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The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk, Jr., as follows:

Our thought for today is from Psalm 112:5: “It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.”

Let us pray. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and all places give thanks and praise to You, almighty and merciful God. You have cared for and led these Representatives and staff to achieve great things for this State. For this, we give You thanks and ask for Your continuing blessings upon this Assembly and the people of this State. Look in favor upon our Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, staff, and all labor in these Halls of Government. Protect our first responders and those who protect us at home and abroad. Heal the wounds, those seen and those hidden, of our men and women who suffer and sacrifice for our freedom. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

Rep. CLYBURN moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Dr. Glover Moore Elijah Hickson III, RPh, which was agreed to.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

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| Alexander | Allison | Anderson |
| Anthony | Arrington | Atkinson |
| Atwater | Bales | Ballentine |
| Bamberg | Bannister | Bedingfield |
| Bennett | Bernstein | Blackwell |
| Bowers | Bradley | Brown |
| Burns | Caskey | Clary |
| Clemmons | Clyburn | Cobb-Hunter |
| Cogswell | Cole | Collins |
| Crawford | Crosby | Daning |
| Davis | Delleney | Dillard |
| Douglas | Duckworth | Elliott |
| Felder | Finlay | Forrest |
| Forrester | Fry | Funderburk |
| Gagnon | Gilliard | Govan |
| Hamilton | Hardee | Hart |
| Hayes | Henderson | Henegan |
| Herbkersman | Hewitt | Hill |
| Hiott | Hixon | Hosey |
| Howard | Huggins | Jefferson |
| Johnson | Jordan | King |
| Knight | Loftis | Kirby |
| Lowe | Lucas | Long |
| Magnuson | Martin | Mack |
| McCravy | McEachern | McCoy |
| Mitchell | D. C. Moss | McKnight |
| Murphy | B. Newton | V. S. Moss |
| Ott | Parks | Norrell |
| Pope | Putnam | Pitts |
| Ridgeway | S. Rivers | Quinn |
| Ryhal | Sandifer | Robinson-Simpson |
| G. M. Smith | G. R. Smith | Simrill |
| Sottile | Spires | J. E. Smith |
| Tallon | Taylor | Stavrinakis |
| Thigpen | Toole | Thayer |
| West | Wheeler | Weeks |
| White | Whitmire | Whipper |
| Willis | Yow | Williams |

**Total Present--114**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. W. NEWTON a leave of absence for the day due to a prior commitment.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. ERICKSON a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the day due to a death in the family.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. M. RIVERS a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. STRINGER a leave of absence for the day.

**STATEMENT FOR THE JOURNAL**

I was out on an excused absence from the Chamber during the votes on the following Bills: H. 3146, 3591, 3719, 3278, 3438, 3349, 3420, 3583, 3619, 3665, 3698 and S. 263. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bills.

Rep. Shannon Erickson

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Rep. Wm. Weston J. Newton

**DOCTOR OF THE DAY**

Announcement was made that Dr. David R. Garr of Mount Pleasant was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

**SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Reps. BALLENTINE and HUGGINS presented to the House the Dutch Fork High School Football Team, coaches and other school officials.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Reps. FELDER, DELLENEY, KING, D. C. MOSS, V. S. MOSS, B. NEWTON, POPE and SIMRILL presented to the House the Nation Ford High School Marching Band, band directors and other school officials.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED**

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co‑sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co‑sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member’s or co‑sponsor’s written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee.”

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3141 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 02/22/17 | WILLIS |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3146 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 02/22/17 | WILLIS |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3278 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 02/22/17 | GILLIARD |

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3439 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 02/22/17 | BROWN, WHIPPER, GILLIARD, MACK, ANDERSON and WEEKS |

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3516 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 02/22/17 | HARDEE and WEEKS |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3530 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 02/22/17 | WILLIS |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3559 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 02/22/17 | GILLIARD |

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3643 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 02/22/17 | DILLARD, BLACKWELL, KIRBY, JOHNSON, HIXON, WILLIAMS, JEFFERSON, KNIGHT, WHITE, HILL, BAMBERG, MCEACHERN, MCCRAVY, THAYER, ELLIOTT, COLE, MAGNUSON and FORREST |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3775 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 02/22/17 | HENEGAN |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3809 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 02/22/17 | CLARY |

**CO-SPONSOR REMOVED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3652 |
| Date: | REMOVE: |
| 02/22/17 | SOTTILE |

**SPEAKER IN CHAIR**

**SENT TO THE SENATE**

The following Bills were taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3591 -- Reps. Govan, J. E. Smith, Allison, Erickson, G. R. Smith, Felder, Douglas, Martin, Ridgeway, Robinson-Simpson, Yow, Williams, Wheeler, Loftis, D. C. Moss, Henegan, Ryhal, Jordan, Fry, Ballentine, Henderson, Crawford, S. Rivers, Herbkersman, W. Newton, Anthony, Lowe, Arrington, Thayer, Duckworth, Putnam, Gagnon, White, Simrill, McCoy, Stavrinakis, Elliott, Daning, Crosby, Sottile, Cogswell, Neal, McKnight, Hart, McEachern, West, Bamberg, Anderson, Hayes, Norrell, Cobb-Hunter, Davis, B. Newton, Ott, Hosey, Knight, Jefferson, Brown and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-152-32, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO BENCHMARKS AND OBJECTIVES REQUIRED AS PART OF THE FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS COMPREHENSIVE LONG-RANGE INITIATIVE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE BENCHMARKS AND OBJECTIVES MUST BE APPROVED BY THE FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND POSTED ON THE INTERNET WEBSITE OF THE STATE OFFICE OF FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-152-33, RELATING TO THE FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS ASSESSMENT, SO AS TO IMPOSE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTING AND USE OF THE RESULTS OF THE ASSESSMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 59-152-50, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO MISCELLANEOUS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-152-70, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO FIRST STEP PARTNERSHIP BOARDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE OFFICE OF FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS ANNUALLY SHALL PUBLISH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANS OF THESE BOARDS ON THE INTERNET WEBSITE OF THE OFFICE, TO LIMIT THE PERIOD OF TIME IN WHICH LOCAL OFFICES MAY INCREASE THEIR ESTABLISHED OVERHEAD COST RATES, AND TO PROVIDE LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS THAT ARE NOT PART OF MULTICOUNTY PARTNERSHIPS AND EXCEED THEIR OVERHEAD COST RATES ARE INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE STATE FUNDS; TO AMEND SECTION 63-11-1710, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BOARD ANNUALLY TO PROVIDE ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS REQUIRED OF STATE AGENCIES; TO AMEND SECTION 63-11-1720, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE STATE OFFICE OF FIRST STEPS STUDY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO DELETE PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE COMMITTEE AND TO PROVIDE FOR LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF THE STATE OFFICE OF FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS IF THE OFFICE IS NOT REVIEWED BY THE HOUSE AND SENATE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES WITHIN A PROSCRIBED TIME PERIOD; TO AMEND SECTION 63-11-1740, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE OFFICE OF FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BOARD TO SUBMIT JUSTIFICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE SALARY OF ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO THE AGENCY HEAD SALARY COMMISSION; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 63-11-1735 RELATING TO THE BABYNET INTERAGENCY EARLY INTERVENTION SYSTEM.

H. 3349 -- Reps. Erickson and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 15, CHAPTER 33, TITLE 40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE PROVISIONS OF THE COMPACT TO REFLECT CHANGES MANDATED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMPACT.

