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The House assembled at 2:00 p.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk, Jr., as follows:

Our thought for today is from Isaiah 65:24: “Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.”

Let us pray. All seeing God, help us to see others the way You see us, as treasures to love and neighbors to serve. Almighty God, we lift before You all who govern this State and Nation. May those who hold power understand that it is a trust from You to be used, not for personal glory or profit, but for the service of the people. Grant us mercy and honest government. We ask for Your protection of those who protect us. Heal the wounds, seen and unseen, of those who have sacrificed and suffered for our freedom. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of Friday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

Rep. SIMRILL moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Mary Johnson Norman, mother of Representative Ralph Norman, which was agreed to.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., February 12, 2015

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has confirmed the Governor’s appointment of:

Initial Statewide Appointment

State Ethics Commission

Term Commencing: June 30, 2013

Term Expiring: June 30, 2018

Seat: 2nd Congressional District

Vice: James Burns

Mr. Thomas M. Galardi

140 Foxwood Drive

Aiken, South Carolina 29803

Very respectfully,

President of the Senate

Received as information.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

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| Alexander | Allison | Anderson |
| Anthony | Atwater | Bales |
| Ballentine | Bedingfield | Bernstein |
| Bingham | Bowers | Bradley |
| Brannon | G. A. Brown | R. L. Brown |
| Burns | Chumley | Clary |
| Clemmons | Clyburn | Cobb-Hunter |
| Cole | Collins | Corley |
| H. A. Crawford | Crosby | Daning |
| Delleney | Dillard | Douglas |
| Duckworth | Erickson | Felder |
| Forrester | Funderburk | Gagnon |
| Gambrell | George | Gilliard |
| Goldfinch | Govan | Hardee |
| Hardwick | Hart | Hayes |
| Henderson | Henegan | Herbkersman |
| Hill | Hiott | Hixon |
| Hodges | Hosey | Howard |
| Huggins | Jefferson | Johnson |
| King | Kirby | Knight |
| Limehouse | Loftis | Long |
| Lowe | Lucas | McCoy |
| McEachern | McKnight | M. S. McLeod |
| W. J. McLeod | Merrill | Mitchell |
| D. C. Moss | Murphy | Neal |
| Newton | Norrell | Ott |
| Parks | Pitts | Pope |
| Quinn | Ridgeway | Riley |
| Rivers | Robinson-Simpson | Rutherford |
| Sandifer | Simrill | G. M. Smith |
| G. R. Smith | Sottile | Southard |
| Spires | Stavrinakis | Tallon |
| Taylor | Thayer | Tinkler |
| Toole | Weeks | Wells |
| White | Whitmire | Williams |
| Willis | Yow |  |

**STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE**

I came in after the roll call and was present for the Session on Tuesday, February 17.

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| Jenny A. Horne | Ralph Kennedy |
| David Mack | V. Stephen Moss |
| Jackson "Seth" Whipper |  |

**Total Present--112**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. RYHAL a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. J. E. SMITH a leave of absence for the day due to a trial in Charleston.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HICKS a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. NANNEY a leave of absence for the day due to inclement weather.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BAMBERG a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. STRINGER a leave of absence for the day due to a business commitment.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. NORMAN a leave of absence for the day.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HAMILTON a leave of absence for the day due to inclement weather.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED**

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co‑sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co‑sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member’s or co‑sponsor’s written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee.”

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3211 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 02/17/15 | BEDINGFIELD, WELLS, DELLENEY, G. M. SMITH, SPIRES, SOTTILE, BINGHAM, QUINN, HUGGINS, D. C. MOSS, CLEMMONS, KENNEDY, GOLDFINCH, BRANNON, HENDERSON, COLLINS and PITTS |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3232 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 02/17/15 | TOOLE |

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3429 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 02/17/15 | MITCHELL, QUINN and ANDERSON |

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3430 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 02/17/15 | ATWATER, GAGNON, GAMBRELL and PITTS |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3539 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 02/17/15 | HUGGINS |

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3580 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 02/17/15 | CLEMMONS, DUCKWORTH, H. A. CRAWFORD and HERBKERSMAN |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3650 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 02/17/15 | BRANNON |

**CO-SPONSOR REMOVED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3378 |
| Date: | REMOVE: |
| 02/17/15 | BOWERS |

**CO-SPONSOR REMOVED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3490 |
| Date: | REMOVE: |
| 02/17/15 | TOOLE |

**CO-SPONSOR REMOVED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3508 |
| Date: | REMOVE: |
| 02/17/15 | M. S. MCLEOD |

**CO-SPONSORS REMOVED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3526 |
| Date: | REMOVE: |
| 02/17/15 | WILLIS and PITTS |

**CO-SPONSORS REMOVED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3579 |
| Date: | REMOVE: |
| 02/17/15 | DUCKWORTH and HARDEE |

**CO-SPONSORS REMOVED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3580 |
| Date: | REMOVE: |
| 02/17/15 | POPE and D. C. MOSS |

**S. 225--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

S. 225 -- Senators Cromer and Setzler: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND PROVISO 105.15 OF PART 1B OF THE 2014-2015 APPROPRIATIONS ACT, RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENT RATES PAID TO PHARMACIES PARTICIPATING IN THE STATE HEALTH PLAN BY CATAMARAN, THE CONTRACTED PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER FOR THE PLAN.

