THESE LICENSE PLATES AND TO PROVIDE THAT MOTORCYCLES MAY DISPLAY THESE LICENSE PLATES.

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

S. 1058 -- Senator Coleman: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016, AS "SC PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THIS GROUP OF PROFESSIONALS.

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

S. 1059 -- Senator Hayes: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-5060, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY AN INDIVIDUAL BY MEANS OF THE INCOME TAX RETURN CHECK OFF, SO AS TO ADD HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.

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

H. 3521 -- Reps. Limehouse, Putnam, Clemmons, Rivers, Yow, Burns, Loftis, Chumley and Hicks: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 14-1-250 SO AS TO PREVENT A COURT OR OTHER ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY FROM ENFORCING FOREIGN LAW INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SHARIA LAW IN THIS STATE FROM A FORUM OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES OR ITS TERRITORIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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

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

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BUDGET AND TAX MILLAGE FOR SUMMERVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 AND DORCHESTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4 MUST BE DETERMINED.

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

H. 4579 -- Reps. Pope, Lucas, Delleney, Simrill, Bales, Clyburn, Hosey, Tallon, Henderson, Felder and W. J. McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 1-3-125 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IN THE CASE OF A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, A SUCCESSOR TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM; BY ADDING SECTION 7-11-12 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE 2018 GENERAL ELECTION THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND GOVERNOR MUST BE JOINTLY ELECTED AND TO DELINEATE JOINT CANDIDACY PROCEDURES; TO AMEND SECTION 1-3-120, RELATING TO A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF BOTH GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, SO AS TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE PRO TEMPORE; TO AMEND SECTION 1-3-620, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR TO BE PART TIME, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ELECTED IN THE 2018 GENERAL ELECTION, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SHALL PERFORM THE DUTIES PERTAINING TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR WHICH ARE ASSIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR, EXCEPT WHEN OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW; TO AMEND SECTION 1-9-30, RELATING TO EMERGENCY INTERIM SUCCESSORS TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE PRO TEMPORE; TO AMEND SECTION 1-17-20, RELATING TO THE COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE COOPERATION OF THE SENATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE CONVENING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 2019, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE MAY SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE EX OFFICIO; TO AMEND SECTION 1-23-125, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE APPROVAL, DISAPPROVAL, AND MODIFICATION OF REGULATIONS, SO AS TO REPLACE THE TERM "LIEUTENANT

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GOVERNOR" WITH "PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE"; TO AMEND SECTION 2-3-30, RELATING TO SUBSISTENCE EXPENSES FOR MEMBERS AND THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ON LEGISLATIVE DAYS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S ELIGIBILITY FOR A SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE; TO AMEND SECTION 2-3-90, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF READING CLERKS, SERGEANTS AT ARMS, AND ASSISTANT SERGEANTS AT ARMS, SO AS TO REPLACE THE TERM "LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR" WITH "PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE"; TO AMEND SECTION 7-11-30, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CONVENTION NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES, SO AS TO REMOVE A REFERENCE TO "LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR"; TO AMEND SECTION 7-17-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE MEETING AND ORGANIZATION OF COUNTY BOARDS OF CANVASSERS, SO AS TO REMOVE A REFERENCE TO THE "LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR"; TO AMEND SECTION 10-1-40, RELATING TO THE STATE HOUSE COMMITTEE, SO AS TO REPLACE THE "LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR" AS THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY FOR THE SENATE WITH THE "PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE"; TO AMEND SECTIONS 14-27-20, 14-27-30, AND 14-27-40, ALL AS AMENDED, ALL RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, SO AS TO REPLACE REFERENCES TO THE "LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR" WITH "PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE"; AND TO AMEND SECTION 14-27-80, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, SO AS TO REPLACE THE TERM "LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR" WITH "PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE".

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

H. 4785 -- Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION - BOARD OF LONG TERM HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATORS, RELATING TO BOARD OF LONG TERM HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATORS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4562, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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

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H. 4786 -- Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, RELATING TO LOCAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS STANDARDS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4563, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

Read the first time and referred to the General Committee.

H. 4787 -- Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO HORSE MEAT AND KANGAROO MEAT; FAIRS, CAMP MEETINGS, AND OTHER GATHERINGS; CAMPS; MOBILE/MANUFACTURED HOME PARKS; SANITATION OF SCHOOLS; AND NUISANCES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4552, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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

H. 4788 -- Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR LICENSING NURSING HOMES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4543, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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

H. 4804 -- Reps. Hayes, George, Goldfinch, Anderson, Clemmons, H. A. Crawford, Duckworth, Fry, Hardee, Johnson and Ryhal: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HORRY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE FOR ITS ENORMOUSLY BENEFICIAL IMPACT AND TO CONGRATULATE THE ORGANIZATION ON ITS SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF PROVIDING ELECTRICAL SERVICE IN THE PALMETTO STATE.

