**Wednesday, May 28, 2014**

**(Statewide Session)**

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 The Senate assembled at 11:45 A.M., the hour to which it stood adjourned, and was called to order by the ACTING PRESIDENT, Senator LARRY MARTIN.

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

 The prophet Isaiah proclaims:

 “Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.”

 (Isaiah 40:1)

 Let us pray:

 O Loving God, we pray this morning for those individuals and families throughout South Carolina who are poor, hungry, disadvantaged, and often ill. The needs of so many of our children, women, and men are great, as the members of this Body know so well. We ask You, Lord, to give each Senator and every staff member a fervid desire to do all they can to improve the lot of our state’s needy and often despairing citizens. Allow the people of South Carolina to know that these Senators genuinely care for them and that they meaningfully seek to improve the lives of everyone. And as always, O God, to You be the glory. In Your precious name we pray, Lord. Amen.

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

**RATIFICATION OF ACTS**

 Pursuant to an invitation the Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives appeared in the Senate Chamber on May 28, 2014, at 11:50 A.M. and the following Act and Joint Resolution were ratified:

 (R203, H. 5225) -- Reps. Lowe, K.R. Crawford, Williams and Lucas: AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 23, TITLE 4, CODE OF LAWS OF 1976, RELATING TO JOINT COUNTY FIRE DISTRICTS BY ADDING ARTICLE 10 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE WEST FLORENCE FIRE DISTRICT TO BE COMPOSED OF AREAS IN FLORENCE AND DARLINGTON COUNTIES, TO PROVIDE FOR A GOVERNING COMMISSION FOR THE DISTRICT AND ITS DUTIES, POWERS, AND FUNCTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS.

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 (R204, H. 5253) -- Reps. Murphy, Horne, Harrell, Mack and Knight: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF A JOINT RESOLUTION OF 2014 BEARING RATIFICATION NUMBER 150 AND THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 59‑1‑425, THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNING BODIES OF DORCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO, THE BERKELEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND THE SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT SCHOOLS MAKE UP FULL DAYS MISSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER FOR FIVE OR FEWER FULL SCHOOL DAYS THAT STUDENTS WHO ATTEND SCHOOLS OR CHARTER SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT MISSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER DURING THE 2013‑2014 SCHOOL YEAR REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE DISTRICT HAS EXHAUSTED ALL STATUTORILY REQUIRED MAKE‑UP DAYS REMAINING ON THE 2013‑2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR.

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**RECESS**

 At 11:50 A.M., on motion of Senator LARRY MARTIN, the Senate receded from business for the purpose of attending the Joint Assembly.

**JOINT ASSEMBLY**

**Elections**

 At 12:00 P.M., the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House.

 The ACTING PRESIDENT, Senator LARRY MARTIN of the Senate called the Joint Assembly to order and announced that it had convened under the terms of a Concurrent Resolution adopted by both Houses.

**Election of Court of Appeals, Seat 7**

 The ACTING PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Court of Appeals, Seat 7.

 Representative Clemmons, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that Blake A. Hewitt, the Honorable David G. Hill and the Honorable Stephanie P. McDonald had been screened and found qualified to serve.

 On motion of Representative Clemmons, the names of Blake A. Hewitt and the Honorable David G. Hill were withdrawn from consideration.

 Representative Clemmons placed the name of the Honorable Stephanie P. McDonald in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

 Whereupon, the ACTING PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Stephanie P. McDonald was elected to the position of Judge, Court of Appeals, Seat 7 for the term prescribed by law.

**Election of a Circuit Court, 10th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

 The ACTING PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 10th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

 Representative Clemmons, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that the Honorable R. Scott Sprouse had been screened and found qualified to serve.

 Representative Clemmons placed the name of the R. Scott Sprouse in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

 Whereupon, the ACTING PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable R. Scott Sprouse was elected to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 10th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 for the term prescribed by law.

**Election of Circuit Court, 16th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2**

 The ACTING PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 16th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

 Representative Clemmons, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that Daniel D. Hall, William A. McKinnon and James M. Morton had been screened and found qualified to serve.

 On motion of Representative Clemmons, the names of William A. McKinnon and James Michael Morton were withdrawn from consideration.

 Representative Clemmons placed the name of the Daniel Dewitt Hall in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

 Whereupon, the ACTING PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Daniel Dewitt Hall was elected to the position of Judge, Circuit Court, 16th Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 for the term prescribed by law.

**Election of Family Court, 11th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1**

 The ACTING PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the position of Judge, Family Court, 11th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

 Representative Clemmons, Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, indicated that Sara M. Bunge, William G. Seigler, and Rebecca B. West had been screened and found qualified to serve.

 On motion of Representative Clemmons, the names of Sara M. Bunge, William G. Seigler and Rebecca B. West were placed in nomination.

 On motion of Representative Clemmons, the names of Sara M. Bunge and Rebecca B. West were withdrawn from consideration.

 Representative Clemmons placed the name of the William G. Seigler in nomination, moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee

 Whereupon, the ACTING PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable William G. Seigler was elected to the position of Judge, Family Court, 11th Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 for the term prescribed by law.

**Election to the Board of Trustees for the**

**Winthrop University, At-Large, Seat #10**

 The ACTING PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to a position on the Board of Trustees for the Winthrop University, At-Large, Seat #10.

 Senator PEELER, Chairman of the Committee to Screen Candidates for State Colleges and Universities, indicated that Mr. Glenn A. McCall had been screened and found qualified to serve and placed his name in nomination.

 Senator PEELER moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

 Whereupon, the ACTING PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Glenn A. McCall was elected to the position on the Board of Trustees for Winthrop University, At-Large, Seat 10 for the for the term to expire June 30, 2015.

**Election to the Public Service Commission, Second District, Seat 2**

 The ACTING PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to fill the position on the Public Service Commission, Second District, Seat 2.

 Senator ALEXANDER, Chairman of the Screening Committee, indicated that Mr. Elliott F. Elam, Jr. and Mr. Brent McGee had been screened and found qualified to serve and placed their names in nomination.

 On motion of Senator ALEXANDER, the name of Mr. Brent McGee was withdrawn from consideration.

 Senator ALEXANDER moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

 Whereupon, the ACTING PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Elliott F. Elam, Jr. was elected to the Public Service Commission, Second District, Seat 2 for the term prescribed by law.

**Election to the Public Service Commission, Fourth District, Seat 4**

 The ACTING PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to fill the position on the Public Service Commission, Fourth District, Seat 4.

 Senator ALEXANDER, Chairman of the Screening Committee, indicated that Ms. Elizabeth Fleming and Mr. William K. Newman had been screened and found qualified to serve and placed their names in nomination.

 On motion of Senator ALEXANDER, the name of Mr. William K. Newman was withdrawn from consideration.

 Senator ALEXANDER moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

 Whereupon, the ACTING PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Elizabeth Fleming was elected to the Public Service Commission, Fourth District, Seat 4 for the term prescribed by law.

**Election to the Public Service Commission, Sixth District, Seat 6**

 The ACTING PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to fill the position on the Public Service Commission, Sixth District, Seat 6.

 Senator ALEXANDER, Chairman of the Screening Committee, indicated that Ms. Nikiya Hall had been screened and found qualified to serve and placed her name in nomination.

 Senator ALEXANDER moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

 Whereupon, the ACTING PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Nikiya Hall was elected to the Public Service Commission, Sixth District, Seat 6 for the term prescribed by law.

**Election to the Legislative Audit Council**

 The ACTING PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect a successor to the positions on the Legislative Audit Council.

 Senator HAYES indicated that Mr. Philip F. Laughridge, Ms. Jane P. Miller and Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni had been screened and found qualified to serve.

 On motion of Senator HAYES, the names of Mr. Philip F. Laughridge, Ms. Jane P. Miller and Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni were placed in nomination.

 Senator HAYES moved that nominations be closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominees.

 Whereupon, the ACTING PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Philip F. Laughridge was elected to the Legislative Audit Council to fill the term to expire on June 30, 2019; the Honorable Jane P. Miller was elected to the Legislative Audit Council for a term to expire June 30, 2019; and the Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni was elected to the Legislative Audit Council for a term to expire June 30, 2019.

**Election to the Consumer Affairs Commission**

 The ACTING PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order to elect successors to three positions on the Consumer Affairs Commission.

 Senator O’DELL announced that Mr. Donald H. Jackson, Mr. Carlisle E. Kennedy and Ms. Eboni S. Nelson had been screened and found qualified to serve.

 On motion of Senator O’DELL the names of Mr. Donald H. Jackson, Mr. Carlisle E. Kennedy and Ms. Eboni S. Nelson were placed in nomination.

On motion of Senator O’DELL, nominations were closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

 Whereupon, the ACTING PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Donald H. Jackson, the Honorable Carlisle E. Kennedy and the Honorable Eboni S. Nelson were elected to the three positions on the Consumer Affairs Commission for the terms prescribed by law.

 The purposes of the Joint Assembly having been accomplished, the ACTING PRESIDENT declared it adjourned, whereupon the Senate returned to its Chamber and was called to order by the ACTING PRESIDENT.

**RECESS**

 At 12:20 P.M., on motion of Senator COURSON, the Senate receded from business until 2:00 P.M.

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

 The Senate reassembled at 2:05 P.M. and was called to order by the ACTING PRESIDENT, Senator LARRY MARTIN.

**Point of Quorum**

 At 2:06 P.M., Senator SCOTT made the point that a quorum was not present. It was ascertained that a quorum was present. The Senate resumed.

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

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

**Statewide Appointments**

Initial Appointment, Board of Trustees for the Veterans’ Trust Fund of South Carolina, with term coterminous with Governor

County Officer:

 Elouise G. L. Evans, 5223 Abram Loop, Marion, SC 29571 *VICE* Mr. James C. Brown

Referred to the General Committee.

Initial Appointment, Governing Board of Department of Natural Resources, with the term to commence July 1, 2012, and to expire July 1, 2016

6th Congressional District:

 Cary L. Chastain, 180 Mary Ellen Dr., Charleston, SC 29403 *VICE* Mr. John P. Evans

Referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

**Local Appointment**

Initial Appointment, Cherokee County Election Commission, with the term to commence March 15, 2014, and to expire March 15, 2016

At-Large:

 Carlton R. Bridges, Sr., 595 Northgate Rd., Gaffney, SC 29341 *VICE* Milton Edwards

**Doctor of the Day**

 Senator CAMPSEN introduced Dr. Mark Salley of Columbia, S.C., Doctor of the Day. Dr. Salley practices Obstetrics/Gynecology and has been voted “Best Doctor’s Award” for three years.

**Leave of Absence**

 At 11:47 A.M., Senator FAIR requested a leave of absence from 5:00 P.M. today until 11:00 A.M. Thursday, May 29, 2014.

**Leave of Absence**

 On motion of Senator KIMPSON, at 11:45 A.M., Senator MATTHEWS was granted a leave of absence for the balance of the day.

**Leave of Absence**

 On motion of Senator HUTTO, at 4:00 P.M., Senator RANKIN was granted a leave of absence for the balance of the day.

**Expression of Personal Interest**

 Senator CLEARY rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

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 Senator PINCKNEY rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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

S. 916 Sen. Young

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**RECALLED**

 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.

 Senator VERDIN asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Bill from the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

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

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

 The following were introduced:

 S. 1332 -- Senator Scott: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. STUART A. HAMILTON FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED MEDICAL SERVICE AND HIS UNPARALLELED HUMANITARIAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF HIS FELLOW MAN.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 1333 -- Senator Courson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PAULA HARPER BETHEA ON THE OCCASION OF HER BECOMING PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION "MY CAROLINA" AND TO WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS DURING HER TENURE.

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

 S. 1334 -- Senator Courson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR TOMMY PRESTON, JR. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ELECTION AS PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION "MY CAROLINA" AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS IN HIS NEW POSITION.

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

 S. 1335 -- Senators S. Martin, Cromer and Peeler: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE UNION COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LADIES SOFTBALL TEAM FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE SCHOOL'S FIRST EVER AAA STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 1336 -- Senators Malloy, Alexander, Allen, Bennett, Bright, Bryant, Campbell, Campsen, Cleary, Coleman, Corbin, Courson, Cromer, Davis, Fair, Gregory, Grooms, Hayes, Hembree, Hutto, Jackson, Johnson, Kimpson, Leatherman, Lourie, 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 RECOGNIZE AND HONOR WILLIAM L. "BILL" FLEMING, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF MARLBORO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER FORTY-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.

 S. 1337 -- Senators Cromer, Alexander, Allen, Bennett, Bright, Bryant, Campbell, Campsen, Cleary, Coleman, Corbin, Courson, 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, Setzler, Shealy, Sheheen, Thurmond, Turner, Verdin, Williams and Young: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR RONALD J. "RON" CALCATERRA, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF CENTRAL ELECTRIC POWER COOPERATIVE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-FOUR 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.

 S. 1338 -- Senator Alexander: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR INTERCONTINENTAL HOTELS GROUP, INC. AND HOLIDAY INN AND SUITES COLUMBIA AIRPORT HOTEL FOR THEIR TREMENDOUS EFFORTS IN MAINTAINING A RECORD OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY WHILE PROVIDING A POSITIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE STATE AND THE MIDLANDS OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 1339 -- Senators O'Dell, McGill, Coleman, Verdin and Campsen: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DOUGLAS A. SNYDER FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITADEL BOARD OF VISITORS AND TO BID HIM WELL AS HE COMPLETES HIS SERVICE TO THE CITADEL.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 1340 -- Senators O'Dell, McGill, Malloy, Verdin and Campsen: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COLONEL GLENN DOUGLAS ADDISON FOR TWELVE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITADEL BOARD OF VISITORS AND TO BID HIM WELL AS HE LEAVES HIS SERVICE TO THE CITADEL.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 1341 -- Senator Hutto: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE BARNWELL COUNTY SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION PLANNING COMMITTEE TO PLAN FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE THREE PRESENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THE COUNTY, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE AND THE ISSUES IT SHALL CONSIDER, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMITTEE IS DISSOLVED UPON THE SUBMISSION OF ITS REPORT TO THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION WHICH MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2015.

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

 S. 1342 -- Senator Nicholson: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE HELEN VIRGINIA BLACK BELUE ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY ON JUNE 19, 2014, TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 1343 -- Senators Lourie and Jackson: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE A.C. FLORA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS GOLF TEAM ON A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM AND ITS COACHING STAFF ON WINNING THE 2014 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 1344 -- Senators Lourie and Jackson: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE A.C. FLORA HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2014 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 1345 -- Senator Sheheen: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JOHN LEWIS BYRD, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS ELECTION AS A MEMBER OF THE 2014 CLASS TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETIC COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED HAPPINESS AND ENJOYMENT IN HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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

 S. 1346 -- Senator Cleary: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND CAROLYN BOLTIN-KELLY OF MOUNT PLEASANT FOR HER NINE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL OCEAN & COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (DHEC OCRM) AND TO WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 1347 -- Senator Nicholson: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE NINETY SIX HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2014 CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 1348 -- Senator Hembree: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE NORTH MYRTLE BEACH HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL TEAM UPON PLACING SECOND IN THE NATIONAL MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 H. 5291 -- Rep. Munnerlyn: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF THE CHERAW HIGHWAY IN MARLBORO COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH WEST MAIN STREET IN THE CITY OF BENNETTSVILLE TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE MARLBORO/CHESTERFIELD COUNTY LINE THE "JAMES S. 'JIMMY' MCLEOD, SR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THIS DESIGNATION.

 The Concurrent Resolution was introduced and ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

 H. 5294 -- Reps. Gagnon, Gambrell, 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, George, Gilliard, Goldfinch, Govan, Hamilton, 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, Norrell, R. L. Ott, Owens, Parks, Patrick, Pitts, Pope, 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 RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE DIXIE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2014 CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

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

 H. 5299 -- Reps. Harrell, 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, Hamilton, Hardee, Hardwick, 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, Norrell, R. L. Ott, Owens, Parks, Patrick, Pitts, Pope, 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 RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CORPORAL WILLIAM "KYLE" CARPENTER, UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS (RET.), OF LEXINGTON ON RECEIVING THE MEDAL OF HONOR, THE NATION'S HIGHEST AWARD FOR VALOR; TO THANK HIM FOR HIS FAITHFUL MILITARY SERVICE; AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS HEROIC ACTIONS WHILE SERVING A TOUR OF DUTY IN AFGHANISTAN.