H. 3438 -- Reps. Henderson, G. M. Smith, Sandifer, Hiott, Loftis and Robinson-Simpson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 39-24-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE DRUG PRODUCT SELECTION ACT, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF "SUBSTITUTE" TO INCLUDE INTERCHANGEABLE BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS; TO AMEND SECTION 39-24-30, RELATING TO THE SUBSTITUTION OF EQUIVALENT DRUGS, SO AS TO ALLOW A PHARMACIST TO SUBSTITUTE AN INTERCHANGEABLE BIOLOGICAL PRODUCT FOR A SPECIFIC BIOLOGICAL PRODUCT; TO AMEND SECTION 39-24-40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE SUBSTITUTION OF PRESCRIPTIONS BY PHARMACISTS, SO AS TO ALLOW PHARMACISTS TO SUBSTITUTE INTERCHANGEABLE BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS WHEN APPROPRIATE; TO AMEND SECTION 40-43-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR "BIOLOGICAL PRODUCT" AND "INTERCHANGEABLE"; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-43-86, RELATING IN PART TO LABEL REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESCRIPTIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE INTERCHANGEABLE BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS AND LIMIT USE OF INTERCHANGEABLE BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS NOT APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, TO REQUIRE PHARMACIES TO KEEP RECORDS OF DISPENSED BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS, TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY TO HAVE A DATABASE OF ALL APPROVED BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

H. 3583 -- Rep. Norrell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-104-20, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, SO AS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR THE AWARD MAY ELECT TO DEFER ENROLLMENT IN AN ELIGIBLE FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION FOR TWO ACADEMIC YEARS AFTER GRADUATION, WITHOUT DECLINING THE AWARD; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, REGARDLESS OF ITS EFFECTIVE DATE, MUST BE CONSTRUED TO APPLY TO STUDENTS WHO GRADUATE IN THE SPRING OF 2017.

H. 3665 -- Reps. Hixon, Kirby, Hewitt, Atkinson, Sottile, Cogswell, Yow, Wheeler and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-5-1710, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO SIZE LIMITS FOR CERTAIN FISH THAT MAY BE LAWFULLY TAKEN, POSSESSED, LANDED, SOLD, OR PURCHASED, SO AS TO INCREASE THE SIZE LIMIT FOR FLOUNDER THAT MAY BE LAWFULLY TAKEN, POSSESSED, LANDED, SOLD, OR PURCHASED.

H. 3698 -- Reps. V. S. Moss, Duckworth, Forrest, Hiott and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-1-50, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES FOR CERTAIN BODIES OF WATER, SO AS TO PROVIDE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES FOR THE PORTION OF THE INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY LOCATED IN HORRY COUNTY AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTION 50-5-1556, RELATING TO LOCATIONS WHERE STRIPED BASS MAY BE TAKEN, SO AS TO REVISE THE PERIODS OF TIME WHEN STRIPED BASS MAY BE TAKEN IN VARIOUS BODIES OF WATER; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50-13-230, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE TAKING OF STRIPED BASS WITHIN VARIOUS BODIES OF WATER, SO AS TO REVISE THE PERIOD OF TIME WHEN STRIPED BASS MAY BE TAKEN WITHIN VARIOUS BODIES OF WATER, TO PROVIDE FOR LIMITS FOR THE TAKING OF STRIPED BASS WITHIN VARIOUS BODIES OF WATER, TO PROVIDE FOR THE TAKING OF STRIPED BASS IN THE SANTEE RIVER, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT REQUIRES THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE STRIPED BASS FISHERY ON THE SANTEE AND COOPER RIVER SYSTEMS.

H. 3619 -- Reps. Atwater and Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 47-1-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN REGARD TO CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "COMPANION ANIMAL"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 47-1-45 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE TATTOOING OR PIERCING OF A COMPANION ANIMAL EXCEPT FOR SPECIFIED REASONS AND, WHEN AUTHORIZED, PERFORMED BY SPECIFIED PERSONS, AND TO PROVIDE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION WHICH IS A MISDEMEANOR.

**H. 3278--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3278 -- Reps. Rutherford, Clyburn and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-980 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL DETENTION FACILITY SHALL NOT PROHIBIT AN IN-PERSON MEETING BETWEEN AN INMATE AND HIS ATTORNEY.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3278 (COUNCIL\CM\3278C001.GT.CM17), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by deleting SECTION 1 and inserting:

\ SECTION 1. Article 9, Chapter 3, Title 24 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 24‑3‑980. A state, county, or municipal detention facility shall not prohibit an in‑person meeting between an inmate and his attorney provided, however, the meeting may not jeopardize the security of the detention facility or prohibit the normal operations of the detention facility.” \

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. RUTHERFORD explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. RUTHERFORD proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3278 (COUNCIL\CM\3278C002.GT.CM17), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all of SECTION 1 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND INSERTING:

\ SECTION 1. Article 9, Chapter 3, Title 24 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 24‑3‑980. A state, county, or municipal detention facility shall not prohibit an in‑person meeting between an inmate and an attorney provided, however, the meeting may not jeopardize the security of the detention facility or prohibit the normal operations of the detention facility.” \

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. RUTHERFORD explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. RUTHERFORD proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 3278 (COUNCIL\AHB\3278C001.BH.AHB17), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

/ SECTION 1. Article 9, Chapter 3, Title 24 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 24‑3‑980. (A) An inmate in a state, county, or municipal detention facility shall not be prohibited access to legal counsel when requested, provided such access does not jeopardize the security of the detention facility or prohibit the normal operations of the detention facility. In the event an in‑person meeting is requested between an inmate and legal counsel, the state, county, or municipal detention facility shall make a reasonable effort to accommodate the request, provided the meeting does not jeopardize the security of the detention facility or prohibit the normal operations of the detention facility.

(B) For the purposes of this section, an ‘in‑person meeting’ is a meeting that occurs when an inmate and legal counsel have been placed in the same room or general area with no continuous partition. The state, county, or municipal detention facility may provide general visual observation of the area in which the in‑person meeting occurs, but shall not provide audio or video supervision of the area so as to uphold the privileged nature of the inmate’s communications with legal counsel.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. RUTHERFORD explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. WEEKS explained the Bill.

The question then recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Allison | Anderson | Anthony |
| Arrington | Atkinson | Atwater |
| Bales | Ballentine | Bamberg |
| Bannister | Bedingfield | Bennett |
| Bernstein | Blackwell | Bowers |
| Bradley | Brown | Burns |
| Caskey | Clary | Clemmons |
| Clyburn | Cobb-Hunter | Cogswell |
| Cole | Collins | Crawford |
| Crosby | Daning | Davis |
| Delleney | Dillard | Douglas |
| Duckworth | Elliott | Finlay |
| Forrest | Forrester | Fry |
| Funderburk | Gagnon | Gilliard |
| Govan | Hamilton | Hardee |
| Hart | Hayes | Henderson |
| Henegan | Herbkersman | Hewitt |
| Hill | Hiott | Hixon |
| Hosey | Howard | Huggins |
| Jefferson | Johnson | Jordan |
| Kirby | Knight | Loftis |
| Long | Lowe | Lucas |
| Mack | Magnuson | Martin |
| McCoy | McCravy | McEachern |
| McKnight | Mitchell | D. C. Moss |
| V. S. Moss | Murphy | Norrell |
| Ott | Parks | Pitts |
| Pope | Putnam | S. Rivers |
| Robinson-Simpson | Rutherford | Ryhal |
| Simrill | G. M. Smith | G. R. Smith |
| J. E. Smith | Sottile | Spires |
| Tallon | Taylor | Thayer |
| Thigpen | Weeks | Wheeler |
| Whipper | White | Whitmire |
| Williams | Willis | Yow |

**Total--105**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

**RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR**

Rep. CASKEY moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

**H. 3508--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 3508 -- Reps. Allison, Henegan, Brown and Whipper: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE OPENING DATE FOR STUDENTS TO ATTEND PUBLIC SCHOOLS DURING THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR MAY BE AS EARLY AS THURSDAY, AUGUST SEVENTEENTH, AT THE ELECTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Rep. ALLISON moved to adjourn debate on the Joint Resolution, which was agreed to.

**H. 3719--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3719 -- Reps. Burns, Hiott, Hixon, Chumley, Bannister and G. R. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 48-35-50, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE STATE FORESTER'S AUTHORITY TO DIRECT THAT CERTAIN FIRES NOT BE STARTED, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN EXTREME CONDITIONS EXIST, THE STATE FORESTER MAY PROHIBIT ALL OPEN BURNING EXCEPT FIRES USED FOR NONRECREATIONAL PURPOSES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 48-35-60, RELATING TO PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE STARTING OF UNLAWFUL FIRES, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTIES.

Reps. WILLIAMS, J. E. SMITH, GILLIARD, JEFFERSON, OTT, MACK, ROBINSON-SIMPSON and COBB-HUNTER requested debate on the Bill.

