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Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

 Our thought for today is from Ezekiel 17:23: “I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit.”

 Let us pray. Almighty God, when the winds of life are strong, give these Representatives and staff the strength and courage to do the right thing. Let their consciences lead them, regardless of what others do or say. Bless them in their decision making and provide comfort for them, knowing they have done what they feel is right and pleasing in Your sight. Bless those who govern and keep them focused on the goal. Protect our defenders of freedom at home and abroad as they protect us. Heal the wounds, those seen and those hidden, of our brave warriors who suffer and sacrifice 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 yesterday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

Rep. RIDGEWAY moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Banks Allen Bryant of Manning, which was agreed to.

**REPORT RECEIVED**

The following was received:

Report of the Legislative Audit Council Nominating Committee

May 14, 2015

 Pursuant to Section 2-15-20, the Legislative Audit Council Nominating Committee favorably report the following candidates with terms prescribed by law to the General Assembly for election to the Legislative Audit Council.

 The Nominating Committee consists of the following members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker, and members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate.

 Sen. George E. Campsen, III Rep. F. "Greg" Delleney

 Sen. Robert W. Hayes, Jr. Rep. William E. Sandifer, III

 Sen. Kent M. Williams Rep. Chandra E. Dillard

 The below listed candidates are hereby nominated for election by the General Assembly to the Legislative Audit Council.

 1. Mr. Thomas F. Harnett, for a term to expire June 30, 2021

 2. Mr. John B. Dangler, for a term to expire June 30, 2017

 Respectfully submitted,

 Sen. George E. Campsen, III Rep. F. "Greg" Delleney

 Sen. Robert W. Hayes, Jr. Rep. William E. Sandifer, III

 Sen. Kent M. Williams Rep. Chandra E. Dillard

Received as information.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., May 13, 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:

Statewide Appointment

State Ethics Commission

Term Commencing: June 30, 2010

Term Expiring: June 30, 2015

Seat: At-large

Vice: Mr. Thomas Galardi

Mr. Brian M. Barnwell

1992 Congaree Road

Eastover, South Carolina 29044

Very respectfully,

President of the Senate

Received as information.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., May 13, 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:

Statewide Reappointment

State Ethics Commission

Term Commencing: June 30, 2015

Term Expiring: June 30, 2020

Seat: At-large

Mr. Brian M. Barnwell

1992 Congaree Road

Eastover, South Carolina 29044

Very respectfully,

President of the Senate

Received as information.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

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

H. 3909 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Jefferson, Bernstein, G. A. Brown, Funderburk, Hill, W. J. McLeod, J. E. Smith, Whitmire, Gagnon and Dillard: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT "THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-3520 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BICYCLES WITH HELPER MOTORS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ALL THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF BICYCLES; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-1710, RELATING TO THE TERM "MOPED" AND ITS DEFINITION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO MOTORCYCLES OR BICYCLES; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-990, RELATING TO CERTAIN PEDESTRIAN CONTROL SIGNALS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THIS SECTION ALSO APPLIES TO PEDESTRIAN CONTROL SIGNALS THAT EXHIBIT THE SYMBOLS FOR "WALK" OR "WAIT", AND TO PROVIDE THAT FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALKS EQUIPPED WITH COUNTDOWN INDICATORS, A PEDESTRIAN MAY CROSS IF HE CAN COMPLETE THE CROSSING DURING THE REMAINING TIME; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-3130, RELATING TO A PEDESTRIAN'S RIGHT-OF-WAY IN A CROSSWALK, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DRIVER OF A VEHICLE SHALL STOP TO YIELD TO A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING A ROADWAY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-3230, RELATING TO A DRIVER'S DUTY TO EXERCISE DUE CARE WHEN OPERATING A VEHICLE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THIS SECTION ALSO APPLIES TO A DRIVER'S DUTY TO AVOID COLLIDING WITH AN ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICE, A WHEELCHAIR, A FARM TRACTOR, OR A SIMILAR VEHICLE DESIGNED FOR FARM USE, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-3425, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "BICYCLE LANE" AND OPERATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND BICYCLES ALONG BICYCLE LANES, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "BICYCLE LANE" AND TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR THE TERM "SUBSTANDARD-WIDTH LANE"; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-16-10, RELATING TO CERTAIN TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS REGARDING THE REGULATION OF MOTORCYCLE MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, DEALERS, AND WHOLESALERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR THE TERM "BICYCLES WITH HELPER MOTORS".

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

S. 261 -- Senator Thurmond: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-111-320 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PERSONS AGE SIXTY AND OVER ATTENDING CLASSES AT STATE-SUPPORTED COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS WITHOUT PAYMENT OF TUITION, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT THESE PERSONS RECEIVING COMPENSATION AS FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES MUST PAY TUITION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4084 -- Rep. Stringer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-40-50, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS OF CHARTER SCHOOLS FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF A CHARTER SCHOOL, AND ADMISSIONS TO CHARTER SCHOOLS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A SCHOOL LEADER TO BE HIRED TO ASSIST WITH THE DAILY OPERATION OF THE SCHOOL, TO PROVIDE THAT EMPLOYEES, BOARD MEMBERS, AND STAFF OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL ARE SUBJECT TO THE ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO PUBLIC MEMBERS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, AND TO REQUIRE A STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE TO BE FILED ANNUALLY WITH THE SCHOOL'S SPONSOR AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4178 -- Reps. Ridgeway, 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, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hicks, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hodges, Horne, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Jordan, 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, Nanney, Neal, Newton, Norman, Norrell, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, 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 HOUSE RESOLUTION TO REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF CHARLES ROBERT HESTER OF CLARENDON COUNTY.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4179 -- Reps. Bingham, Atwater, Ballentine, Huggins, Kennedy, Ott, Quinn, Spires, Toole, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Bales, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bernstein, 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, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hicks, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hodges, Horne, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, Johnson, Jordan, 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, Nanney, Neal, Newton, Norman, Norrell, Parks, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Ridgeway, Riley, Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, J. E. Smith, Sottile, Southard, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Tinkler, Weeks, Wells, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BRYAN "JAY" KOON FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CAREER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR BEING ELECTED AS THE THIRTY-NINTH SHERIFF OF LEXINGTON COUNTY.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4180 -- Reps. G. A. Brown, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bernstein, Bingham, Bowers, Bradley, Brannon, 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, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hicks, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hodges, Horne, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Jordan, 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, 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 HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE REVEREND EDDIE C. THOMAS, JR., PRESIDENT OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN ORGANIZATION, FOR HIS TWENTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE THROUGH THAT FINE INSTITUTION AND TO WISH HIM WELL AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4181 -- Reps. Clary, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bernstein, Bingham, Bowers, Bradley, Brannon, G. A. Brown, R. L. Brown, Burns, Chumley, 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, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hicks, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hodges, Horne, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Jordan, 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, 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 HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR WAYNE COFFMAN, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL ACADEMIC SERVICES, FOR HIS THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4182 -- Rep. Rutherford: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF CAROLYN "CARRIE" WASHINGTON AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

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

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 767 -- Senator Sheheen: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE J. G. "PETE" OWENS OF CHESTERFIELD UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE AREA COMMISSION OF NORTHEASTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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. 770 -- Senator Verdin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE PENDLETON FARMERS SOCIETY UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY ON JUNE 12, 2015.

