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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 Exodus 40:16: “Moses did everything just as the Lord had commanded him.”

 Let us pray. Almighty God, give each of these women and men the introspection to seek Your will in the transactions taken today. Bless them and keep them safe from all harm. Instill in each person the courage to take the right and acceptable action for the people of this State. Continue Your blessings on our Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, staff, and all who give of their time and energy to this Assembly. Bless our first responders and those who defend us at home and abroad. Heal the wounds, those seen and those hidden, of our men and women 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. JEFFERSON moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Rosa Lee Green Pinckney of Cross, which was agreed to.

**REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED**

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**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

H. 3583 -- Rep. Norrell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-104-20, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, SO AS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR THE AWARD MAY ELECT TO DEFER ENROLLMENT IN AN ELIGIBLE FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION FOR TWO ACADEMIC YEARS AFTER GRADUATION, WITHOUT DECLINING THE AWARD; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, REGARDLESS OF ITS EFFECTIVE DATE, MUST BE CONSTRUED TO APPLY TO STUDENTS WHO GRADUATE IN THE SPRING OF 2017.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIOTT, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3665 -- Reps. Hixon, Kirby, Hewitt, Atkinson, Sottile, Cogswell, Yow, Wheeler and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-5-1710, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO SIZE LIMITS FOR CERTAIN FISH THAT MAY BE LAWFULLY TAKEN, POSSESSED, LANDED, SOLD, OR PURCHASED, SO AS TO INCREASE THE SIZE LIMIT FOR FLOUNDER THAT MAY BE LAWFULLY TAKEN, POSSESSED, LANDED, SOLD, OR PURCHASED.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIOTT, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3698 -- Reps. V. S. Moss, Duckworth, Forrest, Hiott and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-1-50, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES FOR CERTAIN BODIES OF WATER, SO AS TO PROVIDE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES FOR THE PORTION OF THE INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY LOCATED IN HORRY COUNTY AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTION 50-5-1556, RELATING TO LOCATIONS WHERE STRIPED BASS MAY BE TAKEN, SO AS TO REVISE THE PERIODS OF TIME WHEN STRIPED BASS MAY BE TAKEN IN VARIOUS BODIES OF WATER; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50-13-230, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE TAKING OF STRIPED BASS WITHIN VARIOUS BODIES OF WATER, SO AS TO REVISE THE PERIOD OF TIME WHEN STRIPED BASS MAY BE TAKEN WITHIN VARIOUS BODIES OF WATER, TO PROVIDE FOR LIMITS FOR THE TAKING OF STRIPED BASS WITHIN VARIOUS BODIES OF WATER, TO PROVIDE FOR THE TAKING OF STRIPED BASS IN THE SANTEE RIVER, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT REQUIRES THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE STRIPED BASS FISHERY ON THE SANTEE AND COOPER RIVER SYSTEMS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIOTT, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3619 -- Reps. Atwater and Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 47-1-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN REGARD TO CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "COMPANION ANIMAL"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 47-1-45 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE TATTOOING OR PIERCING OF A COMPANION ANIMAL EXCEPT FOR SPECIFIED REASONS AND, WHEN AUTHORIZED, PERFORMED BY SPECIFIED PERSONS, AND TO PROVIDE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION WHICH IS A MISDEMEANOR.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIOTT, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3719 -- Reps. Burns, Hiott, Hixon, Chumley, Bannister and G. R. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 48-35-50, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE STATE FORESTER'S AUTHORITY TO DIRECT THAT CERTAIN FIRES NOT BE STARTED, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN EXTREME CONDITIONS EXIST, THE STATE FORESTER MAY PROHIBIT ALL OPEN BURNING EXCEPT FIRES USED FOR NONRECREATIONAL PURPOSES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 48-35-60, RELATING TO PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE STARTING OF UNLAWFUL FIRES, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTIES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3778 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Arrington, Atkinson, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bennett, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bowers, Bradley, Brown, Burns, Caskey, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cogswell, Cole, Collins, Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Davis, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Duckworth, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrest, Forrester, Fry, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gilliard, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Jordan, King, Kirby, Knight, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mack, Magnuson, Martin, McCoy, McCravy, McEachern, McKnight, Mitchell, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, B. Newton, W. Newton, Norman, Norrell, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, M. Rivers, S. Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, J. E. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Toole, Weeks, West, Wheeler, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BUREAU OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES CHIEF OF POLICE ZACKARY WISE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO THANK HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3788 -- Reps. Hosey, Pitts, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Arrington, Atkinson, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bennett, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bowers, Bradley, Brown, Burns, Caskey, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cogswell, Cole, Collins, Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Davis, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Duckworth, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrest, Forrester, Fry, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gilliard, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Jordan, King, Kirby, Knight, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mack, Magnuson, Martin, McCoy, McCravy, McEachern, McKnight, Mitchell, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, B. Newton, W. Newton, Norman, Norrell, Ott, Parks, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, M. Rivers, S. Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, J. E. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Toole, Weeks, West, Wheeler, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JERRY HALLMAN UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RECENT RETIREMENT ON JUNE 30, 2016, AFTER TWENTY-FOUR YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3797 -- Reps. Howard, Bales, Ballentine, Bernstein, Douglas, Finlay, Hart, McEachern, Rutherford, J. E. Smith, Thigpen, King, Cobb-Hunter, Govan, Henegan, Jefferson, Anderson, Alexander, Bamberg, Brown, Clyburn, Dillard, Gilliard, Hosey, Mack, McKnight, Mitchell, Parks, M. Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Weeks, Whipper, Williams, Lucas, Allison, Anthony, Arrington, Atkinson, Atwater, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bennett, Blackwell, Bowers, Bradley, Burns, Caskey, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Cogswell, Cole, Collins, Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Davis, Delleney, Duckworth, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Forrester, Fry, Funderburk, Gagnon, Hamilton, Hardee, Hayes, Henderson, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Huggins, Johnson, Jordan, Kirby, Knight, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, Martin, McCoy, McCravy, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, B. Newton, W. Newton, Norman, Norrell, Ott, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, S. Rivers, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Toole, West, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH H. "JOE" NEAL OF RICHLAND COUNTY, TO HONOR HIS REMARKABLE COMMITMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened to learn of the death of our esteemed colleague Representative Joseph H. “Joe” Neal of Hopkins at the age of sixty‑six on February 14, 2017; and