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

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H. 4814 -- Reps. Pope, Delleney, Felder, King, Long, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Norman and Simrill: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE YORK COUNTY AS A VITAL PART OF THE PALMETTO STATE AND TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 23, 2016, "YORK COUNTY DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

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

There was no objection.

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

On motion of Senator HAYES, the Concurrent Resolution was adopted and ordered returned to the House.

H. 4823 -- Rep. Hiott: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE MEMBERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S FFA, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA, AND ALL WHO SUPPORT, PROMOTE, AND ENCOURAGE THESE OUTSTANDING STUDENTS OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION, AND TO JOIN THEM IN OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL FFA WEEK, FEBRUARY 20 - 27, 2016.

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

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

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

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REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senator GROOMS from the Committee on Transportation submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

S. 561 -- Senators Grooms, Davis, Gregory, Peeler, Malloy, Campbell, Cleary and Bennett: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 57 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION TO NINE MEMBERS, TO PROVIDE THAT COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR FROM THE STATE AT LARGE SUBJECT TO SCREENING BY THE JOINT TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, TO PROVIDE THAT COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE APPOINTED TO SIX-YEAR TERMS, AND TO CLARIFY THE COMMISSION'S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-410, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, SHALL APPOINT A SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION SUBJECT TO THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 57-1-720(C) AND 57-1-730 TO MAKE TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS REFLECTING THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS RATHER THAN ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS; TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, TO ESTABLISH A DIVISION WITHIN THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INTERNAL AUDIT FUNCTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 57-1-460 AND 57-1-740.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator CAMPSSEN from the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

S. 780 -- Senator McElveen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-13-1630 (A) THROUGH (D) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SALE AND TRAFFICKING IN FISH, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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MAY ISSUE PERMITS FOR THE RELEASE OR STOCKING OF STERILE WHITE AMUR, GRASS CARP, OR GRASS CARP HYBRIDS IN THIS STATE AND TO UPDATE NECESSARY TERMS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

S. 932 -- Senators Bennett, Grooms and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-43-220, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT RATIOS, SO AS TO REVISE AN APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator CAMPSSEN from the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry submitted a favorable report on:

S. 984 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-5-15, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS CONTAINED IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA MARINE RESOURCES ACT OF 2000, SO AS TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR THE TERM "SOUTHERN COBIA MANAGEMENT ZONE"; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50-5-2730, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CERTAIN FEDERAL FISHING REGULATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THESE REGULATIONS DO NOT APPLY TO COBIA LOCATED IN THE SOUTHERN COBIA MANAGEMENT ZONE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator LARRY MARTIN from the Committee on Judiciary submitted a majority favorable with amendment and Senator COLEMAN a minority unfavorable report on:

S. 1017 -- Senators Campsen, L. Martin, Peeler, Massey, Bryant, Turner, Hembree and Young: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, BEGINNING UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION SERVING IN OFFICE ON

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JANUARY 10, 2019, AND AFTER THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION, TO DELETE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION FROM THE LIST OF STATE OFFICERS WHICH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES TO BE ELECTED, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, AND MUST SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR, AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROVIDE BY LAW FOR THE DUTIES, COMPENSATION, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE OFFICE, AND THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE APPOINTMENT IS MADE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator CAMPSER from the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1030 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-13-645 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PROTECTION OF NONGAME FISH, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A RECREATIONAL FISHERMAN TO TAKE MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE AMERICAN EEL A DAY AND THAT EACH AMERICAN EEL TAKEN MUST BE AT LEAST NINE INCHES LONG.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator CLEARY from the Committee on Invitations polled out S. 1045 favorable:

S. 1045 -- Senator Hayes: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE YORK COUNTY AS A VITAL PART OF THE PALMETTO STATE AND TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 23, 2016, "YORK COUNTY DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

**Poll of the Invitations Committee
Polled 11; Ayes 11;**

AYES

Cleary	Alexander	Reese
Verdin	Campsen	Cromer
Malloy	Johnson	Kimpson
McElveen	Campbell	

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Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Adopted

S. 1045 -- Senator Hayes: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE YORK COUNTY AS A VITAL PART OF THE PALMETTO STATE AND TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 23, 2016, "YORK COUNTY DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

There was no objection.

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

On motion of Senator HAYES, the Concurrent Resolution was adopted and ordered sent to the House.