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. 773 -- Senator Hutto: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE SOUTHERN CAROLINA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE AND ITS AFFILIATED LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR ITS UNIFYING VISION TO COORDINATE AND WIN A FEDERAL PROMISE ZONE DESIGNATION THAT WILL CREATE JOBS, INCREASE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, AND REDUCE VIOLENT CRIME.

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

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

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

S. 737 -- Medical Affairs Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO AIR POLLUTION CONTROL REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4481, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

Referred to Committee on Regulations and Administrative Procedures

S. 738 -- Medical Affairs Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR LICENSING HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONAL GENERAL INFIRMARIES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4461, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

Referred to Committee on Regulations and Administrative Procedures

S. 754 -- Senators Cleary, Rankin and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 4-23-15 SO AS TO INCREASE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE MURRELL'S INLET-GARDEN CITY FIRE DISTRICT.

Referred to Georgetown Delegation

**ROLL CALL**

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

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| Alexander | Allison | Anthony |
| Atwater | Bales | Bamberg |
| Bedingfield | Bernstein | Bingham |
| Bowers | Bradley | Brannon |
| G. A. Brown | Burns | Chumley |
| Clary | Clemmons | Clyburn |
| Cobb-Hunter | Cole | Collins |
| Corley | H. A. Crawford | Crosby |
| Daning | Delleney | Dillard |
| Douglas | Duckworth | Finlay |
| Forrester | Funderburk | Gagnon |
| Gambrell | George | Gilliard |
| Goldfinch | Hamilton | Hardee |
| Hart | Hayes | Henegan |
| Herbkersman | Hicks | Hill |
| Hiott | Hodges | Hosey |
| Huggins | Jefferson | Johnson |
| Jordan | King | Kirby |
| Knight | Limehouse | Loftis |
| Long | Lowe | Lucas |
| McCoy | McEachern | W. J. McLeod |
| Mitchell | D. C. Moss | V. S. Moss |
| Norman | Ott | Pitts |
| Pope | Putnam | Quinn |
| Ridgeway | Riley | Rivers |
| Ryhal | G. R. Smith | J. E. Smith |
| Sottile | Southard | Spires |
| Stringer | Tallon | Taylor |
| Thayer | Tinkler | Toole |
| Wells | Whipper | White |
| Williams | Willis | Yow |

**STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE**

I came in after the roll call and was present for the Session on Thursday, May 14.

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| Carl Anderson | Bruce W. Bannister |
| Robert L. Brown | Shannon Erickson |
| Jerry Govan | William "Bill" Hixon |
| Leon Howard | Ralph Kennedy |
| Cezar McKnight | Mia S. McLeod |
| Joseph Neal | Mandy Powers Norrell |
| Leola Robinson-Simpson | Todd Rutherford |
| W. E. "Bill" Sandifer | Gary Simrill |
| G. Murrell Smith | Leon Stavrinakis |
| David Weeks |  |

**Total Present--112**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. NEWTON a leave of absence for the day due to a family commitment.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. NANNEY a leave of absence for the day to attend her daughter's graduation.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. MERRILL a leave of absence for the day due to family matters.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HORNE a leave of absence for the day due business reasons.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BALLENTINE a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

**STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE**

Rep. HART signed a statement with the Clerk that he came in after the roll call of the House and was present for the Session on Wednesday, May 13.

**DOCTOR OF THE DAY**

Announcement was made that Dr. Anthony E. Harris of Aiken was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Rep. BERNSTEIN presented to the House the Cardinal Newman High School Wrestling Team, coaches, and other school officials.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Rep. MCEACHERN presented to the House the University of South Carolina Equestrian Team, coaches, and other school officials.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Rep. BERNSTEIN presented to the House the Cardinal Newman High School Bowling Teams, coaches, and other school officials.

**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-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 4145 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 05/14/15 | LOFTIS |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 4093 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 05/14/15 | KENNEDY |

**CO-SPONSORS REMOVED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3521 |
| Date: | REMOVE: |
| 05/14/15 | GAGNON, THAYER and HILL |

**SENT TO THE SENATE**

The following Bills were taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 4159 -- Rep. Anthony: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 164 OF 2003, RELATING TO THE NINE DEFINED SINGLE-MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH THE MEMBERS OF THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES ARE ELECTED, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE ELECTION DISTRICTS, TO DESIGNATE A MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE SINGLE-MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

H. 4166 -- Reps. Pitts and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 779 OF 1988, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS 55 AND 56, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE SEVEN SINGLE-MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 56 MUST BE ELECTED, TO DESIGNATE A MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE SINGLE-MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

**H. 3878--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3878 -- Reps. White, Pope, Clemmons, Duckworth, Goldfinch, Hardwick, Johnson, H. A. Crawford, George, Yow, Ryhal, Hardee, Hayes and Kirby: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-510, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO TAX RATES FOR INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, AND TRUSTS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE TAX BRACKETS FOR EACH TAX RATE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-520, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF INCOME TAX BRACKETS, SO AS PROVIDE THE BRACKETS SHALL NOT BE ADJUSTED IN TAX YEARS 2016 AND 2017.

Rep. WHITE moved to adjourn debate upon the Bill, which was adopted.