Rep. G. M. SMITH explained the Joint Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 100; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Alexander | Allison | Anderson |
| Anthony | Atwater | Bales |
| Ballentine | Bedingfield | Bernstein |
| Bingham | Bradley | Brannon |
| G. A. Brown | R. L. Brown | Burns |
| Chumley | Clary | Clemmons |
| Clyburn | Cole | Collins |
| Corley | Crosby | Daning |
| Delleney | Dillard | Douglas |
| Duckworth | Erickson | Forrester |
| Funderburk | Gagnon | Gambrell |
| George | Gilliard | Goldfinch |
| Hardee | Hart | Hayes |
| Henderson | Henegan | Herbkersman |
| Hill | Hiott | Hixon |
| Hodges | Hosey | Howard |
| Huggins | Jefferson | Johnson |
| Kennedy | King | Kirby |
| Knight | Limehouse | Loftis |
| Long | Lowe | Lucas |
| McCoy | McEachern | McKnight |
| M. S. McLeod | W. J. McLeod | Merrill |
| Mitchell | D. C. Moss | V. S. Moss |
| Murphy | Neal | Newton |
| Norrell | Ott | Parks |
| Pope | Ridgeway | Riley |
| Rivers | Robinson-Simpson | Rutherford |
| Sandifer | Simrill | G. M. Smith |
| G. R. Smith | Sottile | Southard |
| Spires | Stavrinakis | Tallon |
| Thayer | Tinkler | Toole |
| Weeks | Wells | White |
| Whitmire | Williams | Willis |
| Yow |  |  |

**Total--100**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

So, the Joint Resolution was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

**H. 3191--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3191 -- Reps. Newton, Cole, Anderson, Bales, G. A. Brown, R. L. Brown, Finlay, Felder, Funderburk, Hart, Knight, Lucas, Murphy, Norman, Norrell, Pope, Putnam, Rivers, Southard, Spires, Tallon, Taylor, Wells, Williams, Willis, Long, Douglas, Henderson, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, McCoy and Clary: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 1-23-665 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REVIEW WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, FUNCTIONS, AND RELATED PROCEDURES OF THE OFFICE, ITS HEARING OFFICERS, AND APPEALS FROM DECISIONS OF THE OFFICE; TO AMEND SECTION 30-4-30, RELATING TO THE RIGHT TO INSPECT OR COPY PUBLIC RECORDS, SO AS TO EXPAND THE RIGHT TO INCLUDE RECEIPT OF EXISTING ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS OF PUBLIC RECORDS, TO REVISE THE MANNER IN WHICH RELATED FEES AND CHARGES MAY BE ESTABLISHED AND COLLECTED, TO REDUCE THE TIME IN WHICH A PUBLIC BODY MUST RESPOND WITH NOTICE OF ITS FINAL DETERMINATION CONCERNING A RECORDS REQUEST FROM FIFTEEN TO TEN DAYS, TO PROVIDE TWO SETS OF TIME LIMITS WITHIN WHICH RECORDS SUBSEQUENTLY MUST BE FURNISHED OR MADE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION OR COPYING BASED ON WHETHER THE DOCUMENTS ARE LESS OR MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD, TO INCLUDE AMONG THOSE RECORDS THAT MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR COPYING AND INSPECTION WITHOUT WRITTEN REQUEST DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS ALL DOCUMENTS PRODUCED BY THE PUBLIC BODY OR ITS AGENT THAT WERE DISTRIBUTED TO OR REVIEWED BY ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC BODY DURING A PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE PRECEDING SIX-MONTH PERIOD, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC BODY MAY COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR MAKING CERTAIN RECORDS AVAILABLE FOR COPYING AND INSPECTION WITHOUT WRITTEN REQUEST DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS BY MAKING THE RECORDS AVAILABLE ON A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE; TO AMEND SECTION 30-4-100, RELATING TO REMEDIES AVAILABLE FOR VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE HEARINGS BEFORE THE OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REVIEW TO SEEK SPECIFIC ENFORCEMENT, TO CHALLENGE THE REASONABLENESS OF FEES, AND TO SEEK RELIEF FROM UNDULY BURDENSOME, OVERLY BROAD, AND OTHERWISE IMPROPER REQUESTS TO PUBLIC BODIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 30-4-110, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE EXISTING CRIMINAL PENALTIES, TO PROVIDE A PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AWARD OF DAMAGES AND ATTORNEY FEES.

Rep. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Wednesday, February 18, which was agreed to.

**H. 3192--INTERRUPTED DEBATE**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3192 -- Reps. Newton, Cole, Anderson, Bales, G. A. Brown, R. L. Brown, Finlay, Felder, Funderburk, Hart, Knight, Lucas, Murphy, Norman, Norrell, Pope, Putnam, Rivers, Southard, Spires, Tallon, Taylor, Wells, Williams, Willis, Long, Douglas, Henderson, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, McCoy, Clary, M. S. McLeod and Thayer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 30-4-80, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC MEETINGS, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN AGENDA FOR THE MEETINGS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH ITEMS MAY BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3192 (COUNCIL\AGM\3192C001.AGM.AB15):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Section 30‑40‑80(a), as contained in SECTION 1, by deleting the subsection in its entirety and inserting:

/ (a) All public bodies, except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, must give written public notice of their regular meetings at the beginning of each calendar year. The notice must include the dates, times, and places of such meetings. Agenda~~, if any,~~ for regularly scheduled or special meetings must be posted on a bulletin board in a publicly accessible place at the office or meeting place of the public body and on a public website maintained by the public body, if any, at least twenty‑four hours prior to such meetings. All public bodies must post on such bulletin board and website, if any, public notice for any called, special, or rescheduled meetings. Such notice must be posted as early as is practicable but not later than twenty‑four hours before the meeting. Once an agenda for a regular, called, special, or rescheduled meeting is posted pursuant to this subsection, no items may be added to the agenda without an additional twenty‑four hours notice to the public, which must be made in the same manner as the original posting. After the meeting begins, an item, upon which action can be taken, only may be added to the agenda by a two‑thirds vote of the members present and voting, who must make a finding that an emergency exists if the item is not added to the agenda. The notice must include the agenda, date, time, and place of the meeting. This requirement does not apply to emergency meetings of public bodies. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. NEWTON explained the amendment.

