**Thursday, April 3, 2014**

**(Statewide Session)**

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The Senate assembled at 11:00 A.M., 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:

We recall that when God re-established the covenant, he made it clear to Moses and the people, that: “You shall not make cast idols.”

(Exodus 34:17)

Join me as we pray:

Dear God, in spite of Your directive, we all know full well how easy it is to fall into the trap of creating idols and of making much of them. And we know also that idol-making doesn’t need to involve some token, some figure placed on a shelf. Rather, we so often have to wrestle with the temptations brought about by modern-day idols like “power,” or “seeking the spotlight,” or always having “to win.” Lord, forgive us for the sultry allure of idol worship. May each Senator -- may every servant of Yours in this place -- strive instead to hold fast to those values which really matter, those which bring about good for our State. In Your name we pray, Lord. Amen.

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

**Point of Quorum**

At 11:07 A.M., Senator PEELER made the point that a quorum was not present. It was ascertained that a quorum was not present.

**Call of the Senate**

Senator PEELER moved that a Call of the Senate be made. The following Senators answered the Call:

Alexander Bright Bryant

Campbell Campsen Cleary

Corbin Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hayes Hutto Lourie

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McGill Nicholson O'Dell

Peeler Rankin Scott

Setzler Thurmond Turner

Williams Young

A quorum being present, the Senate resumed.

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

The following appointments were transmitted by the Honorable Nikki Randhawa Haley:

**Local Appointments**

Initial Appointment, Cherokee County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2010, and to expire April 30, 2014

Julian Kirby Wright, 121 Fernwood Dr., Gaffney, SC 29340 *VICE* Honorable Steven S. Wood

Reappointment, Cherokee County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2014, and to expire April 30, 2018

Julian Kirby Wright, 121 Fernwood Dr., Gaffney, SC 29340

Initial Appointment, Horry County Board of Voter Registration, with the term to commence March 15, 2014, and to expire March 15, 2016

Lanny E. Rose, 300 Flagstone Drive, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588 *VICE* Deborah Vrooman

**REGULATION WITHDRAWN**

The following was received:

Document No. 4376

Agency: South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy

Chapter: 37

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 23-23-10 et seq.

SUBJECT: Assignment of Costs for Agency Level Contested Case Hearings

Received by Lt. Governor May 1, 2013

Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee

Legislative Review Expiration: Permanently Withdrawn

120 Day Period Tolled

April 2, 2014 Permanently Withdrawn

**Doctor of the Day**

Senator GROOMS introduced Dr. Larry Pawlik of Charleston, S.C., Doctor of the Day. Dr. Pawlik specializes in emergency medicine with Medcare Urgent Care.

**Leave of Absence**

On motion of Senator GROOMS, at 11:05 A.M., Senator VERDIN was granted a leave of absence for today.

**Leave of Absence**

On motion of Senator THURMOND, at 11:05 A.M., Senator MALLOY was granted a leave of absence for today.

**Leave of Absence**

On motion of Senator GREGORY, at 11:05 A.M., Senator HEMBREE was granted a leave of absence for today.

**Leave of Absence**

On motion of Senator LOURIE, at 11:05 A.M., Senator BENNETT was granted a leave of absence for today.

**Leave of Absence**

At 1:45 P.M., Senator DAVIS requested a leave of absence for the balance of the day.

**Expression of Personal Interest**

Senator COURSON rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**Expression of Personal Interest**

Senator HAYES rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

Senator SCOTT raised a point of order that under Rule 13, the time limitation for an Expression of Personal Interest had expired.

Senator SCOTT asked unanimous consent to allow Senator HAYES time to conclude his remarks.

There was no objection.

**Expression of Personal Interest**

Senator HUTTO rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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

S. 1189 Sen. Larry Martin

S. 894 Sen. Alexander

S. 888 Sen. Gregory

S. 1100 Sen. Young

**RECALLED**

S. 1145 -- Senators Hayes and Fair: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑1‑490 SO AS TO PROHIBIT SPECIFIED AGENCIES AND ENTITIES FROM PROVIDING ANY INDIVIDUAL STUDENT DATA OR ANY DATA THAT MAY BE USED TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, ANY OTHER AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, OR ANY THIRD PARTY WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY A JOINT RESOLUTION; BY ADDING SECTION 59‑18‑355 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIRED CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES TO REVISE CERTAIN STATE CONTENT STANDARDS OR FOR A NEW STANDARD OR A CHANGE IN A CURRENT STANDARD; TO AMEND SECTION 59‑18‑310, RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OR ADOPTION OF A STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM TO PROMOTE STUDENT LEARNING AND MEASURE STUDENT PERFORMANCE, SO AS TO DELETE EXIT EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS BEGINNING WITH THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2015, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH A STUDENT WHO DID NOT RECEIVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA BECAUSE OF A FAILURE TO MEET THE EXIT EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT MAY RECEIVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA; BY ADDING SECTION 59‑18‑325 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ADMINISTER CERTAIN NEW ASSESSMENTS TO STUDENTS IN SPECIFIED GRADES IN THE 2014‑2015 SCHOOL YEAR AND IN FUTURE SCHOOL YEARS FOR PARTICULAR ASSESSMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 59‑18‑350, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CYCLICAL REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF STATE STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE TIMELINE FOR A REVIEW OF STATE STANDARDS FOR SPECIFIED SUBJECTS, AND TO REVISE THE DURATION OF PREVIOUS CONTENT STANDARDS; TO AMEND SECTION 59‑18‑950, RELATING TO CRITERIA FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT AND HIGH SCHOOL RATINGS, SO AS TO REVISE THIS CRITERIA; TO AMEND SECTION 59‑48‑35, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR A DIPLOMA FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SPECIAL SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS, SO AS TO DELETE THE EXIT EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT; TO REPEAL SECTION 59‑139‑60 RELATING TO VARIOUS ASSESSMENTS OF STUDENTS, SCHOOLS, AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT SOUTH CAROLINA SHALL NO LONGER BE A GOVERNING OR ADVISORY STATE IN THE SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT CONSORTIUM, AND FURTHER THAT SOUTH CAROLINA MAY NOT ADOPT OR ADMINISTER THE SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT.

Senator COURSON asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Bill from the Committee on Education.

There was no objection.

The Bill was recalled from the Committee on Education and ordered placed on the Calendar for consideration tomorrow.

**Expression of Personal Interest**

Senator CORBIN rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

The following were introduced:

S. 1196 -- Senators Davis, Alexander, Allen, Bennett, Bright, Bryant, Campbell, Campsen, Cleary, Coleman, Corbin, Courson, Cromer, 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, Setzler, Shealy, Sheheen, Thurmond, Turner, Verdin, Williams and Young: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2014, "NURSE PRACTITIONER AND CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO RECOGNIZE NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1197 -- Senators Alexander, L. Martin, Bryant and O'Dell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-53-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE CERTAIN POST-SECONDARY VOCATIONAL, TECHNICAL, AND OCCUPATIONAL DIPLOMA AND ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS, SO AS TO GIVE EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF THESE PROGRAMS TO THE BOARD AND TO EXPAND ITS JURISDICTION TO INCLUDE CERTAIN CERTIFICATES AND CERTAIN APPLIED SCIENCE PROGRAMS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-103-15, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION GOALS AND MISSIONS, AND SECTION 59-103-35, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS THAT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY NOT UNDERTAKE A NEW PROGRAM WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, BOTH SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 59-101-150 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING MUST RECEIVE APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION OR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS A CONDITION TO UNDERTAKING A NEW PROGRAM.