**H. 3802--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3802 -- Reps. Hayes and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-7-410, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN MARLBORO COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THE NAMES OF THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND AND MAINTAINED BY THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 73; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Allison | Anthony | Arrington |
| Atkinson | Bannister | Bennett |
| Bernstein | Blackwell | Bowers |
| Bradley | Brown | Clary |
| Cogswell | Cole | Collins |
| Crawford | Crosby | Daning |
| Davis | Delleney | Dillard |
| Douglas | Duckworth | Elliott |
| Finlay | Forrest | Forrester |
| Fry | Funderburk | Gagnon |
| Hart | Hayes | Henderson |
| Henegan | Herbkersman | Hewitt |
| Hosey | Jefferson | Johnson |
| Jordan | Kirby | Knight |
| Loftis | Lucas | Magnuson |
| Martin | McCoy | McCravy |
| McEachern | McKnight | D. C. Moss |
| Murphy | B. Newton | Ott |
| Pitts | Pope | Putnam |
| Ridgeway | Robinson-Simpson | Ryhal |
| Sandifer | Simrill | G. M. Smith |
| J. E. Smith | Sottile | Tallon |
| Taylor | Thayer | Weeks |
| West | Wheeler | White |
| Whitmire |  |  |

**Total--73**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

**H. 3803--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3803 -- Rep. Hayes: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-7-220, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN DILLON COUNTY, SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THE NAMES OF THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND AND MAINTAINED BY THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 88; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Alexander | Allison | Anderson |
| Anthony | Arrington | Atwater |
| Bales | Bannister | Bernstein |
| Bowers | Bradley | Brown |
| Burns | Caskey | Clary |
| Clemmons | Clyburn | Cogswell |
| Cole | Collins | Crawford |
| Crosby | Daning | Davis |
| Delleney | Dillard | Douglas |
| Duckworth | Felder | Finlay |
| Forrest | Forrester | Fry |
| Gagnon | Hamilton | Hardee |
| Hart | Hayes | Henderson |
| Henegan | Herbkersman | Hewitt |
| Hixon | Hosey | Jefferson |
| Johnson | Jordan | Kirby |
| Knight | Loftis | Long |
| Lowe | Lucas | Magnuson |
| Martin | McCoy | McCravy |
| McEachern | McKnight | D. C. Moss |
| Murphy | B. Newton | Norrell |
| Parks | Pitts | Pope |
| Putnam | Ridgeway | S. Rivers |
| Robinson-Simpson | Ryhal | Sandifer |
| Simrill | G. M. Smith | J. E. Smith |
| Sottile | Spires | Tallon |
| Taylor | Thayer | Thigpen |
| Weeks | West | Wheeler |
| White | Whitmire | Williams |
| Willis |  |  |

**Total--88**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

**S. 338--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

S. 338 -- Senators Hembree, Courson, J. Matthews, Setzler and Fanning: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE OPENING DATE FOR STUDENTS TO ATTEND PUBLIC SCHOOLS DURING THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR MAY BE AS EARLY AS THURSDAY, AUGUST SEVENTEENTH, IN THE DISCRETION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Rep. ALLISON explained the Joint Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 85; Nays 14

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Alexander | Allison | Anderson |
| Anthony | Arrington | Atwater |
| Bales | Ballentine | Bannister |
| Bedingfield | Bennett | Bernstein |
| Blackwell | Bowers | Bradley |
| Brown | Burns | Clary |
| Clyburn | Cobb-Hunter | Cogswell |
| Cole | Collins | Crosby |
| Daning | Davis | Delleney |
| Douglas | Duckworth | Elliott |
| Felder | Forrest | Forrester |
| Funderburk | Gilliard | Govan |
| Hamilton | Hardee | Hart |
| Henderson | Henegan | Herbkersman |
| Hill | Hixon | Hosey |
| Howard | Huggins | Jefferson |
| Johnson | Knight | Long |
| Lucas | Mack | Magnuson |
| Martin | McCravy | McEachern |
| McKnight | Mitchell | Murphy |
| B. Newton | Norrell | Parks |
| Pope | Putnam | Ridgeway |
| S. Rivers | Rutherford | Sandifer |
| Simrill | G. M. Smith | J. E. Smith |
| Sottile | Spires | Tallon |
| Taylor | Thayer | Thigpen |
| Toole | Weeks | Wheeler |
| Whipper | Whitmire | Williams |
| Willis |  |  |

**Total--85**

Those who voted in the negative are:

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| Clemmons | Crawford | Fry |
| Gagnon | Hayes | Hewitt |
| Jordan | Loftis | Lowe |
| D. C. Moss | Pitts | West |
| White | Yow |  |

**Total--14**

So, the Joint Resolution was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

**S. 263--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 263 -- Senators Peeler, Malloy, Alexander, Grooms, Campbell, Turner, Corbin, Gambrell, Martin and Rice: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 140 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL ISSUE "CLEMSON UNIVERSITY 2016 FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONS" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

Reps. HAYES and CLEMMONS proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 263 (COUNCIL\CM\263C001.GT.CM17), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION:

\ SECTION \_\_\_\_. Chapter 3, Title 56 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Article 141

‘Coastal Carolina University 2016 College World Series Champions’ Special License Plates

Section 56‑3‑14110. (A) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall issue ‘Coastal Carolina University 2016 College World Series Champions’ special license plates to owners of private passenger motor vehicles, as defined in Section 56‑3‑630, or motorcycles, as defined in Section 56‑3‑20, registered in their names.

(B) Coastal Carolina University may submit to the department for its approval the emblem, seal, or other symbol it desires to be used for its respective special license plate.

(C) The requirements for production, collection, and distribution of fees for the plate are those set forth in Section 56‑3‑8100. The biennial fee for this plate is the regular registration fee set forth in Article 5, Chapter 3 of this title plus an additional fee of seventy dollars. Any portion of the additional seventy‑dollar fee not set aside to defray costs of production and distribution must be distributed to the fund established for Coastal Carolina University pursuant to Section 56‑3‑3710(B), and used for the purposes provided in that section.

(D) License number ‘1’ for the ‘Coastal Carolina University 2016 College World Series Champions’ license plate is reserved for the Coastal Carolina University Head Baseball Coach.” \

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HAYES explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question then recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 99; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Alexander | Allison | Anderson |
| Anthony | Arrington | Bales |
| Bannister | Bedingfield | Bennett |
| Bernstein | Blackwell | Bowers |
| Bradley | Brown | Burns |
| Clary | Clemmons | Clyburn |
| Cobb-Hunter | Cogswell | Cole |
| Collins | Crosby | Daning |
| Davis | Delleney | Dillard |
| Douglas | Duckworth | Elliott |
| Felder | Finlay | Forrest |
| Forrester | Fry | Funderburk |
| Gagnon | Gilliard | Govan |
| Hardee | Hart | Hayes |
| Henderson | Henegan | Herbkersman |
| Hewitt | Hill | Hixon |
| Hosey | Howard | Huggins |
| Jefferson | Johnson | Jordan |
| Kirby | Knight | Loftis |
| Long | Lowe | Lucas |
| Mack | Magnuson | Martin |
| McCoy | McCravy | McEachern |
| McKnight | Mitchell | D. C. Moss |
| Murphy | B. Newton | Norrell |
| Parks | Pitts | Pope |
| Ridgeway | S. Rivers | Robinson-Simpson |
| Sandifer | Simrill | G. M. Smith |
| G. R. Smith | J. E. Smith | Sottile |
| Spires | Tallon | Taylor |
| Thayer | Thigpen | Toole |
| Weeks | West | Wheeler |
| Whipper | White | Whitmire |
| Williams | Willis | Yow |