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

 H. 5310 -- Rep. McEachern: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MRS. PATCELIA BELTON OF RICHLAND COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

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

 H. 5311 -- Reps. Skelton, 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, Hamilton, 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, Norrell, R. L. Ott, Owens, Parks, Patrick, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, Riley, Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sabb, Sandifer, Sellers, Simrill, 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 CONGRATULATE DR. BENTON BOX, FORMER VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA FORESTRY COMMISSION, ON 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.

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

 H. 5315 -- Reps. J. E. Smith, Cobb-Hunter, 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, Cole, H. A. Crawford, K. R. Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Edge, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrester, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gambrell, George, Gilliard, Goldfinch, Govan, Hamilton, 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, Norrell, R. L. Ott, Owens, Parks, Patrick, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, Riley, Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sabb, Sandifer, Sellers, Simrill, Skelton, G. M. Smith, G. R. 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 EXPRESS THE HEARTFELT GRATITUDE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF ANNE CUSHMAN, KNOWING THAT HER CAREER-LONG SERVICE TO THIS STATE HAS MADE A MEANINGFUL AND ENDURING CONTRIBUTION TO THE WELFARE AND WELL-BEING OF ITS PEOPLE, AND ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT WISH FOR HER YEARS OF GOOD HEALTH AND GOOD FORTUNE.

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

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Appointments Reported**

 Senator LARRY MARTIN from the Committee on Judiciary submitted a favorable report on:

**Statewide Appointment**

Initial Appointment, South Carolina Board of Juvenile Parole, with the term to commence June 30, 2011, and to expire June 30, 2015

At-Large:

 Kimberly H. Frederick, 110 Oak Drive North, Surfside Beach, SC 29575 *VICE* Ms. Mollie Taylor

 Received as information.

 Senator COURSON from the Committee on Education submitted a favorable report on:

**Statewide Appointment**

Initial Appointment, John de la Howe School Board of Trustees, with the term to commence April 1, 2014, and to expire April 1, 2019

At-Large:

 Steven E. Lize, 15 Tindal Ridge Point, Irmo, SC 29063 *VICE* Mr. Swain E. Whitfield

 Received as information.

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

**Statewide Appointments**

Initial Appointment, Governing Board of Department of Natural Resources, with the term to commence July 1, 2014, and to expire July 1, 2018

5th Congressional District:

 David Glenn McFadden, 787 McBrothers Dr., Fort Lawn, SC 29714 *VICE* Mr. Randy L. Lowe

 Received as information.

Initial Appointment, Governing Board of Department of Natural Resources, with the term to commence July 1, 2014, and to expire July 1, 2018

1st Congressional District:

 Elizabeth H. Willis, 88 Beaufort St., Charleston, SC 29401 *VICE* Ms. Caroline Rhodes

 Received as information.

 Senator O’DELL from the General Committee submitted a favorable report on:

**Statewide Appointments**

Initial Appointment, Board of Trustees for the Veterans’ Trust Fund of South Carolina, with term coterminous with Governor

Veterans Organization:

 James Lechner, 2 Sandcreek Court, Blythewood, SC 29016 *VICE* Charles R. Simmons

Received as information.

Initial Appointment, Board of Trustees for the Veterans’ Trust Fund of South Carolina, with term coterminous with Governor

At-Large:

 Bevan G. Studstill, 103 Brookhaven Circle, Blythewood, SC 29016 *VICE* Mr. Edward B. Carter

Received as information.

Initial Appointment, Board of Trustees for the Veterans’ Trust Fund of South Carolina, with term coterminous with Governor

Veterans Organization:

 Jimmy L. Wallace, 34 Kimpton Dr., Elgin, SC 29045 *VICE* Colonel William P. Collier

 Received as information.

Initial Appointment, Board of Trustees for the Veterans’ Trust Fund of South Carolina, with term coterminous with Governor

At-Large:

 Calvin L. Lewis, 120 River Birch Ln., Columbia, SC 29206 *VICE* Mr. James W. Alford

 Received as information.

 Senator LEATHERMAN from the Committee on Finance submitted a favorable report on:

 S. 1251 -- Senators Bryant, Campsen, Lourie, Cleary, Leatherman, Bennett, Alexander, Cromer, Campbell, Grooms, Hembree, Young, Turner, S. Martin and Fair: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 16, ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO BENEFITS AND FUNDING OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PENSION PLANS IN THIS STATE AND THE INVESTMENTS ALLOWED FOR FUNDS OF THE VARIOUS STATE‑OPERATED RETIREMENT SYSTEMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE FUNDS OF ANY TRUST FUND ESTABLISHED BY LAW FOR THE FUNDING OF POST‑EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS MAY BE INVESTED AND REINVESTED IN EQUITY SECURITIES SUBJECT TO THE SAME LIMITATIONS ON SUCH INVESTMENTS APPLICABLE FOR THE FUNDS OF THE VARIOUS STATE‑OPERATED RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND TO PROVIDE THAT FUNDS OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE SET ASIDE FOR THE FUNDING OF POST‑EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OF EMPLOYEES OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, INCLUDING FUNDS INVESTED IN AN INDEPENDENT TRUST ESTABLISHED FOR THAT PURPOSE, MAY BE SIMILARLY INVESTED.

**S. 1251--Read the Second Time**

 Senator BRYANT asked unanimous consent to take the committee report up for immediate consideration.

 There was no objection.

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

 Senator BRYANT explained the Joint Resolution.

 Senator BRYANT moved that the text of the Joint Resolution be printed upon the pages of the Journal and that the Joint Resolution be ordered to receive a second reading.

 S. 1251 -- Senators Bryant, Campsen, Lourie, Cleary, Leatherman, Bennett, Alexander, Cromer, Campbell, Grooms, Hembree, Young, Turner, S. Martin and Fair: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 16, ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO BENEFITS AND FUNDING OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PENSION PLANS IN THIS STATE AND THE INVESTMENTS ALLOWED FOR FUNDS OF THE VARIOUS STATE‑OPERATED RETIREMENT SYSTEMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE FUNDS OF ANY TRUST FUND ESTABLISHED BY LAW FOR THE FUNDING OF POST‑EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS MAY BE INVESTED AND REINVESTED IN EQUITY SECURITIES SUBJECT TO THE SAME LIMITATIONS ON SUCH INVESTMENTS APPLICABLE FOR THE FUNDS OF THE VARIOUS STATE‑OPERATED RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND TO PROVIDE THAT FUNDS OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE SET ASIDE FOR THE FUNDING OF POST‑EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OF EMPLOYEES OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, INCLUDING FUNDS INVESTED IN AN INDEPENDENT TRUST ESTABLISHED FOR THAT PURPOSE, MAY BE SIMILARLY INVESTED.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. It is proposed that Section 16, Article X of the Constitution of this State be amended by adding a new paragraph at the end to read:

 “Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 11 of this article, the funds of any trust fund established by the General Assembly by law for the funding of post‑employment benefits for state employees and public school teachers may be invested and reinvested in equity securities subject to the same limitations on such investments applicable for the funds of the various state‑operated retirement systems.”

SECTION 2. The proposed amendment must be submitted to the qualified electors at the next general election for representatives. Ballots must be provided at the various voting precincts with the following words printed or written on the ballot:

 “Must Section 16, Article X of the Constitution of this State relating to benefits and funding of public employee pension plans in this State and the investments allowed for funds of the various state‑operated retirement systems be amended so as to provide that the funds of any trust fund established by law for the funding of post‑employment benefits for state employees and public school teachers may be invested and reinvested in equity securities subject to the same limitations on such investments applicable for the funds of the various state‑operated retirement systems?

Yes 

No 

Those voting in favor of the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘Yes’, and those voting against the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘No’.”

SECTION 3. It is proposed that Section 16, Article X of the Constitution of this State be amended by adding an additional paragraph at the end to read:

 “Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 11 of this article, the funds of any political subdivision of this State that have been set aside for the funding of post‑employment benefits for the political subdivision’s employees, including those invested in independent trusts established for that purpose, may be invested or reinvested in equity securities of the type permitted for investment by the various state operated retirement systems, as provided for by the General Assembly.”

SECTION 4. The proposed amendment must be submitted to the qualified electors at the next general election for representatives. Ballots must be provided at the various voting precincts with the following words printed or written on the ballot:

 “Must Section 16, Article X of the Constitution of this State relating to benefits and funding of public employee pension plans in this State and the investments allowed for funds of the various state‑operated retirement systems be amended so as to provide that the funds of any political subdivision of this State that have been set aside for the funding of post‑employment benefits for the political subdivision’s employees, including those invested in independent trusts established for that purpose, may be invested or reinvested in equity securities of the type permitted for investment by the various state-operated retirement systems, as provided for by the General Assembly?

Yes 

No 

Those voting in favor of the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘Yes’, and those voting against the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word ‘No’.”

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

**Ayes 43; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campbell

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hayes Hembree Hutto

Jackson Johnson Kimpson

Leatherman Malloy *Martin, Larry*

*Martin, Shane* Massey McElveen

McGill Nicholson O'Dell

Peeler Pinckney Rankin

Reese Scott Setzler

Shealy Sheheen Thurmond

Turner Verdin Williams

Young

**Total--43**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

 The Joint Resolution was read the second time, passed and ordered placed on the Third Reading Calendar.

 Senator COURSON from the Committee on Education submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

 H. 3365 -- Reps. Govan, Jefferson, Williams, Whipper, R.L. Brown and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 12 TO CHAPTER 63, TITLE 59 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE EMPLOY A LICENSED PSYCHO‑EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST CERTIFIED IN SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ON A FULL‑TIME BASIS to help school personnel identify students in need of mental health counseling, promote awareness of mental health issues and the availability of treatment, screen and identify students for mental health issues, and provide appropriate mental health counseling and make referrals for appropriate social services counseling.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator LEATHERMAN from the Committee on Finance submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

 H. 3644 -- Reps. Loftis, Gagnon, Herbkersman, Lowe, Lucas, D.C. Moss, H.L. Ott, Pitts, Toole and Bowers: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 13‑1‑390 SO AS TO ESTABLISH WITHIN THE DIVISION OF STATE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE THE CLEAN ENERGY INDUSTRY MARKET DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL AND PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP AND FUNCTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 12‑6‑3588, RELATING TO THE RENEWABLE ENERGY TAX CREDIT INCENTIVE PROGRAM, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE PROGRAM THE SOUTH CAROLINA CLEAN ENERGY TAX INCENTIVE PROGRAM, TO REVISE DEFINITIONS TO EXTEND THE CREDIT TO ADDITIONAL FORMS OF ENERGY PRODUCTION AND OPERATIONS, TO DECREASE INVESTMENT THRESHOLDS AND DECREASE JOB CREATION THRESHOLDS FOR QUALIFYING FOR THE CREDIT AND MAKE THE CREDIT, PREVIOUSLY DUE TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2015, AVAILABLE THROUGH 2019 AND TO REVISE CREDIT ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12‑6‑3600, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CORN‑BASED ETHANOL OR SOY‑BASED BIODIESEL PRODUCTION IN THIS STATE, SO AS TO EXTEND THE CREDIT TO ALL LIQUID FUELS DERIVED FROM RENEWABLE SOURCES, MAKE CONFORMING DEFINITIONS, REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF LIQUID FUEL ELIGIBLE FOR THE CREDIT, AND TO EXTEND THE PERIOD DURING WHICH THE CREDIT MAY BE CLAIMED THROUGH 2019.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator COURSON from the Committee on Education submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4061 -- Reps. Powers Norrell, King, Cobb‑Hunter, Douglas, Bowen, M.S. McLeod, Knight, Munnerlyn, Bernstein, Sabb, Jefferson, Williams, Neal, Gilliard, Howard, Skelton, Spires, Bowers, Anderson, G.A. Brown, Gagnon, George, Hayes, Hosey and Ridgeway: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59‑32‑20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SELECT OR DEVELOP INSTRUCTIONAL UNITS IN COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION FOR USE BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BOARD TO ALSO SELECT OR DEVELOP INSTRUCTIONAL UNITS IN SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION, WITH SEPARATE UNITS APPROPRIATE FOR EACH AGE LEVEL FROM FOUR‑YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59‑32‑30, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS IMPLEMENT THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM, AMONG OTHER THINGS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE AGE‑APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTION IN SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION AS PART OF THIS PROGRAM.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator ALLEN from the Committee on Judiciary submitted a favorable report on:

 H. 4403 -- Reps. Cobb‑Hunter, Dillard, King, Knight, R.L. Brown, Atwater, Whipper, Gilliard, R.L. Ott, Jefferson and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-75 SO AS TO DECLARE JANUARY SEVENTEENTH OF EACH YEAR AS “EARTHA KITT DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA IN HONOR OF THE LATE EARTHA MAE KITT, NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN ACTRESS, SINGER, AND NATIVE SOUTH CAROLINIAN AND TO PROMOTE CULTURAL TOURISM IN THE STATE IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator COURSON from the Committee on Education submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4840 -- Reps. Putnam, Owens, Stringer, Burns, Rivers, Bowen, Clyburn, Thayer, Wood, Wells, Dillard, Robinson‑Simpson, R.L. Brown and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE “HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA ACCESSIBILITY ACT” BY ADDING SECTION 59‑43‑25 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2015, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL SELECT A TEST OR TEST BATTERY THAT ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES SUCCESSFULLY MAY COMPLETE AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT TEST BATTERY TO RECEIVE A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA, THAT AN ESSENTIAL TRAIT OF THIS TEST OR TEST BATTERY MUST BE THAT IT ONLY MAY BE OFFERED IN A HANDWRITTEN, PAPER AND PEN OR PENCIL FORMAT AND MAY NOT BE DEPENDENT ON COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY FOR ITS ADMINISTRATION, TO REQUIRE THE BOARD SHALL AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS TEST BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO CERTAIN REGULATIONS AND POLICIES, AND TO PROVIDE THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMAS TO ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES WHO COMPLETE SUCCESSFULLY THE TEST OR TEST BATTERY AFTER JANUARY 1, 2015; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59‑43‑20, RELATING TO POWERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH RESPECT TO BASIC ADULT AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator COURSON from the Committee on Education submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5040 -- Reps. R.L. Brown, Knight, Hodges, Sellers, Bowers and W.J. McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 51‑13‑1720, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS FOR THE OLD JACKSONBOROUGH HISTORIC DISTRICT AUTHORITY, SO AS TO REDUCE THE BOARD TO SEVEN MEMBERS, AND TO CHANGE THE MANNER IN WHICH TWO APPOINTMENTS ARE MADE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator LARRY MARTIN from the Committee on Judiciary polled out H. 5282 favorable:

H. 5282 -- Rep. Harrell: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT PURSUANT TO SECTION 9, ARTICLE III, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE, 1895, WHEN THE RESPECTIVE HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADJOURN ON THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2014, NOT LATER THAN 5:00 P.M., OR ANYTIME EARLIER, EACH HOUSE SHALL STAND ADJOURNED TO MEET IN STATEWIDE SESSION AT 12:00 NOON ON TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2014, AND CONTINUE IN STATEWIDE SESSION, IF NECESSARY, UNTIL NOT LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014, FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN SPECIFIED MATTERS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN THE RESPECTIVE HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADJOURN NOT LATER THAN MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL STAND ADJOURNED SINE DIE.