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

S. 1198 -- Medical Affairs Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMITS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4444, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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Read the first time and ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

S. 1199 -- Senator Courson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE MAY 2014 AS "HOMESCHOOL RECOGNITION MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA, TO RECOGNIZE THE DILIGENT EFFORTS OF HOMESCHOOLING PARENTS AND THE ACADEMIC SUCCESS OF THEIR STUDENTS, AND TO EXPRESS SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR THEIR FOCUS ON THE WELL-BEING AND OVERALL ACHIEVEMENTS OF THEIR CHILDREN.

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

S. 1200 -- Senator Coleman: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-3535 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO TAX CREDITS FOR MAKING QUALIFIED REHABILITATION EXPENDITURES FOR CERTIFIED HISTORIC STRUCTURES, TO CLARIFY THE TAXES AND LICENSE FEES AGAINST WHICH THE TAX CREDIT MAY BE TAKEN, TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT TAX CREDIT, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND LIMITATIONS OF THE NEW TAX CREDIT, TO DEFINE STATE OWNED ABANDONED BUILDING FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE SECTION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE TIME PERIOD DURING WHICH A TAX CREDIT MAY BE CLAIMED FOR WORK PERFORMED IN CONNECTION WITH A STATE OWNED ABANDONED BUILDING, TO PROVIDE THAT THE TAX CREDIT MAY BE ASSIGNED; TO AMEND SECTION 12-67-120 TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR STATE OWNED ABANDONED BUILDING FOR THE PURPOSES OF CHAPTER 67, TITLE 12; TO AMEND SECTION 12-67-140, TO INCLUDE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAXES AS ONE OF THE TAXES AGAINST WHICH A CREDIT CAN BE CLAIMED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE TIME PERIOD IN WHICH A TAX CREDIT MAY BE TAKEN, TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXEMPTION TO THE VALUE LIMITATIONS OF THE TAX CREDIT FOR WORK DONE IN CONNECTION WITH A STATE OWNED ABANDONED BUILDING, AND TO REMOVE A LIMITATION RELATED TO THE AMOUNT A TAXPAYER'S TAX LIABILITY MAY BE REDUCED.

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

S. 1201 -- Senators O'Dell and Nicholson: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DR. BEN H. DAVIS, JR., PRESIDENT AND CEO OF GREENWOOD'S CONNIE MAXWELL CHILDREN'S HOME, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1202 -- Senator Pinckney: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR G. THOMAS "TOM" UPSHAW, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF PALMETTO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-THREE YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

H. 4371 -- Rep. Finlay: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 15-75-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON IN THIS STATE, IN REGARD TO PATENT OWNERSHIP AND POTENTIAL PATENT INFRINGEMENT, MAY INTENTIONALLY INTERFERE WITH THE EXISTING CONTRACTUAL RELATIONS OF ANOTHER PERSON OR INTENTIONALLY INTERFERE WITH THE PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTUAL RELATIONS OF ANOTHER PERSON, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON AGGRIEVED BY ANOTHER PERSON'S INTENTIONAL INTERFERENCE WITH HIS EXISTING CONTRACTUAL RELATIONS OR WITH HIS PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTUAL RELATIONS HAS A CAUSE OF ACTION IN BOTH INSTANCES AGAINST THAT PERSON, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELEMENTS OF EACH CAUSE OF ACTION AND THE DAMAGES WHICH MAY ENSUE.

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

H. 4527 -- Reps. Felder, D. C. Moss, Brannon, Allison, Daning, Crosby, V. S. Moss, Hosey, Sottile, Clyburn, Kennedy, Spires, Quinn, R. L. Brown, Cole, Forrester, Pope, Rivers, Wood and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-195 SO AS TO ESTABLISH "A DAY OF RECOGNITION FOR VETERANS' SPOUSES AND FAMILIES" ON THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING DAY EACH YEAR.

Read the first time and referred to the General Committee.

H. 4803 -- Reps. Horne, Erickson, Gilliard, Whipper, D. C. Moss, McCoy, K. R. Crawford, Weeks, Cobb-Hunter and Knight: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES THERAPEUTIC RESEARCH ACT OF 1980, SO AS TO ENACT THE "MEDICAL CANNABIS THERAPEUTIC TREATMENT RESEARCH ACT", TO ESTABLISH THE MEDICAL CANNABIS THERAPEUTIC TREATMENT RESEARCH PROGRAM AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, TO PROVIDE FOR PATIENTS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE WHO AND UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES MEDICAL CANNABIS CAN BE ADMINISTERED TO A PATIENT, TO PROVIDE FOR NOTICE TO A PARTICIPATING PATIENT THAT THE PATIENT WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN A RESEARCH STUDY AND OF THE EXPERIMENTAL NATURE OF THE MEDICAL CANNABIS PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROTECTION OF A PARTICIPATING PATIENT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS BY ACADEMIC MEDICAL CENTERS THAT SUPERVISE OR ADMINISTER MEDICAL CANNABIS TREATMENTS, TO PROVIDE CRIMINAL AND CIVIL IMMUNITY FROM STATE ACTIONS OR SUITS ARISING FROM THE PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE SHALL DEFEND STATE EMPLOYEES WHO, IN GOOD FAITH, CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO COLLABORATE WITH ACADEMIC MEDICAL CENTERS TO ASSIST INTERESTED PATIENTS WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS TO PARTICIPATE IN EXISTING UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION-APPROVED INVESTIGATIONAL NEW DRUG STUDIES CONCERNING MEDICAL CANNABIS.

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

H. 4864 -- Rep. Gambrell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 46-21-215, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO REQUIRED LABELS AND TAGS FOR CONTAINERS OF AGRICULTURAL, VEGETABLE, AND FLOWER SEEDS, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN OF THESE LABELING AND TAGGING REQUIREMENTS.

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

H. 4993 -- Rep. Barfield: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-125 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE THIRD SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER AS "AYNOR HARVEST HOE-DOWN FESTIVAL WEEKEND".

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

H. 4994 -- Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO CRITICAL CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS SCREENING ON NEWBORNS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4429, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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

H. 4995 -- Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF NURSING, RELATING TO CODE OF ETHICS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4447, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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

H. 4998 -- Rep. Hayes: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF 24TH AVENUE BETWEEN CALHOUN AND DARGAN STREETS IN THE CITY OF DILLON "RUBY WOODS CARTER ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF ROADWAY THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS "RUBY WOODS CARTER ROAD".

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

H. 5001 -- Reps. Erickson, Newton, Herbkersman, McCoy, Patrick, Stavrinakis and Hodges: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT A POINT 0.34 MILES WEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF THE JUNCTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAYS 17 AND 21 AND OLD SHELDON CHURCH ROAD IN BEAUFORT COUNTY ALONG UNITED STATES HIGHWAYS 17 AND 21, AND AT A POINT THREE MILES SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 17 AND SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 165 IN CHARLESTON COUNTY ALONG UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 17 THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS: "ACE BASIN YOU ARE NOW ENTERING THE ACE BASIN. ONE OF THE LAST GREAT PLACES. PLEASE HELP PROTECT YOUR NATURAL RESOURCES".

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

H. 5024 -- Rep. Sellers: A BILL TO ALLOW THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF DENMARK-OLAR SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 TO IMPOSE A CAPITAL MILLAGE TO PROVIDE SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING ANY ASSOCIATED LEASE PAYMENTS, AND TO MAKE FINDINGS THAT ILLUSTRATE THE UNIQUE ISSUES FACING THE DISTRICT.