Whereas, born on August 31, 1950, he was the son of LaVerne K. Neal and Choatte R. Neal, Sr., and earned a bachelor of arts degree from Benedict College in 1972; and

Whereas, Reverend Neal completed post graduate studies at Colgate Divinity School in Rochester, New York, and Pittsburg Theological Seminary, and was the revered and longtime pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Chester. His alma mater awarded him an honorary doctorate of divinity, and Francis Marion University conferred on him an honorary doctorate of philosophy in humanities; and

Whereas, the vice president and CEO of New Horizons Systems, Inc., he was a great warrior for his community, serving in such capacities as the chairman of Citizens for Hopkins Community Organization, a past member of the South Carolina Fair Share board of directors, the founder and board member of Area Communities in Economic Development, the co‑founder of Citizens Local Environment Action Network (CLEAN), a board member of the South Carolina Environmental Watch, and a member of Moving Forward Community Group, the NAACP, and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; and

Whereas, Representative Neal was elected to serve in the House of Representatives in 1992 and faithfully served the citizens of Richland and Sumter Counties in District 70 with distinction and merit, during which time he served on the Rules Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee; and

Whereas, serving as the Deputy Democratic Leader and as the chairman of the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus from 2000 to 2002, he afforded access and a clarion voice in his twenty‑four years service for those who had no voice, and he provided leadership for environmental causes, especially in rural districts; and

Whereas, as a gentle giant among his peers, he served on the Lower Richland Community Council of the Lower Richland Water Authority, as a past member of the First Union Bank Community Reinvestment Act advisory board, on the Rural Sumter Commission for Economic Development, as chairman of the Citizens for Hopkins Neighborhood Associations, on the Governor’s Nuclear Waste Task Force, as co‑chairman of the South Carolina Progressive Network, and as a board member of the African American Environmental Action Network; and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the life and legacy of Joe Neal, a strong believer in Christ whose strength was in Christ, and for the example of excellence and humility he set for all who knew him. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of Representative Joseph H. “Joe” Neal of Richland County, to honor his remarkable commitment to the General Assembly, and to extend their deepest sympathy to his loving family and his many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Representative Joseph H. “Joe” Neal.

The Resolution was adopted.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3787 -- Reps. Felder, Delleney, King, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, B. Newton, Norman, Pope and Simrill: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE APRIL 2017 AS "LOVE THE ANNE SPRINGS CLOSE GREENWAY MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS OF THE PALMETTO STATE TO VISIT AND ENJOY THIS BEAUTIFUL NATURE PRESERVE AND RECREATIONAL PARK IN FORT MILL.

