**Tuesday, January 14, 2014**

**(Statewide Session)**

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## Indicates New Matter

 The Senate assembled at 12:00 Noon, the hour to which it stood adjourned, and was called to order by the PRESIDENT.

 A quorum being present, the proceedings were opened with a devotion by the Chaplain as follows:

As the Psalmist proclaims:

 “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

 (Psalm 118:24)

 Bow in prayer with me, please:

 We do humbly ask, dear God, that You will richly guide and bless this Senate as their new legislative year unfolds. May each Senator, may our Lieutenant Governor, may our Governor, and may every staff member feel the fullness of the responsibilities which are upon them, Lord, and may they trust in Your guidance and care with every task that confronts them. Ultimately, may these servants bring about results that will benefit every woman, man, and child in South Carolina, to the end that we all indeed shall “rejoice and be glad,” and give You glory and praise. Moreover, Gracious God, we further offer You our thanksgiving for and loving memories of our colleague and friend, Vanessa Collier, who faithfully served this Senate for 34 years. All this we pray in Your loving name, O Lord. Amen.

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

**Expression of Personal Interest**

 Senator COURSON rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**Remarks by Senator COURSON**

 MR. PRESIDENT, I would like for my colleagues to stand and acknowledge your exemplary service to the people of South Carolina. The State is grateful for what you have done. Your service has rarely been equaled and never been exceeded. Thank you sir for your service to our people.

 On motion of Senator SETZLER, with unanimous consent, the remarks of Senator COURSON were ordered printed in the Journal.

**COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED**Office of the Secretary of State
1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 525
Columbia, SC 29201

October 10, 2013

South Carolina Senate

Office of the Clerk

Jeffrey S. Gossett, Clerk

P.O. Box 142

Columbia, SC 29202

Dear Mr. Gossett:

 Please find enclosed a copy of the election results for the Honorable Marlon Kimpson, State Senate District 42 in the Special Election held October 1, 2013, as certified to this office by the State Election Commission.

 If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 734-2512.

 With warm regards, I am

Sincerely,
/s/ Mark Hammond

Secretary of State

**South Carolina Election Commission**

1205 Pendleton Street

Columbia, SC 29201

October 4, 2013

Honorable Mark Hammond

Secretary of State

1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 525

Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Secretary:

 The State Election Commission hereby certifies Hon. Marlon Kimpson as the winner of the State Senate, District 42, in the Special Election held on October 1, 2013.

Sincerely,

/s/ Marci Andino

Executive Director

**SENATE MEMBER**

2013 Election Results

District 42 Hon. Marlon Kimpson

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

 On motion of Senator BRYANT, with unanimous consent, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 35, the Privilege of the floor was extended to the family of Senator KIMPSON.

**Administration of Oath of Office
Senator Sworn In**

 Senator KIMPSON presented himself at the Bar and the Oath of Office was administered to him by the PRESIDENT.

**Motion Adopted**

 On motion of Senator COURSON, with unanimous consent, Senator KIMPSON was introduced and granted leave to address the Senate with brief remarks.

**Remarks by Senator KIMPSON**

 First giving honor to God, for without his blessings, grace and mercy, I would not be standing before you today. Second, let me recognize my family. As you saw during the administration of the oath just a moment ago, my wife Kimberlyn and daughter Marleigh are here with me today. I want to thank them for their patience and support as we made our way through the special election cycle this past summer. Marleigh voted 3 times, of course with her Daddy, so she has been definitely exposed to the voting process in the first six months of her life. Also, let me recognize my father and mother, Milton and Wilhelmina Kimpson. My brother Milton Gary and his wife Audra Kimpson, both state employees, are with us too here today. My in‑laws, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Davis and Mr. Davis’ mother, Thelma Davis, who drove all the way from Atlanta, Georgia, to be with us on this very special occasion. Finally, but not least, let me thank and recognize the people of District 42 for electing me as their State Senator. I realize I have some big shoes to fill, shoes worn by Sen. Robert Ford my predecessor who indeed made significant contributions to this great State. I want the citizens of District 42 to know that when I stand up on this floor, I speak on your behalf, and although it is my voice that is heard, it is your words that give life to my message.

 To my colleagues of this august body, it is my distinct honor and privilege to join you in this place to do good work on behalf of the people of South Carolina. I want you to know that I do solemnly swear to take this job and awesome responsibility very seriously.

 My first exposure to this body was back in the early eighties when my daddy worked as an executive assistant with then Governor Dick Riley right downstairs. As a little boy my mamma would bring us up here to visit daddy. I would break away from his office and run up and down those stairs out there, and as I would get close to these chambers my Daddy would catch up to me, grab my hand and tell me to “be quiet because the people in there were doing important work.” Little did I know that one day, I would be one of the people in here doing important work.

 For those who don’t know me, I grew up right here in Columbia, SC. And graduated from Columbia High School in 1987. During the summer months I worked for the late Senator WARREN GIESE of Richland County who was the administrator of a federally-funded summer feeding program for poor kids. Back then, his office was in room 613, the same office I’m assigned now. I matriculated at Morehouse College, in Atlanta, GA and finished there in 1991. My first job was in Anderson, SC as a branch manager of a bank and then I went to Greenville where I lent money to many of the upstate’s biggest businesses as a commercial lender. However, although I succeeded in all those jobs, in life you have to find your calling, so I answered my calling by going on to the law school right down the street and graduated from the University of SC School of Law in 1999. Then I had the distinct honor of clerking for the late Judge Matthew Perry, national civil rights icon and the first African-American judge appointed to the bench in SC. Judge Perry taught me much of what I know today about the law. After working for Judge Perry, I took a job with then Ness, Motley, Loadholdt ,Richardson and Poole and started in the Barnwell office. Now I am a partner with Motley Rice in the firm’s Charleston office, where I represent state, city and county pension funds all across this country to help them re-coup monetary losses due to corporate fraud. So, you can see, I have had a variety of experiences in a variety of places in this State and I bring all that with me to this office.

 During the election, I pledged to the people of District 42 that I would come up here to work hard for them everyday, that I would not cower in the face of adversity but stand resolute to make sure that every child could get a good public education, breathe clean air and drink clean water and that every citizen in this State would have the opportunity to live the American dream. For me this is about more than filing Bills for political gamesmanship and randomly assigning big numbers to budgets for theatrics to show that you care, this is about conviction from the heart. There’s a hymn that we sang growing up on the church choir, “May the work that I’ve done, speak for me.” I’m looking forward to working with each and every one of you, Republican and Democrat, so the work that we do speaks volumes for the State of South Carolina. Thank you and may God bless this State.

 On motion of Senator SETZLER, with unanimous consent, the remarks of Senator KIMPSON were ordered printed in the Journal.

**REPORT RECEIVED**

Joint Transportation Review Committee
Post Office Box 142
Columbia, SC 29202-0142

January 13, 2014

The Honorable Jeffrey S. Gossett

Clerk of the Senate

1101 Pendleton Street

Columbia, S.C. 29201

The Honorable Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House

1105 Pendleton Street

Columbia, S.C. 29201

Dear Mr. Gossett and Mr. Reid:

 The Joint Transportation Review Committee met on January 9, 2014, to consider the qualifications of applicants for the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission.  The committee found the following individuals qualified to serve on the commission.

2nd District:

Mr. John N. Hardee of Columbia

4th District

Mr. George William “Will” Gramling of Campobello

Mr. Woodrow W. Willard, Jr. of Spartanburg

6th District

Samuel B. Glover of Orangeburg

 This report became official at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2014.Candidates are now free to solicit votes, and members may pledge their vote at this time.

 Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Larry K. Grooms, Chairman

**Clerk’s Appointment**

 The Clerk announced the following appointment:

Mrs. Michele M. Neal Administrative Assistant

**Motion Adopted**

 On motion of Senator SETZLER, with unanimous consent, the committee selection process in Rule 19 was waived and the vacancies were filled in the following manner:

 Senator HUTTO moved from the Rules Committee to the General Committee; Senator COLEMAN filled a vacancy on the Corrections and Penology Committee; Senator NICHOLSON moved from the Judiciary Committee to the Finance Committee; Senator ALLEN moved from the General Committee to the Labor, Commerce & Industry Committee; Senator JOHNSON moved from the Corrections and Penology Committee to the Medical Affairs Committee; Senator McELVEEN moved from the Corrections and Penology Committee to the Transportation Committee; and Senator KIMPSON filled the vacancies on the Corrections and Penology Committee, General Committee, Invitations Committee, Judiciary Committee, and Rules Committee.

**STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE**

**AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Verdin, Daniel B. “Danny”, III, Chairman

Matthews, John W., Jr.

McGill, J. Yancey

Grooms, Lawrence K. “Larry”

Bryant, Kevin L.

Williams, Kent M.

Campbell, Paul G., Jr.

Sheheen, Vincent A.

Gregory, Chauncey K. “Greg”

Massey, A. Shane

Coleman, Creighton B.

Corbin, Tom

Hembree, Greg

Johnson, Kevin

McElveen, J. Thomas, III

Shealy, Katrina

Young, Tom

**BANKING AND INSURANCE**

Hayes, Robert W., Jr., Chairman

Setzler, Nikki

Courson, John E.

Matthews, John W., Jr.

Reese, Glenn G.

Jackson, Darrell

Martin, Larry A.

Rankin, Luke A.

Alexander, Thomas C.

Cromer, Ronnie W.

Pinckney, Clementa C.

Malloy, Gerald

O’Dell, William H.

Davis, Tom

Lourie, Joel

Bright, Lee

Bennett, Sean

**CORRECTIONS AND PENOLOGY**

Fair, Michael L., Chairman

Pinckney, Clementa C.

Williams, Kent M.

Campbell, Paul G., Jr.

Massey, A. Shane

Martin, Shane R.

Nicholson, Floyd

Gregory, Chauncey K. “Greg”

Matthews, John W., Jr.

Davis, Tom

Allen, Karl B.

Shealy, Katrina

Thurmond, Paul

Turner, Ross

Young, Tom

Coleman, Creighton B.

Kimpson, Marlon

**EDUCATION**

Courson, John E., Chairman

Setzler, Nikki

Matthews, John W., Jr.

Hayes, Robert W., Jr.

Rankin, Luke A.

Fair, Michael L.

Peeler, Harvey S., Jr.

Jackson, Darrell

Grooms, Lawrence K. “Larry”

Martin, Larry A.

Malloy, Gerald

Hutto, C. Bradley

Pinckney, Clementa C.

Sheheen, Vincent A.

Cleary, Raymond E., III

Hembree, Greg

Thurmond, Paul

**ETHICS**

Rankin, Luke A., Chairman

Leatherman, Hugh K.

Courson, John E.

Hayes, Robert W., Jr.

McGill, J. Yancey

Peeler, Harvey S., Jr.

Reese, Glenn G.

Hutto, C. Bradley

Matthews, John W., Jr.

Jackson, Darrell

**FINANCE**

Leatherman, Hugh K., Chairman

Setzler, Nikki G.

Peeler, Harvey S., Jr.

McGill, J. Yancey

Courson, John E.

Matthews, John W., Jr.

O’Dell, William H.

Reese, Glenn G.

Hayes, Robert W., Jr.

Alexander, Thomas C.

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Bryant, Kevin L.

Jackson, Darrell

Cleary, Raymond E., III

Lourie, Joel

Williams, Kent M.

Campbell, Paul G., Jr.

Davis, Tom

Nicholson, Floyd

**FISH, GAME AND FORESTRY**

Campsen, George E. “Chip”, III, Chairman

McGill, J. Yancey

Hutto, C. Bradley

Cromer, Ronnie W.

Williams, Kent M.

Sheheen, Vincent A.

Coleman, Creighton B.

Gregory, Chauncey K. “Greg”

Bennett, Sean

Corbin,Tom

Hembree, Greg

Johnson, Kevin L.

McElveen, J. Thomas, III

Shealy, Katrina F.

Thurmond, Paul

Turner, Ross

Young, Tom, Jr.

**GENERAL COMMITTEE**

O’Dell, William H., Chairman

Sheheen, Vincent A.

Reese, Glenn G.

Lourie, Joel

Bryant, Kevin L.

Jackson, Darrell

Cromer, Ronnie W.

Cleary, Raymond E., III

Bright, Lee

McGill, J. Yancey

Verdin, Daniel B. “Danny”, III

Campbell, Paul G., Jr.

Martin, Shane R.

Shealy, Katrina F.

Young, Tom, Jr.

Hutto, C. Bradley

Kimpson, Marlon E.

**INTERSTATE COOPERATION**

Leatherman, Hugh K., Chairman

Setzler, Nikki G.

Peeler, Harvey S., Jr.

Matthews, John W., Jr.

O’Dell, William H.

**INVITATIONS**

Bryant, Kevin L., Chairman

Alexander, Thomas C.

McGill, J. Yancey

Reese, Glenn G.

Verdin, Daniel B. “Danny”, III

Campsen, George E. “Chip”, III

Cromer, Ronnie W.

Malloy, Gerald

Cleary, Raymond E., III

Johnson, Kevin L.

Kimpson, Marlon E.

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Sheheen, Vincent A.

Campsen, George E. “Chip”, III

Massey, A. Shane

Bright, Lee

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Martin, Shane R.

Scott, John L., Jr.

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Allen, Karl B.

Bennett, Sean

Corbin, Tom

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Johnson, Kevin L.

McElveen, J. Thomas, III

Shealy, Katrina F.

Thurmond, Paul

Turner, Ross

Young, Tom, Jr.

Kimpson, Marlon E.

**LABOR, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

Alexander, Thomas C., Chairman

Setzler, Nikki G.

O’Dell, William H.

Reese, Glenn G.

Leatherman, Hugh K.

Bryant, Kevin L.

Williams, Kent M.

Massey, A. Shane

Bright, Lee

Nicholson, Floyd

Davis, Tom

Scott, John L., Jr.

Bennett, Sean

Corbin, Tom

Johnson, Kevin L.

Turner, Ross

Allen, Karl B.

**MEDICAL AFFAIRS**

Peeler, Harvey S., Jr., Chairman

Courson, John E.

Hayes, Robert W., Jr.

Jackson, Darrell

Fair, Michael L.

Hutto, C. Bradley

Pinckney, Clementa C.

Verdin, Daniel B. “Danny”, III

Cleary, Raymond E., III

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Martin, Shane R.

Nicholson, Floyd

Scott, John L., Jr.

Alexander, Thomas C.

Bright, Lee

Davis, Tom

Johnson, Kevin L.

**RULES**

Cromer, Ronnie W., Chairman

Martin, Larry A.

Reese, Glenn G.

Malloy, Gerald

Leatherman, Hugh K.

Massey, A. Shane

Martin, Shane R.

Nicholson, Floyd

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Scott, John L., Jr.

Allen, Karl B.

Corbin, Tom

McElveen, J. Thomas, III

Thurmond, Paul

Turner, Ross

Kimpson, Marlon E.

**TRANSPORTATION**

Grooms, Lawrence K. “Larry”, Chairman

Leatherman, Hugh K.

McGill, J. Yancey

Rankin, Luke A.

Verdin, Daniel B. “Danny”, III

Malloy, Gerald

Campsen, George E. “Chip”, III

Cleary, Raymond E., III

Peeler, Harvey S., Jr.

Campbell, Paul G., Jr.

Lourie, Joel

Coleman, Creighton B.

Scott, John L., Jr.

Allen, Karl B.

Bennett, Sean

Hembree, Greg

McElveen, J. Thomas, III

**INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS OF THE SENATE**

ALEXANDER, THOMAS C.

Banking and Insurance

Finance

Invitations

Labor, Commerce and Industry, Chairman

Medical Affairs

ALLEN, KARL B.

Corrections and Penology

Judiciary

Labor, Commerce and Industry

Rules

Transportation

BENNETT, SEAN

Banking and Insurance

Fish, Game and Forestry

Judiciary

Labor, Commerce and Industry

Transportation

BRIGHT, LEE

Banking and Insurance

General

Judiciary

Labor, Commerce and Industry

Medical Affairs

BRYANT, KEVIN L.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Finance

General

Invitations, Chairman

Labor, Commerce and Industry

CAMPBELL, PAUL G., JR.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Corrections and Penology

Finance

General

Transportation

CAMPSEN, GEORGE E. “CHIP”, III

Fish, Game and Forestry, Chairman

Invitations

Judiciary

Rules

Transportation

CLEARY, RAYMOND E., III

Education

Finance

General

Invitations

Medical Affairs

Transportation

­COLEMAN, CREIGHTON B.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Corrections and Penology

Fish, Game and Forestry

Judiciary

Transportation

CORBIN, TOM

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Fish, Game and Forestry

Judiciary

Labor, Commerce and Industry

Rules

COURSON, JOHN E.

Banking and Insurance

Education, Chairman

Ethics

Finance

Medical Affairs

CROMER, RONNIE W.

Banking and Insurance

Finance

Fish, Game and Forestry

General

Invitations

Rules, Chairman

DAVIS, TOM

Banking and Insurance

Corrections and Penology

Finance

Labor, Commerce and Industry

Medical Affairs

FAIR, MICHAEL L.

Corrections and Penology, Chairman

Education

Finance

Medical Affairs

GREGORY, CHAUNCEY K. “GREG”

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Corrections and Penology

Fish, Game and Forestry

Judiciary

Rules

GROOMS, LAWRENCE K. “LARRY”

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Education

Finance

Transportation, Chairman

HAYES, ROBERT W., JR.

Banking and Insurance, Chairman

Education

Ethics

Finance

Medical Affairs

HEMBREE, GREG

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Education

Fish, Game and Forestry

Judiciary

Transportation

HUTTO, C. BRADLEY

Education

Ethics

Fish, Game and Forestry

General

Judiciary

Medical Affairs

JACKSON, DARRELL

Banking and Insurance

Education

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Finance

General

Medical Affairs

JOHNSON, KEVIN L.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Fish, Game and Forestry

Invitations

Judiciary

Medical Affairs

Labor, Commerce and Industry

KIMPSON, MARLON E.