Rep. NEWTON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. FELDER spoke upon the amendment.

Further proceedings were interrupted by expiration of time on the uncontested Calendar.

**RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR**

Rep. MURPHY moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

**H. 3192--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

Debate was resumed on the following Bill, the pending question being the consideration of Amendment No. 1:

H. 3192 -- Reps. Newton, Cole, Anderson, Bales, G. A. Brown, R. L. Brown, Finlay, Felder, Funderburk, Hart, Knight, Lucas, Murphy, Norman, Norrell, Pope, Putnam, Rivers, Southard, Spires, Tallon, Taylor, Wells, Williams, Willis, Long, Douglas, Henderson, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, McCoy, Clary, M. S. McLeod and Thayer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 30-4-80, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC MEETINGS, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN AGENDA FOR THE MEETINGS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH ITEMS MAY BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3192 (COUNCIL\AGM\3192C001.AGM.AB15), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Section 30‑40‑80(a), as contained in SECTION 1, by deleting the subsection in its entirety and inserting:

/ (a) All public bodies, except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, must give written public notice of their regular meetings at the beginning of each calendar year. The notice must include the dates, times, and places of such meetings. Agenda~~, if any,~~ for regularly scheduled or special meetings must be posted on a bulletin board in a publicly accessible place at the office or meeting place of the public body and on a public website maintained by the public body, if any, at least twenty‑four hours prior to such meetings. All public bodies must post on such bulletin board and website, if any, public notice for any called, special, or rescheduled meetings. Such notice must be posted as early as is practicable but not later than twenty‑four hours before the meeting. Once an agenda for a regular, called, special, or rescheduled meeting is posted pursuant to this subsection, no items may be added to the agenda without an additional twenty‑four hours notice to the public, which must be made in the same manner as the original posting. After the meeting begins, an item, upon which action can be taken, only may be added to the agenda by a two‑thirds vote of the members present and voting, who must make a finding that an emergency exists if the item is not added to the agenda. The notice must include the agenda, date, time, and place of the meeting. This requirement does not apply to emergency meetings of public bodies. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. FELDER proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3192 (COUNCIL\MS\3192C001.MS.AHB15), which was tabled:

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

/ SECTION 1. Section 30‑4‑80 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 30‑4‑80. (a) All public bodies, except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, must give written public notice of their regular meetings at the beginning of each calendar year. The notice must include the dates, times, and places of such meetings. Agenda~~, if any,~~ for regularly scheduled or special meetings must be posted on a bulletin board in a publicly accessible place at the office or meeting place of the public body and on a public website maintained by the public body, if any, at least twenty‑four hours, not including Sundays, prior to such meetings. All public bodies must post on such bulletin board and website, if any, public notice for any called, special, or rescheduled meetings. Such notice must be posted as early as is practicable but not later than twenty‑four hours, not including Sundays, before the meeting. Once an agenda for a regular, called, special, or rescheduled meeting is posted pursuant to this subsection, no items may be added to the agenda without an additional twenty‑four hours notice, not including Sundays, to the public, which must be made in the same manner as the original posting. After the meeting begins, an item, upon which action can be taken, only may be added to the agenda by a two‑thirds vote of the members present and voting, who must make a finding that an emergency exists if the item is not added to the agenda. The notice must include the agenda, date, time, and place of the meeting. This requirement does not apply to emergency meetings of public bodies.

(b) Legislative committees must post their meeting times during weeks of the regular session of the General Assembly and must comply with the provisions for notice of special meetings during those weeks when the General Assembly is not in session. Once an agenda for a legislative committee is posted pursuant to this subsection, no items may be added to the agenda without an additional twenty-four hours notice, not including Sundays, to the public, which must be made in the same manner as the original notice. Subcommittees of standing legislative committees must give notice during weeks of the legislative session only if it is practicable to do so.

(c) Subcommittees, other than legislative subcommittees, of committees required to give notice under subsection (a), must make reasonable and timely efforts to give notice of their meetings.

(d) Written public notice must include but need not be limited to posting a copy of the notice at the principal office of the public body holding the meeting or, if no such office exists, at the building in which the meeting is to be held.

(e) All public bodies shall notify persons or organizations, local news media, or such other news media as may request notification of the times, dates, places, and agenda of all public meetings, whether scheduled, rescheduled, or called, and the efforts made to comply with this requirement must be noted in the minutes of the meetings.” /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. FELDER explained the amendment.