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

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3796 -- Reps. Howard, Bales, Ballentine, Bernstein, Douglas, Finlay, Hart, McEachern, Rutherford, J. E. Smith, Thigpen, King, Govan, Henegan, Jefferson, Anderson, Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Bamberg, Brown, Clyburn, Dillard, Gilliard, Hosey, Mack, McKnight, Mitchell, Parks, M. Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Weeks, Whipper, Williams, Lucas, Allison, Anthony, Arrington, Atkinson, Atwater, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bennett, Blackwell, Bowers, Bradley, Burns, Caskey, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Cogswell, Cole, Collins, Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Davis, Delleney, Duckworth, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Forrester, Fry, Funderburk, Gagnon, Hamilton, Hardee, Hayes, Henderson, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Huggins, Johnson, Jordan, Kirby, Knight, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, Martin, McCoy, McCravy, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, B. Newton, W. Newton, Norman, Norrell, Ott, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, S. Rivers, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Toole, West, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF, REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH H. "JOE" NEAL OF RICHLAND COUNTY, TO HONOR HIS REMARKABLE COMMITMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

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Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Representative Joseph H. “Joe” Neal.

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

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 416 -- Senators Alexander, Allen, Bennett, Campbell, Campsen, Climer, Corbin, Courson, Cromer, Davis, Fanning, Gambrell, Goldfinch, Gregory, Grooms, Hembree, Hutto, Jackson, Johnson, Kimpson, Leatherman, Malloy, Martin, Massey, J. Matthews, M. B. Matthews, McElveen, McLeod, Nicholson, Peeler, Rankin, Reese, Rice, Sabb, Scott, Senn, Setzler, Shealy, Sheheen, Talley, Timmons, Turner, Verdin, Williams and Young: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHES FOR WINNING THE 2016 COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE, TO RECOGNIZE THE TEAM'S NUMEROUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE SEASON, TO INVITE THE NUMBER ONE RANKED TIGERS AND CLEMSON OFFICIALS TO JOIN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION AT NOON ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017, WHEREBY COACH DABO SWINNEY IS INVITED TO ADDRESS THE JOINT SESSION, AND TO EXTEND THE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR DURING THE JOINT SESSION.