Corrections and Penology

General

Invitations

Judiciary

Rules

LEATHERMAN, HUGH K.

Ethics

Finance, Chairman

Interstate Cooperation, Chairman

Labor, Commerce and Industry

Rules

Transportation

LOURIE, JOEL

Banking and Insurance

Finance

General

Medical Affairs

Transportation

MALLOY, GERALD

Banking and Insurance

Education

Invitations

Judiciary

Rules

Transportation

MARTIN, LARRY A.

Banking and Insurance

Education

Judiciary, Chairman

Rules

MARTIN, SHANE R.

Corrections and Penology

General

Judiciary

Medical Affairs

Rules

MASSEY, A. SHANE

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Corrections and Penology

Judiciary

Labor, Commerce and Industry

Rules

MATTHEWS, JOHN W., JR.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

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Education

Ethics

Finance

Interstate Cooperation

McELVEEN, J. THOMAS, III

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Fish, Game and Forestry

Judiciary

Rules

Transportation

McGILL, J. YANCEY

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Ethics

Finance

Fish, Game and Forestry

General

Invitations

Transportation

NICHOLSON, FLOYD

Corrections and Penology

Finance

Labor, Commerce and Industry

Medical Affairs

Rules

O’DELL, WILLIAM H.

Banking and Insurance

Finance

General, Chairman

Interstate Cooperation

Labor, Commerce and Industry

PEELER, HARVEY S., JR.

Education

Ethics

Finance

Interstate Cooperation

Medical Affairs, Chairman

Transportation

PINCKNEY, CLEMENTA C.

Banking and Insurance

Corrections and Penology

Education

Finance

Medical Affairs

RANKIN, LUKE A.

Banking and Insurance

Education

Ethics, Chairman

Judiciary

Transportation

REESE, GLENN G.

Banking and Insurance

Ethics

Finance

General

Invitations

Labor, Commerce and Industry

Rules

SCOTT, JOHN L., JR.

Judiciary

Labor, Commerce and Industry

Medical Affairs

Rules

Transportation

SETZLER, NIKKI G.

Banking and Insurance

Education

Finance

Interstate Cooperation

Labor, Commerce and Industry

SHEALY, KATRINA F.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Corrections and Penology

Fish, Game and Forestry

General

Judiciary

SHEHEEN, VINCENT A.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Education

Fish, Game and Forestry

General

Judiciary

THURMOND, PAUL

Corrections and Penology

Education

Fish, Game and Forestry

Judiciary

Rules

TURNER, ROSS

Corrections and Penology

Fish, Game and Forestry

Judiciary

Labor, Commerce and Industry

Rules

VERDIN, DANIEL B. “DANNY”, III

Agriculture and Natural Resources, Chairman

Finance

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Transportation

WILLIAMS, KENT M.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Corrections and Penology

Finance

Fish, Game and Forestry

Labor, Commerce and Industry

YOUNG, TOM, JR.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Corrections and Penology

Fish, Game and Forestry

General

Judiciary

**SEATING SELECTIONS**

 Pursuant to the Rules, the Senate proceeded to the selection of seats.

 The Reading Clerk called the roll in accordance with Rule 4 for the purpose of seating selections as follows:

Seat 1 Sen. Courson

Seat 2 Sen. Peeler

Seat 3 Sen. Leatherman

Seat 4 Sen. O’Dell

Seat 5 Sen. Cromer

Seat 6 Sen. Hayes

Seat 7 Sen. Larry Martin

Seat 8 Sen. Fair

Seat 9 Sen. Alexander

Seat 10 Sen. Campbell

Seat 11 Sen. Cleary

Seat 12 Sen. Campsen

Seat 13 Sen. Grooms

Seat 14 Sen. Verdin

Seat 15 Sen. Bright

Seat 16 Sen. Bryant

Seat 17 Sen. Gregory

Seat 18 Sen. Hembree

Seat 19 Sen. Bennett

Seat 20 Sen. Shane Martin

Seat 21 Sen. Davis

Seat 22 Sen. Corbin

Seat 23 Sen. Shealy

Seat 24 Sen. McGill

Seat 25 Sen. Setzler

Seat 26 Sen. Matthews

Seat 27 Sen. Scott

Seat 28 Sen. Nicholson

Seat 29 Sen. Reese

Seat 30 Sen. Williams

Seat 31 Sen. Kimpson

Seat 32 Sen. Jackson

Seat 33 Sen. Rankin

Seat 34 Sen. Hutto

Seat 35 Sen. Coleman

Seat 36 Sen. Allen

Seat 37 Sen. Johnson

Seat 38 Sen. McElveen

Seat 39 Sen. Thurmond

Seat 40 Sen. Pinckney

Seat 41 Sen. Turner

Seat 42 Sen. Young

Seat 43 Sen. Malloy

Seat 44 Sen. Sheheen

Seat 45 Sen. Lourie

Seat 46 Sen. Massey

**Expression of Personal Interest**

 Senator CLEARY rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**Expression of Personal Interest**

 Senator COURSON rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**Expression of Personal Interest**

 Senator HEMBREE rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**Remarks by Senator HEMBREE**

 My fellow members of the South Carolina Senate I bring you greetings from the citizens of Horry and Dillon Counties.

 Happy New Year! The beginning of a legislative session, like the beginning of a new year, is a time of hope and a time of promise. It is a time when we recognize the opportunity for a fresh start to accomplish important things for the citizens we each represent. Those of us gathered here have the rare opportunity to build a safer South Carolina, a smarter South Carolina, a healthier South Carolina, a more prosperous South Carolina, in short a BETTER South Carolina. It is very exciting.

 This year is also exciting because it is an election year. Several of our fellow members of the Senate have offered to run for, I will not say higher office, let us just say for another office. As elected public servants, we understand the great personal costs associated with running for office and we appreciate those of you willing to run and willing to serve. Furthermore, as elected public servants, each one of us has experienced the emotions of a campaign and we all understand that desperate need to communicate a message.

 That being said, the well of the Senate is NOT the place to perform campaign speeches. The well of the Senate is a place to conduct the people’s business.

 A number of my fellow Sophomore Senators and I are concerned that during this election year some members of this body may be tempted to take advantage of the five minute “point of personal interest” to offer campaign speeches. As much as we all love a good campaign speech, we simply do not have the luxury of wasting time listening to them in session. The Senate has less than sixty days to conclude the people’s business and we will need every minute of that time if we are to solve the problems our constituents have sent us here to fix.

 To encourage our colleagues to take the campaign speeches outside of this Chamber, our bi-partisan group, which we have named the “Solutions Caucus,” will keep a five minute hourglass on hand. If a member of this body begins to offer a campaign speech for or against a candidate during a “point of person interest,” we will keep time and raise a point of order if the speech exceeds five minutes. The obvious goal is to keep the campaign rhetoric outside the chamber so that we can work on solutions inside the chamber.

 South Carolina is a truly exceptional place with its rich history, its beautiful natural resources and most importantly its people. South Carolina also has challenges, but they are challenges that working diligently and working together we can tackle!

 May God bless the 2014 session of the South Carolina Senate.

 On motion of Senator SHANE MARTIN, with unanimous consent, the remarks of Senator HEMBREE were ordered printed in the Journal.

**REGULATIONS RECEIVED**

 The following were received and referred to the appropriate committees for consideration:

Document No. 4316

Agency: Department of Employment and Workforce

Chapter: 47

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 41-29-110

SUBJECT: Employer-Employee Relationship

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 14, 2014

Referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

Legislative Review Expiration May 14, 2014

Document No. 4386

Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control

Chapter: 30

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 48-39-10 et seq.

SUBJECT: Coastal Division Regulations

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 14, 2014

Referred to the Committee Agriculture and Natural Resources

Legislative Review Expiration May 14, 2014

Document No. 4388

Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control

Chapter: 61

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 48-1-10 et seq.

SUBJECT: Air Pollution Control Regulations and Standards

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 14, 2014

Referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs

Legislative Review Expiration May 14, 2014

Document No. 4389

Agency: Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Chapter: 115

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70 and 40-67-70

SUBJECT: Requirements of Licensure in the Field of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 14, 2014

Referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs

Legislative Review Expiration May 14, 2014

Document No. 4391

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 59-13-100

SUBJECT: School Superintendent Compensation and Benefits/Expenses

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 14, 2014

Referred to the Committee on Education

Legislative Review Expiration May 14, 2014

Document No. 4396

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60, 59-21-510 et seq., and 59-33-10 et seq.

SUBJECT: Utilization of General Teacher Certification

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 14, 2014

Referred to the Committee on Education

Legislative Review Expiration May 14, 2014

Document No. 4397

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-29-180 and 59-5-60

SUBJECT: School Admission

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 14, 2014

Referred to the Committee on Education

Legislative Review Expiration May 14, 2014

Document No. 4399

Agency: Workers’ Compensation Commission

Chapter: 67

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 42-3-30 and 42-9-301

SUBJECT: Lump Sum Payment

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 14, 2014

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary

Legislative Review Expiration May 14, 2014

Document No. 4400

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60, 59-25-110, 59-26-10 et seq., and 20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.

SUBJECT: Accreditation Criteria

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 14, 2014

Referred to the Committee on Education

Legislative Review Expiration May 14, 2014

Document No. 4401

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 59-5-60

SUBJECT: Accreditation Standards Filed

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 14, 2014

Referred to the Committee on Education

Legislative Review Expiration May 14, 2014

Document No. 4403

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-1-320, 59-5-60, and 4 U.S.C. 1 et seq.

SUBJECT: Displaying the Flag

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 14, 2014

Referred to the Committee on Education

Legislative Review Expiration May 14, 2014

Document No. 4404

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60, 59-5-65, and 59-59-10 et seq.

SUBJECT: Minimum Standards of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Enforcement Procedures to be Implemented by Local School Districts

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 14, 2014

Referred to the Committee on Education

Legislative Review Expiration May 14, 2014

Document No. 4405

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 59-5-60

SUBJECT: Operation and Funding of Teacher Training Courses in Mathematics, Science, Reading and Computer Education

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 14, 2014

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Legislative Review Expiration May 14, 2014

Document No. 4406

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60 and 59-25-110

SUBJECT: Requirements for Certification at the Advanced Level

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 14, 2014

Referred to the Committee on Education

Legislative Review Expiration May 14, 2014

Document No. 4407

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60 and 59-16-10 et seq.

SUBJECT: South Carolina Virtual School Program

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 14, 2014

Referred to the Committee on Education

Legislative Review Expiration May 14, 2014

Document No. 4408

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-65, 59-65-90, 20 U.S.C. 7112, and 42 U.S.C. 5601 et seq.

SUBJECT: Student Attendance

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 14, 2014

Referred to the Committee on Education

Legislative Review Expiration May 14, 2014

Document No. 4409

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 59-5-67

SUBJECT: Teacher Grants

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 14, 2014

Referred to the Committee on Education

Legislative Review Expiration May 14, 2014

Document No. 4411

Agency: Department of Natural Resources

Chapter: 123

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 50-1-200, 50-1-220, 50-3-100, 50-9-740, 50-11-10, 50-11-65, 50-11-120, 50-11-310, 50-11-335, 50-11-350, 50-11-390, 50-11-430, 50-11-500, 50-11-510, 50-11-520, 50-11-530, 50-11-854, 50-11-2200 and 50-11-2210

SUBJECT: Seasons, Limits, Methods of Take and Special Use Restrictions on Wildlife Management Areas

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 14, 2014

Referred to the Committee on Fish, Game, and Forestry

Legislative Review Expiration May 14, 2014

Document No. 4414

Agency: Department of Natural Resources

Chapter: 123

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 50-11-2200, 50-11-2210 and 50-11-2215

SUBJECT: Additional Regulations Applicable to Specific Properties

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 14, 2014

Referred to the Committee on Fish, Game, and Forestry

Legislative Review Expiration May 14, 2014

Document No. 4419

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60(1), (3), and (6), 59‑39-100, and 20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.

SUBJECT: Adult Education

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 14, 2014

Referred to the Committee on Education

Legislative Review Expiration May 14, 2014

Document No. 4420

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-43-10 et seq.

SUBJECT: Adult Education Program

Referred to the Committee on Education

Legislative Review Expiration May 14, 2014

Document No. 4422

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60(1), 59-25-110, 59-26-10 et seq., and 20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.

SUBJECT: Requirements for Additional Areas of Certification

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 14, 2014

Referred to the Committee on Education

Legislative Review Expiration May 14, 2014

Document No. 4428

Agency: Department of Natural Resources

Chapter: 123

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 50-21-610 and 50-23-230

SUBJECT: Homemade Watercraft

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 14, 2014

Referred to the Committee on Fish, Game, and Forestry

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**Doctor of the Day**

 Senator FAIR introduced Dr. Bruce A. Snyder of Greenville, S.C., Doctor of the Day.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

The following co-sponsors were added to the respective Bills:

S. 185 Sen. Bennett

S. 447 Sen. Shealy

S. 513 Sens. Grooms, Bryant

S. 300 Sens. Fair, Campsen, Davis, Shealy

S. 811 Sen. Coleman

S. 901 Sens. Grooms, Bryant

S. 865 Sen. Massey

S. 886 Sen. Massey

S. 904 Sen. Massey

S. 876 Sen. Campsen

S. 885 Sen. Campsen

S. 901 Sen. Davis

**Motion Adopted**

 Senator COURSON asked unanimous consent to make a motion that the list of prefiled Bills, a copy of which has been made available to each member, be entered in the Journal *en banc* as having been read and referred, as noted, unless any member shall make a motion to refer a Bill to a different committee.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

 The following were introduced:

 S. 806 -- Senators Setzler, Matthews, McGill, Reese, Jackson, Hutto, Pinckney, Malloy, Sheheen, Lourie, Williams, Coleman, Nicholson, Scott, Allen, Johnson, McElveen and Kimpson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 10 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 13 SO AS TO CREATE THE DIVISION OF SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED DEFINITIONS, OBJECTIVES, DUTIES, AND POWERS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 S. 807 -- Senators Setzler, Courson, Cromer, Massey and Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-7-380, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN LEXINGTON COUNTY, SO AS TO ADD FOUR PRECINCTS AND DELETE ONE PRECINCT AND TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE MAY BE FOUND AND MAINTAINED BY THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND STATISTICS OF THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 808 -- Senator Leatherman: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-11-1460 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO EMERGENCY VOLUNTEER JOB PROTECTION, TO PROVIDE THAT AN EMPLOYER MAY NOT FIRE OR TAKE ANY ACTION AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER OR A VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL AND WHO, WHEN ACTING AS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER OR A VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL ARRIVES LATE TO WORK IF THE EMPLOYEE PROVIDES WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHIEF.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 809 -- Senator Leatherman: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 4-10-330, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX, SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION ALLOWING THE REFERENDUM FOR IMPOSITION OR REIMPOSITION TO BE HELD AT A TIME OTHER THAN AT THE TIME OF THE GENERAL ELECTION.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

 S. 810 -- Senators Peeler, McGill, Alexander and Hayes: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 20, TITLE 2, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO NONJUDICIAL SCREENING AND ELECTION, SO AS TO CREATE THE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY TRUSTEE SCREENING COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR TRUSTEES TO STATE-SUPPORTED COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE INVESTIGATIVE, NOMINATION, AND ELECTION PROCESSES.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 811 -- Senators Courson, Lourie and Coleman: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-27-110 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY BOARDS OF REGISTRATION AND BOARDS OF ELECTION, TO PROVIDE THAT FOR THOSE COUNTIES THAT DO NOT HAVE A COMBINED BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTION, THE BOARDS MAY BE COMBINED UPON WRITTEN AGREEMENT OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE NUMBER, TERMS, POWERS, AND DUTIES OF THE COMBINED BOARD, AND THE ABOLISHMENT OF THE SEPARATE BOARDS OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT FOR THOSE COUNTIES THAT DO HAVE COMBINED BOARDS OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTION, THE POWER TO APPOINT OR RECOMMEND THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMBINED BOARD MAY BE DEVOLVED TO THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY UPON WRITTEN AGREEMENT OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 812 -- Senator O'Dell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 11-50-50, AS AMENDED, SECTIONS 11-50-60, 11-50-90, AND 11-50-160, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, ALL RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY, SO AS TO UPDATE THE LIST OF COUNTIES IN WHICH A BOARD MEMBER MAY RESIDE OR REPRESENT, TO REMOVE THE AUTHORITY FROM THE JURISDICTION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT, AND TO NO LONGER REQUIRE THE AUTHORITY TO OBTAIN REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE BEFORE PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, BUT TO REQUIRE THE AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE REGARDING LOANS AND OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

 S. 813 -- Senator Hayes: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-625 SO AS TO PROVIDE A PERSON WHO, WITHOUT LEGAL CAUSE OR GOOD EXCUSE, ENTERS A PUBLIC LIBRARY AFTER HAVING BEEN WARNED BY AN EMPLOYEE, AGENT, OR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LIBRARY NOT TO DO SO OR WITHOUT HAVING BEEN WARNED FAILS AND REFUSES, WITHOUT GOOD CAUSE OR GOOD EXCUSE, TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY UPON BEING ORDERED OR REQUESTED TO DO SO IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR TRIABLE IN A MUNICIPAL OR MAGISTRATES COURT, AND TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION MUST BE CONSTRUED AS IN ADDITION TO, AND NOT AS SUPERSEDING, ANOTHER STATUTE RELATING TO TRESPASS OR UNLAWFUL ENTRY ON LANDS OF ANOTHER.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 814 -- Senator L. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 41-7-35 SO AS TO PROVIDE NO STATE, COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, OR LIKE GOVERNMENTAL OFFICER, AGENT, OR GOVERNING BODY MAY RECOGNIZE ANY LABOR UNION OR OTHER EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION AS A BARGAINING AGENT OF ANY PUBLIC OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES, OR TO COLLECTIVELY BARGAIN OR ENTER INTO ANY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONTRACT WITH ANY SUCH UNION OR ASSOCIATION OR ITS AGENTS WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER RELATING TO THEM OR THEIR EMPLOYMENT OR SERVICE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 S. 815 -- Senators L. Martin and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-11-30, SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, TO PROVIDE THAT A PARTY MAY CHOOSE TO CHANGE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES BY PRIMARY TO A CONVENTION IF THREE-FOURTHS OF THE CONVENTION MEMBERSHIP APPROVES OF THE CONVENTION NOMINATION PROCESS, AND A MAJORITY OF THE VOTERS IN THAT PARTY'S NEXT PRIMARY ELECTION APPROVES THE USE OF A CONVENTION.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 816 -- Senators L. Martin, Campsen, Malloy, Peeler, Alexander, McGill and Hayes: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX NOON ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2014, AS THE TIME TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT, CHIEF JUSTICE, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JULY 31, 2014; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 11, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2014; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 12, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2014; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 13, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2014; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2014; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM THAT EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2019; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2014; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 5, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2014; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 5, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2014, AND TO FILL THE SUBSEQUENT FULL TERM WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2020; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF FAMILY COURT, FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2016, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO THE FAMILY COURT, FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2014; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF FAMILY COURT, SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2016, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO THE JUDGE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2014; AND AS THE DATE TO MEET IN JOINT SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY, AT-LARGE SEAT NINE, WHOSE TERM EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2016, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY, FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, WHOSE TERM EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2017, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING TWO MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE OLD EXCHANGE BUILDING COMMISSION, AT-LARGE SEATS, WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2018.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

**Recalled--S. 816**

 Senator LARRY MARTIN asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Concurrent Resolution from the Committee on Judiciary.