**Poll of the Judiciary Committee**

**Polled 23; Ayes 23; Nays 0; Not Voting 0**

**AYES**

*Martin, Larry* Rankin Hutto

Malloy Sheheen Campsen

Massey Bright Coleman

*Martin, Shane* Scott Gregory

Allen Bennett Corbin

Hembree Johnson McElveen

Shealy Thurmond Turner

Young Kimpson

**Total--23**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., May 27, 2014

Mr. President and Senators:

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

 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.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for Ratification.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., May 27, 2014

Mr. President and Senators:

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

 H. 3541 -- Reps. Harrell, J.E. Smith, Bales, Williams, Bannister, J.R. Smith, Patrick, Brannon, Erickson, Huggins, Kennedy, Ballentine, M.S. McLeod, Bernstein, Atwater, Cole, Funderburk, George, Hixon, Long, McCoy, W.J. McLeod, Pitts, Pope, G.R. Smith, Tallon, Taylor, Wood and Knight: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO, THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE THAT UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION THE ADJUTANT GENERAL MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE FOR A TERM NOT COTERMINOUS WITH THE GOVERNOR, MAY BE REMOVED ONLY FOR CAUSE, AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PROVIDE BY LAW FOR THE TERM, DUTIES, COMPENSATION, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE, THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE APPOINTMENT IS MADE, AND THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE ADJUTANT GENERAL MAY BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE; AND PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4, ARTICLE XIII, RELATING TO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL AND HIS STAFF OFFICERS, TO UPDATE REFERENCES TO HIS TITLE AND PROVIDE THAT THE ADJUTANT GENERAL’S MILITARY RANK IS MAJOR GENERAL AS OPPOSED TO BRIGADIER GENERAL, AND TO PROVIDE THAT UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION, HE MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR IN THE MANNER REQUIRED BY SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI.

and has ordered the Joint Resolution enrolled for Ratification.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., May 28, 2014

Mr. President and Senators:

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

 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.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for Ratification.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., May 28, 2014

Mr. President and Senators:

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

 H. 4408 -- Reps. Horne and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63‑11‑1930, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE STATE CHILD FATALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO ADD TWO MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 63‑11‑1940, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION’S DEPARTMENT OF CHILD FATALITIES, SO AS TO DELETE CERTAIN PROVISIONS REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT TO PROCEED WITH AN INVESTIGATION OR TO CLOSE A CASE; AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for Ratification.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., May 28, 2014

Mr. President and Senators:

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

 S. 657 -- Senator L. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 22‑2‑190, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO MAGISTRATE JURY AREAS IN EACH COUNTY, SO AS TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE TERRITORIAL DESCRIPTIONS OF THE JURY AREAS AND PROVIDE REFERENCES TO PUBLIC MAPS SHOWING THE JURY AREAS.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for Ratification.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., May 28, 2014

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has sustained the veto by the Governor on R.201, H. 5024 by a vote of to 52 to 39:

 (R201, H5024) -- Rep. Sellers: AN ACT TO ALLOW THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF DENMARK‑OLAR SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 IN BAMBERG COUNTY 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.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., May 28, 2014

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it insists upon the amendments proposed by the House to:

 H. 3945 -- Reps. G.M. Smith, Harrell, Lucas, Bannister, Toole, Stringer, Hamilton, Sottile, Barfield, Bingham, Spires, Hardwick, Owens, Hiott, Long, Erickson, Murphy, Horne, Willis, Gagnon, Simrill, Funderburk, Henderson and W.J. McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON ETHICS ENFORCEMENT AND DISCLOSURE, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS POWERS, DUTIES, PROCEDURES, AND JURISDICTION, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8 RELATING TO THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8 RELATING TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEES; TO AMEND SECTION 8‑13‑100, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN REGARD TO ETHICS, GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, AND CAMPAIGN REFORM, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8‑13‑700, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO USE OF AN OFFICIAL POSITION OR OFFICE FOR FINANCIAL GAIN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DETERMINES THAT HE HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, HE MUST COMPLY WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS BEFORE ABSTAINING FROM ALL VOTES ON THE MATTER, AND TO PROVIDE FOR WHEN A PUBLIC OFFICIAL WHO IS REQUIRED TO RECUSE HIMSELF FROM A MATTER MUST DO SO; TO AMEND SECTION 8‑13‑740, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REPRESENTATION OF ANOTHER PERSON BY A PUBLIC OFFICIAL BEFORE A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY, SO AS TO FURTHER DELINEATE WHAT IS CONSIDERED A CONTESTED CASE WHEN REPRESENTATION BY A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS PERMITTED; TO AMEND SECTION 8‑13‑745, RELATING TO PAID REPRESENTATION OF CLIENTS AND CONTRACTING BY A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR AN ASSOCIATE IN PARTICULAR SITUATIONS, SO AS TO DELETE A PROHIBITION AGAINST CERTAIN CONTRACTS WITH AN ENTITY FUNDED WITH GENERAL FUNDS; TO AMEND SECTION 8‑13‑1120, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THESE CONTENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 8‑13‑1300, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN REGARD TO CAMPAIGN PRACTICES, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8‑13‑1318, RELATING TO ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO RETIRE CAMPAIGN DEBTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ANY SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE ONLY; TO AMEND SECTION 8‑13‑1338, RELATING TO PERSONS WHO MAY NOT SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE HEAD OF ANY STATE AGENCY WHO IS SELECTED BY THE GOVERNOR, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OR AN APPOINTED OR ELECTED BOARD; TO AMEND SECTION 8‑13‑1340, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS BY ONE CANDIDATE TO ANOTHER OR THROUGH COMMITTEES CONTROLLED BY A CANDIDATE, SO AS TO DELETE AN EXCEPTION FOR A COMMITTEE CONTROLLED BY A CANDIDATE IF IT IS THE ONLY SUCH COMMITTEE, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 8‑13‑1510 AND 8‑13‑1520, BOTH AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR ETHICAL AND OTHER VIOLATIONS, AND BY ADDING SECTION 8‑13‑1530 SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS AND FOR WHERE CERTAIN WILFUL VIOLATIONS MUST BE TRIED; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 8‑13‑710 AND 8‑13‑715 RELATING TO REPORTING OF PARTICULAR GIFTS AND AUTHORIZED REIMBURSEMENTS FOR SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS.

asks for a Committee of Conference, and has appointed Reps. Delleney, Bannister and Weeks to the committee on the part of the House.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**H. 3945--CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

H. 3945 -- Reps. G.M. Smith, Harrell, Lucas, Bannister, Toole, Stringer, Hamilton, Sottile, Barfield, Bingham, Spires, Hardwick, Owens, Hiott, Long, Erickson, Murphy, Horne, Willis, Gagnon, Simrill, Funderburk, Henderson and W.J. McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON ETHICS ENFORCEMENT AND DISCLOSURE, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS POWERS, DUTIES, PROCEDURES, AND JURISDICTION, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8 RELATING TO THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8 RELATING TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEES; TO AMEND SECTION 8‑13‑100, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN REGARD TO ETHICS, GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, AND CAMPAIGN REFORM, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8‑13‑700, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO USE OF AN OFFICIAL POSITION OR OFFICE FOR FINANCIAL GAIN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DETERMINES THAT HE HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, HE MUST COMPLY WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS BEFORE ABSTAINING FROM ALL VOTES ON THE MATTER, AND TO PROVIDE FOR WHEN A PUBLIC OFFICIAL WHO IS REQUIRED TO RECUSE HIMSELF FROM A MATTER MUST DO SO; TO AMEND SECTION 8‑13‑740, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REPRESENTATION OF ANOTHER PERSON BY A PUBLIC OFFICIAL BEFORE A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY, SO AS TO FURTHER DELINEATE WHAT IS CONSIDERED A CONTESTED CASE WHEN REPRESENTATION BY A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS PERMITTED; TO AMEND SECTION 8‑13‑745, RELATING TO PAID REPRESENTATION OF CLIENTS AND CONTRACTING BY A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR AN ASSOCIATE IN PARTICULAR SITUATIONS, SO AS TO DELETE A PROHIBITION AGAINST CERTAIN CONTRACTS WITH AN ENTITY FUNDED WITH GENERAL FUNDS; TO AMEND SECTION 8‑13‑1120, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THESE CONTENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 8‑13‑1300, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN REGARD TO CAMPAIGN PRACTICES, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8‑13‑1318, RELATING TO ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO RETIRE CAMPAIGN DEBTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ANY SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE ONLY; TO AMEND SECTION 8‑13‑1338, RELATING TO PERSONS WHO MAY NOT SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE HEAD OF ANY STATE AGENCY WHO IS SELECTED BY THE GOVERNOR, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OR AN APPOINTED OR ELECTED BOARD; TO AMEND SECTION 8‑13‑1340, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS BY ONE CANDIDATE TO ANOTHER OR THROUGH COMMITTEES CONTROLLED BY A CANDIDATE, SO AS TO DELETE AN EXCEPTION FOR A COMMITTEE CONTROLLED BY A CANDIDATE IF IT IS THE ONLY SUCH COMMITTEE, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 8‑13‑1510 AND 8‑13‑1520, BOTH AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR ETHICAL AND OTHER VIOLATIONS, AND BY ADDING SECTION 8‑13‑1530 SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS AND FOR WHERE CERTAIN WILFUL VIOLATIONS MUST BE TRIED; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 8‑13‑710 AND 8‑13‑715 RELATING TO REPORTING OF PARTICULAR GIFTS AND AUTHORIZED REIMBURSEMENTS FOR SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS.

 Whereupon, Senators RANKIN, HAYES and HUTTO were appointed to the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate and a message was sent to the House accordingly.

**Expression of Personal Interest**

 Senator HEMBREE rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**Privilege of the Chamber**

    On motion of Senator BRYANT, on behalf of Senators SHEALY and COURSON, the Privilege of the Chamber, to that area behind the rail, was extended to Mr. Kyle Carpenter in appreciation for his dedication and service to our country.

**HOUSE CONCURRENCES**

The following Concurrent Resolutions were returned from the House with concurrence and received as information:

S. 1323 -- Senator Campsen: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO HONOR WILLIAM H. LEWIS FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES NAVY CIVIL ENGINEER CORPS AND TO THE CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HIM WELL IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

S. 1327 -- Senator Grooms: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE PHILIP L. BYRD, JR. ON HIS SERVICE TO AMERICAN TRUCKING ASSOCIATIONS AND THE NATION’S TRUCKING INDUSTRY.

 S. 1333 -- Senator Courson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PAULA HARPER BETHEA ON THE OCCASION OF HER BECOMING PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION “MY CAROLINA” AND TO WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS DURING HER TENURE.

 S. 1334 -- Senator Courson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR TOMMY PRESTON, JR. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ELECTION AS PRESIDENT‑ELECT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION “MY CAROLINA” AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS IN HIS NEW POSITION.

 S. 1345 -- Senator Sheheen: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JOHN LEWIS BYRD, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS ELECTION AS A MEMBER OF THE 2014 CLASS TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETIC COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED HAPPINESS AND ENJOYMENT IN HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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

**ACTING PRESIDENT PRESIDES**

 At 3:30 P.M., Senator CROMER assumed the Chair.

**HOUSE BILLS RETURNED**

 The following House Bills and Joint Resolution were read the third time and ordered returned to the House with amendments:

H. 5014 -- Reps. Willis, Owens and Daning: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56‑1‑2100, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO A COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE, SO AS TO DELETE THE VARIOUS ENDORSEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS THAT MAY BE ATTACHED TO A COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE, AND THAT ENDORSEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS MAY BE ADDED TO A COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE AS REQUIRED UNDER THE FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY REGULATIONS.

H. 3361 -- Reps. Cobb‑Hunter, Long, Weeks and R.L. Brown: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 20‑4‑60, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO AN ORDER FOR PROTECTION FROM DOMESTIC ABUSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COURT MAY PROHIBIT HARM OR HARASSMENT TO A PET ANIMAL OWNED, POSSESSED, KEPT, OR HELD BY THE PETITIONER AND TO PROVIDE THAT IN ORDERING TEMPORARY POSSESSION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, THE COURT MAY ORDER THE TEMPORARY POSSESSION OF PET ANIMALS.

H. 4603 -- Reps. Sottile, Harrell, Goldfinch, Crosby, McCoy, Erickson, Murphy, Stavrinakis, Bowen and Forrester: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO APPROVE REPAIRS TO CERTAIN EROSION CONTROL DEVICES WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE PROHIBITED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH REPAIRS MAY BE MADE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS PROVISION SHALL BE REPEALED ON JULY 1, 2017.

**THIRD READING BILL**

 The following Bill was read the third time and ordered sent to the House of Representatives:

S. 1311 -- Senators Young, Setzler and Massey: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 588 OF 1986, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SINGLE-MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD OF AIKEN COUNTY, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE DISTRICTS BEGINNING WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS IN 2014, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE DISTRICTS MAY BE FOUND, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION REGARDING THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

**AMENDED, READ THE THIRD TIME**

**RETURNED TO THE HOUSE**

 H. 4550 -- Rep. Parks: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40‑35‑20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING LONG TERM HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATORS, SO AS TO REVISE AND ADD NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑35‑40, RELATING TO THE LICENSURE OF LONG TERM HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATORS, SO AS TO REVISE LICENSURE CRITERIA; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40‑35‑200, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST A PERSON ACTING OR SERVING IN THE CAPACITY OF A NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR OR RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY ADMINISTRATOR WITHOUT A LICENSE, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE.

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

**Motion Under Rule 26B**

 Senator MASSEY asked unanimous consent to make a motion to take up further amendments pursuant to the provisions of Rule 26B.

 There was no objection.

 Senator MASSEY proposed the following amendment (AGM\4550C001.AGM.AB14), which was adopted:

 Amend the bill, as and if amended, Section 40‑35‑20(10), as contained in SECTION 1, page 2, lines 38‑40, by deleting / The number of years experience required depends on educational preparation as provided in R.93‑70. /

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator MASSEY explained the amendment.

 The amendment was adopted.

 The question then was third reading of the Bill.

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

**Ayes 42; Nays 1**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bryant Campbell Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hayes Hembree Hutto

Jackson Johnson Kimpson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McElveen Nicholson O'Dell

Peeler Pinckney Rankin

Reese Scott Setzler

Sheheen Thurmond Turner

Verdin Williams Young

**Total--42**

**NAYS**

Bright

**Total--1**

 There being no further amendments, the Bill was read the third time, passed and ordered returned to the House of Representatives with amendments.

**Motion Failed**

 Senator CLEARY moved under the provisions of Rule 32A to vary the Order of the Day and proceed immediately to the Special Orders.

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

**Ayes 24; Nays 19**

**AYES**

Allen Bennett Campbell

Cleary Coleman Cromer

Gregory Hayes Hembree

Hutto Johnson Kimpson

Lourie Malloy McElveen

McGill Nicholson O'Dell

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Setzler Sheheen Williams

**Total--24**

**NAYS**

Alexander Bright Bryant

Campsen Corbin Courson

Davis Fair Grooms

Leatherman *Martin, Larry Martin, Shane*

Massey Peeler Shealy

Thurmond Turner Verdin

Young

**Total--19**

 Having failed to receive the necessary votes, the Senate refused to vary the order of the day.

 **SECOND READING BILL**

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

S. 1328 -- Senator Grooms: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION REVIEW AND COMMENT PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN BUILDING PERMITS IN BERKELEY COUNTY.

**S. 1328--Ordered to a Third Reading**

 On motion of Senator GROOMS, S. 1328 was ordered to receive a third reading on Thursday, May 29, 2014.

**AMENDED, READ THE SECOND TIME**

 S. 1329 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 595 OF 1992, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EDGEFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO REVISE THE SEVEN SINGLE‑MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH THE TRUSTEES ARE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS IN 2014, TO DESIGNATE A MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE ELECTION DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE NEWLY DRAWN ELECTION DISTRICTS.

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

 Senator MASSEY proposed the following amendment (GGS\1329C001.GGS.ZW14), which was adopted:

 Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

 / SECTION \_\_\_\_. Section 3 of Act 595 of 1992 is amended to read:

 “SECTION 3. ~~The seven present members of the Board of Trustees of the Edgefield County School District each of whom currently resides in one of the seven single-member election districts established in SECTION 1 shall be deemed to be members of the board representing these districts until their current terms of office expire. When the terms of the present incumbent members of the board of trustees of the Edgefield County School District expire beginning in 1992, their successors must be elected for terms of four years in nonpartisan elections to be conducted at the same time as the general election of that year beginning in 1992 to be held in the manner provided in this act. These members of the board must continue to be residents and qualified electors of those single-member districts and shall be elected by all the qualified electors of the district. All members of the board shall serve until their successors are elected and qualify.~~

 (A) Beginning in 2014, successors to the incumbent members representing single-member Districts 1 and 2 on the Edgefield County School District Board of Trustees must be elected for terms of four years in nonpartisan elections to be conducted at the same time as the general election of that year to be held in the manner provided in this act.

 (B) Beginning in 2014, a member representing single-member District 6 on the Edgefield County School District Board of Trustees must be elected for a term of four years in the nonpartisan elections to be conducted at the same time as the general election of that year to be held in the manner provided in this act.

 (C) The incumbent members representing single-member Districts 3, 4, 5, and 7 on the Edgefield County School District Board of Trustees shall continue to represent these districts until the expiration of their current terms in 2016, at which time their successors must be elected for four year terms in nonpartisan elections to be conducted at the same time as the 2016 general election to be held in the manner provided in this act.

 (D) Members of the Edgefield County School District Board of Trustees must be residents and qualified electors of the single-member districts and must be elected by all the qualified electors of the district. All members of the board shall serve until their successors are elected and qualify.” /

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator MASSEY explained the amendment.

 The amendment was adopted.

 There being no further amendments, the Bill was read the second time and ordered placed on the Third Reading Calendar.