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

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

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

H. 3774 -- Rep. Henderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-10-108 SO AS TO PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR CERTAIN TAX CREDITS AND ECONOMIC INCENTIVES UNDER THE ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT OF 1995; BY ADDING SECTION 40-68-145 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DETERMINATION OF TAX CREDITS AND ECONOMIC INCENTIVES BASED ON EMPLOYMENT WITH RESPECT TO CLIENT COMPANIES OF PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-68-55, RELATING TO THE ABILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE TO PROVIDE BY REGULATION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF AFFIDAVIT OR CERTIFICATION OF APPROVAL OF QUALIFIED ASSURANCE ORGANIZATIONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THESE FUNCTIONS BE PROVIDED BY REGULATION; TO AMEND SECTION 40-68-60, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT ORGANIZATION SERVICES AGREEMENTS BETWEEN PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSIGNED EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE ORGANIZATIONS SHALL PROVIDE ASSIGNED EMPLOYEES WITH CERTAIN WRITTEN NOTICE OF HOW THE AGREEMENT AFFECTS THEM; TO AMEND SECTION 40-68-70, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT ORGANIZATION SERVICES AGREEMENTS BETWEEN PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS AND CLIENT COMPANIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT MUST BE ESTABLISHED BY WRITTEN CONTRACT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-68-150, RELATING TO CERTAIN PROHIBITED ACTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS SHALL NOT ENGAGE IN THE SALE OF INSURANCE OR ACT AS THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATORS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE SPONSORING AND MAINTAINING OF EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS FOR THE BENEFIT OF ASSIGNED EMPLOYEES DOES NOT CONSTITUTE THE SALE OF INSURANCE.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3775 -- Reps. Knight, Delleney, Cobb-Hunter, Felder, J. E. Smith, Simrill, Douglas, West, Wheeler, Thigpen, Williams, McEachern, Johnson, Pitts, Ridgeway and Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-63-140, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING IN PART TO ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATES OF ADOPTED PERSONS, SO AS TO ALLOW AN ADULT ADOPTEE TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE ADOPTEE'S OWN ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE, TO ALLOW A BIOLOGICAL PARENT TO EXECUTE A CONTACT PREFERENCE FORM AT ANY TIME TO BE PROVIDED TO THE ADULT ADOPTEE WITH THE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A MEDICAL HISTORY FORM BY A BIOLOGICAL PARENT.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 3776 -- Reps. Loftis, Erickson, Elliott, Willis, G. M. Smith, Crawford, Bannister, G. R. Smith, Taylor and White: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 43-5-127 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT'S DIVISION OF ECONOMIC SERVICES AND OTHER DIVISIONS OR AGENCIES WHEN A CHILD IS REMOVED FROM THE HOME, SO AS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE PERSON FROM WHOM THE CHILD HAS BEEN REMOVED RECEIVES SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS OR OTHER PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO RECALCULATE THE BENEFIT AMOUNT IF IMPACTED BY THE REMOVAL OF THE CHILD FROM THE PERSON'S PHYSICAL CUSTODY.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 3777 -- Rep. White: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-21-2870, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CIGARETTES FOUND NOT HAVING AFFIXED TO THE PACKAGE CERTAIN STAMPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CIGARETTES FOUND AT ANY POINT NOT HAVING AFFIXED TO THE PACKAGE CERTAIN STAMPS ARE CONSIDERED CONTRABAND.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3779 -- Rep. Putnam: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 57-1-310 THROUGH 57-1-340, ALL AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, ALL RELATING TO THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSIONERS MUST BE ELECTED; AND TO REPEAL ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 57 RELATING TO THE JOINT TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3780 -- Rep. Putnam: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY REPEALING SECTION 12-36-2120 RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE STATE SALES TAX.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3781 -- Rep. Putnam: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE GENERAL ELECTION OF 2022, THERE MUST BE ELECTED BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THIS STATE A SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION WHO SHALL HOLD THIS OFFICE FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, COTERMINOUS WITH THAT OF THE GOVERNOR WHOSE DUTIES AND COMPENSATION MUST BE PRESCRIBED BY LAW.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3782 -- Rep. Putnam: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND LAWS PERTAINING TO THE DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND LAWS PERTAINING TO THE USE OF STATE FUNDS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR SPECIFIC ROAD PROJECTS FOR SIX YEARS SO AS TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO BE OPERATED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3783 -- Rep. Putnam: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-1-320, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE LIMIT ON ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE INCREASES IMPOSED BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, SO AS TO RESTORE THE FORMER METHOD OF OVERRIDING THE ANNUAL CAP BY A POSITIVE MAJORITY OF THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNING BODY AND DELETING THE SUPER MAJORITY REQUIREMENT FOR OVERRIDING THE CAP FOR SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 11-11-150, RELATING TO THE TRUST FUND FOR TAX RELIEF, SO AS TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AND FULL FUNDING FOR THE SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGE PORTION OF THE REIMBURSEMENT PAID LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE EXEMPTION REIMBURSED FROM THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FUND FROM ALL SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGE ALLOWED ALL OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-251, RELATING TO THE CALCULATION OF "ROLLBACK TAX MILLAGE" APPLICABLE FOR REASSESSMENT YEARS, SO AS TO RESTORE THE FORMER EXEMPTION ALLOWED FROM A PORTION OF SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGE FOR ALL OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-270 