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

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Senator PEELER from the Committee on Medical Affairs submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

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.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator PEELER from the Committee on Medical Affairs submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1056 -- Senators Turner, Campbell and Reese: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40‑25‑60 OF THE 1976 CODE RELATING TO THE LICENSE REQUIRED TO ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF SPECIALIZING IN HEARING AIDS, TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON MAY ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF SPECIALIZING IN HEARING AIDS OR DISPLAY A SIGN OR IN ANOTHER WAY ADVERTISE OR REPRESENT HIMSELF AS A PERSON WHO ENGAGES IN THE PRACTICE OF SPECIALIZING IN HEARING AIDS OR OFFER FOR THE SALE OF HEARING AIDS THROUGH THE MAIL, INTERNET, OR OTHER MEANS, UNLESS HE HOLDS AN UNSUSPENDED, UNREVOKED LICENSE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDES FOR THE DIRECT FITTING, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF THE PRODUCTS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NOTHING IN THIS CHAPTER PROHIBITS A PERSON FROM ENGAGING IN THE BUSINESS OF SELLING OR OFFERING FOR SALE HEARING AIDS THROUGH THE MAIL, INTERNET, OR OTHER MEANS TO DISTRIBUTORS, DEALERS, OR SPECIALISTS LICENSED IN THIS STATE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator PEELER from the Committee on Medical Affairs submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

S. 1084 -- Senators Nicholson, Scott, Williams, Hutto, Cromer, Campbell, O’Dell, Reese, Lourie, Coleman, Kimpson and Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 44‑29‑150 AND 44‑29‑160, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BOTH RELATING TO PERSONS APPLYING FOR EMPLOYMENT IN SCHOOLS, KINDERGARTENS, NURSERY OR DAYCARE CENTERS TO BE TESTED FOR AND FREE FROM ACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS AND PROVIDING THAT RETESTING OF CONSECUTIVELY RETURNING EMPLOYEES IS NOT REQUIRED, SO AS TO REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS RETURNING TO EMPLOYMENT IN CONSECUTIVE YEARS IN THESE SETTINGS TO BE TESTED AND FREE FROM TUBERCULOSIS IN AN ACTIVE STAGE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator CAMPSEN from the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

S. 1096 -- Senators Campsen and Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50‑5‑1705 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CATCH LIMITS IMPOSED ON THE TAKING OF CERTAIN FISH, TO IMPOSE CATCH LIMITS FOR TAKING OR POSSESSING IN ANY ONE DAY A COMBINATION OF SPOT, WHITING, AND ATLANTIC CROAKER.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator CAMPSEN from the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

S. 1178 -- Senators Hembree and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 10, CHAPTER 11, TITLE 50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS, TO PROVIDE THAT A HUNTER’S PRIVILEGE TO PARTICIPATE IN LOTTERY HUNTS MAY BE REVOKED IF A DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WITNESSES, OR HAS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT, A VIOLATION OF THE ARTICLE HAS OCCURRED; AND TO PROVIDE FOR REMEDIES IF THE HUNTER IS NOT CONVICTED OF VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE ARISING FROM THE LOTTERY HUNT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator PEELER from the Committee on Medical Affairs submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

H. 3968 -- Reps. Hamilton, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bannister, Barfield, Bedingfield, Bernstein, Bingham, Bowen, Bowers, Branham, Brannon, G.A. Brown, R.L. Brown, Burns, Chumley, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb‑Hunter, Cole, H.A. Crawford, K.R. Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Edge, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrester, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gambrell, George, Gilliard, Goldfinch, Govan, Hardee, Hardwick, Harrell, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Hodges, Horne, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Kennedy, King, Knight, Limehouse, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mack, McCoy, McEachern, M.S. McLeod, W.J. McLeod, Merrill, Mitchell, D.C. Moss, V.S. Moss, Munnerlyn, Murphy, Nanney, Neal, Newton, Norman, H.L. Ott, Owens, Parks, Patrick, Pitts, Pope, Powers Norrell, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, Riley, Rivers, Robinson‑Simpson, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sabb, Sandifer, Sellers, Simrill, Skelton, G.M. Smith, G.R. Smith, J.E. Smith, J.R. Smith, Sottile, Southard, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Toole, Vick, Weeks, Wells, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Wood: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM MAY 16, 2013, AS SENIOR HUNGER AWARENESS DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA, TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE IMPACT OF HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION ON THE HEALTH OF OUR CITIZENS AND ON THE PROGRESS OF OUR STATE, AND TO WORK TOGETHER FOR A HUNGER‑FREE SOUTH CAROLINA.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., April 3, 2014

Mr. President and Senators:

The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has returned the following Bill to the Senate with amendments:

S. 137 -- Senators Lourie, L. Martin, Hayes, Fair, Davis, Ford, Cromer, Grooms and Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56‑1‑286, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF A DRIVER’S LICENSE OF A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY‑ONE FOR HAVING AN UNLAWFUL ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTIES TO INCLUDE REQUIRING AN OFFENDER WHO OPERATES A VEHICLE TO HAVE AN IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE INSTALLED ON THE VEHICLE; TO AMEND SECTION 56‑1‑400, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF A LICENSE, A LICENSE RENEWAL OR ITS RETURN, AND ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE THAT RESTRICTS THE DRIVER TO ONLY OPERATING A VEHICLE WITH AN IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE INSTALLED, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF AN INTERLOCK RESTRICTED LICENSE AND ITS CONTENTS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTENTS OF A DRIVER’S LICENSE ISSUED TO A PERSON WHOSE VEHICLE IS INSTALLED WITH AN IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OFFENSES THAT REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION OF AN IGNITION INTERLOCK RESTRICTED DEVICE AS A PENALTY, TO REVISE THE DRIVER’S LICENSE SUSPENSION PERIOD FOR A PERSON WHO CHOOSES TO OR NOT TO HAVE AN INTERLOCK DEVICE INSTALLED ON HIS VEHICLE, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO CHOOSE NOT TO HAVE AN INTERLOCK DEVICE INSTALLED ON THEIR VEHICLES AFTER BEING CONVICTED OF CERTAIN DRIVING OFFENSES; TO AMEND SECTION 56‑1‑748, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF A RESTRICTED DRIVER’S LICENSE TO PERSON’S WHO ARE INELIGIBLE TO OBTAIN A SPECIAL RESTRICTED DRIVER’S LICENSE, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTION 56‑1‑1320, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF A PROVISIONAL DRIVER’S LICENSE, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT GIVES CERTAIN PERSONS AUTHORITY TO ISSUE A PROVISIONAL DRIVER’S LICENSE AND REVIEW CANCELLATIONS AND SUSPENSION OF DRIVER’S LICENSES; TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑2941, RELATING TO PENALTIES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED FOR DRIVING A VEHICLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE DURING THE OFFENSES THAT REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION OF AN IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE AS A PENALTY, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A PERSON WHO IS INCAPABLE OF OPERATING AN IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE, TO REVISE CERTAIN PENALTIES CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION; THE LENGTH OF TIME AN INTERLOCK DEVICE MUST BE AFFIXED TO A VEHICLE, TO REVISE THE PENALTY FOR AN OFFENDER WHO HAS ACCUMULATED FOUR POINTS UNDER THE INTERLOCK DEVICE POINT SYSTEM, TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF FUNDS REMITTED TO THE INTERLOCK DEVICE FUND, TO REVISE THE FEES THAT MUST BE COLLECTED AND REMITTED TO THE INTERLOCK DEVICE FUND, AND TO PROVIDE THAT AN INTERLOCK DEVICE MUST CAPTURE A PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGE OF A DRIVER AS HE OPERATES THE DEVICE; TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑2942, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE IMMOBILIZATION OF A PERSON’S VEHICLE UPON HIS CONVICTION OF AN ALCOHOL‑RELATED DRIVING OFFENSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AS LONG AS A PERSON HOLDS A VALID IGNITION INTERLOCK LICENSE, HE IS NOT REQUIRED TO SURRENDER HIS LICENSE PLATES AND VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑2945, RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL AND GREAT BODILY INJURY OR DEATH OCCURS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON CONVICTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MAY ENROLL IN THE IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE PROGRAM UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑2950, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO A PERSON WHO OPERATES A MOTOR VEHICLE GIVING IMPLIED CONSENT TO CHEMICAL TESTS TO DETERMINE THE PRESENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTY IMPOSED UPON A PERSON WHO REFUSES TO BE SUBJECTED TO A CHEMICAL TEST, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑2951, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF A PERSON’S DRIVER’S LICENSE WHO REFUSES TO SUBMIT TO BE TESTED TO DETERMINE HIS ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION, SO AS TO REVISE THE OFFENSES THAT ARE AFFECTED BY THIS SECTION, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON MAY ENROLL IN THE IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE PROGRAM AS A ALTERNATE IN LIEU OF OTHER PENALTIES PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑2990, RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF A PERSON’S DRIVER’S LICENSE FOR A VIOLATION OF CERTAIN ALCOHOL AND DRUG RELATED DRIVING OFFENSES, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTIES, AND TO INCLUDE REQUIRING CERTAIN PERSONS TO ENROLL IN THE IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES PROGRAM.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., April 2, 2014