Rep. NEWTON spoke against the amendment and moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

The question then recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Alexander | Allison | Anderson |
| Anthony | Atwater | Bales |
| Ballentine | Bedingfield | Bernstein |
| Bingham | Bradley | Brannon |
| G. A. Brown | R. L. Brown | Burns |
| Chumley | Clary | Clemmons |
| Clyburn | Cobb-Hunter | Cole |
| Collins | Corley | H. A. Crawford |
| Crosby | Daning | Delleney |
| Dillard | Douglas | Duckworth |
| Erickson | Felder | Forrester |
| Funderburk | Gagnon | Gambrell |
| George | Gilliard | Goldfinch |
| Govan | Hardee | Hardwick |
| Hart | Hayes | Henderson |
| Henegan | Herbkersman | Hill |
| Hiott | Hixon | Hodges |
| Horne | Hosey | Howard |
| Huggins | Jefferson | Johnson |
| Kennedy | King | Kirby |
| Knight | Limehouse | Loftis |
| Long | Lowe | Lucas |
| Mack | McCoy | McEachern |
| McKnight | M. S. McLeod | W. J. McLeod |
| Merrill | Mitchell | D. C. Moss |
| V. S. Moss | Murphy | Newton |
| Norrell | Ott | Parks |
| Pitts | Pope | Quinn |
| Ridgeway | Riley | Rivers |
| Robinson-Simpson | Rutherford | Sandifer |
| Simrill | G. M. Smith | G. R. Smith |
| Sottile | Southard | Spires |
| Tallon | Taylor | Thayer |
| Tinkler | Toole | Weeks |
| Wells | Whipper | White |
| Whitmire | Williams | Willis |
| Yow |  |  |

**Total--109**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I was out on medical leave and missed the vote on H. 3192. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Donna C. Hicks

**H. 3661--RECALLED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

On motion of Rep. WHITE, with unanimous consent, the following Bill was ordered recalled from the Committee on Education and Public Works and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means:

H. 3661 -- Reps. Pitts, White, Loftis, Brannon, Clyburn, Long, Sandifer, Sottile and Whitmire: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 57-1-310, 57-1-320, 57-1-325, AND 57-1-330, ALL AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL THE COMMISSIONERS MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR, TO PROVIDE THAT APPOINTEES MUST BE SCREENED BY THE JOINT TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON MAY SERVE AS A COMMISSIONER FOR MORE THAN TWELVE YEARS AND NO COUNTY MAY HAVE A RESIDENT COMMISSIONER FOR MORE THAN TWELVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-410, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, INSTEAD OF THE GOVERNOR, SHALL APPOINT THE SECRETARY; TO AMEND SECTIONS 57-1-730 AND 57-1-740, AS AMENDED, RELATING RESPECTIVELY TO THE DUTIES OF THE JOINT TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE, BOTH SO AS TO REQUIRE THE COMMITTEE TO SCREEN APPOINTEES TO THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN A SIMILAR MANNER AS CURRENTLY ELECTED COMMISSIONERS ARE SCREENED; BY ADDING SECTION 57-1-95 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THIS STATE UNTIL JULY 1, 2020; TO AMEND SECTION 11-43-140, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, SO AS TO INCREASE THE BOARD TO THIRTEEN MEMBERS AND TO SET FORTH THE MEMBERSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO MEMBER MAY SERVE MORE THAN TWELVE YEARS; TO AMEND SECTION 11-43-180, RELATING TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY THE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE BANK FROM PROVIDING ANY LOANS OR OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ANY PROJECT UNLESS THE ELIGIBLE COSTS OF THE PROJECT ARE AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS; BY ADDING SECTION 11-43-265 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK TO PRIORITIZE ALL PROJECTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA ESTABLISHED IN ACT 114 OF 2007, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION; BY ADDING SECTION 57-1-100 SO AS TO SET FORTH THE OPTIONAL PROCESS BY WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TRANSFERS CERTAIN STATE ROADS TO THE COUNTIES OF THIS STATE, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED TO THE PARTICIPATING COUNTIES OVER TIME, TO PROVIDE THAT EACH PARTICIPATING COUNTY MUST RECEIVE ONE MILLION DOLLARS BEFORE THE FUNDS ARE DISTRIBUTED BASED ON A FORMULA, TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-2740, RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE GASOLINE USER FEE TO THE COUNTIES OF THIS STATE, TO ABOLISH THE CURRENT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES AND THEN RECONSTITUTE THEM WITH THE ADDITION OF MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATION, AND TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH "C" FUNDS MUST BE EXPENDED; TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-310, RELATING TO THE USER FEE ON GASOLINE, SO AS TO REDUCE THE FEE TO TEN CENTS A GALLON; TO AMEND SECTION 56-11-410, RELATING TO THE ROAD TAX, SO AS TO REDUCE THE TAX TO TEN CENTS A GALLON; TO AMEND SECTION 56-11-450, RELATING TO THE CREDIT AGAINST ROAD TAX, SO AS TO REDUCE THE CREDIT TO TEN CENTS A GALLON; TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-2110, RELATING TO THE MAXIMUM TAX, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM TAX FROM THREE HUNDRED TO FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ON THE SALE OR LEASE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-2647, RELATING TO THE TAX REVENUES COLLECTED FROM THE SALE OR LEASE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE, SO AS TO CREDIT ALL THE REVENUES TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN AMOUNTS THAT ARE USED FOR THE EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT; BY ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 28, TITLE 12 SO AS TO IMPOSE AN EXCISE TAX ON THE WHOLESALE PRICE OF MOTOR FUEL EQUAL TO THE CUMULATIVE STATE SALES TAX RATE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE REVENUE MUST BE CREDITED TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND, TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXCISE TAX MAY NOT EXCEED THE EQUIVALENT OF SIXTEEN CENTS A GALLON, AND TO PROVIDE THE MANNER IN WHICH THE EXCISE TAX IS CALCULATED AND ADMINISTERED; BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 57 SO AS TO IMPOSE AN EXCISE TAX ON MOTOR CARRIERS IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE EXCISE TAX ON MOTOR FUEL; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAX FORTY-TWO AND SEVENTY-FIVE ONE HUNDREDTHS PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF MANUFACTURING PROPERTY, TO EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAX FORTY-TWO AND SEVENTY-FIVE ONE HUNDREDTHS PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED AND RETURNED ANNUALLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE OR COUNTY AUDITORS, AND TO PHASE IN THESE EXEMPTIONS OVER FOUR YEARS.

