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The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 108:3-4: “We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the people, and we will sing praises to you, for your steadfast love is higher than the heavens and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.”

Let us pray. Holy God, we praise You for reaching out to us and all the World with Your eternal love. Strengthen us as we go about the decisions to be made in this place. Guide us to do what is right and pleasing to You. Bless our first responders and those who risk their lives so we may have peace. Bless and keep our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give their all so we can live free. Heal the wounds, those seen and those hidden, of our brave warriors 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 Friday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

Rep. B. L. COX moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Coach Jerry Stoots, which was agreed to.

**SILENT PRAYER**

The House stood in silent prayer for Martin Luther King, Jr., and for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

**SILENT PRAYER**

The House stood in silent prayer for the victims of the mass shootings in Michigan.

**SILENT PRAYER**

The House stood in silent prayer for Representative Felder's husband.

**SILENT PRAYER**

The House stood in silent prayer for Representative Thayer's father-in-law.

**STATEMENT BY REP. J. L. JOHNSON**

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON made a statement relative to the life and legacy of Sarah Mae Flemming.

**COMMUNICATION**

The following was received:

State of South Carolina

Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., February 6, 2023

Mr. Speaker and Members of the 1st Congressional District Delegation,

I am transmitting herewith an appointment for confirmation. This appointment is made with advice and consent of the 1st Congressional District Delegation and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

STATEWIDE APPOINTMENT

Department of Transportation Commission

Term Commencing: 02/15/2020

Term Expiring: 02/15/2024

Seat: 1st Congressional District

Vice: Robert D. Robbins

Mr. T.J. Johnson

Yours very truly,

Henry McMaster

Governor

Referred to the 1st Congressional District

**COMMUNICATION**

The following was received:

State of South Carolina

Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., February 6, 2023

Mr. Speaker and Members of the 7th Congressional District Delegation,

I am transmitting herewith an appointment for confirmation. This appointment is made with advice and consent of the 7th Congressional District Delegation and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

STATEWIDE APPOINTMENT

State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education

Term Commencing: 07/01/2018

Term Expiring: 07/01/2024

Seat: 7th Congressional District

Vice: Philip G. Homan

Ms. Kathleen Richardson

5251 Mount Pleasant Drive

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29579-8529

Yours very truly,

Henry McMaster

Governor

Referred to the 7th Congressional District

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3939 -- Reps. Rutherford, Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Tedder, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE ENTIRE USC SYSTEM FOR ITS MANY AND SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EDUCATION AND CULTURE OF OUR CITIZENS AND TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 14, 2023, "CAROLINA DAY" AT THE STATE HOUSE.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3940 -- Rep. Rutherford: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MRS. DORIS LEEVY JOHNSON OF COLUMBIA, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3941 -- Reps. McCabe, May, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Tedder, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE TIMOTHY "TIM" O'HARA, R.N., OF LEXINGTON COUNTY ON BEING SELECTED TO RECEIVE LEXINGTON MEDICAL CENTER'S COVETED LMC GOLD AWARD FOR 2023 AND TO THANK HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN HIS PROFESSION.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3942 -- Reps. Bauer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Tedder, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GERMON MORINIERE-BEY, PH.D., OF COLUMBIA, FOR HER MANY ACHIEVEMENTS AS AN AFRICAN MARTIAL ARTS GRANDMASTER, INSTRUCTOR, AND AUTHOR, AND TO WELCOME HER TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE HOUSE.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3943 -- Reps. W. Newton, Herbkersman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Tedder, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE CROSS SCHOOLS COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING TEAM ON CAPTURING THE 2022 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION JV STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM AND ITS COACHES ON A FABULOUS SEASON.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3944 -- Reps. W. Newton, Herbkersman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Tedder, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO SALUTE THE CROSS SCHOOLS GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM ON CAPTURING THE 2022 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM'S COACHES AND RUNNERS ON A SUPERLATIVE SEASON.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3945 -- Reps. Gilliam, Yow, Gibson, Haddon, Nutt, T. Moore, Guffey, O'Neal, S. Jones, Gagnon and A. M. Morgan: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 6.3 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RELATING TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFICIAL PLEDGE TO THE FLAG OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO THE DAILY ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Rules.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3946 -- Reps. Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Tedder, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE PICKENS KEN MOYD, JR., M.D., OF CARESOUTH CAROLINA, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AS A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3954 -- Rep. Jefferson: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR MAXINE T. ROBINSON, FORENSIC OPERATIONS COORDINATOR FOR THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA PHYSICIANS GROUP, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