**Total--99**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

**H. 3726--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3726 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Cobb-Hunter, Anthony, Whitmire, Stringer, Bradley, Lucas and White: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 9-1-1085, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION RATES, SO AS TO CHANGE FUTURE EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION RATES AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE UNFUNDED LIABILITIES OF THE SYSTEM MUST BE ON A CERTAIN AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE; TO AMEND SECTION 9-11-225, RELATING TO THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION RATES, SO AS TO CHANGE FUTURE EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION RATES AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE UNFUNDED LIABILITIES OF THE SYSTEM MUST BE ON A CERTAIN AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE; TO AMEND SECTION 9-16-335, RELATING TO THE ASSUMED RATE OF RETURN, SO AS TO CHANGE THE ASSUMED RATE OF RETURN TO SEVEN AND ONE QUARTER PERCENT AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE ASSUMED RATE OF RETURN EXPIRES EVERY FOUR YEARS; TO AMEND SECTION 9-4-10, RELATING TO THE TERM OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY (PEBA), SO AS TO CHANGE THE TERM FROM TWO TO FIVE YEARS AND TO REQUIRE THE BOARD TO EMPLOY AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; TO AMEND SECTION 9-4-40, RELATING TO THE AUDIT OF PEBA, SO AS TO REQUIRE PEBA TO BE AUDITED EVERY FOUR YEARS; TO AMEND SECTION 9-16-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO RETIREMENT SYSTEM FUNDS "FIDUCIARY" DEFINITION, SO AS TO ADD THE COMMISSION'S "CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER" TO THE DEFINITION; TO AMEND SECTION 9-16-90, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CERTAIN INVESTMENT REPORTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN REPORTS MUST CONTAIN A SCHEDULE OF NET MANAGER FEES AND EXPENSES; TO AMEND SECTION 9-16-315, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM INVESTMENT COMMISSION, SO AS TO CHANGE CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, TO ADD QUALIFICATIONS, AND TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO EMPLOY AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; TO AMEND SECTION 9-16-330, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CERTAIN STATEMENTS OF ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN DELEGATIONS TO THE CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER, AND TO REQUIRE THE INVESTMENT PLAN TO INCLUDE THE FINAL AUTHORITY TO INVEST MADE BY THE COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 9-16-380, RELATING TO THE AUDIT OF THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM INVESTMENT COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM INVESTMENT COMMISSION BE AUDITED EVERY FOUR YEARS; BY ADDING SECTION 9-16-100 SO AS TO PLACE CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYISTS AND TO PROHIBIT THE COMMISSION FROM MAKING CERTAIN INVESTMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 9-1-1310, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO CHANGE A TRUSTEE FROM THE STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY TO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM INVESTMENT COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 9-1-1320, RELATING TO THE CUSTODY OF THE ASSETS OF THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO CHANGE THE CUSTODIAN OF THE ASSETS FROM THE STATE TREASURER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PEBA; TO AMEND SECTION 1-3-240, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ADD THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT INVESTMENT COMMISSION MEMBERS AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC BENEFIT AUTHORITY MEMBERS; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 9-4-45, 9-8-170, 9-9-160, 9-10-80, AND 9-11-250 RELATING TO POLICY DETERMINATIONS AND THE CUSTODY OF FUNDS FOR THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES AND SOLICITORS, THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE NATIONAL GUARD RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Reps. WHITE, HERBKERSMAN, COBB-HUNTER, WEEKS, J. E. SMITH, MACK, G. R. SMITH, LOFTIS, DILLARD, ROBINSON-SIMPSON, ALLISON, WHITMIRE, BLACKWELL, MITCHELL, NORRELL, FUNDERBURK, DOUGLAS, HART, HILL, FRY and KNIGHT requested debate on the Bill.

**RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR**

Rep. HIXON moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

**H. 3508--RECOMMITTED**

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 3508 -- Reps. Allison, Henegan, Brown and Whipper: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE OPENING DATE FOR STUDENTS TO ATTEND PUBLIC SCHOOLS DURING THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR MAY BE AS EARLY AS THURSDAY, AUGUST SEVENTEENTH, AT THE ELECTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Rep. ALLISON moved to recommit the Joint Resolution to the Committee on Education and Public Works, which was agreed to.

**H. 3696--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE**

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3696 -- Reps. V. S. Moss, Yow, Hiott, Kirby, Ott, Atkinson, Hewitt, Burns, Chumley, Long, Duckworth and Hixon: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO TAKE CERTAIN MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT SCIENCE-BASED DATA IS USED TO ASSESS IMPACTS ON AND THE REGULATION OF MODERN AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGIES TO INCLUDE, BUT TO NOT BE LIMITED TO, CROP PROTECTION CHEMISTRIES, GENETICALLY ENGINEERED OR ENHANCED TRAITS, AND NUTRIENTS, AND OPPOSE LEGISLATION OR REGULATORY ACTION THAT MAY RESULT IN UNNECESSARY

RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF CERTAIN MODERN AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGIES.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

**RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR**

Rep. HERBKERSMAN moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

**H. 3401--AMENDED AND DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3401 -- Rep. Clemmons: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND URGE THEM TO PROPOSE THE REGULATION FREEDOM AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

Reps. YOW and ELLIOTT proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3401 (COUNCIL\CZ\3401C001.NBD.CZ17), which was adopted:

Amend the concurrent resolution, as and if amended, by striking it in its entirety and inserting:

/ TO MEMORIALIZE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND URGE THEM TO PROPOSE THE REGULATION FREEDOM AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

Whereas, the growth and abuse of federal regulatory authority threatens our Constitutional liberties, including those guaranteed by the Bill of Rights in the First, Second, Fourth and Fifth Amendments of our Constitution; and

Whereas, federal regulators must be held accountable to elected representatives of the people, and not immune from such accountability; and

Whereas, the United States House of Representatives has passed the REINS Act with bipartisan support to require Congressional approval on all major new federal regulations before they can take effect; and

Whereas, even if the REINS act passes the United States Senate, a law may be repealed or waived by a future Congress and President; and

Whereas, an amendment to the United States Constitution does not require Presidential approval and cannot be waived by a future Congress and President; and

Whereas, Congress could increase regulatory transparency by adopting an amendment that reads: "Whenever one quarter of the members of the United States House of Representatives or the United States Senate transmits to the President their written declaration of opposition to a proposed federal regulation, it shall require a majority vote of the House of Representatives and the Senate to adopt that regulation." Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly, by this resolution, memorialize the United States Congress and urge them to propose the Regulation Freedom amendment to the United States Constitution.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and each member of the South Carolina Congressional delegation. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ELLIOTT explained the amendment.

Rep. CLEMMONS spoke in favor of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. CLEMMONS explained the Concurrent Resolution.

Rep. OTT moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution.

Rep. CLEMMONS moved to table the motion.

Rep. CLEMMONS demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 59; Nays 42

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Allison | Arrington | Atwater |
| Bedingfield | Bennett | Blackwell |
| Bradley | Burns | Clemmons |
| Cogswell | Cole | Crawford |
| Crosby | Daning | Davis |
| Delleney | Duckworth | Elliott |
| Finlay | Forrester | Fry |
| Gagnon | Hardee | Henderson |
| Herbkersman | Hewitt | Hill |
| Hiott | Howard | Huggins |
| Johnson | Jordan | Loftis |
| Long | Lowe | Lucas |
| Magnuson | Martin | McCoy |
| D. C. Moss | V. S. Moss | Murphy |
| B. Newton | Pitts | Pope |
| Quinn | S. Rivers | Ryhal |
| Sandifer | Simrill | G. R. Smith |
| Sottile | Tallon | Taylor |
| Thayer | West | Whitmire |
| Willis | Yow |  |

**Total--59**

Those who voted in the negative are:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Alexander | Anderson | Anthony |
| Atkinson | Ballentine | Bamberg |
| Bernstein | Bowers | Brown |
| Caskey | Clary | Clyburn |
| Cobb-Hunter | Collins | Dillard |
| Douglas | Forrest | Funderburk |
| Gilliard | Govan | Hart |
| Hayes | Henegan | Hosey |
| Jefferson | Kirby | Knight |
| Mack | McCravy | McKnight |
| Mitchell | Norrell | Ott |
| Ridgeway | Robinson-Simpson | Rutherford |
| J. E. Smith | Stavrinakis | Thigpen |
| Weeks | Wheeler | Williams |

**Total--42**

So, the motion to adjourn debate was tabled.

Rep. WEEKS moved to recommit the Concurrent Resolution to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

Rep. CLEMMONS moved to table the motion.