 The Resolution was recalled from the Committee on Judiciary and ordered placed on the Calendar for consideration tomorrow.

 S. 817 -- Senator L. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-47 SO AS TO REQUIRE PERSONS SEEKING CERTAIN POSITIONS OR WHO VOLUNTEER OR SERVE IN A POSITION SUPPORTED, SPONSORED, OR ADMINISTERED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE TO UNDERGO A STATE AND NATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK AND TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED AND FOR THE COSTS OF THE BACKGROUND CHECKS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 818 -- Senator L. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-2945, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF FELONY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM

YEARS OF IMPRISONMENT FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF THIS OFFENSE WHEN DEATH RESULTS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 819 -- Senator Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 52 TO TITLE 27 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION ACT".

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 820 -- Senator Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3785 SO AS TO ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER TO CLAIM AN INCOME TAX CREDIT IF THE INDIVIDUAL SERVES AS A CAREGIVER, AND TO SET THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

 S. 821 -- Senator Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-5-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN OFFENDER SENTENCED TO NINETY OR FEWER DAYS IMPRISONMENT WHO IS EMPLOYED AT THE TIME OF SENTENCING AND IS ABLE TO MAINTAIN EMPLOYMENT MAY SERVE HIS SENTENCE AT A TIME WHEN HE IS NOT WORKING AND DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH HIS EMPLOYMENT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR WAGE GARNISHMENT TO SATISFY CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 822 -- Senators Jackson, Alexander and Courson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO INVITE THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, THE HONORABLE GLENN F. MCCONNELL, TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION ON THE STATE OF THE AGING POPULATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA AT 12:00 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 12, 2014.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Invitations.

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

 S. 823 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 56-5-6410 AND 56-5-6420, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CHILD PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEMS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AGE FOR WHICH A CHILD MUST BE SECURED IN A PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEM FROM FIVE YEARS OLD TO SEVEN YEARS OLD, TO ADD CERTAIN HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS, TO PROHIBIT A CHILD FROM OCCUPYING THE FRONT PASSENGER SEAT UNTIL THE CHILD IS TWELVE YEARS OLD INSTEAD OF FIVE YEARS OLD, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

 S. 824 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 23-43-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA MODULAR BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTION ACT, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT AN APPROVED INSPECTION AGENCY RETAIN A BUILDING CONSTRUCTION-ORIENTED ENGINEER OR ARCHITECT TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 23-43-90, RELATING TO INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION OF A MODULAR BUILDING, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT FINAL PLAN APPROVAL FOR A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL MODULAR BUILDING BE PERFORMED BY AN APPROVED INSPECTION AGENCY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT FINAL APPROVAL FOR A COMMERCIAL MODULAR BUILDING BE PERFORMED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 S. 825 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 3-1-40 SO AS TO EXEMPT FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION ANY REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN A MILITARY BASE OR INSTALLATION THAT IS USED OR OWNED BY THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AND IS USED AS MILITARY HOUSING FOR MILITARY AFFILIATED PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES EVEN IF THE REAL PROPERTY IS IMPROVED, MAINTAINED, OR LEASED TO A PARTY THAT WOULD OTHERWISE SUBJECT THE REAL PROPERTY TO TAX, SO LONG AS THERE IS A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT REQUIRING THE LESSEE TO USE THE PROPERTY FOR MILITARY HOUSING.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

 S. 826 -- Senator Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38-73-500(C) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO RANDOM DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING PROCEDURES CONCERNING MERIT RATING FOR WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE; TO PROVIDE THAT A SINGLE SAMPLE MAY BE USED FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND TESTS IF A SECOND TEST IS ADMINISTERED.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

 S. 827 -- Senator Fair: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 17-15-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CONDITIONS OF RELEASE FOR A PERSON CHARGED WITH A NONCAPITAL OFFENSE, TO PROVIDE A COURT MAY ORDER A PERSON TO WEAR AN APPROVED ELECTRONIC MONITORING DEVICE AS A CONDITION OF RELEASE AND MAY ORDER A PERSON TO PAY THE COST OF ELECTRONIC MONITORING.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 828 -- Senators Fair and Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 11-41-75 SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN BOND REIMBURSEMENT REQUIREMENTS IF A CONVENTION AND TRADE SHOW CENTER IS SOLD AND IS TO BE REPLACED WITH A NEW CONVENTION AND TRADE SHOW CENTER, AND TO SET FORTH EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 11-41-70, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BONDS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

 S. 829 -- Senator Fair: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-1520, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO GENERAL RULES REGARDING MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS THAT A VEHICLE MAY BE OPERATED ALONG A HIGHWAY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THIS PROVISION APPLIES TO HIGHWAYS WHERE HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE OR CONSTRUCTION WORKERS, OR SANITATION WORKERS ARE PRESENT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PENALTIES CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION MUST BE DOUBLED FOR A DRIVER WHO VIOLATES THE SPEED LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN IT WHILE OPERATING A VEHICLE WHERE PERSONS ARE ENGAGED IN WORK IN A HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE OR CONSTRUCTION AREA, IN A UTILITY WORK AREA, OR WHERE SANITATION WORKERS ARE AT RISK FROM TRAFFIC AND THE VEHICLE'S OPERATOR KNOWS OR SHOULD KNOW THAT SANITATION WORKERS ARE PRESENT.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

 S. 830 -- Senator Fair: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPLICATION BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES TO BE CALLED BY CONGRESS RESTRICTED TO PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, LIMIT THE POWER AND JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND LIMIT THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR ITS OFFICIALS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 831 -- Senator Fair: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 21, TITLE 24 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON, BY ADDING ARTICLE 14 TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING OF ELECTRONIC MONITORING VENDORS, AND TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT AND REGULATE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR THE USE OF ELECTRONIC MONITORING, DATA STORAGE, AND THE CONTRACTING OF VENDORS, AND TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT AN APPLICATION FEE FOR THE LICENSING AND REGISTERING OF ELECTRONIC MONITORING VENDORS AND AN ANNUAL RENEWAL FEE, AND TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT MAY IMPOSE A FINE OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR EACH VIOLATION ON VENDORS, AND TO PROVIDE NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO ABROGATE OR IMPAIR THE POWERS OF ANY BOND COURT OR GRANT THE DEPARTMENT AUTHORITY OVER A BAIL BONDING COMPANY AND THEIR POWER TO SET CONDITIONS OF PRETRIAL RELEASE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Corrections and Penology.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Corrections and Penology.

 S. 832 -- Senator Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-110 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE MOTOR FUEL USER FEE, BY ADDING "LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS" TO THE DEFINITION OF "ALTERNATIVE FUEL" AND TO ADD "DIESEL GALLON EQUIVALENT" TO THE LIST OF DEFINITIONS FOR THE CHAPTER; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-310 TO PROVIDE THAT A USER FEE OF SIXTEEN CENTS PER DIESEL GALLON EQUIVALENT BE APPLIED TO LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

 S. 833 -- Senator Grooms: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPLICATION BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES TO BE CALLED BY CONGRESS RESTRICTED TO PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, LIMIT THE POWER AND JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND LIMIT THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR ITS OFFICIALS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 834 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 156 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILD DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION PROGRAM WHICH IS A FULL DAY, FOUR-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM FOR AT-RISK CHILDREN WHICH MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE TO QUALIFIED CHILDREN IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN THE STATE, TO ESTABLISH PRIORITY FOR THE PROGRAM, TO REQUIRE THE PROGRAM TO BE AVAILABLE TO ALL QUALIFIED CHILDREN BY THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR, TO ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE THAT WITHIN FIVE YEARS OF THE PROGRAM BEING AVAILABLE TO ALL QUALIFIED CHILDREN, THAT THE PROGRAM MUST BE EXPANDED TO ALL CHILDREN REGARDLESS OF FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY, TO ESTABLISH PROVIDER STANDARDS, TO TASK THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE OFFICE OF FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS WITH ACTING AS ADMINISTRATORS OF THE PROGRAM, TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR THE PROGRAM, AND TO SET THE FUNDING LEVEL OF THE PROGRAM.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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

 S. 835 -- Senator Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-57-60 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH A FEE SCHEDULE AND TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF FEES PAID BY REAL ESTATE LICENSEES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-57-70, RELATING TO LICENSE FEES, TO REMOVE THAT ALL FEES RELEVANT TO LICENSURE AND REGULATION MUST BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 40-1-50(D) AND PROMULGATED THROUGH REGULATION.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 S. 836 -- Senator Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 23 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY; BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-240, TO PROVIDE THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT CHAPLAINS WITH A VALID CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT MAY BE AUTHORIZED TO CARRY A WEAPON IN THE SAME MANNER AND WITH THE SAME RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REVOCATION OF THAT AUTHORIZATION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT REVOCATION OF AUTHORIZATION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE REVOCATION OF THE CHAPLAIN'S CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 837 -- Senator Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 11, TITLE 16 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY ACT; BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-460 TO PROVIDE THAT AN ORDER CONCERNING IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION UNDER THE ARTICLE IS IMMEDIATELY APPEALABLE; AND TO PROVIDE THAT A DEFENDANT WHO DOES NOT APPEAL THE ORDER IMMEDIATELY MAY APPEAL THE DENIAL AFTER CONVICTION AND SENTENCING.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 838 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 75, TITLE 15 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SUITS INVOLVING MISCELLANEOUS ACTS OF WRONGFUL CONDUCT, BY ADDING SECTION 15-75-30 TO CREATE A CIVIL CAUSE OF ACTION FOR ALIENATION OF AFFECTION.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 839 -- Senator Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 46 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO AGRICULTURE, BY ADDING CHAPTER 55 CONCERNING INDUSTRIAL HEMP; TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS LAWFUL TO GROW INDUSTRIAL HEMP IN THIS STATE; TO CLARIFY THAT INDUSTRIAL HEMP IS EXCLUDED FROM THE DEFINITION OF MARIJUANA; TO PROHIBIT GROWING INDUSTRIAL HEMP AND MARIJUANA ON THE SAME PROPERTY OR OTHERWISE GROWING MARIJUANA IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO INDUSTRIAL HEMP TO DISGUISE THE MARIJUANA GROWTH; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

 S. 840 -- Senator Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-53-1640, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE SUBMISSION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY DISPENSERS AS PART OF THE STATE PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM, SO AS TO REVISE THE MANNER OF SUBMISSION; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44-53-1650, RELATING TO CONFIDENTIALITY AND RELEASE OF DATA FROM THE STATE PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM, SO AS TO REQUIRE A COURT ORDER FOR THE RELEASE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION FOR RESEARCH AND EDUCATION PURPOSES, AND TO REQUIRE A COURT ORDER TO RELEASE INFORMATION TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHEN THE REQUEST IS FOR SYSTEM DATA MAINTAINED FOR LONGER THAN ONE YEAR.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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

 S. 841 -- Senator Cleary: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 13, TITLE 63, SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF CHILDCARE FACILITIES, BY ADDING SECTION 63-13-185, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION TO A CHILD BY AN EMPLOYEE OR VOLUNTEER OF A CHILDCARE FACILITY WITHOUT PARENTAL PERMISSION, AND TO INCLUDE EXCEPTIONS IN CIRCUMSTANCES OF EMERGENCIES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 842 -- Senator Cleary: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 12, TITLE 25 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO VETERAN'S UNCLAIMED CREMATED REMAINS, TO PROVIDE THAT A CORONER MAY WORK WITH A VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED CREMATED REMAINS OF A VETERAN PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS CHAPTER.

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 Prefiled and referred to the General Committee.

 Read the first time and referred to the General Committee.

 S. 843 -- Senator Cleary: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-63-130, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF STUDENT HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, OR BULLYING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A SCHOOL EMPLOYEE OR VOLUNTEER MAY GRATUITOUSLY INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF A STUDENT SUBJECTED TO HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, OR BULLYING; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-63-150, RELATING TO CERTAIN LEGAL IMMUNITIES FOR A SCHOOL EMPLOYEE OR VOLUNTEER WHO REPORTS AN INCIDENT OF STUDENT HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, OR BULLYING IN COMPLIANCE WITH DISTRICT POLICY, SO AS TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY FROM CRIMINAL OR CIVIL LIABILITY FOR A SCHOOL EMPLOYEE OR VOLUNTEER WHO IN GOOD FAITH GRATUITOUSLY INTERVENES ON BEHALF OF A STUDENT SUBJECTED TO HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, OR BULLYING.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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

 S. 844 -- Senator Cleary: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-260 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY APPOINTMENT NOT MADE IN A YEAR BY THE GOVERNOR, AN ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICER, OR AN ELECTED PUBLIC ENTITY BE TRANSFERRED TO AN APPROPRIATE LEGISLATIVE GROUP TO MAKE THE APPOINTMENT.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 845 -- Senator Lourie: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO TRANSFER AND EXPEND FUNDS AMONG APPROPRIATED REVENUES TO OPERATE AND ADMINISTER THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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

 S. 846 -- Senator Campbell: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 19, TITLE 63 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO OFFENSES INVOLVING MINORS, BY ADDING SECTION 63-19-2470 TO PROVIDE THAT CHILDREN TWELVE YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER WHO ARE CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE GENERALLY RELATED TO THE MISTREATMENT OF ANIMALS MUST BE GIVEN APPROPRIATE PSYCHIATRIC OR PSYCHOLOGICAL TREATMENT.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 847 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 15-39-410 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PROPERTY WHICH MAY BE ORDERED TO BE APPLIED TOWARD THE SATISFACTION OF A JUDGMENT, TO PROVIDE, INSTEAD OF A COMPLETE EXEMPTION OF THE EARNINGS OF A JUDGMENT DEBTOR FOR HIS PERSONAL SERVICES, THAT ONLY SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE EARNINGS OF THE DEBTOR FOR HIS PERSONAL SERVICES CANNOT BE APPLIED, AND THE EARNINGS OF THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR FOR HIS PERSONAL SERVICES TO BE WITHHELD MAY NOT EXCEED THE LIMITS SET FORTH BY THE FEDERAL CONSUMER CREDIT PROTECTION ACT.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 848 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-2910 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO RECKLESS VEHICULAR HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF, PLEADS GUILTY TO, OR PLEADS NOLO CONTENDERE TO RECKLESS VEHICULAR HOMICIDE IS GUILTY OF A FELONY, AND MUST BE FINED NOT LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS NOR MORE THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS OR IMPRISONED NOT MORE THAN FIFTEEN YEARS, OR BOTH, AND AFTER ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF REVOCATION OF THE PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE, THE PERSON MAY PETITION THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE COUNTY OF THE PERSON'S CONVICTION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF THE PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE; TO AMEND ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 56 RELATING TO RECKLESS HOMICIDE, RECKLESS DRIVING, AND DRIVING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR, DRUGS, OR NARCOTICS, BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-2925 TO DEFINE "GREAT BODILY INJURY" AS BODILY INJURY WHICH CREATES A SUBSTANTIAL RISK OF DEATH OR WHICH CAUSES SERIOUS, PERMANENT DISFIGUREMENT, OR PROTRACTED LOSS OR IMPAIRMENT OF THE FUNCTION OF ANY BODILY MEMBER OR ORGAN, TO PROVIDE FOR THE OFFENSE OF FELONY RECKLESS DRIVING, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTIES OF FELONY RECKLESS DRIVING, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCEDURE FOR REINSTATEMENT OF THE DRIVER'S LICENSE OF A PERSON CONVICTED OF FELONY RECKLESS DRIVING, AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE PERSON'S PRIVILEGE TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE IS REINSTATED, A SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS FOR ANY MOVING VIOLATION REQUIRES THE AUTOMATIC CANCELLATION OF THE PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE AND IMPOSITION OF THE FULL PERIOD OF REVOCATION FOR THE FELONY RECKLESS DRIVING VIOLATION.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 849 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 56 OF THE 1976 CODE OF LAWS, RELATING TO DRIVER'S LICENSE, BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-45 TO PROVIDE IN ADDITION TO OTHER REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN FULL LICENSURE, A PERSON AT LEAST FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE WHO HAS NEVER HELD A FORM OF LICENSE EVIDENCING PREVIOUS DRIVING EXPERIENCE MUST ENROLL IN AND SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE A DRIVER TRAINING COURSE CONDUCTED BY A DRIVER TRAINING SCHOOL LICENSED UNDER CHAPTER 23 OF THIS TITLE OR, IF REGULARLY ENROLLED IN A HIGH SCHOOL OF THIS STATE WHICH CONDUCTS A DRIVER'S TRAINING COURSE, A COURSE TAUGHT BY A QUALIFIED INSTRUCTOR TO OBTAIN FULL LICENSURE, AND TO PROVIDE A PERSON TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WHO HAS NEVER HELD A FORM OF LICENSE EVIDENCING PREVIOUS DRIVING EXPERIENCE MUST ENROLL IN AND SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE AN EIGHT-HOUR DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