**S. 1329--Ordered to a Third Reading**

 On motion of Senator MASSEY, S. 1329 was ordered to receive a third reading on Thursday, May 29, 2014.

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

 H. 3411 -- Reps. R.L. Brown, G.A. Brown, Cobb‑Hunter, Mitchell, Neal, Weeks, Whipper, Williams and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40‑7‑20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF “HAIR BRAIDING” ASSOCIATED WITH THE LICENSURE AND REGULATION OF BARBERS, SO AS TO PERMIT THE USE OF HAIR EXTENSIONS IN HAIR BRAIDING, EXCEPT IN PUBLIC PLACES.

 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 40; Nays 3**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bryant Campbell Campsen

Cleary Coleman Courson

Cromer Davis Fair

Gregory Grooms Hayes

Hembree Hutto Johnson

Kimpson Leatherman Lourie

Malloy *Martin, Larry* Massey

McElveen McGill O'Dell

Peeler Pinckney Rankin

Reese Scott Setzler

Shealy Sheheen Thurmond

Turner Verdin Williams

Young

**Total--40**

**NAYS**

Bright Corbin *Martin, Shane*

**Total--3**

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

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

 H. 5159 -- Rep. Delleney: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7‑7‑170, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF PRECINCTS IN CHESTER COUNTY, SO AS TO CONSOLIDATE CERTAIN PRECINCTS, AND TO DESIGNATE A 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.

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

 On motion of Senator COLEMAN, with unanimous consent, the Bill was read the second time and ordered placed on the Third Reading Calendar.

**H. 5159--Ordered to a Third Reading**

 On motion of Senator COLEMAN, H. 5159 was ordered to receive a third reading on Thursday, May 29, 2014.

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

 H. 4732 -- Reps. J.E. Smith and Clemmons: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 7‑11‑20, 7‑11‑25, AND 7‑13-15, ALL AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING, RESPECTIVELY, TO THE CONDUCT BY THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION OF PARTY CONVENTIONS OR PARTY PRIMARY ELECTIONS, THE AUTHORITY OF POLITICAL PARTIES TO CONDUCT ADVISORY PRIMARY ELECTIONS AT PARTY EXPENSE, AND THE DATE PROVIDED BY LAW FOR HOLDING PRIMARY ELECTIONS AND THE PRIMARIES NOT SUBJECT TO THAT DATE, SO AS TO DELETE OBSOLETE DATE REFERENCES, TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF A POLITICAL PARTY TO CONDUCT AN ADVISORY PRIMARY AT PARTY EXPENSE, TO CLARIFY THAT THE DATE OF A PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY CONDUCTED BY THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION MUST BE SET BY THE PARTY RATHER THAN THE GENERAL STATE LAW DATE FOR PRIMARIES AND TO ALLOW THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION TO CARRY FORWARD ANY YEAR END BALANCES IN ITS FILING FEE AND PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION ACCOUNTS TO THE SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THESE CARRIED FORWARD FUNDS MUST BE EXPENDED FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

 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 40; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campbell

Campsen Cleary Coleman

Corbin Courson Cromer

Davis Gregory Hayes

Hembree Hutto Jackson

Johnson Kimpson Lourie

Malloy *Martin, Larry Martin, Shane*

Massey McElveen McGill

Nicholson O'Dell Peeler

Pinckney Reese Scott

Setzler Shealy Thurmond

Turner Verdin Williams

Young

**Total--40**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

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

**AMENDED, READ THE SECOND TIME**

 H. 4997 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Bowers, Owens, Simrill, Branham, G.M. Smith, Burns, Alexander, Hiott, Whipper, Douglas, Allison, Limehouse, Lowe, George, Bales, R.L. Brown, Gagnon, Hayes, Hodges, Hosey, W.J. McLeod, Murphy, Sabb, Sandifer and Sellers: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56‑15‑415 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN APPLICANT FOR AN INITIAL NONFRANCHISE AUTOMOBILE DEALER LICENSE ISSUED AFTER JANUARY 1, 2015, MUST COMPLETE PRELICENSING EDUCATION COURSES BEFORE HE MAY BE ISSUED A LICENSE, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE SATISFIED BEFORE A LICENSE MAY BE RENEWED, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO PROVIDES EDUCATION COURSES MUST BE AFFILIATED WITH A NATIONAL OR STATE INDUSTRY TRADE ASSOCIATION; AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 56‑15‑430, 56‑15‑440, AND 56‑15‑450, RELATING TO THE NONAPPLICABILITY OF THE PROVISIONS THAT REGULATE NONFRANCHISE AUTOMOBILE DEALER PRELICENSING TO FRANCHISED AUTOMOBILE DEALERS, NONFRANCHISED AUTOMOBILE DEALERS OWNED AND OPERATED BY A FRANCHISED AUTOMOBILE DEALER, NONFRANCHISED AUTOMOBILE DEALERS WHOSE PRIMARY BUSINESS IS SALVAGE MOTOR VEHICLES, AND NONFRANCHISED AUTOMOBILE DEALERS WHOSE PRIMARY BUSINESS OBJECTIVE AND SUBSTANTIAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY IS IN THE RENTAL OF MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS THAT REQUIRE AN APPLICANT FOR AN INITIAL NONFRANCHISE AUTOMOBILE DEALER LICENSE TO COMPLETE CERTAIN EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS ALSO DO NOT APPLY TO THESE AUTOMOBILE DEALERS.

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

 Senator GROOMS proposed the following amendment (4997R001.LKG), which was adopted:

 Amend the bill, as and if amended, page 2, by striking lines 11‑25 and inserting:

 / (B) Renewal of a license must be granted when the licensee submits satisfactory proof of receipt of the Department of Motor Vehicles Dealer and Wholesaler Manual.

 (C) The provisions of this section shall apply only to nonfranchise automobile dealers licensed after January 1, 2015, and must not be retroactively applied to nonfranchise automobile dealers licensed before that date.” /

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator GROOMS explained the amendment.

 The amendment was adopted.

 The question then was second reading of the Bill.

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

**Ayes 41; Nays 1**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Campbell Cleary

Corbin Courson Cromer

Davis Fair Gregory

Grooms Hayes Hembree

Hutto Jackson Johnson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McElveen McGill Nicholson

O'Dell Peeler Pinckney

Rankin Reese Scott

Setzler Shealy Sheheen

Thurmond Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--41**

**NAYS**

Bryant

**Total--1**

There being no further amendments, the Bill was read the second time and ordered placed on the Third Reading Calendar.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT AMENDED AND ADOPTED**

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

 H. 3021 -- Reps. Clemmons, Sellers, R.L. Brown, Putnam, Kennedy, Gilliard, Toole, Branham, Rutherford, King and Cobb‑Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 55 TO TITLE 11 SO AS TO ENACT THE IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT OF 2013 AND TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN INVESTMENTS AND CONTRACTS WITH PERSONS DEEMED TO BE ENGAGING IN INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES IN IRAN.

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

 Senator LOURIE proposed the following amendment (BH\3021C004.BH.DG14), which was adopted:

 Amend the committee amendment, as and if amended, SECTION 1, page [3021-4], by deleting Section 11‑55‑310(A)(5).

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator LOURIE explained the amendment.

 The amendment was adopted.

 The Committee on Finance proposed the following amendment (BH\3021C002.BH.DG14), which was adopted:

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

 / SECTION 1. Title 11 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

 “CHAPTER 55

 Iran Divestment Act

 Article 1

 General Provisions

 Section 11‑55‑10. This chapter may be cited as the ‘Iran Divestment Act of 2013’.

 Section 11‑55‑20. The General Assembly finds that:

 (1) Congress and the President have determined that the illicit nuclear activities of the Government of Iran, combined with its development of unconventional weapons and ballistic missiles, and its support of international terrorism, represent a serious threat to the security of the United States, Israel, and other United States allies in Europe, the Middle East, and around the world.

 (2) The International Atomic Energy Agency has repeatedly called attention to Iran’s unlawful nuclear activities, and, as a result, the United Nations Security Council has adopted a range of sanctions designed to encourage the government of Iran to cease those activities and comply with its obligations under the Treaty on the Non‑Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

 (3) On July 1, 2010, President Barack Obama signed into law H.R. 2194, the ‘Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010’ (Public Law 111‑195), which expressly authorizes states and local governments to prevent investment in, including prohibiting entry into or renewing contracts with, companies operating in Iran’s energy sector with investments that have the result of directly or indirectly supporting the efforts of the government of Iran to achieve nuclear weapons capability.

 (4) The serious and urgent nature of the threat from Iran demands that states, local governments, and private institutions work together with the federal government and American allies to do everything possible diplomatically, politically, and economically to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapons capability.

 (5) Respect for human rights in Iran has steadily deteriorated as demonstrated by transparently fraudulent elections and the brutal repression and murder, arbitrary arrests, and show trials of peaceful dissidents.

 (6) The concerns of the State of South Carolina regarding Iran are strictly the result of the actions of the government of Iran and should not be construed as enmity towards the Iranian people.

 (7) In order to effectively address the need for this State to respond to the policies of Iran in a uniform fashion, prohibiting contracts with persons engaged in investment activities in the energy sector of Iran must be accomplished on a statewide basis.

 (8) It is the intent of the General Assembly to fully implement the authority granted under Section 202 of the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010 (Public Law 111‑195).

 Section 11‑55‑30. As used in this chapter:

 (1) ‘Energy sector’ of Iran means activities to develop petroleum or natural gas resources or nuclear power in Iran.

 (2) ‘Financial institution’ means the term as used in Section 14 of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 (Public Law 104‑172; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note).

 (3) ‘Investment’ means a commitment or contribution of funds or property, whatever the source, a loan or other extension of credit, and the entry into or renewal of a contract for goods or services. It does not include indirect beneficial ownership through index funds, commingled funds, limited partnerships, derivative instruments, or the like.

 (4) ‘Iran’ includes the government of Iran and any agency or instrumentality of Iran.

 (5) ‘Person’ means any of the following:

 (a) a natural person, corporation, company, limited liability company, business association, partnership, society, trust, or any other nongovernmental entity, organization, or group;

 (b) any governmental entity or instrumentality of a government, including a multilateral development institution, as defined in Section 1701(c)(3) of the International Financial Institutions Act (22 U.S.C. 262r(c)(3));

 (c) any successor, subunit, parent entity, or subsidiary of, or any entity under common ownership or control with, any entity described in subparagraph one or two of this paragraph.

 (6) ‘State agency’ means each state board, commission, department, executive department or officer, institution, and instrumentality.

 Section 11‑55‑40. This chapter does not apply to a procurement or contract valued at one thousand dollars or less.

 Article 3

 State Divestment

 Section 11‑55‑300. For purposes of this chapter, a person engages in investment activities in Iran if:

 (1) the person provides goods or services of twenty million dollars or more in the energy sector of Iran, including a person that provides oil or liquefied natural gas tankers, or products used to construct or maintain pipelines used to transport oil or liquefied natural gas, for the energy sector of Iran; or

 (2) the person is a financial institution that extends twenty million dollars or more in credit to another person, for forty‑five days or more, if that person will use the credit to provide goods or services in the energy sector in Iran and is identified on a list, created pursuant to Section 11‑55‑310, as a person engaging in investment activities in Iran as described in subsection (A).

 Section 11‑55‑310. (A)(1) No more than one hundred twenty days after the effective date of this act, the Executive Director of the Budget and Control Board shall develop or contract to develop, using credible information available to the public, a list of persons it determines engage in investment activities in Iran as described in Section 11‑55‑310. If the executive director has contracted to develop the list, the list shall be finally developed no more than one hundred twenty days after the effective date of this act. The list, when completed, shall be posted on the website of the Budget and Control Board.

 (2) The executive director shall update the list every one hundred eighty days.

 (3) Before finalizing an initial list or an updated list, the executive director must do all of the following before a person is included on the list:

 (a) Provide ninety days’ written notice of the executive director’s intent to include the person on the list. The notice shall inform the person that inclusion on the list would make the person ineligible to contract with the State. The notice shall specify that the person, if it ceases its engagement in investment activities in Iran, may be removed from the list.

 (b) The executive director shall provide a person with an opportunity to comment in writing that it is not engaged in investment activities in Iran. If the person demonstrates to the executive director that the person is not engaged in investment activities in Iran, the person shall not be included on the list.

 (4) The executive director shall make every effort to avoid erroneously including a person on the list.

 (5) A person that has a contract with any of the State retirement systems created pursuant to Title 9 shall not be deemed a person that engages in investment activities in Iran on the basis of those contracts or investments with such retirement systems; provided, however, that nothing in this subitem shall prevent any of the State retirement systems from pursuing a policy of divestment in the Iranian economy.

 (B) A person that is identified on a list created pursuant to subsection (A) as a person engaging in investment activities in Iran as described in Section 11‑55‑300, is ineligible to contract with the State.

 (C) Any contract entered into with a person that is ineligible to contract with the State shall be void ab initio.

 Section 11‑55‑320. Notwithstanding Section 11‑55‑310, a person engaged in investment activities in Iran as described in Section 11‑55‑300, may contract with the State, on a case‑by‑case basis, if:

 (1) the investment activities in Iran were made before the effective date of this act, the investment activities in Iran have not been expanded or renewed after the effective date of this act, and the person has adopted, publicized, and is implementing a formal plan to cease the investment activities in Iran and to refrain from engaging in any new investments in Iran; or

 (2) the state agency makes a determination that the commodities or services are necessary to perform its functions and that, absent such an exemption, the state agency would be unable to obtain the commodities or services for which the contract is offered. Such determination shall be entered into the procurement record.

 Section 11‑55‑330. (A) A state agency or entity shall require a person that attempts to contract with the State, including a contract renewal or assumption, to certify, at the time the bid is submitted or the contract is entered into, renewed, or assigned, that the person or the assignee is not identified on a list created pursuant to Section 11‑55‑310. A state agency shall include certification information in the procurement record.

 (B) A person that contracts with the State, including a contract renewal or assumption, shall not utilize, on the contract with the state agency or entity, any subcontractor that is identified on a list created pursuant to Section 11‑55‑310.

 (C) Upon receiving information that a person who has made the certification required by subsection (A) is in violation thereof, the state agency or entity shall review such information and offer the person an opportunity to respond. If the person fails to demonstrate that it has ceased its engagement in the investment which is in violation of this act within ninety days after the determination of such violation, then the state agency or entity shall take such action as may be appropriate and provided for by law, rule, or contract, including, but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, or declaring the contractor in default.

 Section 11‑55‑340. The executive director shall report to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor annually by October first, on the status of the federal ‘Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010’ (Public Law 111‑195), the ‘Iran Divestment Act of 2013’, and any rules or regulations adopted thereunder.

 Article 5

 Political Subdivision Divestment

 Section 11‑55‑500. A person that is identified on a list created pursuant to Section 11‑55‑310, as a person engaging in investment activities in Iran as described in Section 11‑55‑300 shall be ineligible to contract with any political subdivision of this State, and any contract entered into with a political subdivision of this State shall be void ab initio.

 Section 11‑55‑510. (A) After this act takes effect, every bid or proposal made to a political subdivision of the State or any public department, agency, or official thereof where competitive bidding is required by statute, rule, regulation, or local law, for work or services performed or to be performed or goods sold or to be sold, shall contain the following statement subscribed by the bidder and affirmed by such bidder as true under the penalties of perjury: ‘By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that each bidder is not on the list created pursuant to Section 11‑55‑310.’

 (B) Notwithstanding subsection (A), the statement of non‑investment in the Iranian energy sector may be submitted electronically.

 (C) A bid shall not be considered for award nor shall any award be made where the condition set forth in subsection (A) has not been complied with; provided, however, that if in any case the bidder cannot make the foregoing certification, the bidder shall so state and shall furnish with the bid a signed statement which sets forth in detail the reasons therefor. A political subdivision may award a bid to a bidder who cannot make the certification pursuant to subsection (A), on a case‑by‑case basis, if:

 (1) the investment activities in Iran were made before the effective date of this act, the investment activities in Iran have not been expanded or renewed after the effective date of this act, and the person has adopted, publicized, and is implementing a formal plan to cease the investment activities in Iran and to refrain from engaging in any new investments in Iran; or

 (2) the political subdivision makes a determination that the goods or services are necessary for the political subdivision to perform its functions and that, absent such an exemption, the political subdivision would be unable to obtain the goods or services for which the contract is offered. Such determination shall be made in writing and shall be a public document.

 Article 7

 Prohibition on Iranian Investment

 Section 11‑55‑700. (A) Neither the Retirement System Investment Commission or the State Treasurer may invest funds with a person that is identified on a list created pursuant to Section 11‑55‑310 as a person engaging in investment activities in Iran as described in Section 11‑55‑300.