**S. 463--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

S. 463 -- Senators S. Martin and Campsen: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF WILDLIFE TAGGING, VALIDATION, AND METHODS OF CHECKING HARVESTED GAME UTILIZED IN OTHER STATES AND TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Rep. HIOTT explained the Joint Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

 Yeas 98; Nays 0

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Allison | Anderson | Anthony |
| Atwater | Bales | Bamberg |
| Bannister | Bedingfield | Bernstein |
| Bingham | Bowers | Bradley |
| Brannon | R. L. Brown | Burns |
| Chumley | Clary | Cobb-Hunter |
| Cole | Collins | Corley |
| H. A. Crawford | Crosby | Daning |
| Delleney | Dillard | Douglas |
| Duckworth | Erickson | Finlay |
| Forrester | Funderburk | Gagnon |
| Gambrell | George | Gilliard |
| Goldfinch | Hamilton | Hart |
| Henegan | Herbkersman | Hicks |
| Hill | Hiott | Hixon |
| Hodges | Hosey | Huggins |
| Jefferson | Jordan | Kennedy |
| King | Kirby | Knight |
| Limehouse | Loftis | Lowe |
| Lucas | McCoy | McEachern |
| McKnight | M. S. McLeod | W. J. McLeod |
| Mitchell | D. C. Moss | V. S. Moss |
| Norman | Norrell | Ott |
| Pope | Putnam | Quinn |
| Ridgeway | Riley | Rivers |
| Robinson-Simpson | Rutherford | Ryhal |
| Simrill | G. M. Smith | G. R. Smith |
| Sottile | Southard | Spires |
| Stavrinakis | Stringer | Tallon |
| Taylor | Thayer | Tinkler |
| Toole | Weeks | Wells |
| Whipper | White | Williams |
| Willis | Yow |  |

**Total--98**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**S. 463--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW**

On motion of Rep. TAYLOR, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 463 be read the third time tomorrow.

**S. 268--POINT OF ORDER**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 268 -- Senators L. Martin and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-1630, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF STATE GRAND JURIES, TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-1650, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL REGARDING THE STATE GRAND JURY SYSTEM, TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-1660, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF GRAND JURORS, TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-1690, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE GRAND JURY'S AREAS OF INQUIRY AND RELATED PROCEDURES, TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-1720, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO SECRECY OF GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS, AND TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-1730, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OF PRESIDING JUDGES OF STATE GRAND JURIES, ALL SO AS TO REVISE PROCEDURES REGARDING THE STATE GRAND JURY SYSTEM RELATING TO NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES WHEN A STATE GRAND JURY IS IMPANELED, COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE PRESIDING JUDGE AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL INCLUDING APPELLATE REVIEW OF A JUDGE'S REFUSAL TO IMPANEL A STATE GRAND JURY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE WHEN A CONFLICT OF INTEREST ARISES INVOLVING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL RELATED TO THE GRAND JURY PROCESS, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES RELATED TO SECRECY OF CERTAIN GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS, AND TO MAKE OTHER NECESSARY TECHNICAL CHANGES.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Rep. WEEKS made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

**S. 590--POINT OF ORDER**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 590 -- Senators L. Martin and Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 56-1-400(B) AND 56-5-2941(L), CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE EMPLOYER'S VEHICLE WAIVER DOES NOT APPLY TO A PERSON CONVICTED OF A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION OF SECTION 56-5-2930, 56-5-2933, 56-5-2945, OR A LAW OF ANOTHER STATE THAT PROHIBITS A PERSON FROM DRIVING A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR OTHER DRUGS, UNLESS THE PERSON'S DRIVING PRIVILEGES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED FOR NOT LESS THAN ONE YEAR OR THE PERSON HAS HAD AN IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE INSTALLED FOR NOT LESS THAN ONE YEAR ON EACH OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES OWNED OR OPERATED, OR BOTH, BY THE PERSON; AND TO AMEND SECTION 29-5-2990(B), CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF A PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR A VIOLATION OF SECTION 56-5-2930, 56-5-2933, OR A LAW OF ANOTHER STATE THAT PROHIBITS A PERSON FROM DRIVING A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR OTHER DRUGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ENTRY INTO AN ALCOHOL AND DRUG SAFETY ACTION PROGRAM'S SERVICES, IF THE SERVICES ARE NECESSARY, IS A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT FOR THE ISSUANCE OF AN IGNITION INTERLOCK RESTRICTED LICENSE.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Rep. WEEKS made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

**S. 133--POINT OF ORDER**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 133 -- Senators Davis and Kimpson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-19-2050 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO RECORD DESTRUCTION OF JUVENILE RECORDS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTOMATIC EXPUNGEMENT OF JUVENILE RECORDS FOR NON-VIOLENT CRIMES THAT OCCUR BEFORE THE AGE OF SIXTEEN YEARS OLD, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE AUTOMATIC EXPUNGEMENT MAY OCCUR, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXPUNGEMENT PROCESS FOR JUVENILE RECORDS RELATED TO CERTAIN CRIMES THAT OCCUR AT THE AGE OF SIXTEEN OR SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Rep. WEEKS made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not
been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

**S. 78--POINT OF ORDER**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 78 -- Senators Massey and Nicholson: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 59, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FORFEITED LANDS, BY ADDING SECTION 12-59-140, SO AS TO ENACT THE "FORFEITED LANDS EMERGENCY DEVELOPMENT ACT", AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTHORITY OF COUNTY COUNCILS AND FORFEITED LAND COMMISSIONS TO PETITION LEGISLATIVE DELEGATIONS FOR THE USE OF THE SPECIAL AUTHORITIES PROVIDED IN THIS ACT.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Rep. MCCOY made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

**H. 3008--RECALLED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

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

H. 3008 -- Rep. Bales: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-100 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A STATE STATUTE THAT REGULATES HIGHWAY TRAFFIC PREEMPTS A LOCAL ORDINANCE, RULE OR REGULATION THAT CONFLICTS WITH THE STATUTE, AND THAT A LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL BODY MAY NOT ENACT A PROVISION THAT CONFLICTS WITH A STATE STATUTE THAT REGULATES HIGHWAY TRAFFIC; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-30, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF THE STATE'S UNIFORM TRAFFIC LAWS UPON THE STATE'S POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT ALLOWS A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE TO ADOPT TRAFFIC REGULATIONS WHICH ARE NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THE STATUTES THAT REGULATE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC.

**S. 592--RECALLED FROM COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

On motion of Rep. HIOTT, with unanimous consent, the following Bill was ordered recalled from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs:

S. 592 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-11-710(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE HUNTING OF FERAL HOGS, COYOTES, AND ARMADILLOS, TO PROVIDE THAT FERAL HOGS, COYOTES, AND ARMADILLOS MAY BE HUNTED AT ANY TIME OF THE YEAR UNDER AUTHORITY OF AND PURSUANT TO THE CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN A DEPREDATION PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND FROM THE LAST DAY OF FEBRUARY TO THE FIRST DAY OF JULY OF THAT SAME YEAR WITH ANY LEGAL FIREARM, BOW AND ARROW, OR CROSSBOW WHEN NOTICE IS GIVEN TO THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO PROVIDE CONDITIONS FOR HUNTING THESE ANIMALS AT NIGHT.