Senator LARRY MARTIN from the Committee on Judiciary submitted a majority favorable with amendment and Senator HUTTO a minority unfavorable report on:

H. 3184 -- Reps. Pope, Cole, Anderson, Bales, G.A. Brown, R.L. Brown, Finlay, Funderburk, Hart, Knight, Lucas, Murphy, Newton, Norman, Norrell, Putnam, Rivers, Southard, Spires, Tallon, Taylor, Wells, Williams, Willis, Bernstein, Long, Douglas, Henderson, G.M. Smith, G.R. Smith, McCoy, McKnight, Clary, M.S. McLeod, Thayer, W.J. McLeod, Weeks, J.E. Smith and Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-310, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION AND ITS MEMBERSHIP, SO AS TO RECONSTITUTE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015, TO CONSIST OF FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, FOUR MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE SUPREME COURT, TWO MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TWO MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE SENATE, RESPECTIVELY, TO PROVIDE FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THESE MEMBERS, TO PROVIDE FOR OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE

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MEMBERS' TERMS OF OFFICE AND MANNER OF THEIR REMOVAL UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-320, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DUTIES, POWERS, AND PROCEDURES OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, SO AS TO REVISE THESE DUTIES, POWERS, AND PROCEDURES INCLUDING PROVISIONS TO VEST WITH THE COMMISSION THE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO INITIATE OR RECEIVE COMPLAINTS AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ITS STAFF, AND CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO INITIATE OR RECEIVE COMPLAINTS AGAINST JUDGES AND OTHER JUDICIAL OFFICIALS OF THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND THEIR STAFFS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND PROCESSING OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS, STAFF, AND CANDIDATES PURSUANT TO SPECIFIED PROCEDURES AND FOR THE REFERRAL OF SUBSTANTIVE COMPLAINTS TO THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE OR SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEES FOR DISPOSITION TOGETHER WITH THE ETHICS COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE A VIOLATION HAS OCCURRED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND PROCESSING OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST JUDGES AND OTHER JUDICIAL OFFICIALS OR THEIR STAFF PURSUANT TO SPECIFIED PROCEDURES AND, AFTER INVESTIGATION, FOR THE REFERRAL OF SUBSTANTIVE COMPLAINTS TO THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT AND THE SUPREME COURT FOR DISPOSITION TOGETHER WITH THE ETHICS COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE A VIOLATION HAS OCCURRED; TO AMEND SECTIONS 8-13-530 AND 8-13-540, BOTH AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DUTIES, FUNCTIONS, AND PROCEDURES OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEES, SO AS TO REVISE THESE DUTIES, FUNCTIONS, AND PROCEDURES IN ORDER TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE ABOVE PROVISIONS AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-545 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE HOUSE OR SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEES TO ISSUE FORMAL ADVISORY OPINIONS AND PROVIDE FOR THEIR EFFECT AND APPLICABILITY; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 13,

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TITLE 8 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR JUDICIAL COMPLAINT PROCEDURES IN REGARD TO THE ABOVE PROVISIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4633 -- Reps. Bingham and Limehouse: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE DATE BY WHICH AN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL MUST APPLY TO BECOME AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION FOR PURPOSES OF THE EDUCATIONAL TAX CREDIT FOR EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS CHILDREN UNTIL FEBRUARY 15, 2016.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Message from the House

Columbia, S.C., February 3, 2016

Mr. President and Senators:

The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the Report of the Committee of Free Conference on:

S. 255 -- Senator Thurmond: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 17-1-40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESTRUCTION OF ARREST AND BOOKING RECORDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON OR ENTITY WHO PUBLISHES ON THE PERSON OR ENTITY'S WEBSITE THE ARREST AND BOOKING RECORDS OF A PERSON WHOSE CHARGES HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED OR DISMISSED, OR OF A PERSON WHO IS FOUND NOT GUILTY OF A CHARGE, SHALL, WITHOUT FEE OR COMPENSATION, REMOVE THE ARREST AND BOOKING RECORDS WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF A WRITTEN REQUEST, AND TO PROVIDE THE PENALTIES FOR A PERSON OR ENTITY WHO FAILS TO REMOVE THE ARREST AND BOOKING RECORDS.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

Received as information.