AND ACT 388 OF 2006, RELATING TO THE REIMBURSEMENTS PAID LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR PROPERTY TAX NOT COLLECTED AS A RESULT OF THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED AND, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE APPLICATION OF PROPERTY TAX CREDITS IN COUNTIES WHERE THE USE OF LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX REVENUES GIVE RISE TO A CREDIT AGAINST SCHOOL OPERATING PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING AMENDMENTS; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 10, TITLE 4 RELATING TO THE LOCAL OPTION SALES AND USE TAX FOR LOCAL PROPERTY TAX CREDITS; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 11-11-157, 11-11-155 AND 11-11-156 RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION TRUST FUND; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 11, CHAPTER 36, TITLE 12 RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX THE REVENUES OF WHICH REIMBURSE SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FROM ALL PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE IMPOSED FOR SCHOOL OPERATIONS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 12-37-3130, 12-37-3140, AND 12-37-3150, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, VALUATION, AND ASSESSABLE TRANSFERS OF INTEREST, FOR PURPOSES OF THE "SOUTH CAROLINA REAL PROPERTY VALUATION REFORM ACT", SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE "POINT OF SALE" VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY TAX AND RETURN TO THE FORMER VALUATION SYSTEM IN WHICH REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS TO REAL PROPERTY ARE APPRAISED BY THE ASSESSOR AND PERIODICALLY ADJUSTED IN COUNTYWIDE REAPPRAISALS, TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN THE FIFTEEN PERCENT CAP OVER FIVE YEARS ON INCREASES IN FAIR MARKET VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY RESULTS IN A VALUE THAT IS LOWER THAN THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE PROPERTY AS DETERMINED BY THE ASSESSOR THAT THE LOWER VALUE BECOMES THE PROPERTY TAX VALUE OF THE REAL PROPERTY AND IS DEEMED ITS FAIR MARKET VALUE FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSITION OF PROPERTY TAX, TO PROVIDE THAT AN ASSESSABLE TRANSFER OF INTEREST IS A TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OR OTHER INSTANCE CAUSING A "STEPUP" IN THE PROPERTY TAX VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY TO ITS FAIR MARKET VALUE AS DETERMINED BY THE ASSESSOR, TO REQUIRE THE CAP ON INCREASES IN VALUE TO BE APPLIED SEPARATELY TO REAL PROPERTY AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, AND TO PROVIDE WHEN THE STEPUP VALUE FIRST APPLIES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-60-30, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT" FOR PURPOSES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE PROCEDURES ACT, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE NOTICES TO INCLUDE PROPERTY TAX VALUE AND PROVIDE THAT THE APPLICABLE ASSESSMENT RATIO APPLIES TO THE LOWER OF FAIR MARKET VALUE, PROPERTY TAX VALUE, OR SPECIAL USE VALUE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-60-2510, RELATING TO THE FORM OF ASSESSMENT NOTICES ISSUED BY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THESE NOTICES MUST CONTAIN THE PROPERTY TAX VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS IN ADDITION TO FAIR MARKET VALUE AND SPECIAL USE VALUE; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 25, CHAPTER 37, TITLE 12 RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA REAL PROPERTY VALUATION REFORM ACT, IF CERTAIN CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ARE RATIFIED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-43-220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS AND SECTIONS 12-60-30 AND 12-60-2510, RELATING TO TAX PROCEDURES, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING AMENDMENTS, AND MAKE THESE REPEALS AND AMENDMENTS CONTINGENT UPON RATIFICATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 6, ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE ELIMINATING THE FIFTEEN PERCENT CAP OVER FIVE YEARS IN INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY TAX AND ELIMINATING AN ASSESSABLE TRANSFER OF INTEREST AS AN EVENT THAT MAY RESULT IN A CHANGE IN THE VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF THE IMPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY TAX.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3784 -- Rep. Putnam: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-410, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE SECRETARY INSTEAD OF THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; TO DEVOLVE THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UPON THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; TO AMEND SECTION 1-30-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT AND THEIR GOVERNING BODIES, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES THAT PART OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS A SEVEN-MEMBER COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 1-30-105, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION; TO AMEND SECTION 11-43-140, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, SO AS TO REMOVE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AS A DIRECTOR, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION IS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD; TO AMEND SECTIONS 57-1-10, AS AMENDED, 57-1-40, AS AMENDED, 57-1-370, 57-1-430, AS AMENDED, 57-1-490, AS AMENDED, AND 57-3-20, AS AMENDED, ALL RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, TO ALLOW THE GOVERNOR TO APPOINT THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AND REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SUBMIT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AN ITEMIZED PROJECT LIST TO BE FUNDED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WOULD ENACT ITS ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-500, RELATING TO A DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ETHICS WORKSHOP, SO AS TO DELETE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS AS PARTICIPANTS IN THIS WORKSHOP; TO AMEND SECTION 57-3-50, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HIGHWAY DISTRICTS, SO AS TO SUBSTITUTE THE TERM "DEPARTMENT" FOR THE TERM "COMMISSION"; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-90, RELATING TO MOTORCYCLES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTION 57-3-210, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTING WITH PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEMS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTION 57-3-700, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVING AS AN AGENT FOR COUNTIES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTION 57-5-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTION 57-5-50, RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN ROADS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTION 57-5-90, RELATING TO BELT LINES AND SPURS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTION 57-5-310, RELATING TO THE OWNERSHIP OF REAL ESTATE, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTION 57-5-340, RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF REAL ESTATE, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTION 57-5-1350, RELATING TO TURNPIKES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 57-13-10, 57-13-20, 57-13-40, AND 57-13-50, ALL RELATING TO BRIDGES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTION 57-25-120, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 57-25-140, 57-25-150 57-25-170, 57-25-200, AND 57-25-210, ALL RELATING TO SIGNS ALONG THE HIGHWAYS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 57-1-310, 57-1-320, 57-1-325, 57-1-330, 57-1-340, 57-1-350, 57-1-460, 57-1-470, ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 57, AND SECTIONS 6, 7, AND 8 OF ACT 114 OF 2007 ALL RELATING TO THE CREATION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ITS COMMISSION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3785 -- Reps. Norman, Felder, B. Newton, Martin, Pope and Simrill: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-2953, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE VIDEO RECORDING OF THE INCIDENT SITE AND THE BREATH TEST SITE OF A PERSON CHARGED WITH OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR ANOTHER ILLEGAL SUBSTANCE, CHARGED WITH AN UNLAWFUL ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION, OR CHARGED WITH FELONY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, SO AS TO REVISE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UPON WHICH A VIDEO RECORDING OF THESE PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED TO BE MADE, THE PROCEDURES THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED WHEN A VIDEO RECORDING IS MADE, AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT EXEMPT AN OFFICER FROM MAKING A VIDEO RECORDING.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3786 -- Reps. Long, Bales, Martin, Burns, Chumley, Daning, Magnuson, Loftis, G. R. Smith, Simrill, B. Newton, Fry, Jordan, Elliott, Pope, Atkinson, Yow, Anthony, Williams, Bannister, Bedingfield, Forrester, Henderson, Herbkersman, Hill, Hixon, Lowe, V. S. Moss, Putnam, Sandifer and Toole: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-43-220, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY AND ASSESSMENT RATIOS FOR PURPOSES OF AD VALOREM TAXATION, SO AS TO LIMIT ROLLBACK TAXES TO ONE YEAR WHEN LAND CLASSIFIED AS AGRICULTURAL REAL PROPERTY IS APPLIED TO ANOTHER USE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3789 -- Reps. Govan, Yow, Henegan, J. E. Smith, Thigpen and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY AND SOUTH CAROLINA JOBS CHALLENGE PROGRAM EXPUNGEMENT ACT"; BY ADDING ARTICLE 10 TO CHAPTER 22, TITLE 17 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR EXPUNGEMENT OF A CRIMINAL RECORD PURSUANT TO SECTION 17-22-910 WHO SUCCESSFULLY GRADUATE AND COMPLETE THE SOUTH CAROLINA YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY AND SOUTH CAROLINA JOBS CHALLENGE PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD MAY APPLY TO HAVE THEIR RECORD EXPUNGED UPON SUCCESSFUL GRADUATION AND COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAMS UNDER CERTAIN DELINEATED CIRCUMSTANCES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 17-22-940, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE EXPUNGEMENT PROCESS, SO AS TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY ATTESTING TO THE ELIGIBILITY OF THE CHARGE FOR EXPUNGEMENT ON AN EXPUNGEMENT APPLICATION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3790 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-20-30, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO TERMS DEFINED IN THE "SOUTH CAROLINA INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY, RELATED DISABILITIES, HEAD INJURIES, AND SPINAL CORD INJURIES ACT", SO AS TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR "AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER"; TO AMEND SECTION 38-71-280, RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-21-510, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 3791 -- Reps. Erickson, Collins, Fry, Crawford and Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT "KELLIE RYNN'S LAW"; AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 63-13-170, 63-13-410, 63-13-610, 63-13-810, AND 63-13-1080, ALL RELATING TO LICENSURE OR REGISTRATION OF CHILDCARE FACILITIES, ALL SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATION OF A CHILDCARE FACILITY WITHOUT A REQUIRED LICENSE OR REGISTRATION IS A FELONY AND TO ESTABLISH CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 3792 -- Reps. Thayer, Funderburk and Sandifer: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-23-245 SO AS TO PROVIDE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR THE NUMBERS OF TOILETS AND LAVATORIES AVAILABLE FOR MEN AND WOMEN AT MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL STADIUMS AND HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STADIUMS, AND TO PROVIDE THESE STANDARDS APPLY NOTWITHSTANDING OTHERWISE APPLICABLE BUILDING CODES AND PLUMBING CODES, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3793 -- Reps. Crawford, Clemmons, Jordan, Johnson, Fry, Hardee, Bennett, Anderson, Alexander, Atkinson, Kirby, Crosby, Arrington, Sottile, McCoy, Daning, Duckworth, Hayes, Lowe, S. Rivers and Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-103-15, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE MISSION AND GOALS OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAMS SO LONG AS STATE GENERAL FUNDS ARE NOT APPROPRIATED FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE DEGREE PROGRAM.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3794 -- Reps. Bernstein, J. E. Smith, Rutherford, King, Mack, Thigpen, Henegan, Brown and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-17-420, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO OFFENSES INVOLVING DISTURBING SCHOOLS, SO AS TO RESTRUCTURE THE OFFENSES TO PROVIDE A DELINEATED LIST OF THOSE ACTIONS WHICH INVOLVE DISTURBING SCHOOLS, TO REVISE THE PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF A DISTURBING SCHOOLS OFFENSE, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR SCHOOL-SPONSORED ATHLETIC EVENTS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3795 -- Rep. Pitts: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-2-105, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS AND THE ISSUANCE OF GOLF CART PERMIT DECALS AND REGISTRATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THIS PROVISION ALSO APPLIES TO ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE" OR "ATV".

