**Tuesday, January 10, 2017**

**(Statewide Session)**

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The Senate assembled at 12:00 Noon, the hour to which it stood adjourned, and was called to order by the PRESIDENT.

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

“Let us love one another because love is from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.” (1 John 4:7)

Let us pray:

Dear Heavenly Father, we come today recognizing You as our help in ages past and our hope for the future. We thank You for the opportunity to gather this day of this first legislative day of 2017, recognizing our blessings and watching over us. I pray Lord for each member of this Senate, individually and collectively as a Body, in the work and service that You would have us to do. I pray for all of those that assist us and that work within this complex day in and day out. We pray for Your wisdom, guidance, direction and love in the work that is before us. We recognize You as we pray for all in authority at all levels of government, that You would also lead, guide and direct them not only this day but every day. As we celebrate championships on earth, we celebrate the greatest championship of all, being a child of Your kingdom and the love that You have shown for us day in and day out. In thy holy name we pray. Amen.

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

**Election of the Chaplain of the Senate**

On motion of Senator COURSON, the Senate proceeded to the election of the Chaplain of the Senate.

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations for the Chaplain were in order.

Senator ALEXANDER placed the name of Reverend Dr. Francis M. Burriss in nomination as Chaplain of the Senate.

Senator SHEHEEN seconded the nomination and moved that the nominations be closed and that Reverend Dr. Francis M. Burriss be elected Chaplain by acclamation.

The PRESIDENT announced that Reverend Dr. Francis M. Burriss had been elected Chaplain of the Senate.

**Administration of Oath of Office**

Reverend Dr. Francis M. Burriss presented himself at the Bar and the Oath of Office was administered by the PRESIDENT.

**REGULATIONS RECEIVED**

The following were received and referred to the appropriate committees for consideration:

Document No. 4625

Agency: Department of Consumer Affairs

Chapter: 28

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 37-11-80

SUBJECT: Licensing Standards for Continuing Care Retirement Communities

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Banking and Insurance

Document No. 4649

Agency: Secretary of State

Chapter: 113

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 35-1-101 et seq.

SUBJECT: Securities Division

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Banking and Insurance

Document No. 4655

Agency: Clemson University - State Crop Pest Commission

Chapter: 27

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 46-9-40

SUBJECT: Plant Nursery Regulations

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

Document No. 4656

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60, 59-5-65, and 59-59-10 et seq.

SUBJECT: At-Risk Students

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 11, 2017

Referred to Committee on Education

Document No. 4657

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60, 59-5-65, and 59-59-10 et seq.

SUBJECT: Minimum Standards of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Enforcement Procedures to be Implemented by Local School Districts

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Education

Document No. 4658

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60, 59-67-240, 59-67-410, 59-67-470, and 59-67-570

SUBJECT: Operation of Public Pupil Transportation Services

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Education

Document No. 4659

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 5-7-12, 16-17-420, 59-5-60, and 59-5-65

SUBJECT: School Resource Officers

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Education

Document No. 4664

Agency: Department of Revenue

Chapter: 117

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 12-4-320

SUBJECT: Hotels, Motels, and Similar Facilities

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Finance

Document No. 4665

Agency: Department of Revenue

Chapter: 117

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 12-4-320

SUBJECT: Examples of the Application of Tax to Various Charges Imposed by Hotels, Motels, and Other Facilities

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Finance

Document No. 4671

Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control

Chapter: 61

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 43-9-510

SUBJECT: WIC Vendors

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs

Document No. 4675

Agency: South Carolina Human Affairs Commission

Chapter: 65

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 1-13-70

SUBJECT: Complaint

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Document No. 4676

Agency: South Carolina Human Affairs Commission

Chapter: 65

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 1-13-70

SUBJECT: Employment Records to be Retained for Six Months

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Document No. 4677

Agency: South Carolina Human Affairs Commission

Chapter: 65

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 1-13-70

SUBJECT: Investigation and Production of Evidence

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Document No. 4678

Agency: South Carolina Human Affairs Commission

Chapter: 65

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 31-21-30 and 31-21-100

SUBJECT: Investigation Procedures

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Document No. 4679

Agency: South Carolina Human Affairs Commission

Chapter: 65

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 31-21-30 and 31-21-100

SUBJECT: Issuance of Complaint

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Document No. 4680

Agency: South Carolina Human Affairs Commission

Chapter: 65

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 31-21-30 and 31-21-100

SUBJECT: Pleadings, Motions and Discoveries

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Document No. 4681

Agency: South Carolina Human Affairs Commission

Chapter: 65

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 1-13-70

SUBJECT: Preservation of Records in Event of Charge of Discrimination

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Document No. 4682

Agency: South Carolina Human Affairs Commission

Chapter: 65

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 1-13-70

SUBJECT: Procedure for the Institution of Civil Actions as Provided in

Section 1-13-90(d) of the Act

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Document No. 4683

Agency: Department of Transportation

Chapter: 63

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 57-3-110(8)

SUBJECT: Transportation Project Prioritization

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Document No. 4684

Agency: Department of Transportation

Chapter: 63

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 57-3-110(8)

SUBJECT: Secretary of Transportation Approval of Actions

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Document No. 4685

Agency: Department of Transportation

Chapter: 63

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 57-3-110(8)

SUBJECT: Commission Approval of Actions

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Document No. 4686

Agency: Department of Natural Resources

Chapter: 123

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 50-11-2200, 50-11-2210 and 50-11-2215

SUBJECT: General Regulations; and Additional Regulations Applicable to Specific Properties