**OBJECTION TO RECALL**

Rep. GOVAN asked unanimous consent to recall H. 3663 from the Committee on Ways and Means.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER objected.

**S. 8--RECALLED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

On motion of Rep. DELLENEY, with unanimous consent, the following Bill was ordered recalled from the Committee on Judiciary:

S. 8 -- Senators L. Martin, Campsen, Hembree and Setzler: A BILL TO RATIFY 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 TO RATIFY 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.

**RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR**

Rep. HIXON moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

Rep. ALLISON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3213 -- Reps. George and McKnight: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-227 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO SUSPECTS THAT A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT WAS THE RESULT OF A DRIVER'S LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS DUE TO A MEDICAL CONDITION MUST NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES OF THIS DETERMINATION AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ALLISON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3142 -- Reps. Ryhal, Clemmons, Hixon and Felder: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-3715 SO AS TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF A MOPED ALONG CERTAIN PUBLIC ROADS; AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 56-5-3710, 56-5-3720, AND 56-5-3730, RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF A MOPED ALONG THE STATE'S HIGHWAYS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BOTH A PERSON OPERATING A MOPED AND HIS PASSENGER MUST WEAR REFLECTIVE VESTS, TO REQUIRE THAT A MOPED SOLD IN THIS STATE MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH A REAR RED TAIL LIGHT THAT FLASHES CONTINUALLY WHILE THE MOPED IS IN MOTION, AND TO REQUIRE A MOPED'S REAR RED TAIL LIGHT THAT FLASHES CONTINUALLY TO BE

TURNED ON AT ALL TIMES WHILE THE MOPED IS IN OPERATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ALLISON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3037 -- Reps. Daning, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, Cobb-Hunter, M. S. McLeod, Felder, Huggins, Pitts, Taylor and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-112-50, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO IN-STATE TUITION RATES FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE CRITERIA UNDER WHICH VETERANS WHO ARE HONORABLY DISCHARGED AND THEIR DEPENDENTS MAY RECEIVE IN-STATE TUITION RATES, AND TO DEFINE RELATED TERMINOLOGY.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ALLISON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3165 -- Reps. Tallon, Cole, Allison, Forrester and G. R. Smith: 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.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ALLISON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3432 -- Reps. Atwater, King, Jefferson, Williams, Taylor, Knight, Robinson-Simpson, Huggins, G. R. Smith, Norman, Brannon, Bedingfield, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Hamilton, Henderson, Hixon, Hodges, Rutherford, Toole, Weeks, Hicks and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 53-5-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY AND MEMORIAL DAY MUST BE RECOGNIZED AS HOLIDAYS FOR ALL LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THE STATE AND THAT THE SCHOOLS AND OFFICES OF THE DISTRICTS MUST BE CLOSED ON THOSE DATES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ALLISON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3265 -- Reps. Wells, Taylor, Cole, Bedingfield, Sottile, Ridgeway, Hiott, Ott, Anthony, M. S. McLeod, Bannister, Henderson, Collins, Clary, Daning, McKnight, Kennedy, Pope, Hixon, Gagnon, Erickson, Long, Hicks and Nanney: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-32-30, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EACH STUDENT MUST RECEIVE INSTRUCTION IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AT LEAST ONCE DURING THE ENTIRE FOUR YEARS OF GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS MUST IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ALLISON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3044 -- Reps. Erickson, Long, G. R. Smith, White, Putnam, Spires, Horne, Hardee, Gambrell, Gagnon, Willis, Simrill, Bedingfield, Hamilton, Stavrinakis, McCoy, Funderburk, Norrell, Weeks, G. M. Smith, Bradley, Bowers, Newton, Anthony, Bales, Lowe, Herbkersman, Sandifer, Whitmire, Tinkler, Merrill, Clemmons, Goldfinch, H. A. Crawford, Hardwick, Johnson and Duckworth: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-1-425, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE STATUTORY SCHOOL TERM, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE TERM INCLUDE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS; TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE BASED ON EQUIVALENT INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS, TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES, AND TO GIVE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS DISCRETION IN STRUCTURING THEIR ACADEMIC CALENDAR; AND TO PROVIDE THAT NOTHING IN THIS ACT MAY AFFECT THE PROSECUTION OF VIOLATIONS OF COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3665 -- Rep. Allison: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT TEACHERS OF THE YEAR, AT A DATE AND TIME TO BE DETERMINED BY THE SPEAKER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEING RECOGNIZED AND COMMENDED ON BEING SELECTED TO REPRESENT THEIR INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AS TEACHERS OF THE YEAR.

That the privilege of the floor of the South Carolina House of Representatives be extended to the South Carolina district Teachers of the Year, at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker, for the purpose of being recognized and commended on being selected to represent their individual school districts as Teachers of the Year.