Mr. President and Senators:

The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the Senate to:

H. 3592 -- Reps. Sandifer and Loftis: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 8, CHAPTER 52, TITLE 48, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE “ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION ACT OF 2007”, SO AS TO DELETE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS, TO CHANGE CERTIFICATION STANDARDS WITH WHICH MAJOR FACILITY PROJECTS MUST COMPLY, TO ELIMINATE REFERENCE TO THE LEED AND GREEN GLOBES CERTIFICATION RATING SYSTEMS, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for Ratification.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

Received as information.

**Motion Adopted**

On motion of Senator HAYES, with unanimous consent, Senators HAYES, MATTHEWS and DAVIS were granted leave to attend a subcommittee meeting and were granted leave to vote from the balcony.

**Motion Adopted**

On motion of Senator HUTTO, with unanimous consent, Senators HUTTO, YOUNG and CORBIN were granted leave to attend a subcommittee meeting and were granted leave to vote from the balcony.

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

**ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION**

The following Bill was read the third time and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act and enrolled for Ratification:

H. 4574 -- Reps. Hardwick and W.J. McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40‑23‑20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION BOARD, SO AS TO REVISE AND ADD DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑23‑90, RELATING TO BOARD INVESTIGATIONS OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST LICENSEES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE MANNER IN WHICH AN INITIAL COMPLAINT MAY BE REFERRED TO AN INVESTIGATOR; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑23‑95, RELATING TO REFERRALS OF VIOLATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION TO THE BOARD, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD WITH RESPECT TO REPORTS OF CERTAIN VIOLATIONS THAT DO NOT ALLEGE UNLICENSED PRACTICE; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑23‑230, RELATING TO LICENSEES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE A PROVISION THAT ENABLES CERTAIN LICENSEES FROM OBTAINING CLASS “A” OR CLASS “B” WELL DRILLER LICENSES WHEN MEETING CERTAIN CRITERIA; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑23‑300, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION CLASSES OF WATER TREATMENT OPERATORS, SO AS TO REVISE CRITERIA FOR TRAINEE WATER OPERATORS AND CLASS “E” WATER TREATMENT OPERATORS; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑23‑310, RELATING TO WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OPERATOR LICENSES, SO AS TO REVISE CRITERIA FOR TRAINEE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OPERATOR AND A CLASS “D” WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OPERATOR; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑23‑320, RELATING TO LICENSURE AS A CLASS “C” ENVIRONMENTAL, COASTAL, OR ROCK WELL DRILLER, SO AS TO REPLACE THE REQUIREMENT OF HAVING AT LEAST ONE YEAR OF EXPERIENCE AS AN APPRENTICE WITH AT LEAST ONE YEAR OF EXPERIENCE AS A CLASS “D” WELL DRILLER; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40‑23‑340, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON WELL DRILLERS ACCORDING TO CLASSIFICATION OF THE WELL DRILLER, SO AS TO REVISE RESTRICTIONS ON CLASS “D” AND CLASS “C” WELL DRILLERS.

**HOUSE BILL RETURNED**

The following House Bill was read the third time and ordered returned to the House with amendments:

H. 4482 -- Rep. Ridgeway: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 9, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO STATE EMBLEMS, BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-712A, SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE COLUMBIAN MAMMOTH AS THE OFFICIAL STATE FOSSIL.

**SECOND READING BILL**

The following Bill, having been read the second time, was ordered placed on the Third Reading Calendar:

S. 1195 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO PROVIDE THAT IF, AFTER CLOSING THE BOOKS, THE DARLINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS FUNDS, REGARDLESS OF SOURCE OR PURPOSE, OF MORE THAN TWENTY‑FIVE PERCENT OF ITS OPERATING BUDGET OR SEVENTEEN MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, WHICHEVER IS LESS, SUCH EXCESS FUNDS ONLY MAY BE USED TO SERVICE BONDED INDEBTEDNESS UNTIL THE DEBT IS FULLY PAID.

**S. 1195--Ordered to a Third Reading**

On motion of Senator MALLOY, S. 1195 was ordered to receive a third reading on Friday, April 4, 2014.

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

S. 1085 -- Senators Campbell, Grooms, Matthews, McGill, O’Dell and Bennett: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 4‑37‑30, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO THE USE OF LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX OR TOLL REVENUES TO FINANCE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IN A COUNTY, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY IN WHICH THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX IS CURRENTLY IMPOSED FOR LESS THAN THE TWENTY‑FIVE YEAR MAXIMUM IMPOSITION PERIOD, UPON REFERENDUM APPROVAL, MAY EXTEND WITHOUT INTERRUPTION THE INITIAL IMPOSITION FOR AN IMPOSITION PERIOD IN THE AGGREGATE NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY‑FIVE YEARS, TO PROVIDE WHAT QUESTIONS MUST APPEAR ON THE REFERENDUM BALLOT, TO PROVIDE THAT A REFERENDUM FOR OTHER THAN THE INITIAL IMPOSITION OF THE TAX MAY BE HELD AT THE TIME OF EITHER A GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE COUNTY, AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY MAY DETERMINE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY IN WHICH THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX IS CURRENTLY IMPOSED, WITHIN TWO YEARS OF THE TERMINATION OF THE TAX OR THE ANTICIPATED TERMINATION OF THE TAX AND UPON REFERENDUM APPROVAL, MAY RENEW WITHOUT INTERRUPTION THE IMPOSITION OF THE TAX AND PROVIDE THAT NO MORE THAN ONE REFERENDUM RELATING TO THIS TAX BE HELD IN A CALENDAR YEAR.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill, the question being the second reading of the Bill.