**SENT TO THE SENATE**

The following Bills were taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3027 -- Reps. Clemmons, Long, G. R. Smith, Erickson, Putnam, Bedingfield, Loftis and McCoy: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 2-65-140 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT BY OCTOBER THIRTY-FIRST OF EACH YEAR, EACH STATE AGENCY SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT DETAILING ITS FEDERAL RECEIPTS AND DEVELOPING A PLAN SHOULD ITS FEDERAL RECEIPTS BE REDUCED, TO REQUIRE THAT BY FEBRUARY FIFTEENTH OF EACH YEAR, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MUST PLACE THE MOST RECENTLY RECEIVED REPORT ON THE AGENDA FOR REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION.

H. 3794 -- Reps. Forrester, Burns, Sottile, Spires, V. S. Moss, Gambrell, Bales, Kennedy, Tallon, Allison, Bedingfield, Daning, Henderson, Hicks, Hixon, G. R. Smith and Thayer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-210, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES THAT A FIVE YEAR DRIVER'S LICENSE MUST BE ISSUED TO A PERSON WHO IS AT LEAST SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE WHEN HE RENEWS HIS LICENSE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-220, RELATING TO VISION SCREENINGS THAT ARE REQUIRED FOR A PERSON TO RENEW HIS DRIVER'S LICENSE, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT REQUIRES A PERSON TO SUBMIT A VISION SCREENING CERTIFICATE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES DURING THE FIFTH YEAR OF A TEN YEAR DRIVER'S LICENSE, AND THE PROVISION THAT ALLOWS A PERSON WHO IS AT LEAST SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE TO OBTAIN A DRIVER'S LICENSE THAT IS VALID FOR FIVE YEARS.

**ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION**

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

S. 154 -- Senators Shealy and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-39-160 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES, TO PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY GRANT A WAIVER OF THE REQUIREMENTS IF A STUDENT'S INELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES IS DUE TO A LONG-TERM ABSENCE AS A RESULT OF A MEDICAL CONDITION, BUT THE STUDENT HAS BEEN MEDICALLY CLEARED TO PARTICIPATE OR FOR ANY OTHER REASONABLE CIRCUMSTANCE AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

**RETURNED TO THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS**

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered returned to the Senate with amendments:

S. 47 -- Senators Malloy, Kimpson, Johnson, Pinckney, Thurmond, Setzler, Grooms, Lourie, McElveen, Allen, Shealy, Coleman, Campsen, Scott and Nicholson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-240, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH BODY-WORN CAMERAS.

**S. 461--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE**

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 461 -- Senator Pinckney: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 17 IN JASPER COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH CROWFIELD ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH HIGHWAY S-27-29 "THOMAS E. MILLER BOULEVARD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS "THOMAS E. MILLER BOULEVARD".

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

**MOTION PERIOD**

The motion period was dispensed with on motion of Rep. COLLINS.

**H. 3997--RECOMMITTED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3997 -- Reps. Gilliard, Anderson, King, Lucas, Mack, Clyburn, Stavrinakis, Govan, M. S. McLeod, Alexander, Merrill, Williams, Parks, Jefferson, Erickson, Kirby, Norrell, Ott, Horne, George, Bannister, Bernstein, R. L. Brown, Clary, Funderburk, Hayes, Hodges, Long, V. S. Moss, Ridgeway, Weeks, Wells, Willis, Henegan, Whipper, Robinson-Simpson, Hart, G. A. Brown, Mitchell and McKnight: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-90, SO AS TO DIRECT THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION (SLED) TO DEVELOP CRITERIA AND DETERMINE AN APPROPRIATE METHOD TO IMPLEMENT THE STATEWIDE USE OF BODY-WORN CAMERAS BY LOCAL AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, TO DIRECT SLED TO DESIGN AND OPERATE A PILOT PROJECT INCLUDING CERTAIN COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES IN THE STATE, AND TO AUTHORIZE SLED TO DEVELOP AND PROPOSE REGULATIONS WHICH WOULD SET THE CRITERIA AND PROVIDE A METHOD FOR IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE STATEWIDE USE OF BODY-WORN CAMERAS BY LOCAL AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AFTER THE PILOT PROJECT IS COMPLETED.

Rep. GILLIARD moved to recommit the Bill to the Committee on Judiciary, which was agreed to.

**S. 255--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 255 -- Senator Thurmond: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 17-1-40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESTRUCTION OF ARREST AND BOOKING RECORDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON OR ENTITY WHO PUBLISHES ON THE PERSON OR ENTITY'S WEBSITE THE ARREST AND BOOKING RECORDS OF A PERSON WHOSE CHARGES HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED OR DISMISSED, OR OF A PERSON WHO IS FOUND NOT GUILTY OF A CHARGE, SHALL, WITHOUT FEE OR COMPENSATION, REMOVE THE ARREST AND BOOKING RECORDS WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF A WRITTEN REQUEST, AND TO PROVIDE THE PENALTIES FOR A PERSON OR ENTITY WHO FAILS TO REMOVE THE ARREST AND BOOKING RECORDS.

Rep. WEEKS moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Wednesday, May 20, which was agreed to.

**H. 3521--AMENDED AND DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3521 -- Reps. Limehouse, Putnam, Clemmons, Rivers and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 14-1-250 SO AS TO PREVENT A COURT OR OTHER ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY FROM ENFORCING FOREIGN LAW INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SHARIA LAW IN THIS STATE FROM A FORUM OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES OR ITS TERRITORIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3521 (COUNCIL\MS\3521C001.MS.AHB15), which was adopted:

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

/ SECTION 1. The General Assembly finds that it shall be the public policy of this State to protect its citizens from the application of foreign laws when the application of a foreign law will result in the violation of a right guaranteed by the Constitution of this State or of the United States including, but not limited to, due process, freedom of religion, speech, or press, and any right of privacy or marriage as specifically defined by the Constitution of this State. The General Assembly fully recognizes the right to contract freely under the laws of this State and also recognizes that this right may be reasonably and rationally circumscribed pursuant to the state’s interest to protect and promote rights and privileges granted under the United States or South Carolina Constitution including, but not limited to, due process, freedom of religion, speech, or press, and any right of privacy or marriage as specifically defined by the Constitution of this State.

