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The House and Senate conference committee appointees are working to reach a final agreement on [H. 5001](#) and [H. 5002](#), the state appropriations and capital reserve fund bills. After a final vote in the House and Senate, the conference report will be sent to the governor for potential vetoes.

A sine die resolution was adopted this week, which will allow the General Assembly to return after June 2 to wrap up the legislative session. The House is set to return on June 15 and the Senate on June 16.

Senators Larry Martin, Gerald Malloy and Chip Campsen, along with three members of the House, were appointed to a conference committee to reach an agreement on [H. 3184](#). This bill sets up a new independent investigation process for ethics complaints made against public officials.

[H. 3799](#) is also currently before the Senate and deals with concealed weapons permit reciprocity with neighboring states. This bill has been

placed on special order and would require South Carolina to recognize concealed weapons permits from Georgia and North Carolina.

The Senate also welcomed its newest member, Senator Mike Gambrell of Anderson from Senate District 4. He previously served in the House after being elected in 2006.

Bills approved by the Senate this week include:

The following bills were read the third time and enrolled:

[S. 338](#), Sponsored by Senators Shane Martin and Kevin Bryant: Provides that any public or private entity providing residential housing to parolees must provide public notice and hold an informational public hearing prior to locating parolees.

[S. 788](#), Sponsored by Senator Chip Campsen: Enacts the “Managed Tidal Impoundment Preservation Act” by exempting property that’s deemed eligible under an Army Corps of Engineers General Permit from permitting requirements in certain circumstances and grants enforcement authority to the Coastal Division of DHEC.

[S. 916](#), Sponsored by Senators Gerald Malloy, Mike Fair and Margie Bright Matthews: Changes the juvenile justice code definition of child and juvenile from less than 17-years-old to less than 18-years-old.

[S. 652](#), Sponsored by Senator Larry Martin: Authorizes depository financial institutions and credit unions to conduct savings promotion contests for their members and customers and outlines the conditions for conducting such promotions.

[S. 1035](#), Sponsored by Senators Ray Cleary and Brad Hutto: Amends various sections of South Carolina law dealing with physicians and healthcare professionals to facilitate the integration of telemedicine services by physicians and provides definitions, procedural guidelines and record-keeping requirements.

[S. 689](#), Sponsored by Senators Greg Hembree and Thomas McElveen: Requires that a person applying for a motorcycle or moped beginner’s permit may not operate a motorcycle or moped during any unpermitted time unless supervised by a licensed motor cycle operator or licensed driver.

[S. 280](#), Sponsored by Senator Harvey Peeler: Raises the maximum job bid limit associated with general contractors and mechanical contractors and deletes obsolete language.

[H. 5089](#) - Makes procedural changes relating to liens against motor vehicles and motor homes. These changes require that the liens recorded must be noted on a printed title or electronically through the DMV’s Electronic Title and Registration System.

[H. 4762](#) - Revises millage regulation exceptions for certain counties with a population of less than 100,000 and at least 40,000 acres of state or national forest land.

[H. 5023](#) - Makes various revisions to the South Carolina Real Estate Appraiser License and Certification Act. This bill calls for one of the members of the Real Estate Appraisers Board to be a certified residential appraiser and includes alignment provisions for federal and state chartered banks.

[H. 5270](#) - Allows membership dues for the Society of Former Agents of SLED to be deducted from the compensation of state retirees and paid over to the association in the same manner that other dues are deducted and paid.

Read the third time:

[H. 4492](#) - Requires the Department of Social Services to send notice of a hearing to the foster parent or childcare provider at least 10 days prior to a hearing with the agency, unless the department must schedule the hearing in less than 10 days.

[S. 454](#) - Sponsored by Senators Chip Campsen and Ross Turner, provides that a person must have immediate access and authorization to utilize deer quota tags to hunt on a property with a Deer Quota Program permit.

[S. 1262](#) - Sponsored by Senator Alexander: Amends state law concerning charter school admission to add an exception for an Alternative Education Campus with an explicit mission and purpose to serve educationally disadvantaged students.

[H. 4546](#) - Requires family courts to consider recommendations of the Department of Social Services, the local Foster Care Review Board, and Guardian Ad Litem before approving a placement plan for foster children. It also requires DSS to make efforts to normalize the lives of children in foster care by enabling participation in age-appropriate activities and adopt appropriate policies and procedures.

[H. 4765](#) - Adds Habitat for Humanity as a check off item for income tax return forms.

[H. 3313](#) - Amends the calculation of roll back property taxes to allow property that changes from agricultural property to residential or commercial property to be valued differently under certain conditions. If at least 10 percent of a parcel is platted for green space or open space, the green space portion of the property must be valued as such for the calculation of roll back taxes.

[H. 4931](#) - Increases the educational requirements for professional bondsmen, surety bondsmen and runners.

[H. 5140](#) - Makes revisions to the annual school calendar for school district for teachers, staff, and students related to starting dates and makes provisions for the types and timing of student assessments.

[H. 5299](#) - Allows the governor to alter an emergency curfew for vehicles delivering goods or restoring utilities in restricted areas during a disaster if they are certified.

[S. 1204](#) - sponsored by Senator Vincent Sheheen and Sean Bennett, requires schools that offer instruction in marching band consider it the equivalent of physical education instruction when it comes to class credits.

Read the second time:

[H. 3682](#) - Enacts the “Bad Faith Assertion of Patent Infringement Act” by making bad faith assertions of patent infringements an unlawful practice.

[H. 3440](#) - Requires mopeds to be registered and owners and operators to possess a driver’s license and liability insurance. It further prohibits the operation of mopeds on public roads with speed limits greater than 55 miles per hour and deems it unlawful to operate a moped at a speed greater than 35 miles per hour.

[H. 5034](#), requires the Department of Revenue to establish an informational charitable bingo webpage on its website

[H. 4577](#) - Direct all funds collected from the statewide property tax on aircraft to the State Aviation Fund beginning in Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Currently, the first \$5 million of statewide property tax on aircraft goes to the General Fund of the State.

[H. 4763](#) - Creates the Internet Crimes Against Children Fund to investigate, prosecute, and prevent internet crimes against children, along with the necessary training, staffing and equipment.

[H. 4124](#) - Allows the Department of Mental Health to employ law enforcement officers as necessary to maintain the security of state mental health facilities. These law enforcement officers would be vested with the powers and charged with the duties of police officers.

[H. 4542](#) - Establishes definitions and procedures by which a patient with an advanced terminal illness, upon a doctor’s recommendation, may receive certain promising experimental treatments from a manufacturer.

[H. 5193](#) - Makes provisions for a more expansive dispensation of opioid antidotes to individuals who may be at risk of an opioid drug overdose.

[H. 4554](#) - Creates the South Carolina Anti-Money Laundering Act, which provides regulation and oversight of money transfers and provides for definitions, exclusions, procedures and penalties.

[H. 4944](#) - Removes a municipality's authority not to conduct general elections when there is an uncontested election.

Look ahead to next week and beyond:

Senators Ray Cleary, Larry Grooms and Brad Hutto, along with three members of the House, are part of a conference committee trying to hammer out differences on [H. 3579](#), a bill that reforms the governing structure of the Department of Transportation. [S. 1258](#), a Finance Committee bill, is working its way through the House and will likely be a part of the ultimate solution to reforming DOT and providing additional revenue to repair the state's roads and bridges.

The General Assembly's Sine Die adjournment will be Thursday, June 2. This is the final day for action on bills except for those listed in the sine die resolution, including consideration of the governor's vetoes.