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

S. 90 -- Senators Campsen, Johnson, Hembree and Davis: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 22-2-5(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ELIGIBILITY EXAMINATION FOR MAGISTRATES, TO EXTEND THE TIME PERIOD FOR THE VALIDITY OF THE EXAMINATION SCORES FROM SIX MONTHS BEFORE AND SIX MONTHS AFTER THE TIME THE APPOINTMENT IS TO BE MADE TO ONE YEAR BEFORE AND TWO YEARS AFTER THE TIME THE APPOINTMENT IS TO BE MADE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 375 -- Medical Affairs Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO DRYCLEANING FACILITY RESTORATION, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4705, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

Referred to Committee on Regulations and Administrative Procedures

**ROLL CALL**

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

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| Caskey | Chumley | Clary |
| Clemmons | Clyburn | Cobb-Hunter |
| Cogswell | Cole | Collins |
| Crawford | Crosby | Daning |
| Davis | Delleney | Dillard |
| Douglas | Duckworth | Elliott |
| Erickson | Felder | Finlay |
| Forrest | Forrester | Fry |
| Funderburk | Gagnon | Govan |
| Hamilton | Hardee | Hart |
| Hayes | Henderson | Henegan |
| Herbkersman | Hewitt | Hill |
| Hiott | Hixon | Hosey |
| Howard | Huggins | Jefferson |
| Johnson | Jordan | King |
| Kirby | Knight | Loftis |
| Long | Lowe | Lucas |
| Mack | Magnuson | Martin |
| McCoy | McCravy | McEachern |
| McKnight | Mitchell | D. C. Moss |
| V. S. Moss | B. Newton | W. Newton |
| Norman | Ott | Parks |
| Pitts | Putnam | Quinn |
| Ridgeway | S. Rivers | Robinson-Simpson |
| Ryhal | Sandifer | Simrill |
| G. M. Smith | G. R. Smith | J. E. Smith |
| Sottile | Spires | Stavrinakis |
| Tallon | Taylor | Thayer |
| Thigpen | Toole | Weeks |
| West | Wheeler | Whipper |
| White | Whitmire | Williams |
| Willis | Yow |  |

**Total Present--113**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. POPE a leave of absence for the day due to a prior commitment.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. MURPHY a leave of absence for the day due to a prior commitment.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**DOCTOR OF THE DAY**

Announcement was made that Dr. James J. McCoy of North Charleston was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Reps. MAGNUSON, ALLISON, LONG and CHUMLEY presented to the House the Chapman High School Varsity Football Team, coaches and other school officials.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Rep. GAGNON presented to the House the Abbeville High School Varsity Football Team, coaches and other school officials.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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.”

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**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**STATEMENT BY REP. JEFFERSON**

Rep. JEFFERSON made a statement relative to the distinguished public service of the late Representative Joseph H. "Joe" Neal.

**STATEMENT BY REP. GOVAN**

Rep. GOVAN made a statement relative to the distinguished public service of the late Representative Joseph H. "Joe" Neal.

**STATEMENT BY REP. J. E. SMITH**

Rep. J. E. SMITH made a statement relative to the distinguished public service of the late Representative Joseph H. "Joe" Neal.

**STATEMENT BY REP. MACK**

Rep. MACK made a statement relative to the distinguished public service of the late Representative Joseph H. "Joe" Neal.

**STATEMENT BY REP. WEEKS**

Rep. WEEKS made a statement relative to the distinguished public service of the late Representative Joseph H. "Joe" Neal.

**STATEMENT BY REP. TOOLE**

Rep. TOOLE made a statement relative to the distinguished public service of the late Representative Joseph H. "Joe" Neal.

**STATEMENT BY REP. BALES**

Rep. BALES made a statement relative to the distinguished public service of the late Representative Joseph H. "Joe" Neal.

**STATEMENT BY REP. PITTS**

Rep. PITTS made a statement relative to the distinguished public service of the late Representative Joseph H. "Joe" Neal.

**STATEMENT BY REP. MCEACHERN**

Rep. MCEACHERN made a statement relative to the distinguished public service of the late Representative Joseph H. "Joe" Neal.

**STATEMENT BY REP. RUTHERFORD**

Rep. RUTHERFORD made a statement relative to the distinguished public service of the late Representative Joseph H. "Joe" Neal.

**STATEMENT BY REP. COBB-HUNTER**

Rep. COBB-HUNTER made a statement relative to the distinguished public service of the late Representative Joseph H. "Joe" Neal.

**SENT TO THE SENATE**

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

H. 3429 -- Reps. Clemmons and Norrell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 15-41-30, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS OR ATTACHMENT, LEVY, AND SALE, SO AS TO REVISE EXEMPTIONS IN BANKRUPTCY.

H. 3176 -- Reps. Clemmons, Daning, Pitts and Norrell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 15-41-30, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO AN INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT BEING EXEMPT FROM ATTACHMENT, LEVY, AND SALE, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT THE EXEMPTION APPLIES ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT IS PERMITTED IN SECTION 522(d) OF THE FEDERAL BANKRUPTCY CODE.