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

**Ayes 32; Nays 3**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Campbell

Campsen Cleary Cromer

Davis Fair Gregory

Grooms Hayes Johnson

Kimpson Leatherman *Martin, Larry*

Massey Matthews McElveen

McGill Nicholson O'Dell

Peeler Pinckney Rankin

Reese Scott Setzler

Sheheen Thurmond Turner

Williams Young

**Total--32**

**NAYS**

Bright Bryant *Martin, Shane*

**Total--3**

There being no further amendments, the Bill was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

S. 1099 -- Senators Sheheen and Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 41‑27‑260 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE DEFINITION OF EMPLOYMENT FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PURPOSES, TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FOR MOTOR CARRIERS THAT UTILIZE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill, the question being the second reading of the Bill.

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

**Ayes 36; Nays 0; Abstain 1; Present 1**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bryant

Campbell Campsen Cleary

Corbin Courson Cromer

Davis Fair Gregory

Grooms Hayes Hutto

Johnson Leatherman Lourie

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

Matthews McElveen McGill

Nicholson O'Dell Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Scott

Setzler Sheheen Thurmond

Turner Williams Young

**Total--36**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

**ABSTAIN**

Bright

**Total--1**

**PRESENT**

Kimpson

**Total--1**

The Bill was read the second time and ordered placed on the Third Reading Calendar.

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

S. 1100 -- Senators Bryant, Sheheen and Young: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 27, TITLE 41 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND CLAIMS, BY ADDING SECTION 41‑27‑265, TO PROVIDE THAT CORPORATE OFFICERS ARE EXEMPT FROM UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS UNLESS THE EMPLOYER ELECTS COVERAGE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCESS OF ELECTING COVERAGE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR FEDERALLY REQUIRED EXEMPTIONS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION FOR INDIVIDUALS EMPLOYED BY AN INDIAN TRIBE AND RELIGIOUS, CHARITABLE, EDUCATIONAL, OR OTHER FEDERALLY DEFINED ORGANIZATIONS.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill, the question being the second reading of the Bill.

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

**Ayes 41; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bright

Bryant Campbell Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hayes Hutto Jackson

Johnson Kimpson Leatherman

Lourie *Martin, Larry Martin, Shane*

Massey Matthews McElveen

McGill Nicholson O'Dell

Peeler Pinckney Rankin

Reese Scott Setzler

Sheheen Thurmond Turner

Williams Young

**Total--41**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The Bill was read the second time and ordered placed on the Third Reading Calendar.

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

S. 1036 -- Senator Cleary: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 15, TITLE 40 SO AS TO ENACT THE “DENTAL SEDATION ACT”, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF VARYING LEVELS OF SEDATION TO DENTAL PATIENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑15‑85, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE DENTISTRY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO ADD NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 15, TITLE 40 AS ARTICLE 1 “GENERAL PROVISIONS”.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill, the question being the second reading of the Bill.

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

**Ayes 38; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bright

Bryant Campbell Campsen

Cleary Coleman Courson

Cromer Davis Fair

Gregory Grooms Hayes

Jackson Johnson Kimpson

Leatherman Lourie *Martin, Larry*

*Martin, Shane* Massey Matthews

McElveen McGill Nicholson

O'Dell Peeler Pinckney

Rankin Reese Scott

Setzler Sheheen Turner

Williams Young

**Total--38**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The Bill was read the second time and ordered placed on the Third Reading Calendar.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT AMENDED AND ADOPTED**

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

S. 1032 -- Senators Campsen and Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 48‑39‑130 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PERMITS REQUIRED FOR COASTAL ZONE CRITICAL AREAS, TO INCLUDE TEMPORARY QUALIFIED WAVE DISSIPATION DEVICES AS A TECHNIQUE TO BE USED IN THE BEACH/DUNE CRITICAL AREA TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY; TO AMEND SECTION 48‑39‑270, RELATING TO TERMS PERTAINING TO COASTAL TIDELANDS AND WETLANDS, TO DEFINE QUALIFIED WAVE DISSIPATION DEVICE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 48‑39‑290, RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION RESTRICTIONS SEAWARD OF THE BASELINE, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR QUALIFIED WAVE DISSIPATION DEVICES.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill, the question being the adoption of the amendment proposed by the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Senator CAMPSEN proposed the following amendment (1032R014.GEC), which was adopted:

Amend the committee amendment, as and if amended, by striking the committee amendment in its entirety and inserting:

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

SECTION 1. Section 48‑39‑320 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“(C) Notwithstanding any other provision of law contained in this chapter, the board, or the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, may allow the use in a pilot project of any technology, methodology, or structure, whether or not referenced in this chapter, if it is reasonably anticipated that the use will be successful in addressing an erosional issue in a beach or dune area. If success is demonstrated, the board, or the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, may allow the continued use of the technology, methodology, or structure used in the pilot project location and additional locations.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor; however, Section 48‑39‑130, as amended, remains subject to the repeal provision pursuant to Section 5, Act 41 of 2011. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator CAMPSEN explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

The Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources proposed the following amendment (1032R004.DBV), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, page 7, by striking lines 11‑14 and inserting:/

SECTION 4. Section 48‑39‑320 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“(C) The board, upon the recommendation of the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, may allow the use of any technology, methodology, or structures, whether or not referenced in this chapter, if it is anticipated that the action will be successful in addressing an erosional issue in a beach area.”

SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor; however, Section 48‑39‑130, as amended, remains subject to the repeal provision pursuant to Section 5, Act 41 of 2011./

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator CAMPSEN explained the committee amendment.

The committee amendment was adopted.

The question then was second reading of the Bill.

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

**Ayes 39; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Bright Bryant

Campbell Campsen Cleary

Coleman Corbin Courson

Cromer Davis Fair

Gregory Grooms Hayes

Hutto Jackson Kimpson

Leatherman Lourie *Martin, Larry*

*Martin, Shane* Massey Matthews

McElveen McGill Nicholson

O'Dell Peeler Pinckney

Rankin Reese Scott

Setzler Sheheen Thurmond

Turner Williams Young

**Total--39**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

There being no further amendments, the Bill was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED**

**OBJECTION TO THE BILL**

H. 4259 -- Reps. Goldfinch and Clemmons: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 16‑17‑760 SO AS TO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY SERVICE INTEGRITY AND PRESERVATION ACT”, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO, WITH THE INTENT OF SECURING A TANGIBLE BENEFIT, KNOWINGLY AND FALSELY REPRESENTS HIMSELF TO HAVE SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OR TO HAVE BEEN AWARDED A DECORATION, MEDAL, RIBBON, OR OTHER DEVICE AUTHORIZED BY CONGRESS OR PURSUANT TO FEDERAL LAW FOR THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill, the question being the adoption of the amendment proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following amendment (JUD4259.002), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, page 1, by striking lines 32-40 and inserting:

/ (B) A person who, with the intent of securing a tangible benefit, knowingly and falsely represents himself through a written or oral communication, including a resume, to have:

(1) served in the Armed Forces of the United States, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, must be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both; or

(2) been awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor, a Distinguished-Service Cross, a Navy Cross, an Air Force Cross, a Silver Star, a Purple Heart, a Combat Infantryman’s Badge, a Combat Action Badge, a Combat Medical Badge, a Combat Action Ribbon, or a Combat Action Medal as authorized by Congress or pursuant to federal law for the Armed Forces of the United States, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both./

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, page 2 by striking line 6 and inserting:

/ proceeding.

(5) an effect on an election which is presumed if the representation is made by a candidate for public office.” /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator MASSEY explained the committee amendment.

The committee amendment was adopted.