**S. 255--REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF *FREE* CONFERENCE
ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION**

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RELATING TO THE DESTRUCTION OF ARREST AND BOOKING RECORDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON OR ENTITY WHO PUBLISHES ON THE PERSON OR ENTITY'S WEBSITE THE ARREST AND BOOKING RECORDS OF A PERSON WHOSE CHARGES HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED OR DISMISSED, OR OF A PERSON WHO IS FOUND NOT GUILTY OF A CHARGE, SHALL, WITHOUT FEE OR COMPENSATION, REMOVE THE ARREST AND BOOKING RECORDS WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF A WRITTEN REQUEST, AND TO PROVIDE THE PENALTIES FOR A PERSON OR ENTITY WHO FAILS TO REMOVE THE ARREST AND BOOKING RECORDS.

The Report of the Committee of *Free* Conference having been adopted by both Houses, ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and the Act enrolled for Ratification.

A message was sent to the House accordingly.

HOUSE CONCURRENCES

S. 914 -- Senator L. Martin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING JANUARY 30, 2016, AS "FRED KOREMATSU DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO RECOGNIZE THE LIFE AND WORK OF FRED KOREMATSU.

Returned with concurrence.

Received as information.

S. 1048 -- Senator Verdin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE PIEDMONT AMERICAN INDIAN ASSOCIATION/LOWER EASTERN CHEROKEE NATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA ON THE OUTSTANDING HONOR OF BEING RECOGNIZED AS A TRIBE BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS.

Returned with concurrence.

Received as information.

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

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HOUSE BILL RETURNED

The following Bill was read the third time and ordered returned to the House with amendments:

H. 3145 -- Reps. Sandifer, Lucas, Thayer, Yow, Long, G.R. Smith, Hixon, Henderson, G.M. Smith, Sottile, Forrester, Felder, Atwater, Toole, Huggins, Pope, Simrill, Bales, Anderson, Gilliard and Hicks: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 15-3-700 SO AS TO PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A PERSON IS IMMUNE FROM CIVIL LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE RESULTING FROM HIS FORCIBLE ENTRY INTO A MOTOR VEHICLE TO REMOVE A CHILD WHO HE REASONABLY BELIEVES IS IN IMMINENT DANGER OF SUFFERING HARM IF NOT REMOVED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS IMMUNITY DOES NOT AFFECT CERTAIN OTHER CIVIL LIABILITY.

**READ THE THIRD TIME
SENT TO THE HOUSE**

The following Bill and Resolutions were read the third time and ordered sent to the House of Representatives:

S. 589 -- Senators Lourie and Leatherman: 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.

S. 1042 -- Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, RELATING TO ALIGNMENT OF ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ELEMENTS WITH THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION

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DOCUMENT NUMBER 4603, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

S. 1044 -- Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, RELATING TO TEST SECURITY, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4606, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

READ THE SECOND TIME

S. 850 -- Senator Hayes: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38-9-180, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO STANDARD VALUATION, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PRESCRIBE NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE CONCERNING VALUING RESERVE LIABILITIES FOR OUTSTANDING INSURANCE POLICIES BASED UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE POLICY OR CONTRACT, TO ALTER THE ACTUARIAL OPINION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES, TO UPDATE REFERENCES TO REQUIRE THAT THE COMMISSIONER'S RESERVE VALUATION METHOD BE USED FOR POLICIES ISSUED AFTER MARCH 23, 1960, AND POLICIES ISSUED AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT, TO PROVIDE A NEW FORMULA TO COMPUTE THE CALENDAR YEAR STATUTORY INTEREST RATE, TO UPDATE REFERENCES TO REFLECT THE COMMISSIONER'S RESERVE VALUATION METHODS, TO PROVIDE THE MINIMUM RESERVE REQUIRED IF THE PREMIUM CHARGED BY A COMPANY IS LESS THAN THE VALUATION NET PREMIUM FOR THE POLICY OR CONTRACT, TO PRESCRIBE THE MINIMUM STANDARD OF VALUATION FOR ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRACTS ISSUED ON OR AFTER THE OPERATIVE DATE OF THE OPERATION MANUAL, TO PRESCRIBE THE OPERATIVE DATE FOR THE VALUATION MANUAL AND WHAT THE VALUATION MANUAL MUST SPECIFY, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR A COMPANY THAT USES A PRINCIPLE-BASED VALUATION, TO DEFINE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND TO PROVIDE PRIVILEGE FOR AND CONFIDENTIALITY OF CONFIDENTIAL

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INFORMATION, AND TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 38-63-510, RELATING TO STANDARD NONFORFEITURE LAW FOR LIFE INSURANCE, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "OPERATIVE DATE OF THE VALUATION MANUAL"; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38-63-600, RELATING TO THE BASIS FOR CALCULATING ADJUSTED PREMIUMS AND PRESENT VALUES OF POLICIES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1989, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSIONERS' STANDARD MORTALITY TABLE SHALL BE USED TO DETERMINE THE MINIMUM NONFORFEITURE STANDARD FOR POLICIES ISSUED ON OR AFTER THE OPERATIVE DATE OF THE VALUATION MANUAL.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