Rep. WEEKS demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 60; Nays 43

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Allison | Arrington | Atwater |
| Ballentine | Bannister | Bedingfield |
| Bennett | Blackwell | Bradley |
| Burns | Clemmons | Cogswell |
| Cole | Collins | Crawford |
| Crosby | Daning | Delleney |
| Duckworth | Elliott | Felder |
| Forrester | Fry | Gagnon |
| Hardee | Hewitt | Hill |
| Hiott | Huggins | Johnson |
| Jordan | Loftis | Long |
| Lowe | Magnuson | Martin |
| McCoy | McCravy | D. C. Moss |
| V. S. Moss | Murphy | B. Newton |
| Pitts | Pope | Quinn |
| Ryhal | Sandifer | Simrill |
| G. M. Smith | G. R. Smith | Sottile |
| Spires | Tallon | Taylor |
| Thayer | Toole | West |
| Whitmire | Willis | Yow |

**Total--60**

Those who voted in the negative are:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Alexander | Anderson | Anthony |
| Atkinson | Bales | Bamberg |
| Bernstein | Bowers | Brown |
| Caskey | Clary | Clyburn |
| Cobb-Hunter | Dillard | Douglas |
| Forrest | Funderburk | Gilliard |
| Govan | Hart | Hayes |
| Henegan | Hosey | Howard |
| Jefferson | Kirby | Knight |
| Mack | McEachern | McKnight |
| Mitchell | Norrell | Ott |
| Ridgeway | Robinson-Simpson | Rutherford |
| J. E. Smith | Stavrinakis | Thigpen |
| Weeks | Wheeler | Whipper |
| Williams |  |  |

**Total--43**

So, the motion to recommit the Concurrent Resolution was tabled.

Rep. CLEMMONS moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution until Thursday, February 23, which was agreed to.

**H. 3621--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3621 -- Rep. Gagnon: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 187 AND SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 29 IN ANDERSON COUNTY "PAUL ROBISON EARLE MEMORIAL INTERSECTION", AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS INTERSECTION CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

Rep. GAGNON moved to adjourn debate on the Resolution until Thursday, February 23, which was agreed to.

**MOTION PERIOD**

The motion period was dispensed with on motion of Rep. D. C. MOSS.

**H. 3036--RECOMMITTED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3036 -- Reps. Delleney, G. R. Smith, Collins, Elliott, Long, Magnuson, B. Newton, Pitts, G. M. Smith, Fry, Taylor, Martin, W. Newton, Loftis, Burns, Hixon and Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-3-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT BY THE GOVERNOR, BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE TERM, QUALIFICATIONS, AND FILLING OF A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 59-3-20 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.

Rep. MCCOY moved to recommit the Bill to the Committee on Judiciary, which was agreed to.

**H. 3146--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 3146 -- Reps. Delleney, G. R. Smith, B. Newton, Pitts, G. M. Smith, Daning, Taylor, Martin, W. Newton, Elliott, Loftis, Burns, Hixon, Erickson and Willis: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, SO AS TO DELETE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION FROM THE LIST OF STATE OFFICERS WHICH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES TO BE ELECTED AND PROVIDE THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, TO SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2023, OR UPON A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION AFTER THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS AMENDMENT, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PROVIDE BY LAW FOR THE DUTIES, COMPENSATION, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE OFFICE.

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

SECTION 1. It is proposed that Section 7, Article VI of the Constitution of this State, as last amended by Act 1 of 2015, is further amended by adding the following new paragraph at the end:

“Beginning in January 2023, or upon a vacancy in the office of Superintendent of Education after the date of the ratification of the provisions of this paragraph, whichever occurs first, the Superintendent of Education must be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. The appointed Superintendent of Education shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The General Assembly shall provide by law for the duties, compensation, and qualifications for the office.”

SECTION 2. The proposed amendment in Section 1 must be submitted to the qualified electors at the next general election for representatives. Ballots must be provided at the various voting precincts with the following words printed or written on the ballot:

“Must Section 7, Article VI of the Constitution of this State, relating to state constitutional officers, be amended so as to provide that beginning in January 2023, or upon a vacancy in the office of Superintendent of Education after the date of the ratification of the provisions of this paragraph, whichever occurs first, the Superintendent of Education must be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate; to provide that the appointed Superintendent of Education shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor; and to require the General Assembly to provide by law for the duties, compensation, and qualifications for the office?

Yes 

No 

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

Rep. MCCOY explained the Joint Resolution.

Rep. NORRELL spoke against the Joint Resolution.

Rep. GOVAN spoke against the Joint Resolution.

Rep. OTT proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3146 (COUNCIL\WAB\3146C001.AGM.WAB17), which was tabled:

Amend the joint resolution, as and if amended, by deleting SECTION 2 in its entirety and inserting:

/ SECTION 2. The proposed amendment in Section 1 must be submitted to the qualified electors at the next general election for representatives. Ballots must be provided at the various voting precincts with the following words printed or written on the ballot:

“Must Section 7, Article VI of the Constitution of this State, relating to state constitutional officers, be amended so as to provide that beginning in January 2023, the State Superintendent of education shall no longer be elected by the qualified electors of this State, and in subsequent elections, or upon a vacancy in the office of Superintendent of Education after the date of the ratification of the provisions of this paragraph, whichever occurs first, the Superintendent of Education must be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate; to provide that the appointed Superintendent of Education shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor; and to require the General Assembly to provide by law for the duties, compensation, and qualifications for the office?

Yes 

No 

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

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. OTT explained the amendment.

Rep. DELLENEY moved to table the amendment.

Rep. OTT demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 67; Nays 38

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Allison | Arrington | Atwater |
| Bales | Ballentine | Bedingfield |
| Bennett | Blackwell | Bradley |
| Burns | Caskey | Clary |
| Clemmons | Cogswell | Cole |
| Collins | Crosby | Daning |
| Davis | Delleney | Duckworth |
| Elliott | Felder | Finlay |
| Forrester | Fry | Hamilton |
| Henderson | Herbkersman | Hewitt |
| Hill | Hiott | Hixon |
| Huggins | Johnson | Jordan |
| Loftis | Long | Lowe |
| Lucas | Magnuson | Martin |
| McCoy | McCravy | D. C. Moss |
| V. S. Moss | Murphy | B. Newton |
| Pitts | Pope | Putnam |
| Quinn | S. Rivers | Ryhal |
| Sandifer | Simrill | G. M. Smith |
| G. R. Smith | Sottile | Spires |
| Tallon | Taylor | Thayer |
| Toole | Whitmire | Willis |
| Yow |  |  |

**Total--67**

Those who voted in the negative are:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Alexander | Anderson | Atkinson |
| Bamberg | Bernstein | Brown |
| Clyburn | Cobb-Hunter | Dillard |
| Forrest | Funderburk | Gilliard |
| Govan | Hart | Hayes |
| Henegan | Hosey | Howard |
| Jefferson | King | Kirby |
| Knight | Mack | McEachern |
| Mitchell | Norrell | Ott |
| Parks | Ridgeway | Robinson-Simpson |
| Rutherford | J. E. Smith | Stavrinakis |
| Thigpen | Weeks | Wheeler |
| Whipper | Williams |  |

**Total--38**

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. HOWARD spoke upon the Joint Resolution.

The question then recurred to the passage of the Joint Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 87; Nays 24

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Alexander | Allison | Anthony |
| Arrington | Atkinson | Atwater |
| Bales | Ballentine | Bannister |
| Bedingfield | Bennett | Bernstein |
| Blackwell | Bradley | Burns |
| Caskey | Clary | Clemmons |
| Cobb-Hunter | Cogswell | Cole |
| Collins | Crawford | Crosby |
| Daning | Davis | Delleney |
| Duckworth | Elliott | Felder |
| Finlay | Forrest | Forrester |
| Fry | Funderburk | Hamilton |
| Hayes | Henderson | Herbkersman |
| Hewitt | Hill | Hiott |
| Hixon | Howard | Huggins |
| Johnson | Jordan | Kirby |
| Loftis | Long | Lowe |
| Lucas | Magnuson | Martin |
| McCoy | McCravy | Mitchell |
| D. C. Moss | V. S. Moss | Murphy |
| B. Newton | Pitts | Pope |
| Putnam | Quinn | S. Rivers |
| Robinson-Simpson | Ryhal | Sandifer |
| Simrill | G. M. Smith | G. R. Smith |
| J. E. Smith | Sottile | Spires |
| Stavrinakis | Tallon | Taylor |
| Thayer | Toole | West |
| Wheeler | White | Whitmire |
| Williams | Willis | Yow |

**Total--87**

Those who voted in the negative are:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Anderson | Bamberg | Brown |
| Clyburn | Dillard | Gagnon |
| Gilliard | Govan | Hart |
| Henegan | Hosey | Jefferson |
| King | Knight | Mack |
| McEachern | Norrell | Ott |
| Parks | Ridgeway | Rutherford |
| Thigpen | Weeks | Whipper |

**Total--24**

So, the Joint Resolution, having received the necessary two-thirds vote, was passed and ordered to third reading.

**RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR**

Rep. POPE moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3811 -- Reps. Bowers, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Arrington, Atkinson, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bennett, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brown, Burns, Caskey, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cogswell, Cole, Collins, Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Davis, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Duckworth, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrest, Forrester, Fry, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gilliard, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Jordan, King, Kirby, Knight, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mack, Magnuson, Martin, McCoy, McCravy, McEachern, McKnight, Mitchell, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, B. Newton, W. Newton, Norrell, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, M. Rivers, S. Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, J. E. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Toole, Weeks, West, Wheeler, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR RIDGELAND BAPTIST CHURCH AND TO CELEBRATE WITH THE STAFF AND MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH THEIR ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE YEAR HISTORY AS A CONGREGATION FAITHFULLY SERVING GOD AND THEIR COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3812 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Arrington, Atkinson, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bennett, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bowers, Bradley, Brown, Burns, Caskey, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cogswell, Cole, Collins, Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Davis, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Duckworth, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrest, Forrester, Fry, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gilliard, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Jordan, King, Kirby, Knight, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mack, Magnuson, Martin, McCoy, McCravy, McEachern, McKnight, Mitchell, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, B. Newton, W. Newton, Norrell, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, M. Rivers, S. Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, J. E. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Toole, Weeks, West, Wheeler, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017, AS "ETIQUETTE DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA" AND TO COMMEND THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH PROGRAM AND ITS PARTICIPANTS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROGRESS IN BECOMING PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3814 -- Reps. Burns, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Arrington, Atkinson, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bennett, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bowers, Bradley, Brown, Caskey, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cogswell, Cole, Collins, Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Davis, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Duckworth, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrest, Forrester, Fry, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gilliard, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Jordan, King, Kirby, Knight, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mack, Magnuson, Martin, McCoy, McCravy, McEachern, McKnight, Mitchell, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, B. Newton, W. Newton, Norrell, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, M. Rivers, S. Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, J. E. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Toole, Weeks, West, Wheeler, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JAYNE ARLEDGE, HEAD COACH OF NORTH GREENVILLE UNIVERSITY'S WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-SIX YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3838 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Arrington, Atkinson, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bennett, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bowers, Bradley, Brown, Burns, Caskey, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cogswell, Cole, Collins, Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Davis, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Duckworth, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrest, Forrester, Fry, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gilliard, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Jordan, King, Kirby, Knight, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mack, Magnuson, Martin, McCoy, McCravy, McEachern, McKnight, Mitchell, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, B. Newton, W. Newton, Norrell, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, M. Rivers, S. Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, J. E. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Toole, Weeks, West, Wheeler, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND TANVI MEHTA OF COLUMBIA FOR HER OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AND TO CONGRATULATE HER UPON BEING NAMED A 2017 PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD DISTINGUISHED FINALIST.

The Resolution was adopted.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3813 -- Reps. Clyburn, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Arrington, Atkinson, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bennett, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bowers, Bradley, Brown, Burns, Caskey, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Cobb-Hunter, Cogswell, Cole, Collins, Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Davis, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Duckworth, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrest, Forrester, Fry, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gilliard, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Jordan, King, Kirby, Knight, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mack, Magnuson, Martin, McCoy, McCravy, McEachern, McKnight, Mitchell, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, B. Newton, W. Newton, Norrell, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, M. Rivers, S. Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, J. E. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Toole, Weeks, West, Wheeler, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE AND REMEMBER THE LIFE OF GLOVER MOORE ELIJAH HICKSON III FOR HIS DEDICATED AND FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE AIKEN COMMUNITY AND TO EXTEND HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3815 -- Reps. Hardee and Johnson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES THE WACCAMAW RIVER ALONG UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 501 BYPASS IN HORRY COUNTY "LOIS EARGLE BRIDGE" AND TO ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS BRIDGE CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 454 -- Senator Jackson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR NEW LIGHT BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH OF HOPKINS AND TO CELEBRATE WITH THE PASTOR AND MEMBERS THEIR ONE HUNDRED FIFTY YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE AS A CONGREGATION FAITHFULLY SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