The question then was second reading of the Bill.

Senator CLEARY objected to further consideration of the Bill.

**RECOMMITTED**

S. 536 -- Senators Gregory, Reese, McElveen, Hembree, Hutto, Lourie, Campsen, Cleary, Allen, Shealy, O’Dell, Campbell, Cromer, Hayes, Verdin and Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE “ENERGY SYSTEM FREEDOM OF OWNERSHIP ACT” BY ADDING ARTICLE 14 TO CHAPTER 52, TITLE 48 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A THIRD PARTY MAY SELL ELECTRICITY PRODUCED BY A RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY AS DEFINED IN THIS ACT, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SALE OF ELECTRICITY FROM A RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY BY THIRD PARTIES DOES NOT SUBJECT THE SELLER TO REGULATION AS A PUBLIC UTILITY, TO PROVIDE RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE ENERGY OFFICE, TO IMPOSE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ON FEES CHARGED BY A UTILITY TO A RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE ENERGY OFFICE MAY PROMULGATE NECESSARY REGULATIONS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 58‑27‑25 SO AS TO EXEMPT RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES FROM PROVISIONS GOVERNING ELECTRIC UTILITIES AND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES.

Senator SHANE MARTIN asked unanimous consent to commit the Bill to the Committee on Judiciary.

There was no objection and the Bill was recommitted.

**MINORITY REPORT REMOVED**

S. 1189 -- Senators Gregory, Reese, McElveen, Hembree, Hutto, Lourie, Campsen, Cleary, Allen, Shealy, O’Dell, Campbell, Cromer, Hayes, Verdin, Sheheen and L. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ADD CHAPTER 39 TO TITLE 58, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCE PROGRAM, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO SET GOALS FOR THE PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCESS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE APPLICATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS FOR THE PROGRAM AND COST RECOVERY; TO ADD CHAPTER 40 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A NET ENERGY METERING PROGRAM, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NET ENERGY METERING PROGRAM, INCLUDING COSTS AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AND THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF PURSUANT TO THIS PROGRAM; TO ADD ARTICLE 23 TO CHAPTER 27, TITLE 58, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEASE OF RENEWABLE ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITIES PROGRAM, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LEASE PROGRAM, INCLUDING AN APPLICATION PROCESS AND REGISTRATION WITH THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE LEASE PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO REPORT TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ON COSTS AND CHARGES ATTRIBUTABLE TO DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES WITHIN CURRENT COSTS OF SERVICE RATE MAKING METHODOLOGIES; TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO PROMULGATE STANDARDS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY INTERCONNECTION; TO REQUIRE EACH DISTRIBUTION ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE BOARD TO CONSIDER NET ENERGY METERING POLICIES AND MAKE A REPORT TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; TO REQUIRE EACH ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE TO INVESTIGATE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COSTS AND CHARGES ATTRIBUTABLE TO DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES WITHIN CURRENT COST OF SERVICE RATEMAKING METHODOLOGIES AND REPORT ITS FINDINGS WITH THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF.

Senator SHANE MARTIN asked unanimous consent to remove his name from the minority report of the Bill.

There was no objection and proper notation was made on the Bill**.**

**MINORITY REPORT REMOVED**

S. 247 -- Senators Corbin, Bryant, Verdin, Cleary, Hembree, Peeler, Fair, Shealy, Grooms, Campbell, Cromer and Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 25‑1‑80 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA UNORGANIZED MILITIA.

Senators LOURIE, McGILL and JACKSON asked unanimous consent to remove their names from the minority report of the Bill.

There was no objection and proper notation was made on the Bill.

**MINORITY REPORT REMOVED**

S. 375 -- Senators Hutto, L. Martin, Johnson and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 38 TO TITLE 6 SO AS TO ENACT THE “DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS ACT”, TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT A MUNICIPALITY MAY BRING A CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST THE OWNER OF PROPERTY NOT IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES, TO IDENTIFY WHO MAY SERVE AS A COURT‑APPOINTED RECEIVER FOR PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THIS CAUSE OF ACTION, TO DESIGNATE THE POWERS OF A COURT‑APPOINTED RECEIVER, TO ESTABLISH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY CONCERNING A VIOLATION AGAINST WHICH THE MUNICIPALITY MAY BRING A CAUSE OF ACTION UNDER THIS ACT, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN REMEDIES AND PROCEDURES.

Senator CORBIN asked unanimous consent to remove his name from the minority report of the Bill.

There was no objection and proper notation was made on the Bill.

**OBECTION**

H. 4873 -- Rep. Cobb‑Hunter: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE DEDICATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE FUTURE SUCCESS OF SOUTH CAROLINA’S YOUNG PEOPLE AND TO THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT AND TO DECLARE THE MONTH OF APRIL AS “CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH” IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Senator HUTTO objected to the Concurrent Resolution.

**ADOPTED**

S. 1153 -- Senator Courson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PALMETTO GIRLS STATE TO USE THE CHAMBERS OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2014.

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

H. 4942 -- Rep. Allison: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE APRIL 18, 2014, AS “SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION DAY,” AND TO ENCOURAGE THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO OBSERVE THE DAY WITH APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES.

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

H. 4986 -- Rep. Dillard: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE DEDICATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE FUTURE SUCCESS OF SOUTH CAROLINA’S CHILDREN AND TO DECLARE THE WEEK OF APRIL 6 THROUGH 12, 2014, AS “WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD” IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

**CARRIED OVER**

S. 459 -- Senators Sheheen and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56‑1‑55, SO AS 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 WHILE USING A CELLULAR TELEPHONE OR TEXT MESSAGING DEVICE WHEN THE SCHOOL ZONE’S WARNING LIGHTS HAVE BEEN ACTIVATED.

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

S. 862 -- Senators Shealy and Turner: 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.

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

H. 3124 -- Reps. Bingham, Taylor, Long and M.S. McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 63‑7‑315 SO AS TO PROHIBIT AN EMPLOYER FROM DISMISSING, DEMOTING, SUSPENDING, OR DISCIPLINING AN EMPLOYEE WHO REPORTS CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT, WHETHER REQUIRED OR PERMITTED TO REPORT; AND TO CREATE A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR REINSTATEMENT AND BACK PAY WHICH AN EMPLOYEE MAY BRING AGAINST AN EMPLOYER WHO VIOLATES THIS PROHIBITION.

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

H. 3191 -- Reps. Cole and Tallon: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 56‑5‑130 AND 56‑5‑140, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THE TERMS “MOTOR VEHICLE” AND “MOTORCYCLE”, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MOPEDS ARE MOTOR VEHICLES AND NOT MOTORCYCLES.

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

H. 3631 -- Reps. Daning, Crosby, Sottile, Atwater, Sabb, Erickson, Newton and Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56‑3‑115 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GOLF CART PERMITS, TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 56‑2‑105 RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF GOLF CART PERMITS AND THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS.

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

S. 1093 -- Senators Fair, Campbell, Young, Turner, Williams, Massey, Shealy and Thurmond: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 24‑3‑965, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE MAGISTRATES COURT TO TRY CASES INVOLVING THE OFFENSE OF FURNISHING TO AN INMATE AND THE POSSESSION BY AN INMATE OF CERTAIN CONTRABAND, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CONTRABAND COVERED BY THIS SECTION DOES NOT INCLUDE TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM “TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE”.