 (B) Any existing investments in violation of subsection (A) as of the effective date of this act, must be divested within one hundred twenty days of the effective date of this act.

 Section 11‑55‑710. Notwithstanding Section 11‑55‑700, an investment may be made in a person engaged in investment activities in Iran as described in Section 11‑55‑300, on a case‑by‑case basis, if:

 (1) the investment activities in Iran were made before the effective date of this act, the investment activities in Iran have not been expanded or renewed after the effective date of this act, and the person has adopted, publicized, and is implementing a formal plan to cease the investment activities in Iran and to refrain from engaging in any new investments in Iran; or

 (2) the investor makes a determination that the investments are necessary to perform its functions.

 Section 11‑55‑720. Nothing in this article requires the Retirement System Investment Commission or its agents or contract investment managers to take action as described in this article unless it is determined, in good faith, that the action described in this article is consistent with the fiduciary responsibilities of the commission or its agents or contract investment managers as described in Chapter 16, Title 9, and there are appropriated funds of the State to absorb the expenses necessary to implement this article.

 Section 11‑55‑730. Present, future, and former board members, officers, and employees of the State Budget and Control Board, the Public Employee Benefit Authority, the Retirement System Investment Commission, and contract investment managers and agents retained by the commission, as well as present, future, and former State Treasurers, officers, and employees of the State Treasurer, and contract investment managers and agents retained by the State Treasurer must be indemnified from the General Fund of the State and held harmless by the State from all claims, demands, suits, actions, damages, judgments, costs, charges, and expenses, including court costs and attorney’s fees, and against all liability, losses, and damages of any nature whatsoever that these present, future, or former board members, officers, employees, agents or contract investment managers shall or may at any time sustain by reason of any decision to restrict, reduce, or eliminate investments pursuant to this chapter.

 Section 11‑55‑740. The restrictions provided for in this chapter apply only until:

 (1) the President or Congress of the United States, by means including, but not limited to, legislation, executive order, or written certification, declares that divestment of the type provided for in this chapter interferes with the conduct of United States foreign policy; or

 (2) the United States revokes its current sanctions against Iran.”

 SECTION 2. The Secretary of State, in consultation with the South Carolina Attorney General, shall submit to the Attorney General of the United States a written notice describing this act within thirty days after the effective date of this act.

 SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this Act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

 SECTION 4. This act takes effect ninety days after approval by the Governor. However, immediately upon approval by the Governor, any rule or regulation that must be amended or repealed to implement this act is authorized. /

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 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 43; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campbell

Campsen Cleary Coleman

Corbin Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hayes Hembree Hutto

Jackson Johnson Kimpson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McElveen McGill O'Dell

Peeler Pinckney Rankin

Reese Scott Setzler

Shealy Sheheen Thurmond

Turner Verdin Williams

Young

**Total--43**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

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

**AMENDED, READ THE SECOND TIME**

 H. 4543 -- Reps. Southard, R.L. Ott, Jefferson, H.A. Crawford, M.S. McLeod, Vick, Hardwick, Williams, Robinson‑Simpson, George, Daning, Munnerlyn, Long, Crosby, Felder, Gagnon, Hayes, Hixon, Howard, Norman, Stavrinakis, V.S. Moss and Knight: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50‑13‑640, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF BLUE CATFISH, SO AS TO DECREASE THE MAXIMUM LENGTH OF A BLUE CATFISH THAT MAY BE TAKEN ON CERTAIN BODIES OF WATER, TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE, AND TO ESTABLISH THE DAILY POSSESSION LIMIT FOR BLUE CATFISH TAKEN FROM LAKE MARION AND LAKE MOULTRIE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50‑9‑1120, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POINT SYSTEM FOR VIOLATING CERTAIN PROVISIONS THAT REGULATE FISHING AND HUNTING, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT TAKING OR POSSESSING MORE THAN THE LEGAL CREEL OR SIZE LIMIT OF BLUE CATFISH IS A FOURTEEN POINT VIOLATION.

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

 Senators ALEXANDER, VERDIN, GROOMS and CAMPSEN proposed the following amendment (4543R002.GEC), which was adopted:

 Amend the bill, as and if amended, page 1, by striking lines 39‑41 and inserting:

 / (B) The daily possession limit for blue catfish (Ictalurus furcatus) is not more than twenty‑five in Lake Marion, Lake Moultrie, and the upper reach of the Santee River. /

 Amend the bill further, as and if amended, page 2, by striking SECTION 4 and inserting:

 / SECTION 4. The Department of Natural Resources must conduct a study on the status of the blue catfish population. The study must be presented to the General Assembly before January 1, 2018.

 SECTION 5. This act takes effect April 1, 2015, and shall be automatically repealed on June 30, 2018, unless reauthorized by a joint resolution for that specific purpose. /

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator GROOMS explained the amendment.

 The amendment was adopted.

 The question then was second reading of the Bill.

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

**Ayes 41; Nays 1**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bryant Campbell Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hayes Hembree Hutto

Jackson Johnson Kimpson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McElveen McGill Nicholson

O'Dell Peeler Reese

Scott Setzler Shealy

Thurmond Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--41**

**NAYS**

Bright

**Total--1**

There being no further amendments, the Bill was read the second time and ordered placed on the Third Reading Calendar.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT RULED OUT OF ORDER**

**AMENDED, READ THE SECOND TIME**

 H. 3539 -- Reps. Rutherford and Sellers: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 61‑6‑4160, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION ON THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ON CERTAIN DAYS, SO AS TO ALLOW THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ON STATEWIDE ELECTION DAYS.

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

 The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following amendment (JUD3539.002), which was ruled out of order:

 Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking page 1, line 39 in its entirety and inserting the following:

 / SECTION 2. Article 13, Chapter 6, Title 61 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

 “Section 61‑6‑4157. (A) As used in this section, ‘powdered alcohol’ is alcohol prepared or sold in a powder form for either direct use or reconstitution.

 (B) (1) It is unlawful for a person to use, offer for use, purchase, offer to purchase, sell, offer to sell, or possess powdered alcohol.

 (2) It is unlawful for a holder of a license pursuant to the provisions of this chapter for on‑premises or off‑premises consumption of alcoholic liquors to use powdered alcohol as an alcoholic beverage.

 (3) Any person or license holder that violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be punished as follows:

 (a) for a first offense, by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars or imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both;

 (b) for a second offense, by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both;

 (c) for a third or subsequent offense, by a fine of not more than three thousand dollars or imprisonment for not more than two years, or both.

 (C) This section does not apply to the use of powdered alcohol for bona fide research purposes by a:

 (1) health care provider that operates primarily for the purpose of conducting scientific research;

 (2) state institution;

 (3) private college or university; or

 (4) pharmaceutical or biotechnology company.”

 SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor. /

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

**Point of Order**

 Senator BRYANT raised a Point of Order under Rule 24A that the amendment was out of order inasmuch as it was not germane to the Bill.

 The PRESIDENT sustained the Point of Order.

 The committee amendment was ruled out of order.

 Senator LARRY MARTIN proposed the following amendment (JUD3539.004), which was adopted:

 Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking page 1, line 38, in its entirety and inserting the following:

 / SECTION 2. This act takes effect on July 1, 2014. /

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator LARRY MARTIN explained the amendment.

 The amendment was adopted.

 The question then was second reading of the Bill.

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

**Ayes 41; Nays 1**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campbell

Campsen Cleary Coleman

Corbin Courson Cromer

Davis Fair Gregory

Grooms Hayes Hembree

Jackson Johnson Kimpson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* McElveen

McGill Nicholson O'Dell

Peeler Pinckney Reese

Scott Setzler Shealy

Thurmond Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--41**

**NAYS**

Massey

**Total--1**

There being no further amendments, the Bill was read the second time and ordered placed on the Third Reading Calendar.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT AMENDED AND ADOPTED**

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

 H. 4399 -- Rep. Cobb‑Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 61‑6‑120, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CERTAIN ALCOHOL PERMITS IN THE PROXIMITY OF SCHOOLS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND CHURCHES, SO AS TO ALLOW THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE FOR THE ON‑PREMISES CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR IF ALL PLAYGROUNDS AND CHURCHES IN THE PROXIMITY AFFIRMATIVELY STATE THAT THEY DO NOT OBJECT TO THE ISSUANCE.

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

 Senators BENNETT and LARRY MARTIN proposed the following amendment (JUD4399.004), which was adopted:

 Amend the committee report, as and if amended, page [4399-2], by striking lines 13-21 in their entirety and inserting the following:

 / (C) This section does not apply to the use of powdered alcohol for commercial uses specifically approved by state law, or for bona fide research purposes by a:

 (1) health care provider that operates primarily for the purpose of conducting scientific research;

 (2) state institution;

 (3) private college or university; or

 (4) pharmaceutical or biotechnology company.”

 SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor. /

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator LARRY MARTIN explained the amendment.

 The amendment was adopted.

 Senator LARRY MARTIN proposed the following amendment (4399R002.LAM), which was adopted:

 Amend the committee amendment, as and if amended, Page [4399‑1], line 31, by striking SECTION 2 and inserting:

 / SECTION 2. A. Article 13, Chapter 6, Title 61 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

 “Section 61‑6‑4157. (A) As used in this section, ‘powdered alcohol’ is alcohol prepared or sold in a powder form for either direct use or reconstitution.

 (B)(1) It is unlawful for a person to use, offer for use, purchase, offer to purchase, sell, offer to sell, or possess powdered alcohol.

 (2) It is unlawful for a holder of a license pursuant to the provisions of this chapter for on‑premises or off‑premises consumption of alcoholic liquors to use powdered alcohol as an alcoholic beverage.

 (3) Any person or license holder that violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be punished as follows:

 (a) for a first offense, by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars or imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both;

 (b) for a second offense, by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both;

 (c) for a third or subsequent offense, by a fine of not more than three thousand dollars or imprisonment for not more than two years, or both.

 (C) This section does not apply to the use of powdered alcohol for commercial uses or bona fide research purposes by a:

 (1) health care provider that operates primarily for the purpose of conducting scientific research;

 (2) state institution;

 (3) private college or university; or

 (4) pharmaceutical or biotechnology company.”

 B. The provisions of this SECTION are repealed effective one year following the effective date of this act. /

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator LARRY MARTIN explained the amendment.

 The amendment was adopted.

 The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following amendment (JUD4399.003), which was adopted:

 Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking page 1, lines 27-28 in its entirety and inserting the following:

 / “Section 61‑6‑120. (A) TWhe department shall not grant or issue any license provided for in this article, Article 5, or Article 7 of this chapter, /

 Amend the bill further, as and if amended, by striking page 2, line 29 in its entirety and inserting the following:

 / SECTION 2. Article 13, Chapter 6, Title 61 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

 “Section 61‑6‑4157. (A) As used in this section, ‘powdered alcohol’ is alcohol prepared or sold in a powder form for either direct use or reconstitution.

 (B) (1) It is unlawful for a person to use, offer for use, purchase, offer to purchase, sell, offer to sell, or possess powdered alcohol.

 (2) It is unlawful for a holder of a license pursuant to the provisions of this chapter for on‑premises or off‑premises consumption of alcoholic liquors to use powdered alcohol as an alcoholic beverage.

 (3) Any person or license holder that violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be punished as follows:

 (a) for a first offense, by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars or imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both;

 (b) for a second offense, by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both;

 (c) for a third or subsequent offense, by a fine of not more than three thousand dollars or imprisonment for not more than two years, or both.

 (C) This section does not apply to the use of powdered alcohol for bona fide research purposes by a:

 (1) health care provider that operates primarily for the purpose of conducting scientific research;

 (2) state institution;

 (3) private college or university; or

 (4) pharmaceutical or biotechnology company.”

 SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor. /

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 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 41; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campbell

Campsen Cleary Coleman

Corbin Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Hayes

Hembree Hutto Jackson

Johnson Kimpson Leatherman

Lourie Malloy *Martin, Larry*

*Martin, Shane* Massey McElveen

McGill Nicholson O'Dell

Peeler Pinckney Reese

Scott Setzler Shealy

Thurmond Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--41**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

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

**MINORITY REPORT REMOVED**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT AMENDED AND ADOPTED**

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

 H. 4673 -- Reps. Simrill, Limehouse, Sottile and Gagnon: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 27‑3‑20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS REGARDING THE LIMITATION ON LIABILITY OF LANDOWNERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE RECREATIONAL NONCOMMERCIAL AIRSTRIPS AND ASSOCIATED AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF “RECREATIONAL PURPOSE”.

Senator KIMPSON 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.

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

 Senator KIMPSON proposed the following amendment (JUD4673.006), which was adopted:

 Amend the committee report, as and if amended, by striking the committee report in its entirety and inserting therein the following:

 // Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 1 in its entirety and inserting therein the following:

 / SECTION 1. Section 27‑3‑20 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

 “(a) ‘Aviation activities’ means taking off, flying, or landing an airplane or aircraft. Aviation activities do not include airshows or any activity where the general public is invited.

 ~~(a)~~(b) ‘Land’ means land, roads, water, watercourses, private ways and buildings, structures, and machinery or equipment when attached to the realty.

 ~~(b)~~(c) ‘Owner’ means the possessor of a fee interest, a tenant, lessee, occupant, easement holder, or person in control of the premises.

 ~~(c)~~(d) ‘Recreational purpose’ includes, but is not limited to, any of the following, or any combination thereof: hunting, fishing, swimming, boating, camping, picnicking, hiking, pleasure driving, nature study, water skiing, summer and winter sports, aviation activities, and viewing or enjoying historical, archaeological, scenic, or scientific sites.

 ~~(d)~~(e) ‘Charge’ means the admission price or fee asked in return for invitation or permission to enter or go upon the land.

 ~~(e)~~(f) ‘Persons’ means individuals regardless of age.” / //

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator KIMPSON explained the amendment.

 The amendment was adopted.

 The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following amendment (JUD4673.003), which was adopted:

 Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 1 in its entirety and inserting therein the following:

 / SECTION 1. Section 27‑3‑20(b) and (c) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

 “(b) ‘Owner’ means the possessor of a fee interest, a tenant, lessee, occupant, easement holder, or person in control of the premises.

 (c) ‘Recreational purpose’ includes, but is not limited to, any of the following, or any combination thereof: hunting, fishing, swimming, boating, camping, picnicking, hiking, pleasure driving, nature study, water skiing, summer and winter sports, aviation activities, and viewing or enjoying historical, archaeological, scenic, or scientific sites.” /

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 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 43; Nays 0**

**AYES**

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 *Martin, Larry Martin, Shane*

Massey McElveen McGill

Nicholson O'Dell Peeler

Pinckney Reese Scott

Setzler Shealy Thurmond

Turner Verdin Williams

Young

**Total--43**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

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

**RECOMMITTED**

The following Joint Resolutions were recommitted:

S. 1313 -- Judiciary Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY, RELATING TO APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OR RE‑ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATION, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4374, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

 On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Joint Resolution was recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 1314 -- Judiciary Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY, RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND E-911 OFFICER TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4350, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

 On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Joint Resolution was recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 1315 -- Judiciary Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY, RELATING TO REQUIREMENT OF GOOD CHARACTER, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4370, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

 On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Joint Resolution was recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 1316 -- Judiciary Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY, RELATING TO ALLOW E‑911 OPERATORS ONE YEAR TO ATTEND TRAINING AT THE ACADEMY, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4369, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

 On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Joint Resolution was recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

**AMENDED AND CARRIED OVER**

 S. 1019 -- Senators Cleary, Campbell and Alexander: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND SUPPORT THE DEMOCRATIZATION EFFORTS OF TAIWAN AND THE NATION’S MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION IN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION, THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE, AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND TO EXTEND MOST SINCERE BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED COOPERATION AND SUCCESS.

 The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Resolution, the question being the adoption of the Senate Resolution.

 Senator BRIGHT proposed the following amendment (1019R001.LB), which was adopted:

 Amend the Senate resolution, as and if amended, page 2, by striking lines 30‑36 and inserting:

 / That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, commend and support the democratization efforts of Taiwan and extend their most sincere best wishes for continued cooperation and success. /

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator CLEARY explained the amendment.

 The amendment was adopted.

 On motion of Senator HUTTO, the Senate Resolution was carried over.

**ADOPTED**

 H. 5272 -- Reps. Hardee and Edge: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RENAME “STALVEY BELLAMY INTERSECTION” WHICH IS LOCATED AT THE JUNCTURE OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAYS 9 AND 57 IN HORRY COUNTY “STEVENS CROSSROADS” TO REFLECT ITS HISTORICAL DESIGNATION AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS INTERSECTION THAT CONTAIN THIS DESIGNATION.