The question being the 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
Campsen	Cleary	Coleman
Corbin	Courson	Cromer
Davis	Fair	Gregory
Grooms	Hayes	Hembree
Hutto	Johnson	Kimpson
Leatherman	<i>Martin, Larry</i>	<i>Martin, Shane</i>
Massey	<i>Matthews, John</i>	<i>Matthews, Margie</i>
Nicholson	Peeler	Rankin
Reese	Sabb	Scott
Setzler	Shealy	Thurmond
Turner	Verdin	Williams
Young		

Total--40

NAYS

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Total--0

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

READ THE SECOND TIME

S. 976 -- Senator Hayes: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38-1-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO INSURANCE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD REFERENCES TO CERTAIN PRODUCERS; TO AMEND SECTION 38-43-50, RELATING TO LIMITED LINE AND SPECIAL PRODUCER LICENSING, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THAT A PRODUCER LICENSED FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE IS NOT REQUIRED TO BECOME APPOINTED BY THE SURPLUS LINES INSURER WHEN PLACING SURPLUS LINES INSURANCE THROUGH A LICENSED BROKER; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38-45-10, RELATING TO INSURANCE BROKERS AND SURPLUS LINES INSURANCE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INSURANCE BROKER'S LICENSE IS NOT REQUIRED OF A PRODUCER LICENSED FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE WHO PLACES SURPLUS LINES INSURANCE THROUGH A LICENSED INSURANCE BROKER AND TO UPDATE REFERENCES.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

The question being the second reading of the Bill.

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

Ayes 35; Nays 0; Abstain 4

AYES

Alexander	Allen	Bennett
Bryant	Campbell	Campsen
Cleary	Corbin	Cromer
Davis	Fair	Gregory
Grooms	Hayes	Hembree
Hutto	Johnson	Kimpson
Leatherman	<i>Martin, Larry</i>	<i>Martin, Shane</i>
Massey	<i>Matthews, John</i>	<i>Matthews, Margie</i>

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Nicholson	Peeler	Rankin
Reese	Sabb	Scott
Setzler	Thurmond	Verdin
Williams	Young	

Total--35

NAYS

Total--0

ABSTAIN

Bright	Courson	Shealy
Turner		

Total--4

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

CARRIED OVER

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

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

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

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

On motion of Senator HUTTO, the Resolution was carried over.

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

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

S. 973 -- Senators Cromer and Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38-7-20 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE

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IMPOSITION OF THE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX, SO AS TO EXTEND THE DATE THAT CERTAIN REVENUE MUST BE SENT TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA FORESTRY COMMISSION TO 2027.

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

LOCAL APPOINTMENT

Confirmation

Having received a favorable report from the Senate, the following appointment was confirmed in open session:

Initial Appointment, Cherokee County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2014, and to expire April 30, 2018

Ben E. Taylor, 1641 West Rutledge Ave., Gaffney, SC 29341 *VICE*
Mike Wayne Clary

Motion Adopted

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

Recorded Vote

Senators THURMOND, SHANE MARTIN and BRIGHT desired to be recorded as voting against the motion to adjourn.

MOTION ADOPTED

On motion of Senator NICHOLSON, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. Maurice "Mo" Aubrey Scott of Greenwood, S.C. Mr. Scott earned a degree in chemical engineering from the University of Florida in 1968. He joined the U.S. Air Force for five years and retired from Monsanto in 1997. Mo enjoyed flying and serving his church and community. He was a member of Rock Presbyterian Church and was a member of many organizations and boards including the United Way, Meals on Wheels and the Rotary Club. Mr. Scott was a loving husband, devoted father and doting grandfather who will be dearly missed.

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MOTION ADOPTED

On motion of Senator McELVEEN, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Mose Morison of Greenville, S.C. Ms. Morison was the mother of Tami McKnew and Mark Wilson, the mother-in-law of Debra Wilson, the grandmother of Bronwyn McElveen and Connor Wilson and the great grandmother of Adelaide McElveen. Ms. Morison was a woman of great faith who enjoyed working with computers and following baseball. After moving to South Carolina in 1989, she gained employment with St. Francis Hospital and the Senior Action Center. She was a faithful parishioner of her beloved church, St. Mary's Catholic Church. Elizabeth was a loving mother, affectionate grandmother and a doting great grandmother who will be dearly remembered and sorely missed by her family.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:43 P.M., on motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, the Senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at 11:00 A.M.

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