 S. 850 -- Senator Coleman: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-11-510, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL HUNTING OR TAKING OF WILD TURKEYS BY THE MEANS, AID, OR USE OF BAIT OR BAITING, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITIONS OF THE TERMS "BAIT" OR "BAITING", AND "BAITED AREAS", AND TO PROVIDE NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE PROHIBITS THE HUNTING AND TAKING OF WILD TURKEYS ON OR OVER LANDS OR AREAS THAT ARE NOT BAITED UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

 S. 851 -- Senator Coleman: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 39-6-100, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO A WARRANTY AGREEMENT ON CERTAIN FARM AND OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE MANUFACTURER MAY NOT PAY LESS THAN THE HOURLY LABOR RATE, PLUS OTHER EXPENSES INVOLVED IN THE WORK, THAT THE DEALER REGULARLY CHARGES TO A RETAIL CUSTOMER NOT ASSERTING A WARRANTY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEALER ONLY MAY CLAIM THE NUMBER OF HOURS OF LABOR ACTUALLY PERFORMED, OR ONE AND ONE-HALF TIMES THE SUPPLIER'S RECOMMENDED HOURS FOR THE REPAIR INVOLVED, WHICHEVER IS LESS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEALER MUST BE PAID ITS NET PRICE FOR PARTS, PLUS FIFTEEN PERCENT.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 852 -- Senators Coleman and Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 15-78-120, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE LIMITATION ON LIABILITY UNDER THE TORT CLAIMS ACT, SO AS TO RAISE THE PER PERSON CAP FROM THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND TO FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 853 -- Senators Coleman and Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 15-78-120, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE LIMITATION ON LIABILITY UNDER THE TORT CLAIMS ACT, SO AS TO DELETE THE PER OCCURRENCE CAP OF SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND THE ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR PER OCCURRENCE CAP FOR ANY TORT CAUSED BY A LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR DENTIST EMPLOYED BY A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 854 -- Senator Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 9, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO STATE EMBLEMS, BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-712A TO DESIGNATE THE MAMMOTH AS THE OFFICIAL STATE FOSSIL.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 855 -- Senator Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 58 OF THE 1976 CODE, BY ADDING CHAPTER 10 TO ESTABLISH THE CRIME OF SENDING CERTAIN ELECTRONIC MESSAGES TO MINORS, TO CREATE A CHILD PROTECTION REGISTRY, TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF CONTACT POINTS TO WHICH A MINOR HAS ACCESS, TO PRESCRIBE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS, TO CREATE A FUND AND PROVIDE FOR FEES, TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES AND REMEDIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 16-16-20, RELATING TO COMPUTER CRIMES AND PENALTIES, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON TO WILFULLY, KNOWINGLY, MALICIOUSLY, OR WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION TO DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ACCESS OR CAUSE TO BE ACCESSED A CONTACT POINT AS DEFINED IN SECTION 58-10-10(1) THAT HAS BEEN REGISTERED FOR MORE THAN THIRTY CALENDAR DAYS WITH THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 856 -- Senator Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 17-22-710 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO WORTHLESS CHECK UNITS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANDATORY COLLECTION OF FEES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 857 -- Senator McElveen: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 16 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS; BY ADDING SECTION 16-1-140 TO ENHANCE THE SENTENCE FOR INDIVIDUALS CONVICTED OF A SERIOUS OR MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE THAT HE COMMITTED WHILE HE WAS RELEASED ON BOND FOR A SERIOUS OR MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE FOR WHICH HE WAS ALSO CONVICTED.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 858 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-19-90 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION, TO PROVIDE THAT A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL BE PROHIBITED FROM VOTING IN JOINT SESSION AND MUST EXCUSE HIMSELF FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTION OF JUDGES IF THE MEMBER REPRESENTS CLIENTS IN ANY COURT IN THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF THIS STATE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 22-1-40, RELATING TO APPEARANCE AS AN ATTORNEY IN A CASE BEFORE A MAGISTRATE, TO PROHIBIT A SENATOR FROM APPEARING AS AN ATTORNEY AT LAW BEFORE A MAGISTRATE THE SENATOR RECOMMENDED TO THE GOVERNOR FOR APPOINTMENT.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 859 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY, BY ADDING SECTION 10-1-220 TO PROVIDE THAT A STATE BUILDING, ROAD, HIGHWAY, INTERSTATE HIGHWAY, BRIDGE, INTERCHANGE, OR INTERSECTION MAY NOT BE NAMED FOR ANY ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIAL, COMMISSIONER, DIRECTOR, OR JUDGE WHO HAS NOT BEEN DECEASED FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS; AND TO AMEND ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 57, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, BY ADDING SECTION 57-3-605 TO PROVIDE THAT A STATE BUILDING, ROAD, HIGHWAY, INTERSTATE HIGHWAY, BRIDGE, INTERCHANGE, OR INTERSECTION MAY NOT BE NAMED FOR ANY ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIAL, COMMISSIONER, DIRECTOR, OR JUDGE WHO HAS NOT BEEN DECEASED FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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 S. 860 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-39-160 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES, TO PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY GRANT A WAIVER OF THE REQUIREMENTS IF A STUDENT'S INELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES IS DUE TO A LONG TERM ABSENCE AS A RESULT OF A MEDICAL CONDITION, BUT THE STUDENT HAS BEEN MEDICALLY CLEARED TO PARTICIPATE OR FOR ANY OTHER REASONABLE CIRCUMSTANCE AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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

 S. 861 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-2948 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FIELD SOBRIETY TESTS, TO PROVIDE NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, WHEN AN INVESTIGATING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SUSPECTS A PERSON CAUSED A MOTOR VEHICLE INCIDENT RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF ANOTHER PERSON, AND THE DRIVER IS PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO SUBMIT TO A FIELD SOBRIETY TEST ON THE SCENE OF THE INCIDENT, THE DRIVER MUST SUBMIT TO EITHER ONE OR A COMBINATION OF CHEMICAL TESTS OF HIS BREATH, BLOOD, OR URINE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE PRESENCE OF ALCOHOL, DRUGS, OR A COMBINATION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUGS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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 S. 862 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-59-260 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE EXCEPTION FOR PROJECTS BY A PROPERTY OWNER FOR PERSONAL USE, TO PROVIDE THAT AN OWNER OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WHO IMPROVES THE PROPERTY OR WHO BUILDS OR IMPROVES THE STRUCTURES OR APPURTENANCES ON THE PROPERTY AT A COST OF MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS SHALL NOT WITHIN TWO YEARS AFTER COMPLETION OR ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OFFER THE STRUCTURE FOR SALE OR RENT, AND CONSTRUCTION OR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE STRUCTURE, GROUP OF STRUCTURES, OR APPURTENANCES THAT COST THE OWNER-BUILDER LESS THAN TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ARE NOT EVIDENCE OF "SALE" OR "RENT" FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 S. 863 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-4580 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO LIGHTING EQUIPMENT THAT MUST BE ATTACHED TO BUSES, TRUCKS, TRAILERS, SEMITRAILERS, AND POLE TRAILERS, TO REQUIRE A TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER THAT IS LOADED OR IS OF DIMENSIONS SO AS TO OBSCURE THE STOP LIGHT ON THE TOWING VEHICLE THEN THE TRAILER ALSO MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH ONE STOP LIGHT VISIBLE FROM BEHIND; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-5150, RELATING TO USE OF SAFETY DEVICES WHEN TOWING VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN A VEHICLE IS TOWING ANOTHER VEHICLE OR TRAILER ON A PUBLIC ROAD OR HIGHWAY, THE TOWING VEHICLE MUST BE PROPERLY AND SECURELY ATTACHED TO THE TOWED VEHICLE OR TRAILER.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

 S. 864 -- Senators L. Martin, Lourie and Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 63, SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM ACT" TO CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM, WHICH IS A PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES COORDINATION AND MEDICAL SERVICE RESOURCES STATEWIDE TO AGENCIES AND ENTITIES THAT RESPOND TO VICTIMS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PROGRAM.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 865 -- Senators L. Martin, Alexander, Campbell, O'Dell, Reese, Verdin, Peeler, Shealy, Gregory and Massey: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 23, TITLE 58, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE CDL DRIVER EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION ACT WHICH PROVIDES THAT CIVIL LIABILITY CLAIMS MADE AGAINST AN EMPLOYER OF A PERSON WHO HOLDS A VALID COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE BASED ON ANY THEORY OF NEGLIGENT HIRING, TRAINING, RETENTION, OR ENTRUSTMENT MUST BE CONSIDERED IN THE SECOND PHASE OF A BIFURCATED TRIAL PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-32-520(E), IF THERE IS EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT AN AWARD OF PUNITIVE DAMAGES, BUT PUNITIVE DAMAGES MAY NOT BE AWARDED AGAINST AN EMPLOYER SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF VICARIOUS LIABILITY.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 866 -- Senator L. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 5, TITLE 7, SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, RELATING TO COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS OF VOTER REGISTRATION, TO REPLACE CURRENT COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONS AND REGISTRATION BOARDS, TO DEVOLVE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITY TO A COMBINED BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS FOR EACH COUNTY, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS, AND TO ESTABLISH TERMS, DUTIES, AND AUTHORITY FOR THE BOARDS; TO REPEAL SECTION 7-5-35 AND SECTION 7-13-70; AND TO REPEAL CHAPTER 27, TITLE 7 RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 867 -- Senator Hayes: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 101 OF 2013, RELATING TO THE 2013-2014 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, SO AS TO REVISE PARAGRAPH 1.85, SECTION 1, PART 1B, THAT ALLOWS FOR A TAX CREDIT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO A NONPROFIT SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING ORGANIZATION BY SPECIFYING THE TAXES FOR WHICH THE CREDIT MAY BE CLAIMED AGAINST, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS", TO ESTABLISH AN APPLICATION PROCESS TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF CREDIT AVAILABLE TO BE CLAIMED, AND TO DELETE A PROVISION RELATING TO MARRIED PERSONS FILING SEPARATELY.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

 S. 868 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 30-5-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR FORMATTING DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO A CLERK OF COURT OR REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR RECORDING, TO PROVIDE A SIX-MONTH GRACE PERIOD, TO PROVIDE THAT AFTER THE GRACE PERIOD A NONCONFORMING DOCUMENT MUST BE ACCEPTED FOR RECORDING WITH THE IMPOSITION OF A NONREFUNDABLE FINE TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND OR MUST BE REFUSED FOR RECORDING, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FOR DOCUMENTS FILED ELECTRONICALLY PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORM REAL PROPERTY ELECTRONIC RECORDING ACT.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 869 -- Senator Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 25, TITLE 16 ENTITLED "DATING VIOLENCE" SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DATING VIOLENCE, AND PROVIDE A PENALTY.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 870 -- Senator Kimpson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-36-71 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A RETAILER IS PRESUMED TO BE LIABLE FOR THE SALES TAX OR RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING AND REMITTING THE USE TAX IF THE RETAILER ENTERS INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE UNDER WHICH THE RESIDENT, FOR CONSIDERATION, REFERS POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS, WHETHER BY AN INTERNET LINK OR OTHERWISE, TO REQUIRE SUCH RETAILERS TO OBTAIN A RETAIL LICENSE AND REMIT SALES AND USE TAX ON ALL TAXABLE RETAIL SALES, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

 S. 871 -- Senator Fair: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 55 TO TITLE 46 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA EQUINE PROMOTION ACT" INCLUDING PROVISIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUPPORT OF THIS PROGRAM BY MEANS OF A VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION MADE BY PREVIOUS FILING OF SOUTH CAROLINA STATE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RETURNS AND OTHER DONATIONS, GRANTS, OR APPROPRIATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH THE REVENUE DERIVED FROM THESE ASSESSMENTS MUST BE USED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-5060, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES MADE BY TAXPAYERS ON STATE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RETURNS, SO AS TO CONFORM THE SECTION TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA EQUINE PROMOTION ACT.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

 S. 872 -- Senator Fair: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-50, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE JOINT CITIZENS AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN, SO AS TO ESTABLISH IT AS A PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE AND TO DELETE OBSOLETE PROVISIONS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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 S. 873 -- Senator Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-27-30, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO FUNDING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT, AT A MINIMUM, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND MUST BE APPROPRIATED AS MUCH AS WAS APPROPRIATED IN FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014; AND TO AMEND SECTION 6-27-50, RELATING TO AMENDMENTS TO PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ITS PROVISIONS MAY NOT BE SUSPENDED EXCEPT IN SEPARATE LEGISLATION SOLELY FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

 S. 874 -- Senator Hutto: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE THE GOVERNOR AND STATE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE TO INTENSIFY EFFORTS TO CREATE JOBS AND FOSTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN RURAL AREAS OF SOUTH CAROLINA THAT FACE CHRONIC LEVELS OF HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

 S. 875 -- Senator Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ABORTIONS, BY ADDING SECTION 44-41-25, TO PROVIDE THAT A PHYSICIAN PERFORMING AN ABORTION OUTSIDE OF A HOSPITAL MUST HAVE ADMITTING AND STAFF PRIVILEGES AT A LOCAL CERTIFIED HOSPITAL.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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

 S. 876 -- Senators Cromer and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-11-355 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL DEER HUNTING NEAR A RESIDENCE, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO HUNT DEER WITH FIREARMS NEAR A RESIDENCE WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE OWNER AND OCCUPANT.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

 S. 877 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-195, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO SCHOOL BUS SAFETY STANDARDS, TO PROVIDE THAT MOTOR COACHES ARE EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIRED STANDARDS WHEN OWNED AND OPERATED BY A SCHOOL OR A SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

 S. 878 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 16 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO PRODUCE OR CREATE AUDIO OR VIDEO RECORDINGS OF A VIOLENT CRIME AND THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO PUBLISH AUDIO OR VIDEO RECORDINGS OF THE VIOLENT CRIME; AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 879 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 7, TITLE 13 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO NUCLEAR ENERGY, BY ADDING SECTION 13-7-47 TO PROHIBIT MINORS FROM USING SOURCES OF NONIONIZED RADIATION WHICH IS USED IN COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THE TANNING OF HUMAN SKIN.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 S. 880 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-55, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON WHO HOLDS A BEGINNER'S PERMIT OR A RESTRICTED DRIVER'S LICENSE TO DRIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE USING A CELLULAR TELEPHONE OR TEXT MESSAGING DEVICE; AND TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON TO DRIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE THROUGH A SCHOOL ZONE OR HIGHWAY WORK ZONE WHILE USING A CELLULAR TELEPHONE OR TEXT MESSAGING DEVICE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 881 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-220 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO GENERAL EXEMPTIONS FROM PROPERTY TAXES; BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION TO ALLOW COUNTIES TO EXEMPT FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION SOLAR ENERGY ELECTRIC SYSTEMS AND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE COST OF A SOLAR ENERGY HEATING OR COOLING SYSTEM AND A TRADITIONAL HEATING OR COOLING SYSTEM.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

 S. 882 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 41-27-210 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF EMPLOYMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT INDIVIDUALS THAT TRANSPORT VEHICLES FOR AUTOMOBILE DEALERS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE DEFINITION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 S. 883 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 13, CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CAMPAIGN PRACTICES, BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1347 TO PROHIBIT CAMPAIGN STAFF, FUNDRAISERS, AND MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES ORGANIZED TO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF CAMPAIGNS FROM BEING TRANSPORTED IN STATE OWNED VEHICLES AND AIRCRAFT; TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8 BY ADDING ARTICLE 12, TO REQUIRE ANNUAL PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE FILING DEADLINE, THE INFORMATION THAT MUST BE DISCLOSED, PENALTIES, AND FOR THE DISPOSITION OF INADVERTENT AND UNINTENTIONAL VIOLATIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-310, RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION SHALL BE COMPRISED OF TEN MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SUPREME COURT, TO PROVIDE THAT THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION MUST BE EVENLY SPLIT BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE MAJORITY PARTY IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE LARGEST MINORITY PARTY IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO REMOVE ARCHAIC REFERENCES.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 884 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-20-35 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF A TRUSTEE TO A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY; TO PROVIDE THAT THE FINDINGS OF FACT PRODUCED BY THE SCREENING COMMITTEE MUST CONTAIN AN ANALYSIS OF THE DEMOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRIOR TO THE VACANCY AND AS A RESULT OF THE VACANCY.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 885 -- Senators Bryant and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 23-31-510 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF THE OWNERSHIP, TRANSFER, OR POSSESSION OF FIREARMS OR AMMUNITION, TO PROVIDE NO GOVERNING BODY OF ANY COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN THE STATE MAY ENACT, ENFORCE, OR PROMULGATE ANY REGULATION OR ORDINANCE THAT REGULATES OR ATTEMPTS TO REGULATE THE TRANSFER, OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, CARRYING, OR TRANSPORTATION OF KNIVES, FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, COMPONENTS OF FIREARMS, OR ANY COMBINATION OF THESE THINGS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 886 -- Senators Bryant and Massey: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 5, TITLE 38 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO TRANSACTING INSURANCE BUSINESS, BY ADDING SECTION 38-5-15, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE SHALL AUTHORIZE OUT-OF-STATE INSURERS TO OFFER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES IN THIS STATE, TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE TO CONDUCT MARKET AND SOLVENCY EXAMINATIONS OF OUT-OF-STATE INSURERS SEEKING TO OFFER PLANS IN THIS STATE, AND TO PROVIDE LANGUAGE THAT MUST BE PRESENT IN AN OUT-OF-STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN OFFERED TO SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