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

 **AMENDED, CARRIED OVER**

H. 3102 -- Reps. Forrester, V.S. Moss, Allison, Atwater and Bingham: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT “JAIDON’S LAW”; TO AMEND SECTION 63‑7‑1680, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CONTENTS, APPROVAL, AND AMENDMENT OF A PLACEMENT PLAN DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR A CHILD REMOVED FROM THE CUSTODY OF HIS OR HER PARENTS, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE VISITATION RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARENTS UNDER THE PLACEMENT PLAN; TO AMEND SECTION 63‑7‑1690, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF A PLACEMENT PLAN WHEN THE CONDITIONS FOR REMOVAL OF A CHILD FROM THE CUSTODY OF HIS OR HER PARENTS INCLUDE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ABUSE BY THE PARENTS, SO AS TO MAKE THE CONTENTS OF THE PLAN MANDATORY, RATHER THAN IN THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT; TO AMEND SECTION 63‑7‑1710, RELATING TO CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SHALL FILE A PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FILE THIS PETITION IF THE PARENT IS CONVICTED OF HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE, OR AIDING OR ABETTING TO COMMIT HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE, OF ANOTHER CHILD OF THE PARENT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FILE THIS PETITION IF A PARENT FAILED THREE HAIR‑STRAND DRUG TESTS OVER A NINE‑MONTH PERIOD; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FILE SUCH A PETITION IF A PARENT FAILED TWICE IN A TWELVE‑MONTH PERIOD TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF A TREATMENT PLAN OR PLACEMENT PLAN; TO AMEND SECTION 63‑7‑1940, RELATING TO COURT‑ORDERED PLACEMENT OF A PERSON IN THE CENTRAL REGISTRY FOR CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COURT SHALL ORDER THAT A PERSON BE PLACED IN THE REGISTRY IF THE PERSON GAVE BIRTH TO THE CHILD AND THE CHILD TESTED POSITIVE FOR DRUGS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 63‑7‑2570, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR TERMINATING PARENTAL RIGHTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT TERMINATING THESE RIGHTS ON THE GROUNDS OF SEVERE AND REPETITIVE ABUSE OR NEGLECT INCLUDES HOSPITALIZATION OF A CHILD FOR MORE THAN FOURTEEN DAYS DUE TO ABUSE OR NEGLECT; TO INCLUDE IN THE GROUNDS FOR TERMINATING THESE RIGHTS A PARENT’S ADDICTION TO ALCOHOL OR ILLEGAL DRUGS OR PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION ABUSE WHEN THE PARENT’S ADDICTION IS UNLIKELY TO CHANGE WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME; AND TO PROVIDE AS A GROUND FOR TERMINATING THESE RIGHTS A PARENT BEING CONVICTED OF MURDER, VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER, OR HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE OF ANOTHER CHILD OF THE PARENT.

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

 Senator MASSEY proposed the following amendment (3102R001.ASM), which was adopted:

 Amend the bill, as and if amended, page 2, line 25, by inserting appropriately numbered new SECTIONS to read:

 / SECTION \_\_. Section 43‑5‑1285 of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 102 of 1995, is amended to read:

 “Section 43‑5‑1285. ~~On or about August 31, 1996, and every two years thereafter the Legislative Audit Council shall evaluate and~~ The department shall report annually to the General Assembly on the ~~success and effectiveness of the policies and programs created in this act. In conducting this evaluation the council shall identify the~~ number of ~~AFDC~~ Family Independence families and individuals no longer receiving welfare, the number of individuals who have participated in educational, employment, or training programs under this act, the number of individuals who have completed educational, employment, or training programs under this act, and the number of individuals who have become employed and the duration of their employment~~, and other data and information the council considers appropriate in reporting to the General Assembly on the effectiveness of this act~~.”

 SECTION \_\_. Chapter 15, Title 2 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

 “Section 2‑15‑64. Beginning December 31, 2013, and every three years thereafter, the Legislative Audit Council shall conduct a management performance audit of a program of the South Carolina Department of Social Services. The program to be reviewed will be determined after consultation with the House of Representatives and the Senate. The Legislative Audit Council is authorized to charge the Department of Social Services for federal funds, if available, for the costs associated with this audit and shall provide certification to the Department of Social Services of certified public expenditures that are eligible for matching federal funds. The Department of Social Services shall remit the federal funds to the Legislative Audit Council as reimbursement for the costs of the audit.” /

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator MASSEY explained the amendment.

 The question then was adoption of the amendment.

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

**Ayes 44; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campbell

Campsen Cleary Coleman

Corbin Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hayes Hembree Hutto

Jackson Johnson Kimpson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McElveen McGill Nicholson

O'Dell Peeler Pinckney

Rankin Reese Scott

Setzler Shealy Sheheen

Thurmond Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--44**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

 The amendment was adopted.

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

**AMENDMENT PROPOSED, CARRIED OVER**

 H. 4354 -- Reps. Harrell, Cobb‑Hunter, G.M. Smith, Long, Douglas, Felder, R.L. Brown and Goldfinch: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44‑115‑30, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE RIGHT OF A PATIENT TO RECEIVE A COPY OF HIS MEDICAL RECORD OR HAVE IT TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER PHYSICIAN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PATIENT MAY CHOOSE TO RECEIVE THE RECORD EITHER AS A PHOTOCOPY REPRODUCTION OR IN AN ELECTRONIC FORMAT STORED ON DIGITAL MEDIA; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44‑115‑80, RELATING TO FEES PHYSICIANS MAY CHARGE TO SEARCH AND DUPLICATE A MEDICAL RECORD, SO AS TO SPECIFY WHAT FEES MAY BE CHARGED FOR A PHOTOCOPY REPRODUCTION AND FOR AN ELECTRONIC REPRODUCTION, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FROM FEES FOR REPRODUCTIONS REQUESTED TO SATISFY A REQUIREMENT OF AN INSURER OR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY THAT PROVIDES BENEFITS RELATED TO THE MEDICAL NEEDS OF THE PATIENT.

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

 Senator YOUNG proposed the following amendment (4354R001.TRY):

 Amend the bill, as and if amended, page 1, by striking lines 36‑42 and page 2 by striking lines 1‑17 and inserting:

 / “Section 44‑7‑325. (A)(1) A health care facility, as defined in Section 44‑7‑130, and a health care provider licensed pursuant to Title 40 may charge a fee for the search and duplication of a medical record, whether in paper format or electronic format, but the fee may not exceed:

 (a) Sixty‑five cents per page for the first thirty printed pages and fifty cents per page for all other printed pages, ~~and~~ plus a clerical fee not to exceed twenty‑five dollars for searching and handling, which combined with the per page print costs may not ~~to~~ exceed ~~fifteen~~ two hundred dollars per ~~request plus~~ admission, and to which may be added actual postage and applicable sales tax. The patient may have more than one admission in response to a record request but only one search fee must be permitted per request. Several emergency room records without an admission to the hospital are considered one admission for purposes of the tiered rate and the two hundred dollar maximum. The search and handling fee is permitted even though no medical record is found as a result of the search.

 (b) Sixty‑five cents per page for the first thirty pages provided in an electronic format and fifty cents per page for all other pages provided in an electronic format, plus a clerical fee not to exceed twenty‑five dollars for searching and handling, which combined with the per page costs may not exceed one hundred fifty dollars per request, and to which may be added actual postage and applicable sales tax. The patient may have more than one admission in response to a record request but only one search fee must be permitted per request. Several emergency room records without an admission to the hospital are considered one admission for purposes of the tiered rate and the one hundred fifty dollar maximum. The search and handling fee is permitted even though no medical record is found as a result of the search.

 (c) All of the fees allowed by this section, including the maximum, must be adjusted annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers, South Region (CPI‑U), published by the U.S. Department of Labor. The Department of Health and Environmental Control is responsible for calculating this annual adjustment, which is effective on July first of each year, starting July 1, 2015. /

 Amend the bill further, as and if amended, page 4, by striking lines 3‑8 and inserting:

 / (3) All fees allowed by this section, including the maximum, must be adjusted annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers, South Region (CPI‑U), published by the U.S. Department of Labor. The Department of Health and Environmental Control is responsible for calculating this annual adjustment, which is effective on July first of each year, starting July 1, 2015. /

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator CLEARY explained the amendment.

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

**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 MALLOY, the Bill was carried over.

 H. 3797 -- Reps. Sandifer and Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 38‑90‑165 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE MAY DECLARE A CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY INACTIVE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND THAT THE DIRECTOR MAY MODIFY THE MINIMUM TAX PREMIUM APPLICABLE TO THE COMPANY DURING INACTIVITY; BY ADDING SECTION 38‑90‑215 SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROTECTED CELL MAY BE EITHER INCORPORATED OR UNINCORPORATED, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH; BY ADDING SECTION 38‑90‑250 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT MUST CONSIDER A LICENSED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF AN INSURER FOR ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO ACT AS AN INSURER; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑90‑10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TERMS AND REVISE DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN EXISTING TERMS; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑90‑20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR LICENSING CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT OF A CERTIFICATE OF GENERAL GOOD ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑90‑35, RELATING TO THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION CONCERNING CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR MAKING THE INFORMATION SUBJECT TO DISCOVERY IN A CIVIL ACTION; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑90‑40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CAPITALIZATION REQUIREMENTS, SECURITY REQUIREMENTS, AND RESTRICTIONS ON DIVIDEND PAYMENTS FOR CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO REVISE THE FORM OF CAPITAL REQUIRED FOR A CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY THAT IS NOT A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY THAT ASSUMES RISK, AND TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO A CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY INCORPORATED AS A NONPROFIT, AMONG OTHER THINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑90‑50, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO FREE SURPLUS REQUIREMENTS OF A CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY, SO AS TO REVISE THE FORM OF CAPITAL REQUIRED FOR A CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY THAT IS NOT A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY THAT ASSUMES RISK; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑90‑55, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE INCORPORATION OF CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO DELETE PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE MINIMUM NUMBER AND STATUS OF INCORPORATORS, PREREQUISITES TO TRANSMITTING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE, AND THE ISSUANCE OF CAPITAL STOCK AT PAR VALUE; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑90‑60, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO INCORPORATION OPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO REVISE THE AVAILABLE OPTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑90‑80, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO INSPECTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS OF CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES BY THE DEPARTMENT, SO AS TO DELETE REFERENCES TO PURE CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND SPECIAL PURPOSE CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑90‑90, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF A CAPTIVE INSURANCE LICENSE, SO AS TO MAKE A GRAMMATICAL CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑90‑100, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE LOANS BY CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY MAY MAKE LOANS TO ITS PARENT COMPANY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑90‑130, AS AMENDED, RELATING THE PROHIBITION AGAINST PARTICIPATION IN PLAN, POOL, ASSOCIATION, GUARANTY, OR INSOLVENCY FUNDS BY CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, INCLUDING PURE CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, MAY PARTICIPATE IN A POOL FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMMERCIAL RISK SHARING, AMONG OTHER THINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑90‑180, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO INSURANCE, SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NAME OF NEW CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, TO PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY MAY ESTABLISH PROTECTED CELLS, INCLUDING REQUIREMENTS FOR A PLAN OF OPERATION, THE ATTRIBUTIONS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES BETWEEN A PROTECTED CELL AND THE GENERAL ACCOUNT OF THE SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY, AND ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑90‑210, RELATING TO THE SEPARATE ACCOUNTING OF PROTECTED CELLS WHEN ESTABLISHED, SO AS TO REQUIRE THIS ACCOUNTING MUST REFLECT THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE PROTECTED CELL IN ADDITION TO EXISTING REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑90‑220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO SPONSORS OF CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑90‑230, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PARTICIPANTS IN SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PROTECTED CELLS ASSETS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE TO CREDITORS OF THE SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING OBLIGATIONS OF SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES WITH RESPECT TO PROTECTED CELLS AND ITS GENERAL ACCOUNT; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑90‑240, RELATING TO THE ELIGIBILITY OF A LICENSED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO ACT AS INSURER, SO AS TO DELETE THE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND TO PROVIDE FOR WHO MAY PARTICIPATE IN A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY AND OBLIGATIONS OF THESE PARTICIPANTS, AND TO PROVIDE SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES MAY NOT BE USED TO FACILITATE INSURANCE SECURITIZATION TRANSACTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑90‑450, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO ORGANIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL CAPTIVES, SO AS TO DELETE PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE MINIMUM NUMBER AND STATUS OF INCORPORATORS, AND PREREQUISITES TO TRANSMITTING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 38‑90‑235 RELATING TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR PROTECTED CELL INSURANCE COMPANIES TO APPLY TO SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

Senator MALLOY spoke on the Bill.

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

 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.

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

 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.

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

 S. 266 -- Senators Gregory, Hayes, Davis, Sheheen, Lourie, Hembree, Fair and Bennett: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT UNTIL JUNE 30, 2016, THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE PRESIDENTS OF PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES SHALL SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ESTABLISH ACCOUNTABILITY‑BASED FUNDING FOR PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

 On motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, the Joint Resolution 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 MALLOY, 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.

 S. 139 -- Senators Grooms, L. Martin, Campbell and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑1535 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SPEEDING IN WORK ZONES AND PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH SPEEDING IN WORK ZONES, TO DELETE THIS PROVISION AND PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR THE TERMS “HIGHWAY WORK ZONE” AND “HIGHWAY WORKER”, TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF “ENDANGERMENT OF A HIGHWAY WORKER” AND “AGGRAVATED ENDANGERMENT OF A HIGHWAY WORKER”, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR BOTH OFFENSES; TO AMEND SECTION 56‑1‑720, RELATING TO THE POINT SYSTEM ESTABLISHED FOR THE EVALUATION OF THE DRIVING RECORD OF PERSONS OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE THAT “ENDANGERMENT OF A HIGHWAY WORKER” AND “AGGRAVATED ENDANGERMENT OF A HIGHWAY WORKER” ARE TWO POINT VIOLATIONS; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 56‑5‑1536 RELATING TO DRIVING IN TEMPORARY WORK ZONES AND PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFUL DRIVING IN TEMPORARY WORK ZONES.

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

 H. 4612 -- Reps. Bales and Whipper: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑30, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF THE STATE’S UNIFORM TRAFFIC LAWS UPON THE STATE’S POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE THAT ENACTS AN ORDINANCE, RULE, OR REGULATION THAT IMPOSES A FINE FOR AN OFFENSE THAT EXCEEDS THE FINE IMPOSED BY A SIMILAR OFFENSE CONTAINED IN THIS CHAPTER MAY NOT COLLECT AN AMOUNT THAT EXCEEDS THE MAXIMUM FINE CONTAINED IN THE SIMILAR OFFENSE CONTAINED IN THIS CHAPTER.

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

 H. 3959 -- Reps. Kennedy, Quinn, Spires, Huggins, Atwater, Bingham, Delleney, Felder, Finlay, D.C. Moss, Norman, Pope, Sellers, Simrill, Tallon, Weeks, Wood and Whipper: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-15-395, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE APPEARANCE OF A MINOR IN A STATE OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT NUDITY IN THE PURVIEW OF THE OFFENSE; TO AMEND SECTION 16‑15‑405, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE APPEARANCE OF A MINOR IN A STATE OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT NUDITY IN THE PURVIEW OF THE OFFENSE AND INCREASE THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FROM TEN TO FIFTEEN YEARS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 16‑15‑410, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE APPEARANCE OF A MINOR IN A STATE OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT NUDITY IN THE PURVIEW OF THE OFFENSE.

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

 H. 4348 -- Reps. Lucas, Clemmons, Southard, Douglas, Allison, Taylor, Felder, Loftis, W.J. McLeod, Pitts, D.C. Moss and Bales: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63‑3‑530, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE FAMILY COURT, INCLUDING JURISDICTION TO ORDER VISITATION FOR GRANDPARENTS OF MINOR CHILDREN, SO AS TO ELIMINATE CERTAIN PREREQUISITES TO ORDERING VISITATION.

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

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

**MOTION ADOPTED**

 At 5:10 P.M., on motion of Senator PEELER, the Senate agreed to dispense with the balance of the Motion Period.