SECTION 2. Chapter 1, Title 14 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

 “Section 14‑1‑250. (A) As used in this section, ‘foreign law, legal code, or system’ means any law, legal code, or system of a jurisdiction outside of any state or territory of the United States including, but not limited to, international organizations and tribunals and applied by that jurisdiction’s courts, administrative bodies, or other formal or informal tribunals. For the purposes of this section, foreign law shall not mean, nor shall it include, any laws of the Native American tribes in this State.

 (B) Any court, arbitration, tribunal, or administrative agency ruling or decision shall violate the public policy of this State and be void and unenforceable if the court, arbitration, tribunal, or administrative agency bases its rulings or decisions in the matter at issue in whole or in part on any law, legal code, or system that would not grant the parties affected by the ruling or decision the same fundamental liberties, rights, and privileges granted under the United States and South Carolina Constitutions including, but not limited to, due process, freedom of religion, speech, or press, and any right of privacy or marriage as specifically defined by the Constitution of this State.

 (C) A contract or contractual provision, if severable, which provides for the choice of a law, legal code, or system to govern some or all of the disputes between the parties adjudicated by a court of law or by an arbitration panel arising from the contract mutually agreed upon shall violate the public policy of this State and be void and unenforceable if the law, legal code, or system chosen includes or incorporates any substantive or procedural law, as applied to the dispute at issue, that would not grant the parties the same fundamental liberties, rights, and privileges granted under the United States and South Carolina Constitutions including, but not limited to, due process, freedom of religion, speech, or press, and any right of privacy or marriage as specifically defined by the Constitution of this State.

 (D)(1) A contract or contractual provision, if severable, which provides for a jurisdiction for purposes of granting the courts or arbitration panels *in personam* jurisdiction over the parties to adjudicate any disputes between parties arising from the contract mutually agreed upon shall violate the public policy of this State and be void and unenforceable if the jurisdiction chosen includes any law, legal code, or system, as applied to the dispute at issue, that would not grant the parties the same fundamental liberties, rights, and privileges granted under the United States and South Carolina Constitutions including, but not limited to, due process, freedom of religion, speech, or press, and any right of privacy or marriage as specifically defined by the Constitution of this State.

 (2) If a resident of this State, subject to personal jurisdiction in this State, seeks to maintain litigation, arbitration, agency, or similarly binding proceedings in this State and if the courts of this State find that granting a claim of forum non conveniens or a related claim violates or would likely violate the fundamental liberties, rights, and privileges granted under the United States and South Carolina Constitutions of the nonclaimant in the foreign forum with respect to the matter in dispute, then it is the public policy of this State that the claim shall be denied.

 (E) Without prejudice to any legal right, this section shall not apply to a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, business association, or other legal entity that contracts to subject itself to foreign law in a jurisdiction other than this State or the United States.

 (F) This section shall not apply to a church, religious corporation, association, or society, with respect to the individuals of a particular religion regarding matters that are purely ecclesiastical including, but not limited to, matters of calling a pastor, excluding members from a church, electing church officers, matters concerning church bylaws, constitution, and doctrinal regulations and the conduct of other routine church business, when:

 (1) the jurisdiction of the church would be final; and

 (2) the jurisdiction of the courts of this State would be contrary to the First Amendment of the United States and the Constitution of this State.

 This exemption in no way grants permission for any otherwise unlawful act under the guise of First Amendment protection.

 (G) This section shall not be interpreted by any court to conflict with any federal treaty or other international agreement to which the United States is a party to the extent that such treaty or international agreement preempts or is superior to state law on the matter at issue.”

SECTION 3. The repeal or amendment by this act of any law, whether temporary or permanent or civil or criminal, does not affect pending actions, rights, duties, or liabilities founded thereon, or alter, discharge, release or extinguish any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred under the repealed or amended law, unless the repealed or amended provision shall so expressly provide. After the effective date of this act, all laws repealed or amended by this act must be taken and treated as remaining in full force and effect for the purpose of sustaining any pending or vested right, civil action, special proceeding, criminal prosecution, or appeal existing as of the effective date of this act, and for the enforcement of rights, duties, penalties, forfeitures, and liabilities as they stood under the repealed or amended laws.

SECTION 4. 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 5. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. LIMEHOUSE spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. SIMRILL demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 69; Nays 27

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Allison | Anthony | Atwater |
| Bales | Bannister | Bedingfield |
| Bingham | Bradley | Burns |
| Chumley | Corley | H. A. Crawford |
| Crosby | Daning | Delleney |
| Duckworth | Erickson | Finlay |
| Forrester | Funderburk | Gagnon |
| Gambrell | Gilliard | Goldfinch |
| Hamilton | Hardee | Hicks |
| Hill | Hiott | Hixon |
| Huggins | Johnson | Jordan |
| Kennedy | Limehouse | Loftis |
| Long | Lowe | Lucas |
| McCoy | W. J. McLeod | D. C. Moss |
| V. S. Moss | Nanney | Norman |
| Pitts | Pope | Putnam |
| Quinn | Riley | Rivers |
| Ryhal | Sandifer | Simrill |
| G. M. Smith | G. R. Smith | Sottile |
| Southard | Spires | Stavrinakis |
| Stringer | Tallon | Taylor |
| Thayer | Toole | Wells |
| White | Willis | Yow |

**Total--69**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

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| Alexander | Bamberg | Bernstein |
| Bowers | R. L. Brown | Clary |
| Cobb-Hunter | Cole | Collins |
| Dillard | Douglas | Govan |
| Henegan | Hosey | Jefferson |
| King | Kirby | McKnight |
| Norrell | Ridgeway | Robinson-Simpson |
| Rutherford | J. E. Smith | Tinkler |
| Weeks | Whipper | Williams |

**Total--27**

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Wednesday, May 20.

Rep. LIMEHOUSE moved to table the motion.