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

H. 3947 -- Reps. White and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-410 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICIES TO CONTAIN AN APPRAISAL CLAUSE; BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-420 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INSURANCE POLICY THAT COVERS A PERSON OPERATING A RENTED OR LEASED VEHICLE SHALL BE PRIMARY TO A MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE POLICY; AND BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-430 SO AS TO REQUIRE INSURERS TO PAY SALES TAX FOR AUTOMOBILE PAINT WHEN REQUIRED TO PROVIDE CAR PAINTING SERVICES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3948 -- Rep. Ballentine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE PROPERTIES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3949 -- Rep. Ballentine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO ADD AN EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN SOLAR ENERGY EQUIPMENT, FACILITIES, OR DEVICES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3950 -- Reps. Gatch, Brewer, Brittain, Crawford, Guest, Jefferson, Kirby, Murphy, Ott and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-75-70 SO AS TO REQUIRE INSURERS TO OFFER INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE RESULTING FROM AN EARTHQUAKE TO ALL POLICIES ISSUED IN THIS STATE.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3951 -- Reps. Haddon, G. M. Smith, Bannister, Hiott, Ligon, Hixon and Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "WORKING AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 57 TO TITLE 46 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE, AND OUTLINE PROGRAM CRITERIA, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3952 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Bannister, Bradley, Crawford, Herbkersman, W. Newton, Felder, Alexander, Wetmore, Hyde, Sessions and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 37-1-102, RELATING TO THE PURPOSES OF THE CONSUMER PROTECTION CODE, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE PROMOTION OF EDUCATION FOR CONSUMERS, BEST PRACTICES FOR BUSINESSES, AND TO MEDIATE COMPLAINTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-106, RELATING TO INVESTIGATORY POWERS OF THE ADMINISTRATOR, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE PRESENTATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE BEFORE BEGINNING AN INVESTIGATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-108, RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT ORDERS OF THE ADMINISTRATOR, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INFORMATION BE PROVIDED BEFORE A CEASE AND DESIST IS ISSUED TO A BUSINESS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 37-2-307, RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE SALES CONTRACT CLOSING FEES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE CLOSING FEE TO BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED WITH THE ADVERTISED PRICE.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3953 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Bannister, Bradley, Crawford, Herbkersman, W. Newton, Alexander, Wetmore, Hyde, Sessions, Guffey, Felder and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO ADD THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO THE DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT; BY ADDING SECTION 1-30-140 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSITION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-103, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "ADMINISTRATOR", SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR IS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 37-6-104, 37-6-117, 37-6-501 THROUGH 37-6-510, 37-6-602, AND 37-6-604, ALL RELATING TO FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO BE REPLACED WITH AN ADMINISTRATOR AS THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 360 -- Senator Sabb: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 471 OF 2002, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO REQUIRE CANDIDATES SEEKING ELECTION TO SUBMIT A STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY RATHER THAN SIGNED PETITIONS.

Referred to Williamsburg Delegation

S. 454 -- Senator Stephens: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 593 OF 1992, AS AMENDED BY ACT 254 OF 2022, RELATING TO THE LIMIT ON CASH RESERVES THAT MAY BE MAINTAINED BY DORCHESTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS 2 AND 4, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE LIMIT ON CASH RESERVES DOES NOT APPLY TO DORCHESTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4.

Referred to Dorchester Delegation

S. 474 -- Senators Grooms, Massey, Kimbrell and Adams: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, RELATING TO THE FETAL HEARTBEAT AND PROTECTION FROM ABORTION ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ABORTIONS MAY NOT BE PERFORMED IN THIS STATE AFTER A FETAL HEARTBEAT HAS BEEN DETECTED EXCEPT IN CASES OF RAPE OR INCEST DURING THE FIRST TWELVE WEEKS OF PREGNANCY, IN MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, OR IN LIGHT OF A FATAL FETAL ANOMALY; TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; TO REPEAL SECTION 2 OF ACT 1 OF 2021; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 44-41-10 AND 44-41-20 OF THE S.C. CODE; AND TO REPEAL ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44 OF THE S.C. CODE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 487 -- Senator Gambrell: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 293 OF 2012, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION DISTRICTS FOR THE ABBEVILLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO REVISE THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE ABBEVILLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST BE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH THE 2024 SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION REGARDING THOSE REVISED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