**Expression of Personal Interest**

 Senator MALLOY rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**HAVING DISPENSED WITH THE MOTION PERIOD, THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO A CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF CONFERENCE AND FREE CONFERENCE.**

**H. 3512--FREE CONFERENCE POWERS GRANTED**

**FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPOINTED**

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF FREE**

**CONFERENCE ADOPTED**

 H. 3512 -- Reps. Quinn and J.E. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 61, RELATING TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LAWS, SO AS TO AMEND SECTION 61‑6‑1560, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DISCOUNTS ON ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS OR NONALCOHOLIC ITEMS, SO AS TO ALLOW A RETAIL DEALER TO OFFER DISCOUNTS AT THE REGISTER THROUGH THE USE OF PREMIUMS, COUPONS, OR STAMPS, SO LONG AS THE COST RELATED TO THE DISCOUNT IS PROVIDED ONLY BY THE RETAIL DEALER AND IS NOT PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW; TO AMEND SECTION 61-4-1515, RELATING TO SALES OF BEER IN BREWERIES SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR EATING ESTABLISHMENTS AT BREWERIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 61‑6‑1500, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON RETAIL DEALERS OF CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC PRODUCTS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS TO ANOTHER RETAIL DEALER IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS, TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN LOCATIONS OWNED BY THE SAME RETAIL DEALER, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES.

**H. 3512--Free Conference Powers Granted**

**Free Conference Committee Appointed**

 Senator RANKIN asked unanimous consent to make a motion to grant Free Conference Powers to the Conference Committee on H. 3512.

 There was no objection.

 The question then was the granting of Free Conference to the Conference Committee on H. 3512.

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

**Ayes 42; Nays 1**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bryant Campbell Cleary

Coleman Courson Cromer

Davis Fair Gregory

Grooms Hayes Hembree

Hutto Jackson Johnson

Kimpson Leatherman Lourie

Malloy *Martin, Larry Martin, Shane*

Massey McElveen McGill

Nicholson O'Dell Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Scott Setzler Shealy

Sheheen Thurmond Turner

Verdin Williams Young

**Total--42**

**NAYS**

Bright

**Total--1**

 Free Conference Powers were granted.

 Whereupon, Senators RANKIN, HUTTO and BENNETT were appointed to the Committee of Free Conference on the part of the Senate and a message was sent to the House accordingly.

 On motion of Senator RANKIN, with unanimous consent, the Report of the Committee of Free Conference was taken up for immediate consideration.

 Senator RANKIN explained the report.

 The question then was adoption of the Report of the Committee of Free Conference.

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

**Ayes 43; Nays 1; Present 1**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bryant Campbell Campsen

Cleary Coleman Courson

Cromer Davis Fair

Gregory Grooms Hayes

Hembree Hutto Jackson

Johnson Kimpson Leatherman

Lourie Malloy *Martin, Larry*

*Martin, Shane* Massey McElveen

McGill Nicholson O'Dell

Peeler Pinckney Rankin

Reese Scott Setzler

Shealy Sheheen Thurmond

Turner Verdin Williams

Young

**Total--43**

**NAYS**

Corbin

**Total--1**

**PRESENT**

Bright

**Total--1**

 On motion of Senator RANKIN, the Report of the Committee of Free Conference to H. 3512 was adopted as follows:

**H. 3512--Free Conference Report**

The General Assembly, Columbia, S.C., May 28, 2014

 The COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE, to whom was referred:

 H. 3512 -- Reps. Quinn and J.E. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 61‑6‑1560, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DISCOUNTS ON ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS OR NONALCOHOLIC ITEMS, SO AS TO ALLOW A RETAIL DEALER TO OFFER DISCOUNTS AT THE REGISTER THROUGH THE USE OF PREMIUMS, COUPONS, OR STAMPS, SO LONG AS THE COST RELATED TO THE DISCOUNT IS PROVIDED ONLY BY THE RETAIL DEALER AND IS NOT PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW; AND TO AMEND SECTION 61‑6‑1500, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON RETAIL DEALERS OF CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC PRODUCTS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS TO ANOTHER RETAIL DEALER IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS, TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN LOCATIONS OWNED BY THE SAME RETAIL DEALER, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES.

 Beg leave to report that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend:

 That the same do pass with the following amendments:

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

/ A BILL

TO AMEND TITLE 61, RELATING TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LAWS, SO AS TO AMEND SECTION 61‑6‑1560, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DISCOUNTS ON ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS OR NONALCOHOLIC ITEMS, SO AS TO ALLOW A RETAIL DEALER TO OFFER DISCOUNTS AT THE REGISTER THROUGH THE USE OF PREMIUMS, COUPONS, OR STAMPS, SO LONG AS THE COST RELATED TO THE DISCOUNT IS PROVIDED ONLY BY THE RETAIL DEALER AND IS NOT PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW; TO AMEND SECTION 61-4-1515, RELATING TO SALES OF BEER IN BREWERIES SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR EATING ESTABLISHMENTS AT BREWERIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 61‑6‑1500, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON RETAIL DEALERS OF CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC PRODUCTS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS TO ANOTHER RETAIL DEALER IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS, TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN LOCATIONS OWNED BY THE SAME RETAIL DEALER, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES.

 Amend Title To Conform

 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

 SECTION 1. Section 61‑6‑1560 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

 “Section 61‑6‑1650. (A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a retail dealer, wholesaler, or producer may offer discounts on alcoholic liquors or nonalcoholic items, listed in Section 61‑6‑1540(A), through the use of premiums, coupons, or stamps redeemable by mail.

 (B) In addition to the provisions of subsection (A), a retail dealer may offer a discount on the sale of alcoholic liquor or nonalcoholic items, listed in Section 61‑6‑1540(A), at the register through the use of premiums, coupons, or stamps, so long as all costs related to the discount, including, but not limited to printing, redemption services, and the actual cost of the discount, are provided and borne only by the retail dealer and the discount is not prohibited by any federal law.”

 SECTION 2. Section 61‑6‑1500 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

 “Section 61‑6‑1500. (A) A retail dealer may not:

 (1) sell, barter, exchange, give, or offer for sale, barter, or exchange, or permit the sale, barter, exchange, or gift, of alcoholic liquors without regard to the size of the container:

 (a) between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.;

 (b) for consumption on the premises;

 (c) to a person under twenty‑one years of age;

 (d) to an intoxicated person; ~~or~~

 (e) to a mentally incompetent person; or

 (f) to a person the retail dealer knows is another retail dealer, except as provided in Section 61‑6‑950 or between locations owned by the same retail dealer;

 (2) permit the drinking of alcoholic liquors in his store or place of business;

 (3) sell alcoholic liquors on credit; however, this item does not prohibit payment by electronic transfer of funds if:

 (a) the transfer of funds is initiated by an irrevocable payment order on or before delivery of the alcoholic liquors; and

 (b) the electronic transfer is initiated by the retailer no later than one business day after delivery; ~~or~~

 (4) redeem proof‑of‑purchase certificates for any promotional item; or

 (5) purchase, barter, exchange, receive, or offer to purchase, barter, exchange, receive or permit the purchase, barter, exchange, or receipt, of alcoholic liquors without regard to the size of the container from another retail dealer, except as provided in Section 61‑6‑950 or between locations owned by the same retail dealer.

 However, during restricted hours a retail dealer is permitted to receive, stock, and inventory merchandise, provide for maintenance and repairs, and other necessary, related functions that do not involve the sale of alcoholic liquors.

 (B)(1) It is unlawful for a person licensed to sell alcoholic liquors pursuant to the provisions of this section to knowingly and willfully refill, partially refill, or reuse a bottle of lawfully purchased alcoholic liquor, or otherwise tamper with the contents of the bottle.

 (2) A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction:

 (a) for a first offense, must be fined five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both;

 (b) for a second or subsequent offense, must be fined one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

 (3) In addition to the penalties provided in subsection (B), a violation of this section may subject the licensee or permit holder to revocation or suspension of the license or permit by the department. A third or subsequent violation of subsection (A)(1)(f) within three years of the first violation must result in a mandatory suspension of the license or permit for a period of at least thirty days. A violation of subsection (A)(5) must result in a mandatory suspension of the license or permit for a period of at least thirty days.

 (4) The possession of a refilled or reused bottle or other container of alcoholic liquors is prima facie evidence of a violation of this section. A person who violates this provision must, upon conviction, have his license revoked permanently.

 (C) A retail dealer must keep a record of all sales of alcoholic liquors sold to establishments licensed for on‑premises consumption. The record must include the name of the purchaser and the date and quantity of the sale by brand and bottle size.

 (D) It is unlawful to sell alcoholic liquors except during lawful hours of operation.”

 SECTION 3. Subarticle 1, Article 3, Chapter 6, Title 61 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

 “Section 61‑6‑195. The department must not issue or renew a retail dealer’s license until the applicant has certified that the applicant has not purchased and will not purchase alcoholic liquors from another person that does not hold a wholesaler’s license.”

 SECTION 4. Section 61‑6‑1530 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately numbered item at the end to read:

 “( ) ‘The purchase of alcoholic liquors from this location by or on behalf of another retail dealer is unlawful and will result in the suspension of the purchaser’s retail dealer’s license’. The department must prescribe by regulation the size of the lettering and the location of the sign on the seller’s premises.”

 SECTION 5. A. Section 61-4-1515 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

 (A) A brewery licensed in this State is authorized to offer samples of beer to consumers on its licensed premises, provided that the beer is brewed on the licensed premises with an alcoholic content of twelve percent by weight, or less, subject to the following conditions:

 (1) sales to or samplings by consumers must be held in conjunction with a tour by the consumer of the licensed premises and the entire brewing process utilized at the licensed premises;

 (2) sales or samplings shall not be offered or made to, or allowed to be offered, made to, or consumed by an intoxicated person or a person who is under the age of twenty‑one;

 (3) (a) no more than a total of forty‑eight ounces of beer brewed at the licensed premises, including amounts of samples offered and consumed with or without cost, shall be sold to a consumer for on‑premises consumption within a twenty‑four hour period; and

 (b) of that forty‑eight ounces of beer available to be sold to a consumer within a twenty‑four hour period, no more than sixteen ounces of beer with an alcoholic weight of above eight percent, including any samples offered and consumed with or without cost, shall be sold to a consumer for on‑premises consumption within a twenty‑four hour period;

 (4) a brewery must develop and use a system to monitor the amounts and types of beer sampled or sold to a consumer for on‑premises consumption;

 (5) a brewery must sell the beer at the licensed premises at a price approximating retail prices generally charged for identical beverages in the county where the licensed premises are located;

 (6) a brewery must remit appropriate taxes to the Department of Revenue for beer sales in an amount equal to and in a manner required for excise taxes assessed by the department. A brewery also must remit appropriate sales and use taxes and local hospitality taxes;

 (7) a brewery must post information that states the alcoholic content by weight of the various types of beer available in the brewery and the penalties for convictions for:

 (a) driving under the influence;

 (b) unlawful transport of an alcoholic container; and

 (c) unlawful transfer of alcohol to minors.

And, the information shall be in signage that must be posted at each entrance, each exit, and in places in a brewery seen during a tour;

 (8) a brewery must provide DAODAS approved alcohol enforcement training for the employees who serve beer on the licensed premises to consumers for on‑premises consumption, so as to prevent and prohibit unlawful sales, transfer, transport or consumption of beer by persons who are under the age of twenty‑one or who are intoxicated; and

 (9) a brewery must maintain liability insurance in the amount of at least one million dollars for the biennial period for which it is licensed. Within ten days of receiving its biennial license, a brewery must send proof of this insurance to the State Law Enforcement Division and to the Department of Revenue, where the proof of insurance information shall be retained with the department's alcohol beverage licensing section.

 (B) In addition to the sampling and sales provisions set forth in subsection (A), a brewery licensed in this State is authorized to sell beer produced on its licensed premises to consumers on site for on-premises consumption within an area of its licensed premises approved by the rules and regulations of the Department of Health and Environmental Control governing eating and drinking establishments and other food service establishments. These establishments may also apply for a retail on-premises consumption permit for the sale of beer and wine of a producer that has been purchased from a wholesaler through the three-tier distribution chain set forth in Section 61-4-735 and Section 61-4-940.

 (C) The sale of beer that is brewed on the licensed premises for on premises consumption pursuant to subsection (B) must comply with the following provisions:

 (1) all provisions of subsection (A) shall apply to sales under subsection (B) and (C), except subsections (A)(1), (3), and (4);

 (2) the brewery must comply with all state and local laws concerning hours of operation applicable to eating and drinking establishments and other food service establishments holding permits to sell beer and wine for on-premises consumption;

 (3) the brewery must comply with the discount pricing provisions of Section 61-4-160, applicable to persons holding permits to sell beer and wine for on-premises consumption;

 (4) the brewery must sell the beer at a price approximating retail prices generally charged for identical beverages by on-premises retailers in the county where the licensed premises are located; and

 (5) a wholesaler must not provide and a brewery must not accept services, equipment, fixtures, or free beer prohibited by Section 61-4-940(B), except those items authorized by Section 61-4-940(C). Changes to the brewery laws pursuant to Section 61-4-1515(B) and (C) do not alter or amend the structure of the three-tier laws of this State, and the wholesalers and the breweries must not discriminate in pricing at the producer or wholesaler levels.

 (D) A brewery located in this State is authorized to sell beer on its licensed premises for off‑premises consumption provided that the sealed beer was brewed on the licensed premises with an alcohol content of fourteen percent by weight or less, subject to the following conditions:

 (1) the maximum amount of beer that may be sold to an individual per day for off‑premises consumption shall be equivalent to two hundred eighty‑eight ounces in total;

 (2) the beer only shall be sold in conjunction with a tour by the consumer of the licensed premises and the entire brewing process utilized at the licensed premises;

 (3) the beer sold is for personal use only and cannot be resold;

 (4) the beer cannot be sold to anyone holding a retail beer and wine license for the purpose of resale in their establishment;

 (5) the brewery must sell the beer at the licensed premises at a price approximating retail prices generally charged for identical beverages in the county where the licensed premises are located; and

 (6) the brewery must remit taxes to the Department of Revenue for beer sales in an amount equal to and in a manner required for taxes assessed by Section 12‑21‑1020 and Section 12‑21‑1030. The brewery also must remit appropriate sales and use taxes and local hospitality taxes.

 ~~(C)~~(E) In addition to other applicable fines or penalties, a person licensed as a brewery in this State who violates the provisions of this section must be assessed a fine of five hundred dollars for a first violation. For a second violation that occurs within three years of the first violation, a person must be assessed an additional five hundred dollars. For subsequent violations within a three‑year period, the department must suspend the brewery license for a period of not less than thirty days. The revenue from the fines established in this section must be directed to the State Law Enforcement Division for supplementing funds required for the regulation and enforcement of this section.

 B. Notwithstanding the general effective date of this act, this SECTION takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

 SECTION 6. A. Section 61‑6‑4160 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

 “Section 61‑6‑4160. It is unlawful to sell alcoholic liquors on Sunday except as authorized by law, on ~~statewide election days~~ Christmas Day, or during periods proclaimed by the Governor in the interest of law and order or public morals and decorum. Full authority to proclaim these periods is conferred upon the Governor in addition to all his other powers. A person who violates a provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be punished as follows:

 (a) for a first offense, by a fine of two hundred dollars or imprisonment for sixty days;

 (b) for a second offense, by a fine of one thousand dollars or imprisonment for one year; and

 (c) for a third or subsequent offense, by a fine of two thousand dollars or imprisonment for two years.”

 B. This SECTION takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

 SECTION 7. The General Assembly finds that the sections presented in this act constitute one subject as required by Article III, Section 17 of the South Carolina Constitution, in particular finding that each change and each topic related directly to or in conjunction with other sections to the subject of changes to the laws concerning alcoholic beverages. The General Assembly further finds that a common purpose or relationship exists among the sections, representing a potential plurality but not disunity of topics, notwithstanding that reasonable minds might differ in identifying more than one topic contained in the act.

 SECTION 8. If any section, subsection, item, subitem, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, item, subitem, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, items, subitems, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

 SECTION 9. This act takes effect July 1, 2014. /

 Amend title to conform.

/s/Sen. Luke A. Rankin /s/Rep. J. Derham Cole, Jr.

/s/Sen. C. Bradley Hutto /s/Rep. J. Todd Rutherford

/s/Sen. Sean M. Bennett /s/Rep. James H. Merrill

 On Part of the Senate. On Part of the House.