 S. 887 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 17-25-326, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ALTERATION, MODIFICATION, OR RESCISSION OF A COURT ORDER, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COURT SHALL NOT ALTER, MODIFY, OR RESCIND A DEFENDANT'S CRIMINAL SENTENCE, UNLESS THE COURT HAS HELD A HEARING ALLOWING THE DEFENDANT, ATTORNEY GENERAL OR SOLICITOR, AND THE VICTIM TO TESTIFY REGARDING THE DECISION TO ALTER, MODIFY, OR RESCIND THE SENTENCE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 888 -- Senators Campsen, Courson, Hayes, Grooms, Peeler, L. Martin and Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "ACADEMIC STANDARDS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 59-18-355 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN RECOMMENDED REVISIONS AND OTHER CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO A STATEWIDE CORE ACADEMIC AREA CONTENT STANDARD THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CONSIDERS FOR APPROVAL AS AN ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURE MUST RECEIVE BOTH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND THE APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY JOINT RESOLUTION TO BE ADOPTED AND IMPLEMENTED, EXCEPT THAT GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVAL IS NOT NEEDED FOR A REVISION, CHANGE, OR ADDITION DEVELOPED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN RECOMMENDED REVISIONS AND OTHER CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO STATEWIDE ACADEMIC ASSESSMENTS THAT THE BOARD CONSIDERS FOR APPROVAL AS AN ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURE MUST RECEIVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE COMMITTEE TO BE ADOPTED AND IMPLEMENTED, TO PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE AND THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE GOVERNOR BEFORE INITIATING A CHANGE TO AN EXISTING STATEWIDE ACADEMIC CONTENT STANDARD OR STATEWIDE ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE CODE SECTION MAY NOT BE INTERPRETED TO PREVENT THE DEPARTMENT, BOARD, AND COMMITTEE FROM CONSIDERING THE BEST PRACTICES IN EDUCATION STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENTS WHILE DEVELOPING ITS OWN STANDARDS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-18-320, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT NEW STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED TO BE DEVELOPED AND ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR USE AS AN ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURE MUST BE DEVELOPED AND ADOPTED UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-18-350, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO A MANDATORY CYCLICAL REVIEW OF STATE STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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

 S. 889 -- Senator Cleary: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-260 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY LEGISLATION OR REGULATION IMPOSING A FEE OR AMENDING A FEE AMOUNT MUST BE REFERRED TO THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 890 -- Senator Cleary: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 48-39-130, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PERMITS REQUIRED FOR COASTAL ZONE CRITICAL AREAS, SO AS TO DELETE THE EMERGENCY ORDER EXCEPTION TO ORDERS BY APPOINTED OFFICIALS OF COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 48-39-280, RELATING TO THE SHORELINE FORTY-YEAR RETREAT POLICY, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE SEAWARD MOVEMENT OF THE BASELINE AFTER JULY 1, 2014, AND TO ELIMINATE THE RIGHT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND LANDOWNERS TO PETITION THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT TO MOVE THE BASELINE SEAWARD UPON COMPLETION OF A BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROJECT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 48-39-290, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION RESTRICTIONS SEAWARD OF THE BASELINE, EXCEPTIONS TO RESTRICTIONS, AND SPECIAL PERMITS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE EXCEPTION OF GOLF COURSES FROM A PERMIT REQUIREMENT AND TO SUBSTITUTE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL'S COASTAL DIVISION AS THE DIVISION TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR SPECIAL PERMITS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

 S. 891 -- Senator Cleary: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-310(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE USER FEE ON GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SIXTEEN CENT PER GALLON USER FEE SHALL BE INCREASED BY TWO CENTS EACH YEAR UNTIL THE USER FEE IS EQUAL TO THIRTY-SIX CENTS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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 S. 892 -- Senator Campbell: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 38, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO INSURANCE, BY ADDING CHAPTER 8 ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA NEW MARKET JOBS ACT" SO AS TO PROVIDE A CREDIT AGAINST INSURANCE PREMIUM TAXES AND POSSIBLE OTHER STATES TAXES MADE IN CERTAIN INVESTMENTS MADE BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ENTITIES, PROVIDING INVESTMENT CAPITAL FOR A QUALIFIED ACTIVE LOW INCOME COMMUNITY SMALL BUSINESS LOCATED IN THIS STATE, TO MODEL THIS STATE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX CREDIT ON THE FEDERAL NEW MARKETS TAX CREDIT PROGRAM PROVIDING FEDERAL INCOME TAX CREDITS FOR SUCH INVESTMENTS BUT LIMITED TO SUCH INVESTMENTS IN THIS STATE, TO ADOPT FEDERAL DEFINITIONS AS APPLICABLE FOR THE CREDIT BUT MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE PARTICULAR SOUTH CAROLINA APPLICATION OF THE CREDITS, TO PROVIDE A MAXIMUM INITIAL INDIVIDUAL INVESTMENT, A MAXIMUM OVERALL LIMIT FOR ALL SUCH INVESTMENTS ELIGIBLE FOR THE CREDIT, AND AN ANNUAL MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF CREDIT THAT MAY BE CLAIMED, TO PROVIDE THAT THESE CREDITS APPLY OVER SEVEN YEARS AND ARE NONREFUNDABLE AND NOT SALEABLE, TO REQUIRE FEES FOR PROCESSING APPLICATIONS FOR SUCH CREDITS AND FOR RECAPTURE OF THE CREDITS IF QUALIFICATIONS ARE NOT MAINTAINED, TO PROVIDE FOR LETTER RULINGS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE WHEN FEDERAL REGULATIONS DO NOT PROVIDE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE, AND TO PROVIDE OTHER LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

 S. 893 -- Senator Campbell: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 39 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO TRADE AND COMMERCE, BY ADDING CHAPTER 77, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO SELL OR INSTALL AN UNMOUNTED, UNSAFE USED TIRE ONTO A PASSENGER CAR OR LIGHT TRUCK; TO DEFINE UNSAFE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE CHAPTER, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO CONDUCT INSPECTIONS; TO ESTABLISH A FINE FOR VIOLATIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT THIS CHAPTER DOES NOT LIMIT A BUSINESS OR INDIVIDUAL'S LIABILITY UNDER THE STATE'S PRODUCTS LIABILITY LAWS; AND TO EXEMPT A BUSINESS OR PERSON WHO IS SELLING TIRES FOR RETREADING.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 S. 894 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 14 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO COURTS, BY ADDING SECTION 14-1-240, TO PROVIDE THAT A FIVE DOLLAR SURCHARGE TO FUND TRAINING AT THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY SHALL BE LEVIED ON ALL FINES, FORFEITURES, ESCHEATMENTS, OR OTHER MONETARY PENALTIES IMPOSED IN THE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT OR IN MAGISTRATES OR MUNICIPAL COURT FOR MISDEMEANOR TRAFFIC OFFENSES OR FOR NONTRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 895 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-5-110 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF REGISTRATION IN ORDER TO VOTE, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON IS NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE IN A PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION OR PARTISAN ADVISORY REFERENDUM UNLESS THE PERSON HAS REGISTERED AS BEING A MEMBER OF THAT PARTY; TO AMEND SECTION 7-5-170, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION, TO PROVIDE THE REQUIREMENT OF STATING POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION, IF ANY, ON THE FORM AND INCLUDING IT IN THE OATH, AND REQUIRE THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION TO ASSIST IN CAPTURING THIS DATA; AND TO AMEND SECTION 7-9-20, RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING IN PRIMARY ELECTIONS, TO INCLUDE, AS A REQUIREMENT, REGISTERING AS A MEMBER OF THE PARTY AND TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR CHANGING POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION OR NONAFFILIATION AFTER A SELECTION HAS BEEN MADE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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 S. 896 -- Senators Coleman, Shealy and Campbell: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 27, TITLE 48, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF FORESTRY IN THIS STATE, SO AS TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF APPOINTMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS, TO CHANGE REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE RIGHT OF BOARD MEMBERS TO COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES, TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A SURETY BOND FOR THE BOARD SECRETARY AND THE SECRETARY'S ENTITLEMENT TO A SALARY, TO CHANGE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE POWERS, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND OPERATION OF THE BOARD, TO REQUIRE FORESTERS TO BECOME LICENSED IN ADDITION TO BEING REGISTERED, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, TO ADD REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE BOARD'S INVESTIGATION AND REVIEW OF COMPLAINTS, TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT FOR MAINTENANCE OF A SEPARATE FUND FOR MONIES RECEIVED UNDER THE CHAPTER, TO CHANGE PROVISIONS RELATING TO CRIMINAL AND FINANCIAL PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN MISCONDUCT, BY ADDING LICENSURE PROVISIONS FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL, BY ADDING REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

 S. 897 -- Senator Coleman: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-723 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO RETIRES FROM A SOLICITOR'S OFFICE MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE PLANS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE COUNTY IN WHICH HE IS EMPLOYED AT THE TIME OF HIS RETIREMENT PARTICIPATES IN THESE PLANS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, AND TO MAKE THESE PROVISIONS RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2012.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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 S. 898 -- Senator Allen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-20-50, CODE OF LAW OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO VARIOUS FUNDING REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE EDUCATION FINANCE ACT, INCLUDING CERTIFIED TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR SALARY REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REVISE THESE SALARY REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE THAT, AT A MINIMUM, CERTIFIED TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS ARE ALWAYS PAID AT THE SOUTHEASTERN AVERAGE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED PROVISIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS REQUIREMENT.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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

 S. 899 -- Senator Allen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA SECOND CHANCE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 17-22-935 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN NONVIOLENT MISDEMEANOR AND FELONY OFFENSES MAY BE EXPUNGED AND TO ESTABLISH THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE EXPUNGEMENT MAY OCCUR.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 900 -- Senator Allen: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE "STUDY COMMITTEE ON EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL OFFENSES" TO REVIEW THE CRIMINAL LAWS OF THE STATE AND DETERMINE CRIMINAL OFFENSES APPROPRIATE FOR EXPUNGEMENT, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP AND STAFFING OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE STUDY COMMITTEE'S TERMINATION.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 901 -- Senators Shealy, Grooms, Bryant and Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-517 SO AS TO REPLACE THE INCOME TAX IMPOSED ON THE TAXABLE INCOME OF INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, TRUSTS, AND CERTAIN OTHER ENTITIES IN TAX YEARS BEGINNING AFTER 2013 BY REDUCING THE RATE OF TAXATION BY 1.4 PERCENT EACH YEAR UNTIL THE TAX RATE FOR ALL BRACKETS IS ZERO PERCENT.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

 S. 902 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING, BY ADDING SECTION 56-3-115, TO PROVIDE THAT NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, FOR THE PURPOSES OF REGISTRATION AND THE REQUIRED LIMITS OF LIABILITY INSURANCE, A MOPED IS A MOTOR VEHICLE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-50, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF CHAPTER 5 TO THE OPERATION OF MOPEDS, TO STRIKE THE EXCEPTION FOR THE APPLICATION OF ARTICLES 35 AND 37 AS APPLIED TO THE OPERATION OF MOPEDS ON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS AND STREETS OF THIS STATE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

 S. 903 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-15-315 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO OFF-SITE DISPLAYS OF AUTOMOBILES OR TRUCKS TO PROVIDE THAT LICENSED DEALERS MAY DISPLAY AUTOMOBILES OR TRUCKS AT AIRPORTS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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

 S. 904 -- Senators Shealy and Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-25-20 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR CRIMINAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TO INCREASE THE PENALTY OF IMPRISONMENT TO NOT MORE THAN ONE YEAR FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, AND TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR IMPRISONMENT TO NOT LESS THAN A MANDATORY MINIMUM OF NINETY DAYS NOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS FOR A SECOND OFFENSE, AND TO REMOVE THE OPTION OF ATTENDING A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO TREAT BATTERERS TO REDUCE A SENTENCE FOR A SECOND OFFENSE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 905 -- Senators Shealy and Turner: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-15-30 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CONSIDERATION OF A CHILD'S PREFERENCE IN A CUSTODY ORDER, TO PROVIDE THAT IN DETERMINING THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD, THE COURT MUST CONSIDER THE CHILD'S REASONABLE PREFERENCE FOR PARENTING TIME; TO AMEND SECTION 63-15-210, RELATING TO TERMS APPLICABLE TO COURT-ORDERED CUSTODY, TO DEFINE "SHARED CUSTODY"; TO AMEND ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 15, TITLE 63, RELATING TO COURT-ORDERED CUSTODY, BY ADDING SECTION 63-15-215, TO PROVIDE THAT IN A SHARED CUSTODY ORDER, THERE SHALL BE A PRESUMPTION THAT, ABSENT PROOF OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT, OR AN AGREEMENT TO THE CONTRARY, THE PARENTS SHALL HAVE SHARED LEGAL DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY AND SHARE APPROXIMATELY EQUALLY IN THE PARENTING TIME OF A CHILD; TO AMEND SECTION 63-15-220, RELATING TO PARENTING PLANS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COURT SHALL PROVIDE PARENTS, AT NO ADDITIONAL COST, MEDIATION SERVICES, TO DEVELOP A PARENTING PLAN OR SHARED PARENTING PLAN; TO AMEND ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 15, TITLE 63, RELATING TO COURT-ORDERED CUSTODY, BY ADDING SECTION 63-15-225, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COURT MAY ORDER ANY PERSON SEEKING LEGAL DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY OR PARENTING TIME TO UNDERGO TESTING FOR THE ILLEGAL USE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES OR ABUSE OF ALCOHOL; TO AMEND ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 15, TITLE 63, RELATING TO COURT-ORDERED CUSTODY, BY ADDING SECTION 63-15-227, TO PROVIDE THAT IF A PARTY IS ABSENT OR RELOCATES, THE COURT SHALL NOT CONSIDER IT AS A FACTOR IN DETERMINING LEGAL DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY OR PARENTING TIME IF THE ABSENCE OR RELOCATION IS OF SHORT DURATION OR THE PARTY IS ABSENT OR RELOCATES BECAUSE OF SAFETY REASONS; TO AMEND SECTION 63-15-230, RELATING TO CONSIDERATIONS IN A FINAL CUSTODY DETERMINATION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER A SHARED CUSTODY AWARD IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD; TO AMEND SECTION 63-15-240, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF AN ORDER FOR CUSTODY AFFECTING THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS, TO PROVIDE THAT IN ISSUING OR MODIFYING AN ORDER FOR CUSTODY, THE ORDER MAY INCLUDE THE AWARD OF SHARED CUSTODY, IN WHICH CASE THE ORDER MUST INCLUDE RESIDENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS, MAJOR DECISIONS CONCERNING THE CHILD, AND THAT EACH CHILD MUST SPEND AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF PARENTING TIME BUT NOT LESS THAN THIRTY-FIVE PERCENT OF CUSTODY TIME WITH EACH PARENT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 63-15-250, RELATING TO TELEPHONIC AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION BETWEEN A MINOR CHILD AND A PARENT, TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN A COURT ORDERS JOINT CUSTODY OR SHARED CUSTODY TO BOTH PARENTS, EACH PARENT SHOULD FACILITATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR REASONABLE TELEPHONIC AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE MINOR CHILD AND THE OTHER PARENT.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

 S. 906 -- Senator Kimpson: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 41 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT, TO ENACT THE EARNED PAID SICK LEAVE ACT, TO PROVIDE THAT EMPLOYEES SHALL ACCRUE EARNED PAID AND EARNED UNPAID SICK LEAVE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE METHOD OF AND LIMITS OF ACCRUAL, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH AN EMPLOYEE MAY USE EARNED PAID OR EARNED UNPAID SICK LEAVE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTIFICATION OF THE REASONS FOR WHICH EARNED PAID OR EARNED UNPAID SICK LEAVE IS USED; TO PROVIDE THAT AN EMPLOYER CANNOT HINDER AN EMPLOYEE'S USE OF EARNED PAID OR EARNED UNPAID SICK LEAVE; TO PROVIDE THAT EMPLOYERS MAY NOT PENALIZE A PERSON FOR PROPERLY USING EARNED PAID OR EARNED UNPAID SICK LEAVE; TO PROVIDE THAT EMPLOYERS WHO ALREADY HAVE POLICIES THAT EXCEED THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER DO NOT HAVE TO CHANGE THOSE POLICIES; TO PROVIDE THAT EMPLOYEES MUST PROVIDE REASONABLE NOTICE TO EMPLOYERS BEFORE USING EARNED PAID OR EARNED UNPAID SICK LEAVE IF POSSIBLE; TO PROVIDE FOR NOTICE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER TO EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 S. 907 -- Senator Kimpson: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX ACT, BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3710 TO ALLOW A TAX CREDIT TO ANY TAXPAYER THAT EMPLOYS A FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL AS A FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE, TO SPECIFY THE TAXES FOR WHICH THE CREDIT MAY BE APPLIED, TO ALLOW THE CREDIT FOR TWENTY-FOUR CONSECUTIVE MONTHS FOR EACH FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL; TO SPECIFY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