The following Bills were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

H. 3816 -- Rep. Ballentine: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 37-22-110, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO MORTGAGE LENDING DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES AND DEFINE THE TERM "LOAN CORRESPONDENT"; TO AMEND SECTION 37-22-140, RELATING TO MORTGAGE LENDING LICENSE APPLICATIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE STATE FINGERPRINT-BASED CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK REQUIREMENT, TO REQUIRE THREE HOURS OF PRELICENSING EDUCATION ON SOUTH CAROLINA LAWS AND REGULATIONS, TO ALLOW THE LICENSURE OF A PERSONAL RESIDENCE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO ALLOW FOR THE GRANT OF TRANSITIONAL LICENSES PURSUANT TO THE SAFE ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 37-22-150, RELATING TO EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL OF LICENSES, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO A STATE FINGERPRINT-BASED CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK; TO AMEND SECTION 37-22-160, RELATING TO CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE AT LEAST ONE HOUR OF ANNUAL CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION ON SOUTH CAROLINA LAWS AND REGULATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 37-22-190, RELATING TO PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO REMOVE A REFERENCE TO THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 37-22-210, RELATING TO THE COMMISSIONER'S RECORDS, SO AS TO UPDATE A REFERENCE; TO AMEND SECTION 37-22-240, RELATING TO CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE NATIONWIDE MORTGAGE LICENSING SYSTEM AND REGISTRY TO RETAIN FINGERPRINTS FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES; TO AMEND SECTION 37-22-270, RELATING TO PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONWIDE MORTGAGE LICENSING SYSTEM AND REGISTRY, SO AS TO DELETE REFERENCES TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION; TO AMEND SECTION 37-23-75, RELATING TO LOAN DISCLOSURES, SO AS TO REQUIRE A LOAN ESTIMATE TO BE MADE UNDER THE TILA-RESPA INTEGRATED DISCLOSURE RULE, TO AMEND SECTION 40-58-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF MORTGAGE BROKERS ACT, SO AS TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES AND DEFINE THE TERM "LOAN CORRESPONDENT"; TO AMEND SECTION 40-58-50, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO MORTGAGE BROKER LICENSE APPLICATIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE STATE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIREMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE NATIONWIDE MORTGAGE LICENSING SYSTEM AND REGISTRY TO RETAIN FINGERPRINTS FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES, AND TO REQUIRE AT LEAST THREE HOURS OF PRELICENSING EDUCATION ON SOUTH CAROLINA LAWS AND REGULATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-58-60, RELATING TO THE ISSUING OF A MORTGAGE BROKERS LICENSE, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE GRANT OF TRANSITIONAL LICENSES; TO AMEND SECTION 40-58-65, RELATING TO THE MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN PHYSICAL PRESENCE REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-58-67, RELATING TO CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE AT LEAST ONE HOUR OF ANNUAL CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION ON SOUTH CAROLINA LAWS AND REGULATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-58-110, RELATING TO LICENSE APPLICATIONS AND RENEWAL FEES, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO LICENSE A PERSONAL RESIDENCE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO AMEND SECTION 48-58-130, RELATING TO PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONWIDE MORTGAGE LICENSING SYSTEM REGISTRY, SO AS TO DELETE REFERENCES TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3817 -- Reps. Bedingfield, Fry, Henderson, Huggins, Johnson, Hewitt, Crawford and Duckworth: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-362 SO AS TO ALLOW PHARMACIES AND OTHER ENTITIES TO REGISTER AS A COLLECTOR TO RECEIVE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AS PART OF LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TAKE-BACK EVENTS AND OPERATE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE MAIL-BACK PROGRAMS AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO FACILITATE AND ENCOURAGE REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3818 -- Reps. Bedingfield, Clemmons, Fry, Henderson, Huggins, Johnson, Hewitt, Crawford and Duckworth: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 19 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE LIMITED IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION FOR CERTAIN DRUG AND ALCOHOL-RELATED OFFENSES COMMITTED BY A PERSON WHO SEEKS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR ANOTHER PERSON WHO IS EXPERIENCING A DRUG OR ALCOHOL-RELATED OVERDOSE OR BY A PERSON WHO IS EXPERIENCING A DRUG OR ALCOHOL-RELATED OVERDOSE AND SEEKS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMISSIBILITY OF EVIDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE INVESTIGATION OR PROSECUTION OF A CRIME IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO ALLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT TO SEIZE EVIDENCE AND DETAIN PERSONS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO PROVIDE CIVIL AND CRIMINAL IMMUNITY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS RELATING TO THE ARREST OF A PERSON LATER DETERMINED TO QUALIFY FOR LIMITED IMMUNITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3819 -- Reps. Bedingfield, Fry, Henderson, Huggins, Johnson, Hewitt, Crawford and Duckworth: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-362 SO AS TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO PRESCRIBING OPIOID ANALGESICS TO MINORS.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 3820 -- Reps. Fry, Bedingfield, Henderson, Huggins, Johnson, Hewitt, Crawford and Duckworth: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-32-30, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INSTRUCTION IN PRESCRIPTION OPIOID ABUSE PREVENTION IN GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE BEGINNING WITH THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3821 -- Reps. Fry, Bedingfield, Henderson, Huggins, Johnson, Hewitt, Crawford and Duckworth: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-103-155 SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO OFFER MANDATORY COURSES ON THE PRESCRIBING AND MONITORING OF SCHEDULE II, III, AND IV CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3822 -- Reps. Fry, Bedingfield, Henderson, Huggins, Johnson, Hewitt, Crawford and Duckworth: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-53-160, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PROCESS FOR MAKING CHANGES TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO NOTIFY THE CODE COMMISSIONER OF ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND RESCHEDULING OF SUBSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 3823 -- Reps. Henderson, Bedingfield, Fry, Huggins, Johnson, Hewitt, Crawford and Duckworth: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-310, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO MANDATED REPORTING OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT, SO AS TO REQUIRE REPORTING WHEN AN INFANT OR FETUS IS EXPOSED TO ALCOHOL OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3824 -- Reps. Henderson, Bedingfield, Fry, Huggins, Johnson, Hewitt, Crawford and Duckworth: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-1645 SO AS TO REQUIRE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS TO REVIEW A PATIENT'S CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION HISTORY, AS MAINTAINED IN THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM, BEFORE PRESCRIBING A SCHEDULE II CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, WITH EXCEPTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 44-53-1630, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM, SO AS TO ADD A DEFINITION OF "PRACTITIONER"; TO AMEND SECTION 44-53-1640, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 44-53-1680, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING REQUIREMENTS OF THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A PENALTY IF A PRACTITIONER OR AUTHORIZED DELEGATE FAILS TO REVIEW A PATIENT'S CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION HISTORY, AS MAINTAINED IN THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM, BEFORE PRESCRIBING A SCHEDULE II CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE; BY ADDING SECTION 40-15-145 SO AS TO ESTABLISH EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DENTISTS ADDRESSING THE PRESCRIPTION AND MONITORING OF CERTAIN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 40-37-240, 40-47-965, AS AMENDED, AND 40-51-140, RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS, SO AS TO ADD REQUIREMENTS ADDRESSING THE PRESCRIPTION AND MONITORING OF CERTAIN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-43-130, RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACISTS, SO AS TO ADD REQUIREMENTS ADDRESSING CERTAIN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 3825 -- Reps. Huggins, Bedingfield, Fry, Henderson, Johnson, Hewitt, Crawford and Duckworth: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-1655 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO PROVIDE PRESCRIPTION REPORT CARDS TO PRACTITIONERS UTILIZING THE PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM THAT INCLUDE DATA RELEVANT TO A PRACTITIONER'S PRESCRIBING PRACTICES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44-53-1650, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM DATA, SO AS TO ALLOW THE RELEASE OF PRESCRIPTION REPORT CARDS TO PRACTITIONERS.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 3826 -- Reps. Huggins, Bedingfield, Fry, Henderson, Johnson, Hewitt, Crawford and Duckworth: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-53-360, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PRESCRIPTIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO DEVELOP A COUNTERFEIT-RESISTANT PRESCRIPTION BLANK, WHICH MUST BE USED BY PRACTITIONERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESCRIBING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3827 -- Reps. Delleney, Lucas, Cobb-Hunter, Weeks, Toole, G. M. Smith, J. E. Smith, Bernstein, Huggins, Finlay and Tallon: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CRIME VICTIM SERVICES ACT" TO RESTRUCTURE AND CONSOLIDATE VICTIM SERVICES; BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 7, TITLE 1 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SOUTH CAROLINA CRIME VICTIM SERVICES DIVISION, MOVE THE STATE OFFICE OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE, THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIME VICTIM OMBUDSMAN, AND THAT PORTION OF THE OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND JUSTICE PROGRAMS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY WHICH ADMINISTERS CERTAIN VICTIM SERVICES GRANTS UNDER THE NEWLY CREATED DIVISION, AND TO CREATE FOUR DEPARTMENTS UNDER THE DIVISION TO OVERSEE AND ADMINISTER DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE VICTIM SERVICES DELIVERY SYSTEM; TO AMEND SECTION 1-11-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO OFFICES AND DIVISIONS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, SO AS TO DELETE THOSE VICTIM SERVICES OFFICES AND OTHER ENTITIES WHICH ARE MOVED TO THE NEW DIVISION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 14-1-203, 14-1-204, 14-1-205, 14-1-206, 14-1-207, 14-1-208, AND 14-1-210, ALL RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN FILING FEES, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES REFLECTING THE RESTRUCTURING OF VICTIM SERVICES GENERALLY RELATING TO THAT PORTION OF THE FEES DISTRIBUTED TO THE VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-1110, AS AMENDED, AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 16-3-1120, 16-3-1140, 16-3-1150, 16-3-1160, 16-3-1170, 16-3-1180, 16-3-1220, 16-3-1230, 16-3-1240, 16-3-1260, 16-3-1290, 16-3-1330, 16-3-1340, AND 16-3-1350, ALL RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF VICTIMS OF CRIME, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES REFLECTING THE RESTRUCTURING OF VICTIM SERVICES GENERALLY RELATING TO THE VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND AND CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE NEWLY CREATED OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SOUTH CAROLINA CRIME SERVICES DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION; TO AMEND ARTICLE 14, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, SO AS TO RENAME THE ARTICLE "CRIME VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING, PROVIDER CERTIFICATION, AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS", TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES REFLECTING THE RESTRUCTURING OF VICTIM SERVICES ALL GENERALLY RELATING TO THE NEWLY CREATED OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SOUTH CAROLINA CRIME VICTIM SERVICES DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING, PROVIDER CERTIFICATION, AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE VICTIM SERVICES COORDINATING COUNCIL AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIME VICTIM SERVICES DIVISION SHALL SERVE AS CHAIRPERSON; TO AMEND ARTICLE 16, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, SO AS TO RENAME THE ARTICLE "CRIME VICTIM OMBUDSMAN", TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES REFLECTING THE RESTRUCTURING OF VICTIM SERVICES ALL GENERALLY RELATING TO THE NEWLY CREATED OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SOUTH CAROLINA CRIME VICTIM SERVICES DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM OMBUDSMAN AND ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SOUTH CAROLINA CRIME VICTIM SERVICES DIVISION AND ITS AFFILIATED DEPARTMENTS TO BE HANDLED THROUGH THE OMBUDSMAN WITH APPEAL TO THE STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL; TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16 BY ADDING ARTICLE 12 SO AS TO ENTITLE THE ARTICLE "CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANTS", AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SOUTH CAROLINA CRIME VICTIM SERVICES DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANTS WILL BE RUN BY A DEPUTY DIRECTOR WHO SHALL ESTABLISH A PROCESS TO SOLICIT AND ADMINISTER CERTAIN VICTIM SERVICES GRANTS AND THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FROM THOSE GRANTS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-6-500, 23-6-510, AND 23-6-520, ALL RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO INCLUDE THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SOUTH CAROLINA CRIME VICTIM SERVICES DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANTS TO THE GRANT PROCESS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO REVISE THE COUNCIL'S MEMBERSHIP TO INCLUDE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND A VICTIM WITH A DOCUMENTED HISTORY OF VICTIMIZATION APPOINTED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; TO AMEND SECTION 16-15-445, RELATING TO THE SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE OF EQUIPMENT USED IN VIOLATION OF A CRIME, AND SECTION 24-3-40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE PRISON INDUSTRIES PROGRAM AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRISONER WAGES, BOTH SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES REFLECTING THE RESTRUCTURING OF VICTIM SERVICES GENERALLY RELATING TO THE VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND; TO AMEND SECTIONS 14-1-206, 14-1-207, AND 14-1-208, ALL RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN FILING FEES, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES REFLECTING THE RESTRUCTURING OF VICTIM SERVICES GENERALLY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE UNIFORM SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE FORM TO BE DEVELOPED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SOUTH CAROLINA CRIME VICTIM SERVICES DIVISION; AND BY ADDING SECTIONS 14-1-211.5, 14-1-211.6, AND 14-1-211.7, ALL SO AS TO CODIFY EXISTING BUDGET PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN CRIME VICTIM FUNDS, TO PROVIDE FOR AUTHORITY OF THE VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND TO TRANSFER ANY STATE FUNDS DEEMED AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE FOR AUDITING AND REPORTING PROCEDURES FOR VICTIM SERVICES PROVIDERS, AND TO TRANSFER A CERTAIN SUM FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIME VICTIM SERVICES DIVISION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3828 -- Reps. G. R. Smith, Crosby, Martin, Bannister, Clary and Hill: A BILL TO DESIGNATE WINTHROP UNIVERSITY AS THE HEADQUARTERS AND PRIMARY HOST UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE POLICIES ADOPTED BY WINTHROP UNIVERSITY SHALL SERVE AS THE POLICIES FOR ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE PROGRAM.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3829 -- Reps. G. R. Smith and Clary: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-23-430, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING IN PART TO RESTORATION OF A PERSON'S COMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL, SO AS TO EXTEND THE TIMEFRAME FOR RESTORING A PERSON'S COMPETENCY TO SIX MONTHS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3830 -- Reps. G. R. Smith, Chumley, Long, Burns, Crosby, Simrill, Hamilton, Martin, Magnuson, Thigpen, Yow, Bannister, Duckworth and Hill: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-757 SO AS TO REQUIRE A ONE-YEAR WAITING PERIOD BEFORE A FORMER PUBLIC EMPLOYEE MAY ACCEPT COMPENSATION TO APPEAR BEFORE OR COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR FORMER STATE AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFLUENCING ACTION, AND TO PROHIBIT SUCH COMMUNICATION PERMANENTLY IF THE MATTER IS ONE WHICH THE PERSON WAS DIRECTLY AND SUBSTANTIALLY INVOLVED WHILE EMPLOYED.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3831 -- Reps. G. R. Smith, Yow, McCravy, Hewitt, Hardee, Crosby, Hamilton, Long, Bannister, Clary, Duckworth, Hill and Ryhal: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 2-15-130 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL WITH CERTAIN POWERS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3832 -- Reps. G. R. Smith, Crosby, Yow, Hamilton, Long, Magnuson, Thigpen, Clary, Hill and Martin: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 11-11-260 SO AS TO REQUIRE EACH STATE AGENCY TO PREPARE A QUARTERLY OPERATING BUDGET EACH FISCAL YEAR, AND TO REQUIRE A REPORT OF ANY DEVIATIONS FROM THE OPERATING BUDGET.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3833 -- Reps. S. Rivers, Huggins, Putnam, Crawford, Atwater, Spires, Thayer, Gagnon, Ballentine, Bedingfield, Bennett, Herbkersman, Jordan, Simrill, G. M. Smith, Taylor, Toole and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 43 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO ADMINISTER THE FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, TO REQUIRE AN INDIVIDUAL APPLYING FOR BENEFITS TO COOPERATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS, TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT FROM CHANGING FEDERAL RESOURCE LIMIT STANDARDS, AND TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT FROM WAIVING WORK REQUIREMENTS; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 13 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 43 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A COMPUTERIZED INCOME, ASSET, AND IDENTITY ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION SERVICE TO VERIFY A PERSON'S IDENTITY AND ELIGIBILITY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO USE THE SERVICE AS PART OF DETERMINING WHETHER TO AWARD AN APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, TO ENABLE OTHER DEPARTMENTS PROVIDING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO USE THE SERVICE, TO REQUIRE CERTAIN REPORTING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL CASES OF SUSPECTED FRAUD, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO SUBMIT REPORTS TO THE GOVERNOR AND OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3834 -- Reps. Martin, Long, B. Newton and Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 46-13-75 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE REQUIRED TO BE CERTIFIED AS A COMMERCIAL APPLICATOR OF PESTICIDES IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE CERTIFIED IF THE PERSON USES NO OTHER PEST CONTROL SUBSTANCE EXCEPT GLYPHOSPHATE.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3835 -- Reps. Martin, Magnuson and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 42-7-65, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW AND THE AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO INCLUDE AMONG THOSE CATEGORIES RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS PERFORMING OFF-DUTY SERVICES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3836 -- Reps. Toole, Clyburn, Huggins, Spires, Jefferson, Herbkersman, Douglas, Hosey, Elliott, G. R. Smith, Norrell, Magnuson, Martin, Robinson-Simpson, Blackwell, Brown, V. S. Moss, B. Newton, Pitts, Ridgeway, Simrill and Whipper: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 28, TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE "SOUTH CAROLINIANS WITH DISABILITIES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND" TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES TO PURSUE ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SELF-EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS FOR THE STARTUP, EXPANSION, OR ACQUISITION OF A BUSINESS OPERATED WITHIN THE STATE; BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3760 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A TAX CREDIT FOR TAXPAYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FUND; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-5060, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO TAX RETURNS, SO AS TO ADD THE FUND TO THE LIST OF FUNDS TO WHICH A TAXPAYER MAY CONTRIBUTE ON A STATE INDIVIDUAL TAX RETURN.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3837 -- Reps. Duckworth, Fry, Hewitt, Yow, Crawford, S. Rivers, Clemmons, Jordan and Ryhal: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-63-100, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY HOME SCHOOL, CHARTER SCHOOL, AND GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL STUDENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS IF THE PRIVATE SCHOOL THEY ATTEND DOES NOT OFFER THE SAME ACTIVITY, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY; AND TO PROVIDE THAT AN OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT MAY NOT BE DENIED BY A PRIVATE SCHOOL THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITY OF A PRIVATE SCHOOL IF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL IN WHICH THE STUDENT IS ENROLLED DOES NOT OFFER THAT INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITY.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

Rep. WILLIAMS moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

**RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE**

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 3673 -- Reps. Hiott, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Arrington, Atkinson, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bennett, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bowers, Bradley, Brown, Burns, Caskey, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cogswell, Cole, Collins, Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Davis, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Duckworth, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrest, Forrester, Fry, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gilliard, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hill, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Jordan, King, Kirby, Knight, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mack, Magnuson, Martin, McCoy, McCravy, McEachern, McKnight, Mitchell, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, Neal, B. Newton, W. Newton, Norman, Norrell, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, M. Rivers, S. Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, J. E. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Toole, Weeks, West, Wheeler, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND SOUTH CAROLINA'S FFA MEMBERS (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 THE OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL FFA WEEK, FEBRUARY 18-25, 2017.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 1:14 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. CLYBURN, adjourned in memory of Dr. Glover Moore Elijah Hickson III, RPh, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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