, and a message was sent to the House accordingly.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., May 28, 2014

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has requested and was granted Free Conference Powers and has appointed Reps. Cole, Merrill and Rutherford to the Committee of Free Conference on the part of the House on:

 H. 3512 -- Reps. Quinn and J.E. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 61, RELATING TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LAWS, SO AS TO AMEND SECTION 61‑6‑1560, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DISCOUNTS ON ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS OR NONALCOHOLIC ITEMS, SO AS TO ALLOW A RETAIL DEALER TO OFFER DISCOUNTS AT THE REGISTER THROUGH THE USE OF PREMIUMS, COUPONS, OR STAMPS, SO LONG AS THE COST RELATED TO THE DISCOUNT IS PROVIDED ONLY BY THE RETAIL DEALER AND IS NOT PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW; TO AMEND SECTION 61-4-1515, RELATING TO SALES OF BEER IN BREWERIES SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR EATING ESTABLISHMENTS AT BREWERIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 61‑6‑1500, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON RETAIL DEALERS OF CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC PRODUCTS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS TO ANOTHER RETAIL DEALER IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS, TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN LOCATIONS OWNED BY THE SAME RETAIL DEALER, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., May 28, 2014

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the Report of the Committee of Free Conference on:

 H. 3512 -- Reps. Quinn and J.E. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 61, RELATING TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LAWS, SO AS TO AMEND SECTION 61‑6‑1560, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DISCOUNTS ON ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS OR NONALCOHOLIC ITEMS, SO AS TO ALLOW A RETAIL DEALER TO OFFER DISCOUNTS AT THE REGISTER THROUGH THE USE OF PREMIUMS, COUPONS, OR STAMPS, SO LONG AS THE COST RELATED TO THE DISCOUNT IS PROVIDED ONLY BY THE RETAIL DEALER AND IS NOT PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW; TO AMEND SECTION 61-4-1515, RELATING TO SALES OF BEER IN BREWERIES SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR EATING ESTABLISHMENTS AT BREWERIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 61‑6‑1500, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON RETAIL DEALERS OF CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC PRODUCTS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS TO ANOTHER RETAIL DEALER IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS, TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN LOCATIONS OWNED BY THE SAME RETAIL DEALER, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**H. 3512--SENATE ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION**

H. 3512 -- Reps. Quinn and J.E. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 61, RELATING TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LAWS, SO AS TO AMEND SECTION 61‑6‑1560, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DISCOUNTS ON ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS OR NONALCOHOLIC ITEMS, SO AS TO ALLOW A RETAIL DEALER TO OFFER DISCOUNTS AT THE REGISTER THROUGH THE USE OF PREMIUMS, COUPONS, OR STAMPS, SO LONG AS THE COST RELATED TO THE DISCOUNT IS PROVIDED ONLY BY THE RETAIL DEALER AND IS NOT PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW; TO AMEND SECTION 61-4-1515, RELATING TO SALES OF BEER IN BREWERIES SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR EATING ESTABLISHMENTS AT BREWERIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 61‑6‑1500, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON RETAIL DEALERS OF CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC PRODUCTS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS TO ANOTHER RETAIL DEALER IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS, TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN LOCATIONS OWNED BY THE SAME RETAIL DEALER, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES.

 The Report of the Committee of Free Conference having been adopted by both Houses, ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and the Act enrolled for Ratification.

 A message was sent to the House accordingly.

**THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO A CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS RETURNED FROM THE HOUSE.**

**HOUSE AMENDMENTS AMENDED**

**RETURNED TO THE HOUSE**

 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.

 The House returned the Bill with amendments.

 The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill, the question being concurrence in the House amendments.

 Senator MALLOY explained the House amendments.

 Senators ALEXANDER and MALLOY proposed the following amendment (75R004.TCA), which was adopted:

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

 / SECTION 1. Chapter 57, Title 40 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

 “Section 40‑57‑115. In addition to other requirements established by law and for the purpose of determining an applicant’s eligibility for licensure as a salesman, broker, broker‑in‑charge, property manager, and property manager‑in‑charge, the commission shall require initial applicants to submit to a state criminal records check, by a source approved by the commission, and a national criminal records check. Costs of conducting a criminal records check must be borne by the applicant. The commission shall keep information received pursuant to this section confidential, except that information relied upon in denying licensure may be disclosed as necessary to support the administrative action.”

 SECTION 2. Section 40‑57‑150 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

 “Section 40‑57‑150. (A) Investigations must be conducted in accordance with Section 40‑1‑80 and must be performed by investigators who have completed one hundred hours of training in programs that are approved by the commission and provide instruction on real estate principles, state statutory and regulatory law, and investigative techniques.

 (B) A restraining order must be obtained in accordance with Section 40‑1‑100.

 (C)(1) Whenever the department has reason to believe that a violation of this chapter has occurred, an investigation must be initiated within thirty days.

 (2) The department shall conclude its investigation within one hundred fifty days from receipt of the complaint or seek a waiver of this period from the commission upon a showing of due diligence and extenuating circumstances.

 (~~2~~3) A hearing on the charges must be at the time and place designated by the commission and must be conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act.

 (~~3~~4) The commission shall render a decision and shall serve, within ninety days, notice, in writing, of the commission’s decision to the licensee charged. The commission also shall state in the notice the date upon which the ruling or decision becomes effective.

 (~~4~~5) The department shall maintain a public docket or other permanent record in which must be recorded all orders, consent orders, or stipulated settlements.

 (D) A licensee may voluntarily surrender his license in accordance with Section 40‑1‑150.

 (E)(1) The commission may impose disciplinary action in accordance with Section 40‑1‑120.

 (2) Upon determination by the commission that one or more of the grounds for discipline exists, as provided for in Section 40‑1‑110 or Section 40‑57‑140, the commission may impose a fine of not less than one hundred or more than one thousand dollars for each violation. The commission may recover the costs of the investigation and the prosecution as provided for in Section 40‑1‑170.

 (3) Nothing in this section prevents a licensee from voluntarily entering into a consent order with the commission wherein violations are not contested and sanctions are accepted.

 (F) The department shall annually post a report that provides the data for the number of complaints received, the number of investigations initiated, the average length of investigations, and the number of investigations that exceeded one hundred fifty days.”

 SECTION 3. Section 40‑57‑145(A)(8) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

 “(8) is convicted of violating the federal and state fair housing laws, forgery, embezzlement, breach of trust, larceny, obtaining money or property under false pretense, extortion, fraud, conspiracy to defraud, or ~~any other offense classified as a felony or involving moral turpitude, or pleading guilty or nolo contendere to any such offense in a court of competent jurisdiction of this State, any other state, or any federal court~~ has been convicted of a violent crime as defined in Section 16‑1‑60, has been convicted during the previous five years of a felony directly related to the practice of the profession, or has been convicted during the previous seven years of a felony, an essential element of which is dishonesty, reasonably related to the practice of the profession, or pleading guilty or nolo contendere to any such offense in a court of competent jurisdiction of this State, any other state, or any federal court;”

 SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor. /

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator MALLOY explained the amendment.

 The question then was the adoption of the amendment.

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

**Ayes 42; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campbell

Campsen Cleary Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Gregory Grooms Hayes

Hembree Hutto Jackson

Johnson Kimpson Leatherman

Lourie Malloy *Martin, Larry*

*Martin, Shane* Massey McElveen

McGill Nicholson O'Dell

Peeler Pinckney Reese

Scott Setzler Shealy

Sheheen Thurmond Turner

Verdin Williams Young

**Total--42**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

 The amendment was adopted.

 The Bill was ordered returned to the House of Representatives with amendments.

**CONCURRENCE**

 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.

 The House returned the Bill with amendments, the question being concurrence in the House amendments.

 Senator MASSEY explained the amendments.

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

**Ayes 41; Nays 0; Present 1**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campbell

Campsen Cleary Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Gregory Grooms Hayes

Hembree Hutto Jackson

Johnson Kimpson Leatherman

Lourie *Martin, Larry Martin, Shane*

Massey McElveen McGill

Nicholson O'Dell Peeler

Pinckney Reese Scott

Setzler Shealy Sheheen

Thurmond Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--41**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

**PRESENT**

Malloy

**Total--1**

 The Senate concurred in the House amendments and a message was sent to the House accordingly. Ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act and the Act enrolled for Ratification.

**CONCURRENCE**

S. 440 -- Senators Fair, Hutto and Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 63‑19‑1435 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE USE OF RESTRAINTS ON JUVENILES APPEARING IN COURT ARE PROHIBITED UNLESS THE RESTRAINTS ARE NECESSARY TO PREVENT HARM OR IF THE JUVENILE IS A FLIGHT RISK AND THERE ARE NO LESS RESTRICTIVE ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE; TO GIVE A JUVENILE’S ATTORNEY THE RIGHT TO BE HEARD BEFORE THE COURT ORDERS THE USE OF RESTRAINTS; AND IF RESTRAINTS ARE ORDERED, TO REQUIRE THE COURT TO MAKE FINDINGS OF FACT IN SUPPORT OF THE ORDER.

 Senator FAIR asked unanimous consent to take the Bill up for immediate consideration.

 There was no objection.

 The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill, the question being concurrence in the House amendments.

 Senator FAIR explained the amendments.

 The question then was concurrence in the House amendments.

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

**Ayes 44; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campbell

Campsen Cleary Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hayes Hembree Hutto

Jackson Johnson Kimpson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McElveen McGill Nicholson

O'Dell Peeler Pinckney

Rankin Reese Scott

Setzler Shealy Sheheen

Thurmond Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--44**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

 The Senate concurred in the House amendments and a message was sent to the House accordingly. Ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act and the Act enrolled for Ratification.

**NONCONCURRENCE**

 S. 459 -- Senators Sheheen, Rankin, Alexander and Lourie: 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.

 The House returned the Bill with amendments, the question being concurrence in the House amendments.

 Senator MALLOY explained the amendments.

 On motion of Senator MASSEY, with unanimous consent, the Senate nonconcurred in the House amendments and a message was sent to the House accordingly.

**CONCURRENCE**

 S. 1189 -- Senators Gregory, Reese, McElveen, Hembree, Hutto, Lourie, Campsen, Cleary, Allen, Shealy, O’Dell, Campbell, Cromer, Hayes, Verdin, Sheheen, L. Martin, Kimpson, Scott and Alexander: 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.

 The House returned the Bill with amendments, the question being concurrence in the House amendments.

 Senator GREGORY explained the amendments.

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

**Ayes 42; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campbell

Campsen Cleary Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Gregory Grooms Hayes

Hembree Hutto Jackson

Johnson Kimpson Leatherman

Lourie Malloy *Martin, Larry*

*Martin, Shane* Massey McElveen

McGill Nicholson O'Dell

Peeler Pinckney Reese

Scott Setzler Shealy

Sheheen Thurmond Turner

Verdin Williams Young

**Total--42**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

 The Senate concurred in the House amendments and a message was sent to the House accordingly. Ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act and the Act enrolled for Ratification.

**CONCURRENCE**

 S. 757 -- Senators Hembree, Reese, Shealy, Williams, Malloy, Campbell, Grooms, Verdin, Hayes, Bennett, Gregory, Nicholson, Campsen, Ford, Allen, McGill, Coleman, McElveen, Alexander, Pinckney, Turner, Hutto, Young, Cleary, Sheheen, Massey, Corbin, Rankin, Thurmond and Johnson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE WIND ENERGY CAPABILITIES OF SOUTH CAROLINA AS PART OF A MULTI‑SOURCE ENERGY STRATEGY AND HONOR THE PARTNERSHIP OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUPS, AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE PURSUIT OF A CLEAN ENERGY SOURCE COMPONENT TO THIS OVERALL STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE.

 The House returned the Concurrent Resolution with amendments, the question being concurrence in the House amendments.

 Senator HEMBREE explained the amendments.

 The Senate concurred in the House amendments and a message was sent to the House accordingly.

**CONCURRENCE**

 S. 569 -- Senators Davis, Turner, Campsen, Young, O’Dell, Cromer, Cleary, Hembree, Pinckney and Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE “COMPETITIVE INSURANCE ACT” BY AMENDING SECTION 38-3-110, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE CHIEF INSURANCE COMMISSIONER, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIRECTOR MUST ENGAGE IN EFFORTS TO PROVIDE MARKET ASSISTANCE AND PROMOTE CONSUMER EDUCATION TO COASTAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY INSURANCE CONSUMERS, AND THE DIRECTOR MUST SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE BANKING AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE LABOR, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE BY NO LATER THAN JANUARY THIRTY-FIRST OF EACH YEAR REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE COASTAL PROPERTY INSURANCE MARKET; TO AMEND SECTION 38-7-200, RELATING TO CREDITS AGAINST PREMIUM TAX, TO DEFINE ESSENTIAL TERMS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT INSURERS MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A PREMIUM TAX CREDIT AGAINST THE PREMIUM TAX IMPOSED BY SECTION 38-7-20 ON FULL COVERAGE POLICIES WRITTEN OUTSIDE OF THE COASTAL AREA TO REDUCE THE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX LEVIED TO ONE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL PREMIUMS WRITTEN ON FULL COVERAGE POLICIES OUTSIDE OF THE COASTAL AREA, AND THE DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE SHALL DEVELOP PROCEDURES TO BE USED IN IMPLEMENTING THIS TAX CREDIT; TO AMEND SECTION 38-75-485, RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HURRICANE DAMAGE MITIGATION PROGRAM BY THE DEPARTMENT, TO PROVIDE THAT ONE PERCENT OF THE PREMIUM TAXES DUE TO THIS STATE BY BROKERS PLACING PROPERTY INSURANCE WITHIN THE ELIGIBLE SURPLUS LINES MARKET AND TWO PERCENT OF THE PREMIUM TAXES COLLECTED ANNUALLY AND REMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY INSURERS LICENSED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38-75-755, RELATING TO NOTIFICATION OF APPLICANTS OR RENEWING POLICYHOLDERS OF AVAILABLE CREDITS, DISCOUNTS, AND DEDUCTIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT ALL INSURERS, AT THE ISSUANCE OF A NEW POLICY AND AT EACH RENEWAL SHALL NOTIFY THE APPLICANT OR POLICYHOLDER OF A PERSONAL LINES RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY INSURANCE POLICY OF CERTAIN DISCLOSURES, AND THE DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE SHALL PRESCRIBE THE FORM AND MANNER FOR INSURER NOTICES OR DISCLOSURES, AND ANY DISCLOSURE SHALL BE FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHALL NOT AMEND, EXTEND, OR ALTER COVERAGE PROVIDED IN A POLICY.

 The House returned the Bill with amendments, the question being concurrence in the House amendments.

 Senator PINCKNEY explained the amendments.

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

**Ayes 40; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campbell

Campsen Cleary Courson

Cromer Davis Gregory

Grooms Hayes Hembree

Hutto Jackson Johnson

Kimpson Leatherman Lourie

Malloy *Martin, Larry Martin, Shane*

Massey McElveen McGill

Nicholson O'Dell Peeler

Pinckney Reese Scott

Setzler Shealy Thurmond

Turner Verdin Williams

Young

**Total--40**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

 The Senate concurred in the House amendments and a message was sent to the House accordingly. Ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act and the Act enrolled for Ratification.

**LOCAL APPOINTMENT**

**Confirmation**

Having received a favorable report from the Senate, the following appointment was confirmed in open session:

Initial Appointment, Cherokee County Election Commission, with the term to commence March 15, 2014, and to expire March 15, 2016

At-Large:

 Carlton R. Bridges, Sr., 595 Northgate Rd., Gaffney, SC 29341 *VICE* Milton Edwards

**Motion Adopted**

 Senator COURSON moved that the Senate stand adjourned.

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

**Ayes 31; Nays 9**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bryant Campbell Corbin

Courson Gregory Grooms

Hayes Hembree Hutto

Jackson Johnson Kimpson

Leatherman Malloy *Martin, Larry*

*Martin, Shane* Massey McGill

Nicholson O'Dell Peeler

Pinckney Reese Setzler

Shealy Thurmond Turner

Williams

**Total--31**

**NAYS**

Bright Campsen Cleary

Cromer Davis Lourie

McElveen Verdin Young

**Total--9**

 The Senate agreed to stand adjourned.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

 On motion of Senator CROMER, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of the Honorable Frederick Grant Scurry, Jr. of Saluda, S.C. Senator Scurry was a graduate of Saluda High School, Spartanburg Methodist College and Newberry College.  He was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II, Commander of Saluda American Legion Post 65, Commander of Saluda Disabled American Veteran Post 37, Chairman of the Saluda County Airport Commission, President of Saluda County Chamber of Commerce and President of Southern Advent Christian Association of Churches. He was a member of the South Carolina Senate, representing Saluda County, from 1956-1966. Senator Scurry was a Founder of the Saluda County Nursing Center and member of Hickory Grove Advent Christian Church where he was pianist for 25 years.  Senator Scurry was a loving husband, devoted father and doting grandfather who will be dearly missed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

 At 6:25 P.M., on motion of Senator COURSON, the Senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at 11:00 A.M.

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