H. 3515 -- Reps. Erickson, W. Newton, Yow, Loftis, Bowers, Bradley and Herbkersman: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE WAIVER OF FIVE OR FEWER DAYS THAT SCHOOLS IN COUNTIES FOR WHICH FEDERAL MAJOR DISASTER DECLARATIONS WERE MADE AS A RESULT OF HURRICANE MATTHEW, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THESE WAIVERS ARE AVAILABLE ONCE WAIVERS AVAILABLE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ARE EXHAUSTED.

**H. 3278--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3278 -- Reps. Rutherford and Clyburn: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-980 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL DETENTION FACILITY SHALL NOT PROHIBIT AN IN-PERSON MEETING BETWEEN AN INMATE AND HIS ATTORNEY.

Rep. FORREST moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, February 21, which was agreed to.

**H. 3508--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 3508 -- Reps. Allison, Henegan, Brown and Whipper: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE OPENING DATE FOR STUDENTS TO ATTEND PUBLIC SCHOOLS DURING THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR MAY BE AS EARLY AS THURSDAY, AUGUST SEVENTEENTH, AT THE ELECTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Rep. ALLISON moved to adjourn debate on the Joint Resolution until Tuesday, February 21, which was agreed to.

**H. 3358--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3358 -- Reps. Willis, Allison, Collins, Knight, West, Felder and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-87 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON MAY HOLD ONLY ONE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES-ISSUED CREDENTIAL AT A TIME, TO PROVIDE THAT A REAL ID CARD MAY BE A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE A COMPLIANT OR NON-COMPLIANT CREDENTIAL TO A PERSON WHO PRESENTS CERTAIN DOCUMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-85, RELATING TO THE STATE'S NON-PARTICIPATION IN THE FEDERAL REAL ID ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE SHALL MEET ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL REAL ID ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-90, RELATING TO IDENTIFICATION NECESSARY TO OBTAIN A DRIVER'S LICENSE, SO AS TO REVISE THE CRITERIA THAT MUST BE MET TO PROVE THE EXISTENCE AND VALIDITY OF A PERSON'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-140, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE, SO AS TO REVISE THE COST AND FREQUENCY OF THE RENEWAL PERIOD FOR A DRIVER'S LICENSE, TO REVISE THE CONTENT OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE, AND TO ELIMINATE THE FEE ASSOCIATED WITH THE PLACEMENT OF A VETERAN DESIGNATION ON A DRIVER'S LICENSE; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-210, RELATING TO THE EXPIRATION OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE, SO AS TO REVISE THE EXPIRATION DATE OF A LICENSE ISSUED AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2017, AND TO REVISE THE CRITERIA THAT MUST BE MET BY A PERSON WHO SEEKS TO HAVE HIS LICENSE RENEWED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO VISION SCREENINGS REQUIRED FOR RENEWAL OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE, SO AS TO REVISE THE CRITERIA THAT MUST BE MET BY A PERSON WHO SEEKS TO RENEW HIS DRIVER'S LICENSE.

Reps. WILLIS, HIOTT, CLARY, KIRBY, ANDERSON, CROSBY, DANING, BENNETT, LONG, MAGNUSON, MARTIN, SANDIFER, WHITMIRE, G. R. SMITH, J. E. SMITH, CLEMMONS, WEEKS, BRADLEY, HILL and JEFFERSON requested debate on the Bill.

**STATEMENT BY REP. NORMAN**

Rep. NORMAN made a statement relative to his service in the House.

Rep. HARDEE 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. 3796 -- Reps. Howard, Bales, Ballentine, Bernstein, Douglas, Finlay, Hart, McEachern, Rutherford, J. E. Smith, Thigpen, King, Govan, Henegan, Jefferson, Anderson, Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Bamberg, Brown, Clyburn, Dillard, Gilliard, Hosey, Mack, McKnight, Mitchell, Parks, M. Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Weeks, Whipper, Williams, Lucas, Allison, Anthony, Arrington, Atkinson, Atwater, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bennett, Blackwell, Bowers, Bradley, Burns, Caskey, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Cogswell, Cole, Collins, Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Davis, Delleney, Duckworth, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Forrester, Fry, Funderburk, Gagnon, Hamilton, Hardee, Hayes, Henderson, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Huggins, Johnson, Jordan, Kirby, Knight, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, Martin, McCoy, McCravy, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, B. Newton, W. Newton, Norman, Norrell, Ott, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, S. Rivers, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Toole, West, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF, REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH H. "JOE" NEAL OF RICHLAND COUNTY, TO HONOR HIS REMARKABLE COMMITMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:32 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. JEFFERSON, adjourned in memory of Rosa Lee Green Pinckney of Cross, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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