Rep. HIOTT demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 57; Nays 41

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Allison | Atwater | Bannister |
| Bedingfield | Bingham | Bradley |
| Burns | Chumley | H. A. Crawford |
| Crosby | Daning | Delleney |
| Duckworth | Finlay | Forrester |
| Gambrell | Goldfinch | Hamilton |
| Hardee | Herbkersman | Hicks |
| Hiott | Hixon | Huggins |
| Johnson | Jordan | Kennedy |
| Limehouse | Loftis | Long |
| Lowe | Lucas | McCoy |
| D. C. Moss | V. S. Moss | Norman |
| Pitts | Pope | Putnam |
| Quinn | Riley | Rivers |
| Ryhal | Sandifer | Simrill |
| G. M. Smith | G. R. Smith | Sottile |
| Southard | Tallon | Taylor |
| Thayer | Toole | Wells |
| White | Willis | Yow |

**Total--57**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

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| Alexander | Anderson | Anthony |
| Bales | Bamberg | Bernstein |
| Bowers | G. A. Brown | R. L. Brown |
| Clary | Cobb-Hunter | Cole |
| Collins | Dillard | Douglas |
| Funderburk | George | Gilliard |
| Henegan | Hodges | Hosey |
| Jefferson | King | Kirby |
| Knight | McEachern | McKnight |
| W. J. McLeod | Neal | Norrell |
| Ott | Ridgeway | Robinson-Simpson |
| Rutherford | J. E. Smith | Spires |
| Stavrinakis | Tinkler | Weeks |
| Whipper | Williams |  |

**Total--41**

So, the motion to adjourn debate was tabled.

**ACTING SPEAKER SPIRES IN CHAIR**

Rep. J. E. SMITH spoke against the Bill.

Rep. CLARY spoke against the Bill.

**SPEAKER IN CHAIR**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. G. A. BROWN a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Rep. CLARY continued speaking.

Rep. BAMBERG moved to continue the Bill.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 42; Nays 54

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Alexander | Anthony | Bales |
| Bamberg | Bowers | Bradley |
| R. L. Brown | Clary | Cobb-Hunter |
| Cole | Collins | Dillard |
| Douglas | Funderburk | Gagnon |
| George | Gilliard | Govan |
| Hamilton | Henegan | Hodges |
| Howard | Jefferson | King |
| Kirby | Knight | McEachern |
| McKnight | W. J. McLeod | Mitchell |
| Neal | Norrell | Ott |
| Ridgeway | Robinson-Simpson | Rutherford |
| J. E. Smith | Stavrinakis | Tinkler |
| Weeks | Whipper | Williams |

**Total--42**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

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| Allison | Atwater | Bannister |
| Bedingfield | Bingham | Burns |
| Chumley | Corley | H. A. Crawford |
| Crosby | Daning | Duckworth |
| Finlay | Forrester | Gambrell |
| Goldfinch | Hart | Hicks |
| Hill | Hiott | Hixon |
| Huggins | Johnson | Jordan |
| Kennedy | Limehouse | Loftis |
| Lowe | Lucas | McCoy |
| D. C. Moss | V. S. Moss | Norman |
| Pitts | Pope | Putnam |
| Quinn | Riley | Rivers |
| Ryhal | Sandifer | Simrill |
| G. M. Smith | G. R. Smith | Sottile |
| Spires | Tallon | Taylor |
| Thayer | Toole | Wells |
| White | Willis | Yow |

**Total--54**

So, the House refused to continue the Bill.

Rep. NEAL spoke against the Bill.

**SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR**

Rep. NEAL continued speaking.

Rep. W. J. MCLEOD moved to adjourn debate on the Bill.

Rep. LIMEHOUSE moved to table the motion.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 51; Nays 45

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Allison | Atwater | Bannister |
| Bedingfield | Bingham | Burns |
| Chumley | Corley | H. A. Crawford |
| Crosby | Daning | Delleney |
| Duckworth | Erickson | Finlay |
| Forrester | Goldfinch | Herbkersman |
| Hicks | Hiott | Hixon |
| Huggins | Johnson | Jordan |
| Kennedy | Limehouse | Loftis |
| Long | Lucas | D. C. Moss |
| V. S. Moss | Norman | Pitts |
| Pope | Putnam | Quinn |
| Riley | Rivers | Sandifer |
| Simrill | G. R. Smith | Sottile |
| Spires | Tallon | Taylor |
| Thayer | Toole | Wells |
| White | Willis | Yow |

**Total--51**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

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| Alexander | Anderson | Bales |
| Bamberg | Bernstein | Bowers |
| Bradley | R. L. Brown | Clary |
| Cobb-Hunter | Cole | Collins |
| Dillard | Douglas | Gambrell |
| George | Gilliard | Hamilton |
| Hart | Henegan | Hill |
| Hodges | Howard | Jefferson |
| King | Kirby | Knight |
| Lowe | McEachern | W. J. McLeod |
| Mitchell | Neal | Norrell |
| Ott | Ridgeway | Robinson-Simpson |
| Rutherford | G. M. Smith | J. E. Smith |
| Southard | Stavrinakis | Tinkler |
| Weeks | Whipper | Williams |

**Total--45**

So, the motion to adjourn debate was tabled.

Rep. LIMEHOUSE spoke in favor of the Bill.

Rep. HART moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House refused to continue the Bill.

Rep. LIMEHOUSE moved to table the motion.

Rep. WELLS demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 54; Nays 43

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Allison | Atwater | Bannister |
| Bedingfield | Bingham | Burns |
| Chumley | Corley | H. A. Crawford |
| Crosby | Daning | Delleney |
| Duckworth | Erickson | Forrester |
| Gagnon | Gambrell | Goldfinch |
| Herbkersman | Hicks | Hiott |
| Hixon | Huggins | Johnson |
| Jordan | Kennedy | Limehouse |
| Loftis | Long | Lowe |
| Lucas | D. C. Moss | V. S. Moss |
| Norman | Pitts | Pope |
| Putnam | Quinn | Riley |
| Rivers | Sandifer | Simrill |
| G. M. Smith | G. R. Smith | Sottile |
| Spires | Tallon | Taylor |
| Thayer | Toole | Wells |
| White | Willis | Yow |

**Total--54**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

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| Alexander | Anderson | Bales |
| Bamberg | Bernstein | Bowers |
| Bradley | R. L. Brown | Clary |
| Cobb-Hunter | Cole | Collins |
| Dillard | Douglas | Funderburk |
| George | Gilliard | Hamilton |
| Hart | Henegan | Hill |
| Hodges | Howard | Jefferson |
| King | Kirby | Knight |
| McEachern | M. S. McLeod | W. J. McLeod |
| Mitchell | Neal | Norrell |
| Ott | Ridgeway | Rutherford |
| J. E. Smith | Southard | Stavrinakis |
| Tinkler | Weeks | Whipper |
| Williams |  |  |

**Total--43**

So, the motion to reconsider was tabled.