 S. 908 -- Senator Hayes: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38-9-310, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING RISK-BASED CAPITAL, SO AS TO REVISE EXISTING DEFINITIONS AND DEFINE ADDITIONAL TERMS; TO AMEND SECTION 38-9-320, RELATING TO PREPARING AND SUBMITTING A RISK-BASED CAPITAL REPORT, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR DETERMINING A HEALTH ORGANIZATION'S RISK-BASED CAPITAL REPORT AND TO PROVIDE THAT EACH RISK FOR A LIFE AND HEALTH INSURER, PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURER, AND A HEALTH ORGANIZATION MUST BE DETERMINED IN A CERTAIN MANNER; TO AMEND SECTION 38-9-330, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO COMPANY ACTION LEVEL EVENTS, SO AS TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL EVENT CONCERNING A HEALTH ORGANIZATION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 38-9-360, RELATING TO THE ROLE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE WHEN A MANDATORY CONTROL LEVEL EVENT OCCURS, SO AS TO ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 38-9-370, RELATING TO HEARINGS AVAILABLE TO A LICENSEE TO CHALLENGE A DETERMINATION OR ACTION BY THE DIRECTOR IN RESPONSE TO A MANDATORY CONTROL LEVEL EVENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE A LICENSEE MAY HAVE THE HEARING CONFIDENTIALLY, ON THE RECORD, AND BEFORE THE DIRECTOR UPON PROVISION OF CERTAIN NOTICE, AND TO PROVIDE THE DIRECTOR SHALL SET A DATE FOR THE HEARING IN A CERTAIN MANNER; TO AMEND SECTION 38-9-380, RELATING TO THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF RISK-BASED CAPITAL REPORTS AND ADJUSTED RISK-BASED CAPITAL REPORTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE DIRECTOR MAY SHARE, RECEIVE, AND USE CERTAIN RELATED INFORMATION THAT IS CONFIDENTIAL AND PRIVILEGED; TO AMEND SECTION 38-9-430, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING DOMESTIC HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38-9-340, SECTION 38-9-350, SECTION 38-9-365, SECTION 38-9-390, SECTION 38-9-400, SECTION 38-9-440, AND SECTION 38-9-460, ALL RELATING TO CAPITAL, SURPLUS, RESERVES, AND OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

 S. 909 -- Senator Hayes: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38-90-10, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO DEFINE "RISK RETENTION GROUP"; TO AMEND SECTION 38-90-40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CAPITALIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO INCLUDE CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND SPECIAL PURPOSE CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES FORMED AS A RISK RETENTION GROUP; TO AMEND SECTION 38-90-50, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO FREE SURPLUS REQUIREMENTS FOR CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO INCLUDE CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND SPECIAL PURPOSE CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES FORMED AS A RISK RETENTION GROUP; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38-90-70, AS AMENDED, SECTION 38-90-100, AS AMENDED, SECTION 38-90-110, AS AMENDED, AND SECTION 38-90-160, AS AMENDED, ALL RELATING TO MISCELLANEOUS REQUIREMENTS FOR CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING PROVISIONS FOR CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES FORMED AS RISK RETENTION GROUPS AND SPECIAL PURPOSE CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES FORMED AS RISK RETENTION GROUPS.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

 S. 910 -- Senator Hayes: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-63-100, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PARTICIPATION OF HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS AND GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, SO AS TO REDEFINE THE TERM "HOME SCHOOL STUDENT" AND TO DELETE A REQUIREMENT THAT A STUDENT PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE OF HIS INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITY IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE DISTRICT BEFORE THE BEGINNING DATE OF THE SEASON FOR THE ACTIVITY.

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

 S. 911 -- Senator Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY REPEALING SECTION 4-10-470 RELATING TO THE EDUCATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SALES AND USE TAX, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A COUNTY MUST COLLECT AT LEAST SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS IN A YEAR IN STATE ACCOMMODATIONS TAXES BEFORE IMPOSING THE TAX.

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

 S. 912 -- Senator Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-1-730, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE USE OF HOSPITALITY TAX REVENUE, SO AS TO ALLOW REVENUE TO BE SPENT ON ROADS AND BRIDGES PROVIDING ACCESS TO DESTINATIONS CONTRIBUTING TO TOURIST ACTIVITIES.

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

 S. 913 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 9, TITLE 50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES, BY ADDING SECTION 50-9-675 TO PROVIDE FOR A PERMIT TO ENGAGE IN FALCONRY IN THIS STATE, THE FEE FOR THE PERMIT, AND THAT A PERSON HOLDING A VALID FEDERAL FALCONRY PERMIT ON JANUARY 1, 2014, MAY ENGAGE IN FALCONRY WITHOUT A SOUTH CAROLINA FALCONER'S PERMIT UNTIL THE FEDERAL PERMIT EXPIRES; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 11, TITLE 50, RELATING TO PROTECTION OF GAME, BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-50 TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF FALCONRY AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

 S. 914 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander, Hayes and McGill: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2014, AT NOON, AS THE DATE AND TIME FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE TO MEET IN JOINT SESSION IN THE HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES FOR THE CITADEL, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY, COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON, FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY, LANDER UNIVERSITY, MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, WINTHROP UNIVERSITY, AND WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL TO SUCCEED THOSE MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2014, OR WHOSE POSITIONS OTHERWISE MUST BE FILLED; AND TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE REGARDING NOMINATIONS AND SECONDING SPEECHES FOR THE CANDIDATES FOR THESE OFFICES DURING THE JOINT SESSION.

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

 S. 915 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 19-1-180, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ADMISSIBILITY OF OUT-OF-COURT STATEMENTS MADE BY CHILDREN, SO AS TO ADD AN EXCEPTION FOR STATEMENTS MADE TO EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS.

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

 S. 916 -- Senators L. Martin and Massey: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 82 TO TITLE 15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "TRESPASSER RESPONSIBILITY ACT" WHICH PROVIDES A LIMITATION ON LIABILITY BY A LAND POSSESSOR TO TRESPASSERS.

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

 S. 917 -- Senator Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 40, TITLE 27 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT, BY ADDING SECTION 27-40-795 TO ALLOW GARNISHMENT FOR A DEBT ARISING FROM A TENANT WILFULLY VIOLATING THE RENTAL AGREEMENT AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GARNISHMENT ACTION MUST BE BROUGHT IN MAGISTRATES COURT; BY ADDING SECTION 15-19-120, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS RELATED TO GARNISHMENT; BY ADDING SECTION 15-19-130, TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR THE GARNISHMENT OF WAGES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY ADDING SECTION 15-19-140, TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE IF AN EMPLOYER OF THE DEBTOR REFUSES TO WITHHOLD EARNINGS OF THE DEBTOR DEMANDED IN A WRIT OF GARNISHMENT OR KNOWINGLY MISREPRESENTS THE EARNINGS OF THE DEBTOR AND PROVIDE THAT GARNISHMENT IS SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC LIMITATIONS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 15-19-150, TO PROVIDE THAT AN EMPLOYER MAY NOT TAKE NEGATIVE ACTION AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE EXCLUSIVELY RELATED TO A WRIT OF GARNISHMENT.

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

 S. 918 -- Senator Scott: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 7-5-120 AND 7-5-180, BOTH AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES NECESSARY FOR PERSONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE, SO AS TO REVISE REFERENCES; TO AMEND SECTION 7-5-310, RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION AGENCIES, SO AS TO REFLECT A NAME CHANGE FOR ONE OF SUCH AGENCIES AND TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO DISABILITY; TO AMEND SECTION 7-7-990, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ACCESSIBILITY OF POLLING PLACES, SO AS TO REVISE "BARRIER FREE" TO "ACCESSIBLE" AND TO DEFINE "ACCESSIBLE", TO ALLOW ANY PERSON WITH DISABILITIES TO VOTE IN A COUNTYWIDE ACCESSIBLE POLLING PLACE AND REQUIRE THAT ANY ALTERNATIVE POLLING PLACE MUST BE ACCESSIBLE; TO AMEND SECTION 7-7-1000, RELATING TO PRECINCTS IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ANY POOLED PRECINCT TO BE ACCESSIBLE; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-200, RELATING TO THE MAILING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT FORMAT; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-310, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF ABSENTEE VOTING, SO AS TO REPLACE THE REFERENCE TO "PHYSICALLY DISABLED PERSON" TO "PERSON WITH A DISABILITY", AND TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE"; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-320, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PERSONS QUALIFIED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO REVISE REFERENCES RELATING TO DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-330, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR ABSENTEE VOTING, SO AS TO CONFORM THE REFERENCES RELATING TO PERSONS ADMITTED TO HOSPITALS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 7-15-380 AND 7-15-385, BOTH AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE OATH AND PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO UPDATE REFERENCES RELATING TO DISABILITY.

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

 S. 919 -- Senator L. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 43-7-60, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO FALSE CLAIMS, STATEMENTS, AND REPRESENTATIONS FOR PURPOSES OF QUALIFYING FOR AND RECEIVING PAYMENT FOR AND REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICAID CLAIMS AND BENEFITS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT ANY PERSON FROM ENGAGING IN THE PROHIBITED CONDUCT AND TO EXPAND OFFENSES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARTICLE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 43-7-90, RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF THE ARTICLE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, OR A DESIGNEE, ADDITIONAL POWERS.

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

 S. 920 -- Senator Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-2320, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF DEALER AND WHOLESALER LICENSE PLATES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS THAT REQUIRE A DEALER TO RECORD A MINIMUM NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLE SALES OR ESTIMATED SALES BEFORE HE MAY BE ISSUED A DEALER LICENSE PLATE.

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

 S. 921 -- Senator Leatherman: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 250 OF 1991, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FLORENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 5, SO AS TO ONLY REQUIRE A MEETING OF THE CITIZENS IF THE PROPOSED BUDGET REQUIRES A MILLAGE INCREASE.

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

 S. 922 -- Senator Alexander: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. FRANKLIN G. MASON FOR HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH THE LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL AND FOR HIS EFFORTS TO EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY ON VISION AND HEARING IMPAIRMENT THROUGHOUT SOUTH CAROLINA.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 923 -- Senator Cleary: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA RECYCLERS' DAY" AND TO COMMEND AND RECOGNIZE SOUTH CAROLINA'S RECYCLERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR STATE'S ECONOMY, THEIR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE ENERGY EFFICIENCY, AND THEIR LEADERSHIP IN PROVIDING SUSTAINABLE MATERIAL-MANAGEMENT OPTIONS.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 924 -- Senators O'Dell and Nicholson: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DRU T. JAMES OF GREENWOOD COUNTY FOR HER MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 925 -- Senators L. Martin, Campsen and Malloy: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO THANK ROBERT M. "MIKE" HAMMOND OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS CHAIR OF THE LOWCOUNTRY CITIZENS COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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

 S. 926 -- Senators L. Martin, Campsen and Malloy: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO THANK CHARLES A. MONTGOMERY OF CHESTER COUNTY FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS CHAIR OF THE PIEDMONT CITIZENS COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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

 S. 927 -- Senators L. Martin, Campsen and Malloy: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO THANK JOHN M. GRANTLAND OF RICHLAND COUNTY FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS A MEMBER AND CHAIR OF THE MIDLANDS CITIZENS COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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

 S. 928 -- Senator Cromer: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE SAINT MICHAEL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF COLUMBIA ON THE OCCASION OF ITS HISTORIC TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR TWO CENTURIES OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.

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

 S. 929 -- Senator Courson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE GERARDO GONZALEZ OF COLUMBIA ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

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

 S. 930 -- Senator Scott: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COACH CURTIS FRYE, HEAD COACH OF TRACK AND FIELD AND CROSS COUNTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO COMMEND HIM UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE UNITED STATES TRACK AND FIELD AND CROSS COUNTRY COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME.

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

 S. 931 -- Senators McElveen, Shealy, Johnson, Young, Lourie, Hutto, Setzler, Malloy, Williams, Reese, Nicholson, Scott, Rankin, Bennett, Gregory, Hembree, Courson, Kimpson, Jackson, Massey and Thurmond: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO HONOR COACH STEVE SPURRIER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AS THE "WINNINGEST COACH" IN THE HISTORY OF CAROLINA FOOTBALL, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON COACHING HIS OUTSTANDING TEAM ALL THE WAY TO THE 2014 CAPITAL ONE BOWL WINNER'S CROWN, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE DAYS TO COME.

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

 S. 932 -- Senators McElveen and Johnson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE WILSON HALL FOOTBALL TEAM ON ITS IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2013 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

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

 S. 933 -- Senators Courson, Setzler, Alexander, Allen, Bennett, Bright, Bryant, Campbell, Campsen, Cleary, Coleman, Corbin, Cromer, Davis, Fair, Gregory, Grooms, Hayes, Hembree, Hutto, Jackson, Johnson, Kimpson, Leatherman, Lourie, Malloy, L. Martin, S. Martin, Massey, Matthews, McElveen, McGill, Nicholson, O'Dell, Peeler, Pinckney, Rankin, Reese, Scott, Shealy, Sheheen, Thurmond, Turner, Verdin, Williams and Young: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE LATE COACH FRANK MCGUIRE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA BASKETBALL PROGRAM AS HEAD COACH OF THE GAMECOCKS, TO RECOGNIZE HIS ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER, AND TO DECLARE FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2014, AS "FRANK MCGUIRE DAY" IN COLUMBIA TO COMMEMORATE THIS MARK OF HIGH ESTEEM.

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

 S. 934 -- Senators Scott, Alexander, Allen, Bennett, Bright, Bryant, Campbell, Campsen, Cleary, Coleman, Corbin, Courson, Cromer, Davis, Fair, Gregory, Grooms, Hayes, Hembree, Hutto, Jackson, Johnson, Kimpson, Leatherman, Lourie, Malloy, L. Martin, S. Martin, Massey, Matthews, McElveen, McGill, Nicholson, O'Dell, Peeler, Pinckney, Rankin, Reese, Setzler, Shealy, Sheheen, Thurmond, Turner, Verdin, Williams and Young: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 277 AND PARKLANE ROAD IN RICHLAND COUNTY "BERNICE SKINNER INTERCHANGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS "BERNICE SKINNER INTERCHANGE".

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

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Invitations Accepted**

 On motion of Senator BRYANT, with unanimous consent, the following invitations were polled favorably from the Committee on Invitations and ordered placed on the Calendar:

 **Poll of the Invitations Committee**

**Polled 11; Ayes 11; Nays 0; Not Voting 0**

**AYES**

Bryant Alexander McGill

Reese Verdin Campsen

Cromer Malloy Cleary

Johnson

**Total--11**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

Tuesday, January 14, 2014 - 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Members of the Senate, Reception, The Columbia Museum of Art, by the SOUTH CAROLINA BANKERS ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, January 14, 2014 - 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

Members of the Senate, Reception, Columbia Convention Center, by the WILKINS AWARD DINNER

Wednesday, January 15, 2014 - 8:00 -10:00 A.M.

Members of the Senate and Staff, Breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the SC HEALTH UNDERWRITERS ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, January 15, 2014 - 12:00 - 2:00 P.M.

Members of the Senate and Staff, Luncheon, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the SC RECYCLING ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, January 15, 2014 - 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Members of the Senate, Reception, Capitol City Club, by the SOUTH CAROLINA ECONOMIC DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, January 15, 2014 - 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

Members of the Senate and Staff, Reception, Columbia Museum of Art, by the SC TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION

Thursday, January 16, 2014 - 8:00 - 10:00 A.M.

Members of the Senate, Breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the SC HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

Tuesday, January 21, 2014 - 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Members of the Senate, Reception, The Clarion, by the ACEC-SC, SCSPE, ASCE-SC AND AIA-SC

Tuesday, January 21, 2014 - 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

Members of the Senate and Staff, Reception, Ellison Building State Fair Grounds, by the SC DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Wednesday, January 22, 2014 - 12:00 - 2:00 P.M.

Members of the Senate and Staff, Luncheon, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the UNITED WAY ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Wednesday, January 22, 2014 - 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Members of the Senate, Reception, Capital City Center, 1st Floor, by the SOUTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION

Thursday, January 23, 2014 - 8:00 - 10:00 A.M.

Members of the Senate, Breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the SC ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Tuesday, January 28, 2014 - 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Members of the Senate and Staff, Reception, Columbia Convention Center, by the LEXINGTON COUNTY NIGHT

Wednesday, January 29, 2014 - 12:00 - 2:00 P.M.

Members of the Senate, Luncheon, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the CONSORTIUM FOR GIFTED EDUCATION

Wednesday, January 29, 2014 - 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Members of the Senate and Staff, Reception, The Clarion Downtown Hotel, by the MYRTLE BEACH NIGHT

Thursday, January 30, 2014 - 8:00 - 10:00 A.M.