The Resolution was adopted.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3666 -- Reps. Lucas, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bernstein, Bingham, Bowers, Bradley, Brannon, G. A. Brown, R. L. Brown, Burns, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cole, Collins, Corley, H. A. Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Duckworth, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrester, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gambrell, George, Gilliard, Goldfinch, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hardwick, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hicks, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hodges, Horne, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Kennedy, King, Kirby, Knight, Limehouse, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Mack, McCoy, McEachern, McKnight, M. S. McLeod, W. J. McLeod, Merrill, Mitchell, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, Nanney, Neal, Newton, Norman, Norrell, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, Riley, Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, J. E. Smith, Sottile, Southard, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Tinkler, Toole, Weeks, Wells, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE APPRECIATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOR MEANINGFUL HUMANITARIAN SERVICE AROUND THE WORLD OVER MANY YEARS, TO RECOGNIZE AND WELCOME THE HONORABLE JOSEPH "JOE" PRESTON OF DEWEY, ARIZONA, PRESIDENT OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL ON THE OCCASION OF HIS VISIT TO THE PALMETTO STATE.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3667 -- Rep. Allison: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE TWENTY-NINE SOUTH CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE STUDENTS NAMED TO SOUTH CAROLINA'S 2015 ACADEMIC ALL-STATE TEAM BY PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR SCHOLARLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SERVICE TO THEIR COMMUNITIES.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 332 -- Senators Shealy, Lourie and Cromer: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO HONOR OUR SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAMS, THE SENIORS THEY SERVE, AND THE VOLUNTEERS WHO CARE FOR THEM AND TO DECLARE

MARCH 2015 AS "MARCH FOR MEALS MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 346 -- Senators Leatherman, Alexander, Allen, Bennett, Bright, Bryant, Campbell, Campsen, Cleary, Coleman, Corbin, Courson, Cromer, Davis, Fair, Gregory, Grooms, Hayes, Hembree, Hutto, Jackson, Johnson, Kimpson, Lourie, Malloy, L. Martin, S. Martin, Massey, Matthews, McElveen, Nicholson, O'Dell, Peeler, Pinckney, Rankin, Reese, Sabb, Scott, Setzler, Shealy, Sheheen, Thurmond, Turner, Verdin, Williams and Young: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO AWARD THE SOUTH CAROLINA MEDAL OF VALOR TO THOSE SOUTH CAROLINIANS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES WHILE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES DURING THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 386 -- Senators Hayes, Peeler, Gregory and Coleman: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE YORK COUNTY AS A VITAL PART OF THE PALMETTO STATE AND TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 24, 2015, "YORK COUNTY DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 405 -- Senators L. Martin, Lourie, Hutto, Fair, Cromer and Jackson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE DEDICATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE FUTURE SUCCESS OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S YOUNG PEOPLE AND TO THE PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT AND TO DECLARE THE MONTH OF APRIL 2015 AS "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 443 -- Senator Shealy: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MR. ELLIS STOCKMAN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY ON FEBRUARY 26, 2015, AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HAPPINESS.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 449 -- Senator Lourie: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE REMARKABLE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BLACK BELT HALL OF FAME FOR FORTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT TO TEACHING THE CHILDREN OF OUR STATE THE SIGNIFICANT LIFE SKILLS LEARNED THROUGH THE DISCIPLINE OF MARTIAL ARTS.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 451 -- Senator Peeler: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR TOMMY E. MARTIN OF GAFFNEY FOR A HALF CENTURY OF DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE FIELD OF NEWSPAPER JOURNALISM, FOR NEARLY TWENTY-FOUR YEARS OF OUTSTANDING WORK AS PUBLISHER AND EDITOR OF THE CHEROKEE CHRONICLE, AND FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO THE GAFFNEY COMMUNITY.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

The following Bills and Joint Resolution were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

H. 3668 -- Reps. Pitts and Goldfinch: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-365, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL PERSONS MUST WEAR A HAT, COAT, OR VEST OF SOLID VISIBLE INTERNATIONAL ORANGE WHILE ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA LANDS DURING DEER HUNTING SEASON.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3669 -- Reps. Jefferson, Hosey, Gilliard, Williams, G. A. Brown, Dillard and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE FOR A PERSON ENGAGED IN THE CASUAL SALE OF A HANDGUN.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3670 -- Reps. Lowe, Williams and Kirby: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 4-23-1005, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ORIGINAL AREA OF THE WEST FLORENCE FIRE DISTRICT IN FLORENCE AND DARLINGTON COUNTIES, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE DESCRIPTION OF THE ORIGINAL FLORENCE COUNTY PORTION OF THE DISTRICT WITHOUT CHANGING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT AT ITS CREATION; BY ADDING SECTION 4-23-1006 SO AS TO ADD ADDITIONAL AREAS IN EITHER FLORENCE OR DARLINGTON COUNTIES TO THE ORIGINAL AREA OF THE DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 4-23-1015, RELATING IN PART TO THE MILLAGE LEVY OF THE DISTRICT, SO AS TO STIPULATE WHICH REFERENDUM PROVISIONS CONTROL IN REGARD TO MILLAGE RATE LIMITATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 4-23-1025, RELATING IN PART TO RESTRICTIONS ON DIMINISHING THE AUTHORITY OF THE DISTRICT COMMISSION OR THE AREA OF THE DISTRICT, AND TO THE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE DISTRICT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF LAW IN REGARD TO MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION OF PARTS OF A SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT CONTINUE TO APPLY TO THE WEST FLORENCE FIRE DISTRICT, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TO THE DISTRICT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 4-23-1040, RELATING TO WHICH POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY IMPOSE MILLAGE LEVIES OR FIRE SERVICE FEES IN THE DISTRICT, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE BASIS FOR WHICH THE WEST FLORENCE FIRE DISTRICT ONLY MAY LEVY AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES IN THE DISTRICT FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE OR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES.