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

S. 894 -- Senators Massey and Alexander: 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.

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

H. 4604 -- Reps. Sandifer, Mack and Toole: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40‑22‑280, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE LICENSURE REQUIREMENT TO PRACTICE ENGINEERING, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES PERFORMED BY FULL‑TIME EMPLOYEES OR OTHER PERSONNEL OF A MANUFACTURING COMPANY, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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

H. 4644 -- Rep. Sandifer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40‑60‑20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AND SECTIONS 40‑60‑31, 40‑60‑33, 40‑60‑34, 40‑60‑35, AS AMENDED, 40‑60‑36, 40‑60‑37, 40‑60‑38, 40‑60‑80, AND 40‑60‑220, ALL RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS LICENSE AND CERTIFICATION ACT, SO AS TO CONFORM THE PROVISIONS TO CERTAIN REVISED NATIONAL UNIFORM STANDARDS FOR LICENSING, CERTIFYING, AND RECERTIFYING REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS.

Senator HUTTO explained the Bill.

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

S. 356 -- Senators Alexander and Reese: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 26, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO NOTARIES PUBLIC, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, TO MAKE GRAMMATICAL CORRECTIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT TO BE QUALIFIED FOR A NOTARIAL COMMISSION, A PERSON MUST BE REGISTERED TO VOTE AND READ AND WRITE IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, TO AUTHORIZE AND PROHIBIT CERTAIN ACTS OF A NOTARY PUBLIC, TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM FEE A NOTARY MAY CHARGE, TO PROVIDE THE PROCESS FOR GIVING A NOTARIAL CERTIFICATE, TO SPECIFY CHANGES FOR WHICH A NOTARY MUST NOTIFY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, TO PROVIDE THE ELEMENTS AND PENALTIES OF CERTAIN CRIMES RELATING TO NOTARIAL ACTS, AND TO PROVIDE THE FORM FOR A NOTARIZED DOCUMENT SENT TO ANOTHER STATE, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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

S. 813 -- Senators Hayes, Peeler, O’Dell, Alexander, McElveen, McGill, Pinckney, Johnson, Williams and Verdin: 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.

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

S. 1186 -- Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION - OFFICE OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH, RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF VIOLATIONS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4446, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

Senator MASSEY explained the Joint Resolution.

On motion of Senator BRIGHT, the Joint Resolution was carried over.

S. 1187 -- Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE MANUFACTURED HOUSING BOARD, RELATING TO FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4438, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

Senator MASSEY explained the Joint Resolution.

On motion of Senator BRIGHT, the Joint Resolution was carried over.

S. 1188 -- Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE CONTRACTORS LICENSING BOARD, RELATING TO REGULATIONS ADMINISTERING FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS ACT, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4418, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

On motion of Senator BRIGHT, the Joint Resolution was carried over.

**RATIFICATION OF ACTS**

Pursuant to an invitation the Honorable Speaker and House of Representatives appeared in the Senate Chamber on April 3, 2014, at 12:25 P.M. and the following Acts were ratified:

(R152, S. 19) -- Senators Ford, Campsen and Shealy: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 17‑15‑55, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO BOND AND THE AUTHORITY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT TO REVOKE BOND UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A BOND HEARING MUST BE HELD IN CIRCUIT COURT WITHIN THIRTY DAYS WHEN A PERSON COMMITS A SUBSEQUENT VIOLENT CRIME WHILE ON BOND FOR A PREVIOUS VIOLENT CRIME AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REVOCATION OF BOND ON PREVIOUSLY SET BONDS AND FOR NO BOND ON THE CURRENT VIOLENT OFFENSE WHEN THE COURT FINDS THAT NO CONDITIONS WILL ENSURE THE PERSON WILL NOT FLEE OR POSE A DANGER TO THE COMMUNITY; TO AMEND SECTION 17‑15‑30, RELATING TO MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WHEN DETERMINING CONDITIONS OF RELEASE ON BOND, SO AS TO INCLUDE THAT THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER WHETHER THE CHARGED PERSON APPEARS IN THE STATE GANG DATABASE MAINTAINED BY THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION; TO AMEND SECTION 22‑5‑510, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO BOND HEARINGS AND INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED TO THE COURT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO SECTION 17‑15‑30 TO INCLUDE THE SAME FACTORS A COURT MAY AND SHALL CONSIDER IN DETERMINING RELEASE ON BOND; TO AMEND SECTION 22‑5‑530, RELATING TO DEPOSITS IN LIEU OF RECOGNIZANCE IN MAGISTRATES AND MUNICIPAL COURTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF BOND SET BY A SUMMARY COURT JUDGE TO THE JAIL OR DETENTION FACILITY IN WHICH THE PERSON IS HELD; AND TO CREATE THE STUDY COMMITTEE ON BONDS TO REVIEW THE BOND LAWS OF THE STATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONCERNING PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BOND LAWS.

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(R153, S. 148) -- Senators Shealy, Bryant, Gregory and Alexander: AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 37‑20‑161 SO AS TO PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES SHALL PLACE A SECURITY FREEZE ON THE CONSUMER REPORT OF A PROTECTED CONSUMER, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DURATION OF THE FREEZE AND CIRCUMSTANCES FOR ITS REMOVAL, TO PROVIDE CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES SHALL NOT RELEASE CERTAIN INFORMATION FROM FROZEN ACCOUNTS, TO PROHIBIT CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES FROM CHARGING RELATED FEES, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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(R154, S. 405) -- Senator L. Martin: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1‑23‑560, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF THE CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT TO ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES AND THE ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THESE RULES BY THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE INSTEAD THAT THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT, UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE SUPREME COURT, SHALL HANDLE COMPLAINTS AGAINST ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES FOR POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF THE CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT IN THE SAME MANNER AS COMPLAINTS AGAINST OTHER JUDGES.

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(R155, S. 798) -- Senators Malloy and Williams: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 256 OF 1981, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARLBORO COUNTY, SO AS TO REVISE THE MANNER IN WHICH CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ARE DEEMED TO BE ELECTED, TO PROVIDE THE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MAY DETERMINE SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES OF BOARD MEMBERS AND APPROVE LOCAL TAX FUNDS NEEDED FOR THESE SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES, AND TO DELETE PROVISIONS REQUIRING THE BOARD MEMBERS TO RECEIVE A PER DIEM AND THE CHAIRMAN TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION.

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(R156, S. 1031) -- Senators Campsen and Reese: AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 48‑39‑135 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT GOLF COURSES SEAWARD OF THE BASELINE THAT EXISTED PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF CERTAIN REGULATIONS PROMULGATED IN 1991 MAY BE PROTECTED UNDER EMERGENCY ORDERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL.

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(R157, H. 3231) -- Reps. Atwater, Huggins, Toole, Ballentine, Taylor, Bingham, Pitts and Wood: AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 57‑1‑90 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST MOTORCYCLES, MOTORCYCLE OPERATORS, OR MOTORCYCLE PASSENGERS WHEN IT FORMULATES TRANSPORTATION POLICY, PROMULGATES REGULATIONS, ALLOCATE FUNDS, AND PLANS, DESIGNS, CONSTRUCTS, EQUIPS, OPERATES, AND MAINTAINS A TRANSPORTATION FACILITY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE ALLOCATION OF PARKING SPACE IN CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES MUST MAKE REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR MOTORCYCLE PARKING.