Members of the Senate, Breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the SOUTH CAROLINA BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION

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

**CARRIED OVER**

 H. 3540 -- Reps. Harrell, J.E. Smith, Bales, Hosey, Cobb‑Hunter, Bannister, J.R. Smith, Patrick, Brannon, Erickson, Taylor, Huggins, Kennedy, Ballentine, Bernstein, Sellers, Williams, Jefferson, M.S. McLeod, Atwater, Bowers, R.L. Brown, Cole, Douglas, George, Hixon, Long, McCoy, Mitchell, Pitts, Pope, G.R. Smith, Tallon, Wood, Weeks, Knight and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1‑3‑240, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ADD THE ADJUTANT GENERAL TO THE LIST OF OFFICERS OR ENTITIES THE GOVERNING BOARD OF WHICH MAY BE REMOVED BY THE GOVERNOR ONLY FOR CERTAIN REASONS CONSTITUTING CAUSE; TO AMEND SECTION 25‑1‑320, RELATING TO THE STATE ADJUTANT GENERAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE 2014 GENERAL ELECTION, THE ADJUTANT GENERAL MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE FOR A FOUR‑YEAR TERM COMMENCING ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY FOLLOWING THE SECOND TUESDAY IN JANUARY THAT FOLLOWS THE GENERAL ELECTION THAT MARKS THE MIDTERM OF THE GOVERNOR, EXCEPT THAT THE INITIAL TERM OF THE FIRST ADJUTANT GENERAL APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THIS ACT MUST BE FOR TWO YEARS SO AS TO ALLOW SUBSEQUENT TERMS TO BE STAGGERED WITH THAT OF THE GOVERNOR, AND TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL; TO AMEND SECTION 25‑1‑340, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL, SO AS TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE ABOVE PROVISIONS ARE EFFECTIVE UPON THE RATIFICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI, AND SECTION 4, ARTICLE XIII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE DELETING THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE STATE ADJUTANT GENERAL BE ELECTED BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THIS STATE.

 On motion of Senator LARRY MARTIN, the Bill was carried over.

 H. 3459 -- Reps. Sandifer, Bales, J.E. Smith and Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40‑2‑10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION SHALL DESIGNATE CERTAIN PERSONNEL FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE BOARD, TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT FROM ASSIGNING OTHER WORK TO THESE PERSONNEL WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE BOARD, AND TO PROVIDE THESE PERSONNEL MAY BE TERMINATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑2‑30, RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF ACCOUNTANCY, SO AS TO PROVIDE A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT LICENSED BY THE BOARD IS EXEMPT FROM LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS OF PRIVATE SECURITY AND INVESTIGATION AGENCIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40‑2‑70, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE BOARD MAY CONDUCT PERIODIC INSPECTIONS OF LICENSEES OR FIRMS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40‑2‑80, RELATING TO INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DIRECT THE INVESTIGATOR ASSIGNED TO THE BOARD TO INVESTIGATE AN ALLEGED VIOLATION TO DETERMINE THE EXISTENCE OF PROBABLE CAUSE MERITING FURTHER PROCEEDINGS.

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

 H. 3014 -- Reps. J.E. Smith, Bernstein, M.S. McLeod, McEachern, Weeks, Hart and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 29 TO TITLE 14 SO AS TO ENACT THE “VETERANS TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM ACT”, TO REQUIRE THE CREATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF A VETERANS TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM IN EACH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT, POWERS, AND DUTIES OF A VETERANS TREATMENT COURT JUDGE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS FOR AN OFFENDER TO QUALIFY FOR ADMISSION TO A VETERANS TREATMENT COURT PROGRAM.

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

H. 3853 -- Reps. Owens, Patrick, Bedingfield, Loftis, Taylor, Allison, Anthony, Brannon, Southard, Bowen, Whitmire, Limehouse, Cole, Erickson, Forrester, Harrell, Herbkersman, Hixon, Lucas, D.C. Moss, Norman, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Simrill, G.R. Smith, Sottile, Stringer, Wells and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑40‑111 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE AN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION CAMPUS (AEC) TO BE ESTABLISHED BY A CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSOR WHICH SHALL CONSTITUTE A CHARTER SCHOOL SERVING A SPECIFIC STUDENT POPULATION, AND TO PROVIDE THE CRITERIA FOR A CHARTER SCHOOL TO BE DESIGNATED AS AN AEC; TO AMEND SECTION 59‑40‑55, RELATING TO A CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSOR’S POWERS AND DUTIES, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THESE POWERS AND DUTIES INCLUDING THE ADOPTION OF NATIONAL INDUSTRY STANDARDS FOR THE SCHOOL, AND THE CLOSURE OF LOW PERFORMING SCHOOLS; TO AMEND SECTION 59‑40‑60, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS AND THE FORMATION OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION MUST BE BASED ON AN APPLICATION TEMPLATE WITH COMPLIANCE GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE CONTENTS OF THE APPLICATION AND FOR LETTERS OF INTENT TO BE SUBMITTED BY AN APPLICANT AND A CHARTER COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 59‑40‑70, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND ITS DUTY TO REVIEW CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE COMMITTEE, TO REVISE THE PROCEDURES REQUIRED OF A CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICANT IN REGARD TO A CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON COMPLIANCE TO BOTH SPONSORS AND APPLICANTS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE STANDARDS FOR A SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES OR AREA COMMISSION TO FOLLOW WHEN CONSIDERING THE DENIAL OF AN APPLICATION; TO AMEND SECTION 59‑40‑90, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO APPEAL OF FINAL DECISIONS OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE ADMINISTRATION LAW COURT, SO AS TO ALSO INCLUDE FINAL DECISIONS OF A PUBLIC OR INDEPENDENT INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING SPONSOR; TO AMEND SECTION 59‑40‑110, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DURATION OF A CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSOR AND THE RENEWAL OR TERMINATION OF A CHARTER BY THE SPONSOR, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN A CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL AUTOMATICALLY AND PERMANENTLY CLOSE, TO REVISE THE CRITERIA TO CONSIDER WHEN REVOKING OR NOT RENEWING A CHARTER, TO PROVIDE FOR WHEN A SPONSOR SUMMARILY MAY REVOKE A CHARTER, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH STAYS OF THE REVOCATION OR NONRENEWAL OF THE CHARTER TAKE EFFECT OR MAY BE GRANTED; TO AMEND SECTION 59‑40‑115, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE TERMINATION OF A CHARTER SCHOOL’S CONTRACT WITH A SPONSOR, SO AS TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59‑40‑180, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES PERTAINING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS, SO AS TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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

**RECOMMITTED**

 S. 731 -- Senator Leatherman: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 11‑43‑165 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) TO TRANSFER TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK (SIB) FROM NON‑TAX SOURCES AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUE APPROPRIATED TO DOT IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR “HIGHWAY ENGINEERING PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS”, TO PROVIDE THAT THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED TO DOT IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR “HIGHWAY ENGINEERING PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS” ARE NOT SUBJECT TO ANY ACROSS THE BOARD REDUCTIONS, TO REQUIRE SIB TO USE THE TRANSFERRED FUNDS SOLELY TO FINANCE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, REHABILITATION PROJECTS, AND EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING MAINLINE INTERSTATES, TO PROVIDE THAT DOT SHALL SUBMIT A LIST OF APPROPRIATE PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS TO SIB, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE FUNDS TRANSFERRED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE EXPENDED ON ANY PROJECT APPROVED BY SIB BEFORE JULY 1, 2013.

 On motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, the Bill was recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

**THE CALL OF THE UNCONTESTED CALENDAR HAVING BEEN COMPLETED, THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO THE MOTION PERIOD.**

**MOTION ADOPTED**

 On motion of Senator PEELER, the Senate agreed to dispense with the balance of the Motion Period.

**HAVING DISPENSED WITH THE MOTION PERIOD, THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO A CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS RETURNED FROM THE HOUSE.**

**CARRIED OVER**

S. 75 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40‑57‑130, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO LICENSE RENEWALS FOR REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALESMEN, SO AS TO REQUIRE A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK FROM A SOURCE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION; AND BY ADDING SECTION 40‑57‑245 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT THE DEPARTMENT ASSIGN ONE INVESTIGATOR FOR EVERY TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED LICENSEES TO ENSURE COMPLAINTS ARE PROCESSED AND CONSIDERED IN AN EXPEDITIOUS MANNER.

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

**RETURNED FROM THE HOUSE WITH AMENDMENTS**

**AMENDMENT PROPOSED**

**DEBATE INTERRUPTED BY ADJOURNMENT**

 S. 308 -- Senators Bennett, Shealy, Grooms, Hembree, L. Martin, Massey, Campbell, Turner, Thurmond, Bryant, Verdin, S. Martin, Davis, Bright, Corbin, Campsen, Fair and Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16‑23‑465 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CARRYING OF A CONCEALED WEAPON IN A BUSINESS THAT SELLS ALCOHOL TO BE CONSUMED ON THE PREMISES, TO PERMIT THE POSSESSION OF A WEAPON UNLESS NOTICE OF A PROHIBITION IS PROVIDED BY THE BUSINESS, TO PROHIBIT THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN A BUSINESS BY SOMEONE CARRYING A FIREARM, AND TO REDUCE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

 The House returned the Bill with amendments.

**Amendment No. RFH-7**

 Senator SCOTT proposed the following amendment (308MWRETURN14):

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

 / SECTION 1. Section 16‑23‑465 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

 “Section 16‑23‑465. (A) In addition to the penalties provided for by Sections 16‑11‑330, 16‑11‑620, ~~and~~ 16‑23‑460, 23‑31‑220, and ~~by~~ Article 1, ~~of~~ Chapter 23, ~~of~~ Title 16, a person convicted of carrying a ~~pistol or~~ firearm into a business which sells alcoholic liquor, beer, or wine for consumption on the premises is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than ~~two~~ three thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than three years, or both.

 In addition to the penalties described above, a person who violates this section while carrying a concealable weapon pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 31, Title 23~~,~~ must have his concealed weapon permit revoked for a period of five years.

 (B)(1) This section does not apply to a person carrying a concealable weapon pursuant to and in compliance with Article 4, Chapter 31, Title 23 between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.; however, the person shall not consume alcoholic liquor, beer, or wine while carrying the concealable weapon on the business’ premises and shall not enter and remain on any portion of the business’ premises primarily devoted to the service and consumption of alcoholic liquor, beer, or wine. A person who violates this subitem may be charged with a violation of subsection (A).

 (2) A business owner or person in legal possession or control of a business may prohibit the carrying of concealable weapons into the business by posting a ‘NO CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ALLOWED’ sign in compliance with Section 23‑31‑235. A person who carries a concealable weapon into a business with a sign posted in compliance with Section 23‑31‑235 may be charged with a violation of subsection (A).

 (3) A business owner or person in legal possession or control of a business may request that a person carrying a concealable weapon leave the business’ premises, or any portion of the premises, or request that a person carrying a concealable weapon remove the concealable weapon from the business’ premises, or any portion of the premises. A person carrying a concealable weapon who refuses to leave a business’ premises or portion of the premises when requested or refuses to remove the concealable weapon from a business’ premises or portion of the premises when requested may be charged with a violation of subsection (A).”

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

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator SCOTT explained the amendment.

 Senator SCOTT moved to carry over the Bill.

 Senator LARRY MARTIN moved to table the motion to carry over the Bill.

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

 **Ayes 28; Nays 13**

**AYES**

Alexander Bennett Bright

Bryant Campbell Campsen

Corbin Courson Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hayes Hembree Hutto

Leatherman *Martin, Larry Martin, Shane*

Massey O'Dell Peeler

Rankin Setzler Shealy

Thurmond Turner Verdin

Young

**Total--28**

**NAYS**

Allen Jackson Johnson

Kimpson Lourie Malloy

Matthews McElveen McGill

Nicholson Reese Scott

Williams

**Total--13**

 The motion to carry over the Bill was laid on the table.

 Senator SCOTT explained the amendment.

 On motion of Senator COURSON, debate was interrupted by adjournment.

REPORT RECEIVED

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO SCREEN CANDIDATES FOR COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES

SCREENINGS

Wednesday, November 20, 2013

1:30 p.m.

209 Gressette Building

1101 Pendleton Street

Columbia, South Carolina

Committee Members Present:

 Senator Harvey S. Peeler, Jr., Chairman

 Representative William R. “Bill” Whitmire, Vice-Chairman

 Senator Thomas C. Alexander

 Senator J. Yancey McGill

 Senator Robert W. Hayes, Jr.

 Representative Peter McCoy

Staff:

 Martha Casto

 Julie Price

(1:32 p.m.)

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: I would like to call the meeting to order. This is a meeting of the Joint Legislative Committee to Screen Candidates for College and University Boards of Trustees. I would like to go ahead and get started.

 To my right, Representative Whitmire serves on the Committee with us. He represents the House of Representatives today. Some of the others couldn't make it.

REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: They got lost.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Then we have Senator Tom Alexander, Senator Yancey McGill, and Senator Wes Hayes. I’m Harvey Peeler. I would like to welcome everyone.

 First, under Tab A, we have Connie Dittrich from Daniel Island, the Old Exchange Building Commission at-large seat that expires 2018.

 Ms. Dittrich, if you would, come forward, take a seat, and make sure your green light is burning. If you push that, that turns your microphone on.

 Is it burning?

MS. DITTRICH: It is.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Good. I can hear you. Welcome, Ms. Dittrich. I will tell you, before we get started, I need to swear you in. So if you would, please raise your right hand.

 Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole, truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

MS. DITTRICH: I do.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Welcome again.

 If you would like to share with the Committee why you would like to serve on the Old Exchange Building Commission.

MS. DITTRICH: Thank you for having me. I am very desirous of serving on the Old Exchange Building Commission -- board for a couple of different reasons.

 The first is because I have known about it most of my life. My mom grew up in Charleston, and I visited the city for my whole life, although, of course, it wasn’t open for visitors when I was a little girl, 60 years ago. But it’s an icon, historical icon, in the city, and I would like to help be able to preserve that in any way that I can. That’s my first reason.

 The second reason is that Charleston is such a gem, and I make my living there, and I think that being able to, you know, know that one of the important area -- one of the important tourist attractions in our city, in that city, is well taken care of, is something that, you know, we can all know is being taken care of. And I am anxious to be able to contribute to that.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Thank you, ma’am.

 Any questions from members of the Committee?

 I didn’t ask you. Do you have --

MS. CASTO: Mr. Chairman, I do want to let y’all know, the Old Exchange Building has three members that are elected by the General Assembly. There are two seats that are up in January, and there are two at-large seats. So Ms. Dittrich is an at-large candidate.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Very good.

 Well, I appreciate your willingness to serve. What’s the desire of the Committee?

SENATOR HAYES: Favorable report.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Motion is a favorable report.

 Is there a second?

SENATOR McGILL: Second.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: A second is heard.

 All in favor, raise your right hand; and it is unanimous.

 Thank you.

 Now we have Laura Kennedy LeGrand.

 Good afternoon.

MS. LeGRAND: Good afternoon.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Thank you for your appearance.

 If you would, please raise your right hand.

 Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

MS. LeGRAND: I do.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Would you like to share with the Committee why you would like to serve?

MS. LeGRAND: Yes, I would. I have served on the Commission before. I was on the Commission for 12 years for the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

 When I resigned from the DAR, of course, I lost my seat from the Commission and I miss it a whole lot. I just love it. I have heard of the Old Exchange as long as I have been in the DAR, and I was very fortunate to be elected to the Commission through the DAR. And we have done a lot of good things down there, and there are a lot of good things still going on.

 I would like to see the Old Exchange recognized nationwide, not just by the State of South Carolina. And if I can get back on there, I would strive to put us in the forefront, along with Independence Hall and Faneuil Hall.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Very good.

 Questions, comments?

 Staff, do you have anything you would like to add or ask?

MS. CASTO: No, sir. I think she told you she has been on the Commission. She chaired the Old Exchange Commission.

MS. LeGRAND: Yes.

MS. CASTO: And she -- you did say that you were retired. Where are you retired from?

MS. LeGRAND: Well, I resigned from DAR. No, I have been fortunate in that I have never worked. I have been a stay-at-home mom pretty much.

MS. CASTO: Great. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Trust me, that’s work.

MS. LeGRAND: That’s work.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Mr. Whitmire has a question or comment.

REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

 Mrs. LeGrand, can you tell me where sources of funding come from for the Old Exchange Building?

MS. LeGRAND: Right now, the Exchange -- of course, I have not been on for two years, but I understand they are still doing well.

 Right now we are independent; but according to our lease, the State of South Carolina is supposed to support us; but we are no longer an item on the budget.

REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Well, hopefully that will change.

MS. LeGRAND: Oh, I hope.

REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: I just wanted to let you know that the DAR school is in my district. I just want to say thank you for everyone associated with the DAR for keeping it going. It is a wonderful school.

MS. LeGRAND: Thank you. Tamassee is a wonderful school.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Representative McCoy is here.

 Welcome, sir.

REPRESENTATIVE McCOY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good to be here.

REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Maybe you don’t wear a watch.

REPRESENTATIVE McCOY: Tell the judge that where I was.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: That’s called House time.

REPRESENTATIVE McCOY: That’s right.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Well, my daughter is going in or going through the process to become a member of the DAR. I’m glad she did that because she shared with me my ancestry, and I didn’t find out until about a month ago, Senator from York, that my fifth granddaddy back was Colonel Frederick Hambright who was a revolutionary war hero that fought at the Battle at Kings Mountain.

MS. LeGRAND: You need to be in the SAR.

SENATOR ALEXANDER: I have an old picture I will get you.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Okay, good.

 That’s what she said.

 What’s the desire of the Committee?

REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Motion for a favorable report.

SENATOR ALEXANDER: Seconded.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Seconded.

 All in favor raise your right hand.

 It’s unanimous.

 You are found to be qualified.

MS. LeGRAND: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Thank you, ma’am.

 I tell you, I know the next -- we are supposed to have Francis Marion, but I would like to skip to the South Carolina State University Fifth Congressional District. So if there is no objection, we will go to those now. South Carolina State, Fifth Congressional District, under Tab E.

REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: And then we will come back to it?

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Then we will come back to it.

 Tab E, Tammy Adams Kelly from Sumter.

MS. Kelly.

 Welcome.

MS. KELLY: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: If you would, please raise your right hand.

 Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

MS. KELLY: Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Thank you.

 Would you like to share with the Committee why you would like to serve on the South Carolina State Board?

MS. KELLY: I sure would. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to share with you today.

 My desire to be on the board stems from a long, long history of love and passion for South Carolina State University through my husband, who is a 1986 proud bulldog. I also have two children who are matriculating at South Carolina State University, and that love that they exude for the university is just phenomenal, and seeing what they have accomplished as young people at the university is just awesome.

 Now, with the leadership at the university, I think my role as a board member would be to help make sure that the university is there for the next 100 years. What is going on today will magnify itself in growth and development for the university.

 And I would like to use my leadership skills to help grow the university and retain students so that it will be there forever.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Thank you.

 Questions or comments from members of the Committee?

 Mr. McCoy.

REPRESENTATIVE McCOY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

 Ms. Kelly, I appreciate your time and appreciate you coming in front of us today, and I appreciate your willingness to serve as well.

 Can I ask you a brief question about your -- I understand that you serve on the Sumter County Economics Development Board.

MS. KELLY: Yes.

REPRESENTATIVE McCOY: What does that mean?

MS. KELLY: My service on the economic development board, I’m a board member on the board, and this is my second term. And basically I help our executive -- our executive for our development board -- well, the development for Sumter County, ensure that Sumter is number one on the minds of anyone who wants to do business in South Carolina. And we help ensure that happens by working with our board and also our executive director for economic development.

 And if you have not -- I’m sure you have heard about our huge investment in our economy by Continental Tire. We are on -- the one in Sumter, and it is because of what we do as a board.

REPRESENTATIVE McCOY: I think that’s excellent work, and I am aware of that. So that’s kudos to your board for bringing Continental Tire to town.

 Is that a position that is -- and just because I don’t know, is it something appointed by your local delegation or county council? How does that work?

MS. KELLY: I’m actually appointed by our mayor. I am the city representative on the board, and it is a volunteer position.

REPRESENTATIVE McCOY: Perfect. I think that your qualifications with the economic development board would be a huge asset to the board here as well. So thank you for offering your services.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Thank you.

 Martha indicates that would not be dual office.

MS. CASTO: Since she is appointed by the mayor.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Senator Alexander.

SENATOR ALEXANDER: Good afternoon.

 I’m reading your statement, and it talks about access to public education. How do you think your serving on the board, you can help young people have access to higher education?

MS. KELLY: Sure.

 Access to public education, we take for granted that everyone has a -- everyone does have an opportunity to attend an university. However, the university has to be available and accessible to students.

 I grew up in a very rural area. I grew up in Dorchester County; and of course, I live in Sumter County now. But as a young girl growing up and not having very much, I did not know -- and also being the first person from my family to actually attend college -- I graduated from the University of South Carolina. And my passion has always been that I do not want to see someone who has the opportunity and missed the opportunity to go to college. Like -- and I know you -- you saw my statement. And I told you about my father.

 My father was a brilliant man; and had he had that opportunity to go through to college, he would have gone. And I think that there are a lot of children who are missing that opportunity because without -- without having the proper counseling and access. That university -- South Carolina State University needs to be in Orangeburg and it needs to stay there because of the community that benefits from it.

SENATOR ALEXANDER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Mr. Hayes has a comment or question.

SENATOR HAYES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

 Thank you. I appreciate your willingness to serve on the board. I am sure you are aware because of your history with the board, recently South Carolina State has had some problems. The -- I think there have been some charges that have ended up in some criminal charges down there with some of the administrators or board members. I think all the incumbents were defeated this past year when they came up for election down at the board, which is most unusual in the General Assembly.

 What do you see as your role as -- if you are elected as a board member in relation to the administration? And that’s the first part of that.

 The second is, What do you think needs to be done to keep South Carolina State moving in the right direction?

MS. KELLY: Well, I will answer the first part of the question first.

 The first thing that needs to be done, obviously, is to support the administration, support what President Elzey is doing. And the number one problem right now -- obviously there are a lot of budget concerns there -- is money.

 You know what? I run a business. I run my own business. There are always going to be challenges, and I like to say, Challenges are opportunities. But number one, as a board member, I would like to see that the school focus on making sure that they grow the student enrollment -- it can be done -- and also work towards those efforts as far as retaining those students that are there.

 It’s a wonderful opportunity, and the story just needs to be told.

 I understand what’s happened with the -- what’s happened in the past. Every organization goes through bad times. That’s the reality of it. That’s the reality, but now it’s time to move forward and really, really work towards making it the place that it can be.

SENATOR HAYES: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Senator McGill.

SENATOR McGILL: I will move for a favorable report.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Motion for a favorable report.

REPRESENTATIVE McCOY: Second.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Seconded.

 All right. Any other questions? We are ready to vote.

 All in favor raise your right hand.

 Thank you. Unanimous.

MS. KELLY: Thank you so much.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Thank you for your willingness to serve.

 Ms. Redish is not here yet, so let’s go back to Francis Marion, Tab C. Mary Mappus Finklea, At-Large Seat Number 9.

 Is the green light still shining?

MS. FINKLEA: It is.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Thank you. Welcome.

 Please raise your right hand.

 Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

MS. FINKLEA: I do.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Would you like to share with the Committee why you would like to serve on the Francis Marion Board?

MS. FINKLEA: Yes, I would. Thank you very much.

 Good afternoon. It is a joy to be here with you today. To answer in a word, civic duty. I feel that it is important to be engaged in your community. I live in Florence, and this is hometown territory in the sense that what happens on the campus is -- affects the community. I feel like public education affects us all and that we want the best for Francis Marion.

 I am excited about the new partnership with Mt. Pleasant as we continue to think about growing and expanding. So it is a nice time to see how the vision of the board can really connect with people on the ground and make a difference in the lives of others.

 I appreciated what the other lady spoke about just a moment ago, about first-generation college students. Francis Marion, of course, engages people who -- many of which might not normally be heading to a college or university setting. We do that well, and I’m excited about seeing how we can continue to excel.

 Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Thank you.

 Questions or comments?

 I always feel a right strange, I guess, swearing in a pastor; but you answered it quite well.

MS. FINKLEA: That’s right.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Oh, me.

 No questions or comments?

 What’s the desire of the Committee?

REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Favorable.

SENATOR McGILL: Second.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Motion is for a favorable report. A second is heard.

 All in favor raise your right hand.

 It is unanimous.

 Thank you very much.

MS. FINKLEA: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Now we will go back to South Carolina State University, Fifth Congressional District, under Tab F, Ms. Carlotta Denise Redish.

 Ms. Redish, if you would, come forward.

 Is your green light burning?

MS. REDISH: Yes, it is.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Good. If you would, take a seat.

 Welcome. If you would, please raise your right hand.

 Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

MS. REDISH: I do.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Thank you.

 Would you like to share with the Committee why you would like to serve on the South Carolina State Board?

MS. REDISH: Yes, but first let me say, thank you, Chairman and fellow committee members, for affording me this opportunity to participate in the screening process.

 I am a life-long educator. I was born and raised in Cherokee County. I got -- I received a great education there. And when I was approached to apply to serve on the board at South Carolina State University, I thought long and hard about it because I’m familiar with what has been going on at the university. But I do believe that my educational and professional experiences will add value to that board.

 I have served in various administrative capacities in public school districts in South Carolina and larger urban school districts in Los Angeles and Atlanta before returning back to South Carolina. And I came back here because I love Gaffney. I’m from Gaffney, and that’s my home.

 Also, professionally, I have had the opportunity to manage and direct and supervise personnel, maintenance, finance, food services, custodial and other departments. So I really do believe that those experiences, combined together and in working collaboratively in conjunction with the other board members in an effort to adhere to existing policies, will prove to add value to the university.

 But more importantly, I want to say that the -- my successes that have come to me professionally, I did not achieve the positions that I served by myself. I have been successful through working collaboratively together with my peers and educators across this state.

 I have served on the Executive Committee for the Instructional Leaders Roundtable for SCASA, and that’s a position that I was approached about running for, and my peers in those positions across the 85 (sic) counties here elected me to that position.

 I have also served and was elected to serve as president of the Personnel Roundtable for the Old English Consortium which meets -- we used to meet in York. That’s composed of Chesterfield, Lancaster, Rock Hill, York, Cherokee, Clover, and Fort Mill.

 So I have experienced a great deal of successes in the realm of education, but it’s been through the encouragement and with the support of my peers and through working together with them.

 I have also been approached and had the privilege of serving on communities for several local colleges. Primarily I was on the advisory board for Spartanburg Community College. At that time Dr. Para Jones was the president. I also served on an advisory committee at the University of South Carolina Upstate.

 So I do believe that I will add value to the board. I do believe that my professional and educational experiences will enable me to make impartial and very well-informed decisions as we strive -- should I get the seat, as we strive to return South Carolina State University to the status that it once had.

 And that university was once a -- a stellar university in this state, and it was very, very well respected throughout these United States. It is still a good school where you have dedicated facility and staff members there who are doing a good job. They are working very hard. And to put it in the words of former Supreme Court -- United States Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, I believe they are doing the best they can with what they have. And I would love to have the opportunity again to participate in the governing process there on that university by serving on the board of trustees.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Thank you.

 Any questions or comments?

 Mr. Whitmire.

REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Thank you for your willingness to serve.

 I’d like to thank both of you ladies. It is really a pleasure to have, in my opinion, outstanding candidates for SC State. They have been needing some good leadership for quite awhile. It is kind of a shame -- I wish both of you were running for separate seats.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: I was thinking the same thing.

REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Let me ask you something else.

 Are you familiar with the inner workings of SC State? Why do you think it went from up here to down here, in your opinion?

MS. REDISH: Well, I reviewed the SACS accreditation report. I’m currently reviewing a SACS review team. We might be looking at a school in the district of Hilton Head Island in March of next year.

 I looked at the findings in the report, and the report cited board governance issues. And I think the most important thing for any board member within any institution or any organization, the thing that we have to keep in mind is that each board member has a vote, and that one vote does not constitute any unequal level of power. That one vote’s -- that one vote gives us leeway and insight to work collaboratively together as a cohesive team to -- to meet our mission and our goals that have been established and are stated in the strategic plans.

 You know, a strategic plan is just a road map that looks at where the university has been, where they are now, and where they are going. And I have looked at and I’m very familiar with the history of South Carolina State University.

 It’s -- that school has produced some of the most famous people in these United States. We have brigadier generals that have come out of State, and one I know personally. We used to bowl and skate together, and he went in the military.

 And he said, Carlotta, I am going to be a general one day. Lo and behold, we know he just retired. He’s a brigadier general that has just retired. We have Supreme Court justices that came out of that university.

 So somewhere along the way, we’ve gone from being at the top of the list and being very, very stellar to -- I’m sorry, to losing sight of the mission.

 The mission is providing those students with the very, very best possible education and working together cohesively and as one unit to further meet the goals of that university, particularly by adhering to policy.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Thank you.

MS. REDISH: Yes.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Senator Alexander.

SENATOR ALEXANDER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

 Following up, I was already thinking about it when you said that last word, “policy.”

MS. REDISH: Yes.

SENATOR ALEXANDER: The board sets policy.

 Is it appropriate for a board to have any other -- what is your view of any other role that the board has as far as the day-to-day operation of the university?

MS. REDISH: Yes, sir.

 It’s the president’s responsibility. President Elzey, it is his responsibility to manage the daily operations of South Carolina State University. That is what I call his sand box.

 And then in the other sand box, you have board members who are charged with developing, implementing and addressing policy. They work with the president in identifying policy and working with him to adhere to those policies that have been established. But board members, again, they are to work cohesively together in the establishment, creation and adherence to of board policies.

SENATOR ALEXANDER: With your experience in the public school system and from that standpoint, is -- is it your thoughts then that any communication to -- regarding the university should go through the president rather than directly with other folks throughout the university system?

MS. REDISH: Yes. There is -- I do believe in following protocol because -- in doing so, if we all do that and we stay in our -- we stay in our lane and we follow protocol, then we will avoid the pitfalls that come often with miscommunication, misdirected communications.

 The president, again, is charged with managing the daily operations. And communications should go to the president and from the president to the board. And specifically, the president of the board and the president of the university should be, in essence, hooked at the hip because they should be able to communicate any time of the day regarding any matter or any situation without being pressured or influenced to sway their true thoughts and feelings and ideals regarding any particular matter at hand.

SENATOR ALEXANDER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Senator McGill, anybody else?

 As the screening committee, our charge is to sift through the candidates, I guess.

MS. REDISH: Yes.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: And one thing, it is not just you, but several of our candidates for these boards of trustees, their driving record.

 I see where you had five speeding tickets, young lady.

MS. REDISH: Oh, did I?

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: From ’08 to ’12.

MS. REDISH: Yes.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: I know that shouldn’t have a bearing on how you are going to vote or if you are fortunate enough to be elected. But -- and we have talked about this before. How many is too many? Is two too many? Is three?

MS. REDISH: But I can explain.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Okay. Explain.

MS. REDISH: I recently purchased a new car, and my goal was not to buy a fast car. I wanted to buy an efficient car that had a luxury feel and economical car for me and my daughter. Well, that car, it turned out to be a very fast car. So I think two of the tickets I obtained were within the first -- well, one, first three weeks or a month within purchasing that car.

 The second explanation I have, and I will give you a good example. One night I was leaving from a revival in the Duncan, Lyman, Wellford area. And I was in a church, leaving a church that was out in a rural area that I was not accustomed to, and I had just changed my contact lenses to multi-lens, where one is for distance and one is for vision. And I just -- it was in a dark area and no lights, and I didn’t come to a complete stop at a railway crossing.

 And then the other tickets were -- excuse me.

 The other tickets I got in my travels from meetings across the state, and sometimes I just -- I didn’t remember where the speed traps were.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: I understand.

MS. REDISH: Not speed traps, but I just didn’t recall where you would have a high population of highway patrolmen sitting and monitoring those areas.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: I understand.

 Most of them is in Senator McGill’s district.

SENATOR McGILL: You would have been better off to say I have a heavy foot.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Well, I was going to say, that fast car, you know, it don’t move unless you put your foot on the gas.

 But anyway, that’s the only thing I found I had to fuss at you about.

MS. REDISH: I am sorry. I apologize.

REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Slow down.

MS. REDISH: I haven’t had a ticket in a while, though.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: What’s the desire of the Committee?

REPRESENTATIVE McCOY: Move as favorable.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: The motion is a favorable report.

REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Second.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: A second is heard.

 All in favor raise your right hand.

 And it is unanimous.

 Thank you for your willingness to serve. I will echo Mr. Whitmire’s comment. I wish both of you would serve.

REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: The one that is not successful, please reapply.

MS. CASTO: Two at-large seats coming up.

REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Two at-large coming up, so remember that.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: It is refreshing to know that we have candidates of y’all’s caliber. Really, true.

MS. REDISH: Thank you very much.

REPRESENTATIVE WHITMIRE: Very encouraging.

CHAIRMAN SENATOR PEELER: Subject to the call of the chair, we will stand adjourned.

 (The screenings adjourned at about 2:56 p.m.)

**MOTION ADOPTED**

 On motion of Senators PEELER, SETZLER, ALEXANDER, ALLEN, BENNETT, BRIGHT, BRYANT, CAMPBELL, CAMPSEN, CLEARY, COLEMAN, CORBIN, COURSON, CROMER, DAVIS, FAIR, GREGORY, GROOMS, HAYES, HEMBREE, HUTTO, JACKSON, JOHNSON, KIMPSON, LEATHERMAN, LOURIE, MALLOY, LARRY MARTIN, SHANE MARTIN, MASSEY, MATTHEWS, McELVEEN, McGILL, NICHOLSON, O’DELL, PINCKNEY, RANKIN, REESE, SCOTT, SHEALY, SHEHEEN, THURMOND, TURNER, VERDIN, WILLIAMS and YOUNG, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Ms. Vanessa Ellen Collier of Gilbert, S.C. Vanessa was a beloved member of the South Carolina Senate staff where she worked for 34 years. Vanessa spent her entire career working in a variety of capacities for the South Carolina Senate including working part‑time as a page, full time as a telephone switchboard operator, as a legislative aide and as a page supervisor for many years. Vanessa was a mentor and role model to countless young college students over the decades. She enjoyed spending precious time with family and friends doing what she loved most; boating, fishing, gardening and reading. Vanessa lived life to the fullest and always put others first. She will be greatly missed by her friends, family, and co‑workers.

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**MOTION ADOPTED**

 On motion of Senators COURSON, ALEXANDER, ALLEN, BENNETT, BRIGHT, BRYANT, CAMPBELL, CAMPSEN, CLEARY, COLEMAN, CORBIN, CROMER, DAVIS, FAIR, GREGORY, GROOMS, HAYES, HEMBREE, HUTTO, JACKSON, JOHNSON, KIMPSON, LEATHERMAN, LOURIE, MALLOY, LARRY MARTIN, SHANE MARTIN, MASSEY, MATTHEWS, McELVEEN, McGILL, NICHOLSON, O'DELL, PEELER, PINCKNEY, RANKIN, REESE, SCOTT, SETZLER, SHEALY, SHEHEEN, THURMOND, TURNER, VERDIN, WILLIAMS and YOUNG, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. Stephen G. Morrison of Columbia, S.C. Mr. Morrison was a partner at Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough. He lived his life seeking to serve others in his profession, community and church. Stephen was a passionate advocate for legal, social and economic justice. Mr. Morrison was a great friend to many, loving husband to his wife of forty-one years, Gail, and a devoted father to his son Gregory.

**ADJOURNMENT**

 At 1:32 P.M., with Senator SCOTT retaining the floor, on motion of Senator COURSON, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned to meet tomorrow at 2:00 P.M.

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