Rep. LOWE asked unanimous consent to have the Bill placed on the Calendar without reference.

Rep. GOVAN objected.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3671 -- Reps. Horne and M. S. McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-36-2125 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SALES TAX EXEMPTION ON CERTAIN ITEMS NO LONGER APPLIES, AND TO CREDIT THE REVENUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE SALES TAX ON PREVIOUSLY EXEMPT ITEMS EQUALLY TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM FUND AND THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3672 -- Reps. Horne and M. S. McLeod: A BILL TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA JOBS, EDUCATION, AND TAX ACT", INCLUDING PROVISIONS TO AMEND CHAPTER 20, TITLE 59, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE EDUCATION FINANCE ACT (EFA), SO AS TO REVISE THE MANNER IN WHICH AND REQUIREMENTS UNDER WHICH EFA FUNDING IS DETERMINED AND DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS INCLUDING THE CREATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM (SCPEP) FUND INTO WHICH CERTAIN MONIES ARE CREDITED AND OUT OF WHICH PAYMENTS ARE MADE, AND TO DELETE THE INDEX OF TAXPAYING ABILITY, THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM, AND THE DEFINED MINIMUM PROGRAM AMONG OTHER PROVISIONS WHILE MAINTAINING THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS IN COMPUTING THE INDEX OF TAXPAYING ABILITY; TO AMEND SECTION 59-21-30, RELATING TO SCHOOLS TO WHICH THE APPROPRIATION OF TEACHER SALARIES BASED ON A TERM OF ONE HUNDRED NINETY DAYS DOES NOT APPLY, SO AS TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THAT NO SCHOOL IN ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL CONTINUE TO BE OPEN A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME THAN THAT FIXED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE SCHOOL IS LOCATED, AND DELETE THE REMAINDER OF THE SECTION; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 59-21-40, 59-21-50, 59-21-60, 59-21-110, 59-21-120, 59-21-160, AND 59-21-1030 RELATING TO STATE AID FOR SCHOOLS, AND THE EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT FUND AND THE EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT (EIA) REQUIRED MINIMUM EFFORT; TO AMEND SECTION 59-21-1010, RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION AND ALLOCATION OF CERTAIN SCHOOL REVENUES UNDER THE EIA, SO AS TO REDIRECT THE DEPOSIT OF SPECIFIED FUNDS INTO THE SCPEP FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 59-29-170, RELATING TO PROGRAMS FOR TALENTED STUDENTS, SO AS TO REVISE HOW THE SPECIFIC FUNDING FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS IS DETERMINED; TO AMEND SECTION 59-35-10, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF KINDERGARTEN CLASSES, SO AS TO REVISE PUPIL WEIGHTINGS, AND DELETE A REQUIREMENT FOR LOCAL MATCH FUNDING FOR EXTENDED DAY KINDERGARTEN; TO AMEND SECTION 59-40-140, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUES AND RESOURCES IN REGARD TO CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING, SO AS TO DELETE CERTAIN REFERENCES TO EFA PROVISIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-63-65, RELATING TO FUNDING FOR CLASS SIZE REDUCTIONS, SO AS TO DELETE CERTAIN LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-63-1380, RELATING TO FUNDING FOR ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL PROGRAMS, SO AS TO REVISE THE FUNDING CRITERIA FOR THESE PROGRAMS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-69-110, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF RESERVE FUNDS TO FINANCE SCHOOLS, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THESE RESERVE FUNDS; TO REPEAL SECTION 59-69-120 RELATING TO THE USE OF RESERVE FUNDS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-69-215, RELATING TO THE COUNTY TREASURER DISBURSING FUNDS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS, SO AS TO REVISE THE MANNER OF THE DISBURSEMENT AND THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH FUNDS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-69-240, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT A COUNTY TREASURER REPORT MONTHLY TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION PERTAINING TO HIS COLLECTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF SCHOOL FUNDS, SO AS TO DELETE A PENALTY FOR A COUNTY TREASURER TO FAIL TO PERFORM THESE DUTIES, AND TO GRANT SUPERINTENDENTS OF EDUCATION ACCESS TO THESE RECORDS; TO AMEND CHAPTER 73, TITLE 59, RELATING TO SCHOOL TAXES, SO AS TO DELETE CERTAIN LOCAL LAWS DELEGATING AD VALOREM TAXING AUTHORITY FOR THE OPERATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND TO REVISE AND FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY AND DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL TAXES, INCLUDING A PROVISION THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES FOR SCHOOL OPERATING PURPOSES NOT TO EXCEED EIGHT PERCENT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ASSESSED VALUE OF PROPERTY NOTWITHSTANDING CERTAIN MILLAGE LIMITATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-144-100, RELATING TO THE ALLOCATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ASSISTANCE FUNDS, SO AS TO REVISE THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS TO BE DISTRIBUTED AND THE SOURCE OF THESE FUNDS; TO REPEAL SECTION 59-1-449 RELATING TO THE REPORTING OF FUNDING REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-19-80, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS AS TO PURCHASES AND TEACHER EMPLOYMENT, SO AS TO REVISE THESE REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 4-1-170, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIAL PARKS, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE CALCULATION OF ASSESSED VALUE WITHIN MULTICOUNTY PARKS; TO AMEND SECTION 4-9-70, RELATING TO THE POWERS OF COUNTY COUNCILS WITH REGARD TO ESTABLISHING SCHOOL MILLAGE, SO AS TO DELETE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS AND MANDATES OF THE SECTION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 6-1-300 AND 6-1-320, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN REGARD TO THE AUTHORITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ASSESS TAXES AND FEES, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THE DEFINITION OF "LOCAL GOVERNING BODY" DOES NOT MEAN THE GOVERNING BODY OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND TO DELETE CERTAIN AUTHORITY OF A LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION IN REGARD TO SCHOOL MILLAGE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 11-11-155 AND 11-11-156, RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FUND AND REIMBURSEMENTS FROM THE FUND, SO AS TO DELETE THE FUND AND REVISE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH REVENUE DEPOSITED IN THE FUND MUST BE USED, AND TO PRESERVE CERTAIN PROVISIONS REGARDING REIMBURSEMENTS FOR ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS, CAREER SCHOOLS, COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION, AND TIF; TO AMEND SECTION 12-4-510, RELATING TO THE POWER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN REGARD TO CERTAIN LEVIES MADE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE LEVY OF A STATEWIDE UNIFORM MILLAGE UNDER ARTICLE 27, CHAPTER 37, TITLE 12; TO AMEND SECTION 12-4-520, RELATING TO DEALINGS WITH COUNTY TAX OFFICIALS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY AUDITORS, COUNTY ASSESSORS, AND COUNTY TREASURERS ARE CORRECTLY ASSESSING, LEVYING, COLLECTING, AND REMITTING THE REVENUE RAISED BY THE STATE UNIFORM MILLAGE FOR THE SCPEP ESTABLISHED IN ARTICLE 27, CHAPTER 37, TITLE 12; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES, SO AS TO EXEMPT A PORTION OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OF MANUFACTURERS FROM PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE IMPOSED FOR SCHOOL OPERATIONS AND TO REVISE THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE IMPOSED FOR SCHOOL OPERATIONS, SO AS TO ALLOW SUCH MILLAGE TO BE IMPOSED ON HOMESTEADS PURSUANT TO REFERENDUM; BY ADDING ARTICLE 27 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 12 SO AS TO IMPOSE A STATE UNIFORM MILLAGE OF ONE HUNDRED MILLS TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE SCPEP, TO PROVIDE THAT THIS MILLAGE IS NOT SUBJECT TO ROLLBACK AND IS APPLICABLE TO FEES-IN-LIEU-OF-TAXES, WITHOUT ANY SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE BONDS OR CREDITS OR OTHER DIVERSION FROM THE SCPEP, AND TO REQUIRE COUNTY TREASURERS TO SEND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ALL EXISTING FEES-IN-LIEU-OF-TAXES FOR SCHOOL OPERATING PURPOSES, ALL OF WHICH IS TO BE DEPOSITED TO THE SCPEP FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 12-43-296, RELATING TO PREPARATION OF BUDGETS AND THE CARRY FORWARD OF POSITIVE GENERAL FUND BALANCES, SO AS TO SPECIFY WHAT GENERAL FUND BALANCES MAY BE CARRIED FORWARD BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-43-350, RELATING TO THE STANDARDIZED TAX BILL FOR REAL PROPERTY, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE CONTENTS OF THE STANDARDIZED TAX BILL; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-36-2125 SO AS TO REDUCE CERTAIN SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTIONS AND PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF THE ADDITIONAL SALES AND USE TAX REVENUE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 21 -- Senators Grooms and Campbell: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-222 SO AS TO EXPAND VISION STANDARDS AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS TO ALLOW CERTAIN PERSONS WHO WEAR BIOPTIC TELESCOPIC LENSES FOR VISION ASSISTANCE TO OBTAIN A DRIVER'S LICENSE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

