I. Report from Rep. Christopher R. Hart, Chair
Health and Environmental Affairs

**H. 4489** -- Reps. Henderson and Jefferson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44 7 170, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT KIDNEY DISEASE TREATMENT CENTERS ARE EXEMPT FROM CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEW REQUIREMENTS BUT ARE SUBJECT TO LICENSING REQUIREMENTS; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 44 7 310 RELATING TO PUBLIC ACCESS TO HEALTH FACILITY LICENSING INFORMATION.

Subcommittee Action: Favorable

**H. 5040** -- Reps. King and Atwater: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 53-5-110 SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN BUILDINGS AND OFFICES TO BE CLOSED ON MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY.

Subcommittee Action: Favorable with an Amendment
S. 79 -- Senator Jackson:  A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 53 3 220 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF JULY OF EACH YEAR AS “FIBROID TUMOR AWARENESS MONTH” AND RAISE AWARENESS OF THE IMPACT UTERINE FIBROID TUMORS HAVE ON WOMEN’S HEALTH.

Subcommittee Action: Favorable

S. 170 -- Senators Shealy and Hutto:  A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 17, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DUTIES OF CORONERS AND MEDICAL EXAMINERS, BY ADDING SECTIONS 17-5-541 AND 17-5-542, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CORONER OF EACH COUNTY SHALL SCHEDULE A LOCAL CHILD FATALITY REVIEW TEAM TO PERFORM A REVIEW OF A CASE WHERE A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN DIES IN THE COUNTY HE SERVES AND TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE OF THE REVIEW TEAM; TO AMEND ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 17, RELATING TO CORONERS, BY ADDING SECTION 17-5-140, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT FUNDS MUST BE DISBURSED TO THE COUNTIES EQUALLY TO PAY THE DULY ELECTED FULL-TIME CORONER OR OTHER RELATED PERSONNEL OR EQUIPMENT AND TO PROVIDE THAT EXCESS FUNDS MUST BE USED BY THE CORONERS TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 17-5-130, RELATING TO THE CORONERS TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DUTIES.

Subcommittee Action: Favorable with an Amendment

S. 891 -- Senators Shealy and Hutto:  A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-37-50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO INFORMATION THAT MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PARENTS OF NEWBORNS, TO INCLUDE SAFE SLEEP PRACTICES AND THE CAUSES OF SUDDEN UNEXPECTED INFANT DEATH SYNDROME IN THE INFORMATION THAT MUST BE PROVIDED.

Subcommittee Action: Favorable

II. Report from Rep. J. Anne Parks, Chair
   Occupational Regulation and Licensing Boards

H. 4958 -- Rep. Ridgeway:  A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-53-360, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PRESCRIPTIONS, SO AS TO ALLOW PHARMACISTS TO DISPENSE A VARYING QUANTITY OF MAINTENANCE MEDICATION, WITH EXCEPTIONS.

Subcommittee Action: Favorable with an Amendment
H. 4978 -- Rep. V.S. Moss: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-75-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO TERMS DEFINED IN THE ATHLETIC TRAINERS’ ACT OF SOUTH CAROLINA, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF “ATHLETIC TRAINER”; TO AMEND SECTION 44-75-40, RELATING TO SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF AN ATHLETIC TRAINER’S CERTIFICATE TO PRACTICE, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO TAKE CERTAIN DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS, INCLUDING IMPOSITION OF MONETARY PENALTIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44-75-50, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS, SO AS TO REVISE THE NAME OF THE REQUIRED EXAMINATION.

Subcommittee Action: Favorable

H. 5002 -- Reps. Parks, McCravy, King, Cobb-Hunter, Gilliard, Spires, Mack, Felder, Knight, Jefferson, Thigpen, Dillard and Thayer: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 40-13-40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A REGISTERED BARBER MAY PRACTICE BARBERING IN A BEAUTY SALON; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-13-20, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF “BEAUTY SALON”, SO AS INCLUDE BARBERING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES THAT MAY BE PERFORMED IN A BEAUTY SALON IN ADDITION TO COSMETOLOGY.

Subcommittee Action: Favorable with an Amendment


Subcommittee Action: Favorable


Subcommittee Action: Favorable
S. 345 -- Senators Davis, McElveen, Scott and Fanning:  A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 40-33-55 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN NURSING PROFESSIONALS MAY PROVIDE NONCONTROLLED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AT ENTITIES THAT PROVIDE FREE MEDICAL SERVICES FOR INDIGENT PATIENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-33-57 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN NURSING PROFESSIONALS MAY CERTIFY STUDENTS AS UNABLE TO ATTEND SCHOOL BUT WHO POTENTIALLY MAY BENEFIT FROM RECEIVING INSTRUCTION AT HOME OR IN A HOSPITAL; BY ADDING SECTION 40-33-59 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES ORALLY OR IN WRITING MAY REFER A PATIENT TO A PHYSICAL THERAPIST FOR TREATMENT; BY ADDING SECTION 40-33-61 SO AS TO PROVIDE RECIPIENTS AND BENEFICIARIES OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF A NURSE PRACTITIONER OR CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE MAY CHOOSE THE PROVIDERS FROM WHOM THEY RECEIVE SUCH ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTION 40-33-63 SO AS TO PROVIDE NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES MAY PRONOUNCE DEATH AND SIGN DEATH CERTIFICATES; BY ADDING SECTION 40-33-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES MAY ORDER HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES FOR PATIENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-33-67 SO AS TO PROVIDE NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES MAY CERTIFY INDIVIDUALS AS HANDICAPPED FOR PURPOSES OF OBTAINING HANDICAPPED PARKING PLACARDS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 40-47-370 SO AS TO EXEMPT ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES FROM CERTAIN LICENSURE AND PRACTICE PROVISIONS WHEN EMPLOYED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND PROVIDING SERVICES UNDER THE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 40-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE NURSE PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO REVISE AND ADD NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-33-34, RELATING TO THE PERFORMANCE OF DELEGATED MEDICAL ACTS, QUALIFICATIONS, PROTOCOLS, AND PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORIZATIONS OF LICENSEES OF THE NURSING BOARD, SO AS TO MAKE VARIOUS REVISIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-47-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, SO AS TO REVISE SEVERAL DEFINITIONS AFFECTING THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF CERTAIN LICENSEES OF THE NURSING BOARD; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-47-195, RELATING TO PHYSICIANS SUPERVISING MEDICAL ACTS DELEGATED TO OTHER PROFESSIONALS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT SUPERVISING PHYSICIANS BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING CERTAIN ACTS DELEGATED TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES ARE PERFORMED TO CERTAIN STANDARDS.