Rep. LIMEHOUSE continued speaking.

**SPEAKER IN CHAIR**

Rep. HILL spoke against the Bill.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER spoke against the Bill.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Rep. HART raised the Point of Order that under Rule 5.2, the title to Bill H. 3521 was out of order in that it did not reflect the Section, Chapter, or Title of the General Statutes that the Bill was seeking to amend or repeal.

The SPEAKER overruled the Point of Order and stated Bill H. 3521 did not amend or repeal a statute but, instead, proposed to add a new Code Section, 14-1-250, to the current law. Therefore, he overruled the point of order.

Rep. WEEKS moved that the House do now adjourn.

Rep. LOFTIS demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 41; Nays 54

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Alexander | Anderson | Bamberg |
| Bernstein | Bowers | Bradley |
| R. L. Brown | Clary | Cobb-Hunter |
| Collins | Dillard | Douglas |
| Funderburk | George | Gilliard |
| Hart | Henegan | Hill |
| Hodges | Howard | Jefferson |
| King | Kirby | Knight |
| McEachern | McKnight | W. J. McLeod |
| Mitchell | Norman | Norrell |
| Ott | Pitts | Ridgeway |
| Robinson-Simpson | Rutherford | J. E. Smith |
| Spires | Stavrinakis | Weeks |
| Whipper | Williams |  |

**Total--41**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

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| Allison | Atwater | Bannister |
| Bedingfield | Bingham | Burns |
| Chumley | Cole | Corley |
| H. A. Crawford | Crosby | Daning |
| Delleney | Duckworth | Erickson |
| Forrester | Gagnon | Gambrell |
| Goldfinch | Hamilton | Herbkersman |
| Hicks | Hiott | Hixon |
| Huggins | Johnson | Jordan |
| Kennedy | Limehouse | Lucas |
| McCoy | D. C. Moss | V. S. Moss |
| Pope | Putnam | Quinn |
| Riley | Rivers | Ryhal |
| Sandifer | Simrill | G. M. Smith |
| G. R. Smith | Sottile | Southard |
| Stringer | Tallon | Taylor |
| Thayer | Tinkler | Toole |
| Wells | Willis | Yow |

**Total--54**

So, the House refused to adjourn.

**SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR**

Rep. COBB-HUNTER continued speaking.

Rep. R. L. BROWN moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, May 19.

Rep. LIMEHOUSE moved to table the motion.

Rep. HIOTT demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 49; Nays 47

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Allison | Atwater | Bales |
| Bannister | Bedingfield | Bingham |
| Burns | Chumley | Clary |
| Cole | Corley | H. A. Crawford |
| Crosby | Daning | Delleney |
| Duckworth | Forrester | Goldfinch |
| Herbkersman | Hicks | Hiott |
| Hixon | Huggins | Johnson |
| Jordan | Kennedy | Limehouse |
| Loftis | Lucas | McCoy |
| D. C. Moss | V. S. Moss | Pope |
| Putnam | Quinn | Riley |
| Rivers | Ryhal | Sandifer |
| Simrill | G. R. Smith | Sottile |
| Tallon | Taylor | Thayer |
| Toole | Wells | Willis |
| Yow |  |  |

**Total--49**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

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| Alexander | Anderson | Bamberg |
| Bernstein | Bowers | Bradley |
| R. L. Brown | Cobb-Hunter | Collins |
| Dillard | Douglas | Funderburk |
| Gagnon | Gambrell | George |
| Gilliard | Hamilton | Hart |
| Henegan | Hill | Hodges |
| Howard | Jefferson | King |
| Kirby | Knight | McEachern |
| McKnight | W. J. McLeod | Mitchell |
| Norman | Norrell | Ott |
| Pitts | Ridgeway | Robinson-Simpson |
| Rutherford | G. M. Smith | J. E. Smith |
| Southard | Spires | Stavrinakis |
| Stringer | Tinkler | Weeks |
| Whipper | Williams |  |

**Total--47**

So, the motion to adjourn debate was tabled.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER continued speaking.

**SPEAKER IN CHAIR**

**POINT OF ORDER**

Rep. CROSBY raised the Point of Order that under Mason’s Manual of Legislative Procedure, Section 101.1, the Debate must be confined to the question before the Body.

The SPEAKER stated that in listening to the debate he deemed all comments to have been related to the matter at hand. Therefore he overruled the Point of Order.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER continued speaking.

Rep. J. E. SMITH spoke against the Bill.

Rep. LIMEHOUSE moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, May 19.

Rep. CROSBY moved to table the motion, which was not agreed to.

The question then recurred to the motion to adjourn debate until Tuesday, May 19, which was agreed to.

**RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR**

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

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Rep. SANDIFER, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 441 -- Senators Hayes and Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 30 TO TITLE 37 SO AS TO ENACT THE "GUARANTEED ASSET PROTECTION ACT", TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH GUARANTEED ASSET PROTECTION WAIVERS ARE DEFINED AND MAY BE OFFERED WITHIN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFERING GUARANTEED ASSET PROTECTION WAIVERS, TO PROVIDE THE DISCLOSURES REQUIRED, TO PROVIDE FOR CANCELLATION OF GUARANTEED ASSET PROTECTION WAIVERS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THIS CHAPTER.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. SANDIFER, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 375 -- Senator Hayes: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-5-15, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO SECURING DEPOSITS OF FUNDS BY LOCAL ENTITIES, SO AS TO ALLOW A LOCAL ENTITY TO DEPOSIT ALL OR A PORTION OF SURPLUS PUBLIC FUNDS IN ITS CONTROL OR POSSESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. SANDIFER, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 301 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-2-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY, TO REVISE THE BOARD COMPOSITION; TO AMEND SECTION 40-2-20, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "ATTEST" TO INCLUDE ANY EXAMINATION, REVIEW, OR AGREED UPON PROCEDURE TO BE PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENTS ON STANDARDS FOR ATTEST ENGAGEMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-2-30, RELATING TO LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, TO DELETE REFERENCE TO THE TERM "FINANCIAL STATEMENTS"; TO AMEND SECTION 40-2-35, RELATING TO CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE SUCH APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE TO UNDERGO STATE AND FEDERAL CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS AND TO REQUIRE CONTINUING EDUCATION OR ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE, AS APPLICABLE, FOR AN APPLICANT WHO DELAYS SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION FOR A SUBSTANTIAL PERIOD OF TIME AFTER PASSING THE CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING EXAMINATION OR OBTAINING ACCOUNTING EXPERIENCE; TO AMEND SECTION 40-2-40, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE FIRM OWNERSHIP MUST BE CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, TO PROVIDE QUALIFICATIONS AND CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR NONCERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT FIRM OWNERS, AND TO GIVE THE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY THE DISCRETION TO CHARGE REGISTRATION AND RENEWAL FEES; TO AMEND SECTION 40-2-80, RELATING TO THE INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS, TO PROVIDE THAT IN CONDUCTING SUCH INVESTIGATIONS AND PROCEEDINGS THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION MAY REQUIRE STATE AND FEDERAL CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-2-250, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSE RENEWAL, TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY FIRST AND TO PROVIDE THAT LATE FILINGS MAY RESULT IN REINSTATEMENT FEES AND SANCTIONING OF THE LICENSEE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-2-255, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION RENEWAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH APPLICATIONS MUST BE FILED ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY FIRST AND TO PROVIDE THAT LATE FILINGS MAY RESULT IN SANCTIONING OF THE REGISTRANT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. SANDIFER, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 304 -- Senators L. Martin, Alexander, Verdin, Hayes, Peeler, Cromer, Corbin, Nicholson, Rankin, Hembree, Williams, Coleman and Campbell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-23-110, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, RELATING TO CONTRACTS TO BUY POWER BETWEEN A JOINT POWER AND ENERGY AGENCY AND ITS CONSTITUENT MUNICIPALITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENEWAL OR EXTENSION OF CONTRACTS TO BUY POWER FOR ADDITIONAL PERIODS NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE RENEWAL OR EXTENSION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. SANDIFER, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 389 -- Senator Lourie: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 37, TITLE 33, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH THESE CORPORATIONS ARE ORGANIZED, REGULATED, AND PERMITTED TO OPERATE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BALES, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 384 -- Senator Matthews: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE ALONG CLEVELAND STREET IN THE TOWN OF ELLOREE "DAVID EARLE POLIN BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS BRIDGE THAT CONTAIN THIS DESIGNATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4183 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, 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, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hicks, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hodges, Horne, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Jordan, 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, Nanney, Neal, Newton, Norman, Norrell, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, Riley, Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, 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 HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF JUNE 2015 AS MEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN THE PALMETTO STATE.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4184 -- Reps. Kennedy, Atwater, Ballentine, Bingham, Huggins, Ott, Quinn, Spires, Toole and Pope: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR A. LEWIS MCCARTY FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AS LEXINGTON COUNTY'S INTERIM CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

The Resolution was adopted.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4185 -- Rep. McEachern: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERCHANGE LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 20 AND UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 IN RICHLAND COUNTY "WILLIE R. PORTEE INTERCHANGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS INTERCHANGE THAT CONTAIN THIS DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4186 -- Reps. H. A. Crawford, 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, Crosby, Daning, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Duckworth, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrester, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gambrell, George, Gilliard, Goldfinch, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hicks, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hodges, Horne, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Jordan, 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, 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 RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND JOEY TRAIL, AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER AT FORESTBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL, FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING QUALITY EDUCATION FOR THE CHILDREN OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON BEING NAMED THE 2015-2016 TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR HORRY COUNTY SCHOOLS.

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

**INTRODUCTION OF BILL**

The following Bill was introduced, read the first time, and referred to the appropriate committee:

H. 4187 -- Reps. W. J. McLeod, G. M. Smith and Norrell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 9-8-10, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES AND SOLICITORS, SO AS TO INCLUDE PROBATE JUDGES IN THE DEFINITION OF "JUDGE"; AND TO AMEND SECTION 9-8-40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE SYSTEM, SO AS TO ALLOW PROBATE JUDGES SERVING ON JULY 1, 2015, TO ELECT TO BECOME A MEMBER.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

**SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR**

**H. 3878--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3878 -- Reps. White, Pope, Clemmons, Duckworth, Goldfinch, Hardwick, Johnson, H. A. Crawford, George, Yow, Ryhal, Hardee, Hayes and Kirby: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-510, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO TAX RATES FOR INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, AND TRUSTS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE TAX BRACKETS FOR EACH TAX RATE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-520, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF INCOME TAX BRACKETS, SO AS PROVIDE THE BRACKETS SHALL NOT BE ADJUSTED IN TAX YEARS 2016 AND 2017.

Rep. WHITE moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, May 19, which was agreed to.

**OBJECTION TO RECALL**

Rep. ERICKSON asked unanimous consent to recall S. 3 from the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. HILL objected.

**S. 3--RECALLED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

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

S. 3 -- Senators L. Martin, Shealy, Malloy, Courson, Fair, Turner, Lourie and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-25-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 16-25-20 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CRIMINAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO RESTRUCTURE THE CRIMINAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES INTO DEGREES AND PROVIDE PENALTIES; TO AMEND SECTION 16-25-30, RELATING TO THE ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A PERSON CONVICTED OF A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSE, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSE OR A PERSON SUBJECT TO AN ORDER OF PROTECTION FOR DOMESTIC OR FAMILY VIOLENCE TO SHIP, TRANSPORT, OR RECEIVE A FIREARM OR AMMUNITION, AND TO PROVIDE NOTICE TO A PERSON TO WHOM THE STATUTE APPLIES; TO AMEND SECTION 16-25-65, RELATING TO CRIMINAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COURT MUST ORDER PARTICIPATION IN A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM AND ALLOW A RESTRICTION ON FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION AS A CONDITION OF BOND; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST THE PERSON, BY ADDING ARTICLE 18, TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS AND TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMANENT AND EMERGENCY CIVIL NO-CONTACT ORDERS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DURATION OF CIVIL NO-CONTACT ORDERS, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF CIVIL NO-CONTACT ORDERS.

Rep. W. J. MCLEOD 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. 4182 -- Rep. Rutherford: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF CAROLYN "CARRIE" WASHINGTON AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

H. 4167 -- Reps. Johnson, Hardee, Duckworth and George: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HORRY COUNTY FARMERS RICHARD AND MEGAN FLOYD FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK AS SOUTH CAROLINA FARMERS AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR RECEIVING THE 2014 SOUTH CAROLINA FARM BUREAU YOUNG FARMER AND RANCHER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:02 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. RIDGEWAY, adjourned in memory of Banks Allen Bryant of Manning, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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