S. 382 -- Senators Matthews, Hutto, Williams, Courson, Hayes, Nicholson, Malloy, Pinckney, Setzler and Jackson: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE AGENCY HEAD OF SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY TO INSTITUTE A MANDATORY FURLOUGH PROGRAM OF UP TO SEVEN DAYS IN FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FURLOUGH PROGRAM.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

Rep. WELLS moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

**RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE**

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 3472 -- Reps. Lucas, Pope, Delleney, White, Sandifer, Howard, Allison, Hiott and Clemmons: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO INVITE THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT, THE HONORABLE JEAN HOEFER TOAL, TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION ON THE STATE OF THE JUDICIARY AT 12:00 NOON ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2015.

H. 3389 -- Reps. Clemmons, Hardwick, H. A. Crawford, Goldfinch, Duckworth, Johnson, Yow and Hardee: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE GRATITUDE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THOSE WHO STOOD GUARD BOTH IN THE UNIFORMED AND COVERT SERVICES DURING THE COLD WAR ERA, TO RECOGNIZE THE VICTORY OF FREEDOM OVER COMMUNISM IN MANY NATIONS AS A RESULT OF THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE COLD WAR, AND TO JOIN THE STATES OF KANSAS AND MAINE IN OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZING THE FIRST DAY OF MAY AS "COLD WAR VICTORY DAY".

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 3:36 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. SIMRILL, adjourned in memory of Mary Johnson Norman, mother of Representative Ralph Norman, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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