Subcommittee Action:  Favorable
S. 506 -- Senators Shealy and Rankin:  A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-43-170(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO A STATE OF EMERGENCY, PREREQUISITES TO EMERGENCY REFILLS, AND THE DISPENSING OF MEDICATIONS BY PHARMACISTS NOT LICENSED IN THIS STATE, TO ALLOW FOR A ONE-TIME, THIRTY-DAY EMERGENCY REFILL DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY.

Subcommittee Action:  Favorable

S. 962 -- Senator Alexander:  A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 40-75-225 SO AS TO PROVIDE CRITERIA FOR LICENSURE AS AN ADDICTION COUNSELOR; TO AMEND SECTION 40-75-5, RELATING TO CERTAIN PROVISIONS GENERALLY APPLICABLE TO BOARD REGULATION OF PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDICTION COUNSELORS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-75-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSURE OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS, AND PSYCHO-EDUCATIONAL SPECIALISTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDICTION COUNSELORS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-75-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO MAKE REVISIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-75-30, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF LICENSURE BY THE BOARD TO PRACTICE CERTAIN PROFESSIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDICTION COUNSELORS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-75-50, RELATING TO THE BOARD, SO AS TO REMOVE DUTIES CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTION OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES; TO AMEND SECTION 40-75-110, RELATING TO DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS CONCERNING BOARD LICENSEES, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDICTION COUNSELORS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-75-190, RELATING TO CONFIDENTIALITY OF CLIENT COMMUNICATIONS BY LICENSEES, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDICTION COUNSELORS AND TO REVISE EXCEPTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-75-220, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR LICENSURE AND FAMILY AND MARRIAGE THERAPIST LICENSURE, SO AS TO REVISE THOSE REQUIREMENTS AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDICTION COUNSELOR LICENSURE; TO AMEND SECTION 40-75-230, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR SUPERVISOR LICENSURE AND FAMILY AND MARRIAGE THERAPIST SUPERVISOR LICENSURE, SO AS TO MAKE THOSE REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO ADDICTION COUNSELOR SUPERVISOR LICENSURE; TO AMEND SECTION 40-75-240, RELATING TO INTERN LICENSES, SO AS TO REPLACE THE TERM “INTERN” WITH “ASSOCIATE” AND TO INCLUDE ADDICTION COUNSELOR INTERNS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-75-250, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF DISPLAY OF LICENSES ISSUED BY THE BOARD, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDICTION COUNSELOR LICENSES AND ADDICTION COUNSELOR ASSOCIATE LICENSES; TO AMEND SECTION 40-75-260, RELATING TO RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER STATES, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDICTION COUNSELOR CREDENTIALS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-75-285,
RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 75, TITLE 40, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDICTION COUNSELORS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-75-290, RELATING TO PERSONS NOT APPLICABLE TO ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 75, TITLE 40, SO AS TO REMOVE PROVISIONS CONCERNING CERTAIN ADDICTION COUNSELORS; TO REDESIGNATE CHAPTER 75, TITLE 40 AS “PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS, ADDICTION COUNSELORS, AND PSYCHO-EDUCATIONAL SPECIALISTS”, AND TO REDESIGNATE ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 75, TITLE 40 AS “PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS, AND ADDICTION COUNSELORS”.

Subcommittee Action: Favorable

III. Report from Rep. Leola C. Robinson-Simpson, Chair
    Subcommittee IV, Social Services, Mental Health and Children Affairs

H. 4947 -- Reps. Howard and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 8-11-735 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IN THE EVENT OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY, A STATE EMPLOYEE MAY MAKE A WRITTEN REQUEST TO HIS EMPLOYING AGENCY THAT A SPECIFIED NUMBER OF HOURS OF HIS ACCRUED ANNUAL OR SICK LEAVE ACCOUNT, OR BOTH, BE TRANSFERRED FROM HIS ANNUAL OR SICK LEAVE ACCOUNT, OR BOTH, TO A SPECIFIC LEAVE RECIPIENT RATHER THAN TO A LEAVE POOL ACCOUNT, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENCY DIRECTOR, AND TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, REQUIREMENTS, AND PROCEDURES IN REGARD TO THIS PROVISION.

Subcommittee recommendation: Favorable