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(R158, H. 3410) -- Reps. Forrester, Allison, Loftis, V.S. Moss, Cole, Tallon, Mitchell, Cobb‑Hunter and Whipper: AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 13 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 13 SO AS TO TRANSFER THE REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTERS ESTABLISHED BY THE EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; TO AMEND SECTION 59‑59‑190, RELATING TO ASSISTANCE THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE, THE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION, AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN PROGRAMS UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 59‑59‑170 RELATING TO THE EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL, AND SECTION 59‑59‑180 RELATING TO REGIONAL EDUCATION CENTERS.

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(R159, H. 3592) -- Reps. Sandifer and Loftis: AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTIONS 48‑52‑825, 48‑52‑827, AND 48‑52‑865 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE TO ADOPT CURRENT ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND ENVIRONMENTAL RATING SYSTEMS FOR CERTAIN STATE‑FUNDED BUILDING PROJECTS AND PROMULGATE REGULATIONS, TO LIMIT THE USE OF RATING CREDITS OR POINTS, AND TO CREATE THE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES; TO AMEND SECTION 48‑52‑810, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF “BOARD”; AND TO AMEND SECTION 48‑52‑830, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION STANDARDS FOR CERTAIN STATE‑FUNDED BUILDING PROJECTS, SO AS TO CHANGE CERTIFICATION CRITERIA.

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(R160, H. 3784) -- Reps. J.E. Smith, Pitts, Vick and Harrell: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 59‑114‑30, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE NATIONAL GUARD COLLEGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT EACH ACADEMIC YEAR’S ANNUAL MAXIMUM GRANT MUST BE BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF AVAILABLE PROGRAM FUNDS; TO AMEND SECTION 59‑114‑40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE NATIONAL GUARD COLLEGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR COLLEGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANTS UPON COMPLETION OF BASIC TRAINING AND ADVANCED INDIVIDUAL TRAINING; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59‑114‑65, RELATING TO GRANT AVAILABILITY, SO AS TO ALLOW APPROPRIATIONS TO THE NATIONAL GUARD COLLEGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO A SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR AND EXPENDED FOR THE SAME PURPOSE, AND TO EXEMPT APPROPRIATIONS TO THE NATIONAL GUARD COLLEGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FROM MIDYEAR BUDGET REDUCTIONS.

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(R161, H. 3978) -- Reps. White and G.M. Smith: AN ACT TO AMEND ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 7, TITLE 44, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO MEDICAID NURSING HOME PERMITS, SO AS TO DEFINE “MEDICAID PERMIT DAY”, TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH ADDITIONAL MEDICAID PERMIT DAYS ARE ALLOCATED, TO SET FORTH COMPLIANCE STANDARDS AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

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(R162, H. 4347) -- Reps. Bannister, Cobb‑Hunter, McCoy, Allison, Whipper and Gilliard: AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM ACT” BY ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 63 SO AS TO CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM, A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE 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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(R163, H. 4541) -- Rep. Barfield: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 50‑13‑325, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE TAKING OF CERTAIN NONGAME FISH IN GILL NETS AND SHAD NETS, SO AS TO REVISE THE RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON SETTING NETS ALONG THE LITTLE PEE DEE RIVER UPSTREAM OF PUNCH BOWL LANDING.

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(R164, H. 4633) -- Reps. Gambrell, Gagnon, Bowen, Putnam, Thayer and White: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 510 OF 1982, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE DISTRICTS FROM WHICH BOARD MEMBERS ARE ELECTED; AND TO AMEND ACT 509 OF 1982, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF THE FIVE ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THESE DISTRICTS.

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(R165, H. 4819) -- Reps. Norman, King, Long, D.C. Moss, Delleney, Felder, V.S. Moss and Simrill: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 470 OF 2000, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION DISTRICTS OF MEMBERS OF ROCK HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT 3 IN YORK COUNTY, SO AS TO ESTABLISH AND REAPPORTION THESE ELECTION DISTRICTS.

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

**MOTION ADOPTED**

At 1:14 P.M., 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 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF CONFERENCE AND FREE CONFERENCE.**

**H. 4467--FREE CONFERENCE POWERS GRANTED**

**FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

H. 4467 -- Reps. Daning, Rivers, Crosby, Southard, Jefferson and Merrill: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7‑7‑120, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN BERKELEY COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE VARIOUS EXISTING PRECINCTS, TO ADD TEN PRECINCTS, AND TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THE NAMES OF THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND AND MAINTAINED BY THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND STATISTICS OF THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD.

On motion of Senator GROOMS, the Report of the Committee of Conference was taken up for immediate consideration.

Senator GROOMS spoke on the report.

**H. 4467--Free Conference Powers Granted**

**Free Conference Committee Appointed**

Senator GROOMS asked unanimous consent to be granted Free Conference Powers.

The question then was granting of Free Conference Powers.

Free Conference Powers were granted.

Whereupon, Senators GROOMS, McGILL and CAMPBELL were appointed to the Committee of Free Conference on the part of the Senate and a message was sent to the House accordingly.

**THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO THE INTERRUPTED DEBATE.**

**DEBATE INTERRUPTED**

S. 516 -- Senators Peeler, Fair, Hayes, Courson and Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA READ TO SUCCEED ACT”; BY ADDING CHAPTER 155 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA READ TO SUCCEED OFFICE AND A READING PROFICIENCY PANEL WITHIN THE OFFICE, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, COLLEGES, AND UNIVERSITIES THAT OFFER CERTAIN RELATED GRADUATE EDUCATION, AND EDUCATORS AND ADMINISTRATORS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

The Senate resumed consideration of the Bill, the question being the adoption of the previously proposed Amendment No. P1A as printed in the Journal of Tuesday, April 1, 2014.

Senator SHANE MARTIN spoke on the perfecting amendment.

**Motion Adopted**

Senator PEELER asked unanimous consent, with Senator SHANE MARTIN retaining the floor, for Senators PEELER and SETZLER to make brief remarks, and at the conclusion of the remarks, the Senate would stand adjourned with Senator SHANE MARTIN retaining the floor.

Debate was interrupted by adjournment.

**LOCAL APPOINTMENTS**

**Confirmations**

Having received a favorable report from the Senate, the following appointments were confirmed in open session:

Initial Appointment, Cherokee County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2010, and to expire April 30, 2014

Julian Kirby Wright, 121 Fernwood Dr., Gaffney, SC 29340 *VICE* Honorable Steven S. Wood

Reappointment, Cherokee County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2014, and to expire April 30, 2018

Julian Kirby Wright, 121 Fernwood Dr., Gaffney, SC 29340

Initial Appointment, Horry County Board of Voter Registration, with the term to commence March 15, 2014, and to expire March 15, 2016

Lanny E. Rose, 300 Flagstone Drive, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588 *VICE* Deborah Vrooman

**Motion Adopted**

On motion of Senator PEELER, the Senate stood adjourned.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

On motion of Senator LOURIE, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. Shepherd Roy Cutler of Columbia, S.C. Shep was one of the most successful insurance brokers in the country. He was honored as Man of the Year by the Columbia March of Dimes in 2006. He was a longtime board member of the Columbia Jewish Community Center and the Columbia Jewish Federation, which honored him with its Distinguished Service Award in 2012. He received the Israel 66 Award in 2014. Shep was a philanthropist, an ardent magician and brought joy and laughter to all with whom he came in contact. He was the beloved husband of Joni and friend to many. He will be dearly missed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 1:57 P.M., on motion of Senator PEELER, the Senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at 11:00 A.M. under the provisions of Rule 1 for the purpose of taking up local matters and uncontested matters which have previously received unanimous consent to be taken up.

**Recorded Vote**

Senators BRIGHT and CORBIN desired to be recorded as voting against the motion to adjourn.

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