Referred to Abbeville Delegation

**ROLL CALL**

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

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| Alexander | Anderson | Atkinson |
| Bailey | Ballentine | Bamberg |
| Bannister | Bauer | Beach |
| Bernstein | Blackwell | Bradley |
| Brewer | Brittain | Burns |
| Bustos | Calhoon | Carter |
| Chapman | Chumley | Clyburn |
| Cobb-Hunter | Collins | Connell |
| B. J. Cox | B. L. Cox | Crawford |
| Cromer | Davis | Dillard |
| Elliott | Erickson | Forrest |
| Gagnon | Garvin | Gatch |
| Gibson | Gilliam | Gilliard |
| Guest | Guffey | Haddon |
| Hager | Hardee | Harris |
| Hart | Hayes | Henderson-Myers |
| Herbkersman | Hewitt | Hiott |
| Hixon | Hosey | Howard |
| Hyde | Jefferson | J. E. Johnson |
| J. L. Johnson | S. Jones | W. Jones |
| Jordan | Kilmartin | King |
| Kirby | Landing | Lawson |
| Leber | Ligon | Long |
| Lowe | Magnuson | May |
| McCabe | McCravy | McDaniel |
| McGinnis | Mitchell | J. Moore |
| T. Moore | A. M. Morgan | T. A. Morgan |
| Moss | Murphy | Neese |
| B. Newton | W. Newton | Nutt |
| O'Neal | Oremus | Ott |
| Pace | Pedalino | Pendarvis |
| Pope | Rivers | Robbins |
| Rose | Rutherford | Sandifer |
| Schuessler | Sessions | G. M. Smith |
| M. M. Smith | Stavrinakis | Taylor |
| Tedder | Thayer | Thigpen |
| Trantham | Vaughan | Weeks |
| West | Wetmore | Wheeler |
| White | Whitmire | Williams |
| Willis | Wooten | Yow |

**Total Present--120**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**DOCTOR OF THE DAY**

Announcement was made that Dr. Greg Squires of West Columbia was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

**“**5.2Every 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. 3325 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 02/14/23 | TAYLOR |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3532 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 02/14/23 | LEBER |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3549 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 02/14/23 | TRANTHAM |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3583 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 02/14/23 | CROMER |

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3774 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 02/14/23 | CHUMLEY and FORREST |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3845 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 02/14/23 | TAYLOR |

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| Bill Number: | H. 3856 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 02/14/23 | KIRBY |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3882 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 02/14/23 | CARTER |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3895 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 02/14/23 | CARTER |

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3928 |
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| 02/14/23 | ATKINSON, LAWSON, CARTER, MITCHELL, YOW, BREWER and CONNELL |

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**H. 3774--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3774 -- Reps. McCravy, G. M. Smith, Hiott, W. Newton, Pope, Yow, M. M. Smith, Hardee, J. E. Johnson, Hixon, Bustos, Erickson, Landing, Davis, Crawford, B. L. Cox, Connell, Vaughan, Ligon, T. Moore, Moss, Lawson, Hyde, Leber, B. J. Cox, Wooten, Whitmire, Long, Gagnon, Bradley, Herbkersman, Nutt, Mitchell, B. Newton, Jordan, Brewer, Murphy, Gilliam, Willis, Blackwell, Elliott, Guest, Oremus, Felder, Chapman, Haddon, S. Jones, Pace, Gibson, Robbins, Burns, Chumley and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "HUMAN LIFE PROTECTION ACT"; BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44 SO AS TO BAN ABORTIONS IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE FOR EXCEPTIONS TO THE BAN ON ABORTIONS, TO PROTECT THE USE OF CONTRACEPTIVES AND ALTERNATIVE REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES, TO PROVIDE A CIVIL CAUSE OF ACTION FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE, TO PROVIDE THAT A WOMAN CANNOT BE PROSECUTED FOR HAVING AN ABORTION, TO PROVIDE THAT PHYSICIANS OR OTHER LICENSED PROFESSIONALS SHALL LOSE THEIR LICENSE FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A WOMAN'S NAME MAY REMAIN ANONYMOUS IN PROCEEDINGS INITIATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE; BY ADDING SECTION 44-41-90 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM MAY NOT PAY FOR ABORTIONS, TO PROHIBIT STATE FUNDS FROM BEING USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF FETAL TISSUE OR FETAL REMAINS OBTAINED FROM AN ABORTION, AND TO DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD; BY ADDING SECTION 63-17-325 SO AS TO REQUIRE A BIOLOGICAL FATHER TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT BEGINNING AT CONCEPTION; BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-146 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE AND HMO POLICIES TO COVER CONTRACEPTIVES; BY REQUIRING THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY TO COVER PRESCRIBED CONTRACEPTIVES FOR DEPENDENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-710, RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION AND APPLICATION OF THIS ARTICLE, SO AS TO REMOVE LANGUAGE RELATED TO IMPLICIT REPEAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-480, RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION AGAINST IMPLICIT REPEAL OF EXISTING LAW, SO AS TO REMOVE LANGUAGE RELATED TO IMPLICIT REPEAL; BY REPEALING SECTION 44-41-20 RELATING TO LEGAL ABORTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-70, RELATING TO PROMULGATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION OF HOSPITALS AND OTHER FACILITIES, SO AS TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO SECTION 44-41-20; AND BY PROVIDING AN UNCONDITIONAL RIGHT TO INTERVENE IN CHALLENGES TO THIS ACT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Reps. HIOTT, FORREST, POPE, BAMBERG, BRITTAIN, T. MOORE, GUFFEY, NUTT, MCCRAVY, B. L. COX, PACE, DAVIS, MAGNUSON, HARRIS, CARTER, OREMUS, TAYLOR, HIXON, BLACKWELL, HENDERSON-MYERS, BEACH, CROMER, GUEST, KING, RIVERS, GILLIARD, HOSEY, WEST, MCDANIEL, ROBBINS, GARVIN, TEDDER, JEFFERSON, J. L. JOHNSON, WHITMIRE, SANDIFER, BREWER, GILLIAM, WHITE, DILLARD, W. JONES, MAY and WEEKS requested debate on the Bill.

**H. 3505--POINT OF ORDER**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3505 -- Rep. J. E. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-13-640, RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OF BLUE CATFISH, SO AS TO LIMIT THE APPLICABLE WATERWAYS.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Rep. HIXON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

**H. 3269--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3269 -- Rep. W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 50-3-140 RELATING TO THE PUBLICATION OF DESCRIPTIONS OF UNIFORMS AND EMBLEMS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

Rep. FORREST explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 115; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Alexander | Atkinson | Bailey |
| Ballentine | Bamberg | Bannister |
| Bauer | Beach | Bernstein |
| Blackwell | Bradley | Brewer |
| Brittain | Burns | Bustos |
| Calhoon | Carter | Chapman |
| Chumley | Clyburn | Cobb-Hunter |
| Collins | Connell | B. J. Cox |
| B. L. Cox | Crawford | Cromer |
| Davis | Dillard | Elliott |
| Erickson | Forrest | Gagnon |
| Garvin | Gatch | Gibson |
| Gilliam | Gilliard | Guest |
| Guffey | Haddon | Hager |
| Hardee | Harris | Hart |
| Hayes | Henderson-Myers | Herbkersman |
| Hewitt | Hiott | Hixon |
| Hosey | Howard | Hyde |
| Jefferson | J. E. Johnson | J. L. Johnson |
| S. Jones | W. Jones | Kilmartin |
| King | Kirby | Landing |
| Lawson | Leber | Ligon |
| Long | Magnuson | May |
| McCabe | McCravy | McDaniel |
| McGinnis | Mitchell | T. Moore |
| A. M. Morgan | T. A. Morgan | Moss |
| Murphy | Neese | B. Newton |
| W. Newton | Nutt | O'Neal |
| Oremus | Ott | Pace |
| Pedalino | Pendarvis | Pope |
| Rivers | Robbins | Rose |
| Rutherford | Sandifer | Schuessler |
| Sessions | G. M. Smith | M. M. Smith |
| Stavrinakis | Taylor | Tedder |
| Thigpen | Trantham | Vaughan |
| Weeks | West | Wetmore |
| Wheeler | White | Whitmire |
| Williams | Willis | Wooten |
| Yow |  |  |

**Total--115**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**RECORD FOR VOTING**

I sponsored and voted for H. 3269 as it implements a recommendation arising from the House Legislative Oversight Committee's study of the Secretary of State’s Office and Department of Natural Resources.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON 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. 3921 -- Reps. Thayer, West, Gagnon, Beach, Chapman, Cromer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Tedder, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE PAMELA CHRISTOPHER, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE ANDERSON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ON BEING NAMED 2022 SOUTH CAROLINA CHAMBER EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR BY THE CAROLINAS ASSOCIATION OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXECUTIVES.

H. 3922 -- Reps. Willis, Thayer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Tedder, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO SALUTE MRS. DIANE WHITAKER, COORDINATOR OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND CAMPUS DESIGN AT ANDERSON UNIVERSITY, AT THE CELEBRATION OF HER TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY AT ANDERSON AND TO EXTEND THE GRATITUDE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR HER TWO DECADES OF COMMITTED SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL.

H. 3923 -- Reps. Willis, Thayer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Tedder, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DR. EVANS P. WHITAKER, PRESIDENT OF ANDERSON UNIVERSITY, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY AT THE HELM OF ANDERSON AND TO THANK HIM FOR HIS TWO DECADES OF DEDICATED SERVICE.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:56 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. B. L. COX, adjourned in memory of Coach Jerry Stoots, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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