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry

Document No. 4687

Agency: Department of Natural Resources

Chapter: 123

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 50-1-200, 50-1-220, 50-11-10, 50-11-96, 50-11-105, 50-11-310, 50-11-335, 50-11-350, 50-11-390, 50-11-520, 50-11-530, 50-11-854, 50-11-2200 and 50-11-2210

SUBJECT: Wildlife Management Area Regulations; and Turkey Hunting Rules and Seasons

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry

Document No. 4689

Agency: State Board of Financial Institutions - Consumer Finance Division

Chapter: 15

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 34-41-10 et seq., particularly

Section 34-41-130

SUBJECT: Check Cashing Services

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Banking and Insurance

Document No. 4690

Agency: State Board of Financial Institutions - Consumer Finance Division

Chapter: 15

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 37-22-110 et seq., particularly

Section 37-22-260

SUBJECT: Mortgage Lending

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Banking and Insurance

Document No. 4692

Agency: Department of Employment and Workforce

Chapter: 47

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 4-29-110 and 41-35-720

SUBJECT: Appeals to the Appellate Panel

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

Document No. 4693

Agency: Department of Employment and Workforce

Chapter: 47

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 4-29-110

SUBJECT: Work Search

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

Document No. 4696

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 59-29-190

SUBJECT: Advanced Placement

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Education

Document No. 4697

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60, 59-5-65, 59-53-1810, and 20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.

SUBJECT: Career or Technology Centers/Comprehensive High Schools

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Education

Document No. 4698

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60 and 59-25-110

SUBJECT: Certification Requirements

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Education

Document No. 4699

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60(1), 59-25-110, 59-26-10 et seq., and Pub.L. 114-95

SUBJECT: Credential Classification

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Education

Document No. 4701

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60(1), 59-25-110, 59-26-10 et seq., and 20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.

SUBJECT: Requirements for Additional Areas of Certification

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Education

Document No. 4702

Agency: Department of Revenue

Chapter: 117

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 12-4-320 and 12-21-735

SUBJECT: Cigarette Taxes

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Finance

Document No. 4703

Agency: Office of the Governor

Chapter: 58

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 25-1-420 et seq.

SUBJECT: State Emergency Management Standards

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to General Committee

Document No. 4704

Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control

Chapter: 61

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-29-150 through 44-29-170

SUBJECT: The Evaluation of School Employees for Tuberculosis

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs

Document No. 4705

Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control

Chapter: 61

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-56-410 et seq.

SUBJECT: Drycleaning Facility Restoration

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs

Document No. 4706

Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control

Chapter: 61

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-2-10 et seq.

SUBJECT: Underground Storage Tank Control Regulations

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs

Document No. 4707

Agency: Department of Consumer Affairs

Chapter: 28

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 37-17-10 et seq., particularly Section 37-17-120

SUBJECT: Discount Medical Plan Certificate of Registration

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Banking and Insurance

Document No. 4708

Agency: Department of Consumer Affairs

Chapter: 28

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 39-61-10 et seq., particularly Section 39-61-160

SUBJECT: Motor Club Certificate of Authority

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

Document No. 4709

Agency: Department of Consumer Affairs

Chapter: 28

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 37-16-10 et seq., particularly Section 37-16-90

SUBJECT: Prepaid Legal Services Certificate of Registration

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Banking and Insurance

Document No. 4710

Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

Chapter: 10

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-50, 40-1-70, 40-7-50, and 40-7-60

SUBJECT: Board of Barber Examiners

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

Document No. 4711

Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

Chapter: 10

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-50, 40-1-70, 40-57-60, and 40-57-70

SUBJECT: Real Estate Commission

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

Document No. 4712

Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Office of Amusement Rides

Chapter: 71

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 41-18-120

SUBJECT: Purpose and Definitions

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

Document No. 4713

Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Board of Barber Examiners

Chapter: 17

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-50, 40-1-70, 40-7-50, and 40-7-60

SUBJECT: Barbershop Requirements; Applications for Inspection and Registration and Shop License

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

Document No. 4714

Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Building Codes Council

Chapter: 8

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 6-8-20, 6-9-40, 6-9-63(E), and 40-1-70

SUBJECT: Adoption of Model Codes

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

Document No. 4715

Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Building Codes Council

Chapter: 8

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 6-8-20, 6-9-40, 6-9-63(E), and 40-1-70

SUBJECT: Energy Standards Appeal Procedure

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

Document No. 4716

Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Building Codes Council

Chapter: 8

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 6-8-20, 6-9-40, 6-9-63(E), and 40-1-70

SUBJECT: IRC Section R502.11.4 Truss design

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

Document No. 4717

Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Building Codes Council

Chapter: 8

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 6-8-20, 6-9-40, 6-9-63(E), and 40-1-70

SUBJECT: IRC Section R703.4 Flashing

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

Document No. 4718

Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Building Codes Council

Chapter: 8

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 6-8-20, 6-9-40, 6-9-63(E), and 40-1-70

SUBJECT: IRC Section R802.10.1 Wood Truss Design

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

Document No. 4719

Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Building Codes Council

Chapter: 8

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 6-9-40

SUBJECT: Maximum Time for Certification

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

Document No. 4720

Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Board of Cosmetology

Chapter: 35

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70 and 40-13-80

SUBJECT: Sanitary and Safety Rules for Salons and Schools

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

Document No. 4721

Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

Chapter: 10

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-50, 40-1-70, 48-27-140 and 48-27-190

SUBJECT: Board of Registration for Foresters

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry

Document No. 4722

Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Board of Long Term Health Care Administrators

Chapter: 93

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70 and 40-35-60

SUBJECT: Administrator-in-Training Program Requirements

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs

Document No. 4723

Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Board of Examiners in Opticianry

Chapter: 96

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-50, 40-1-70, 40-38-60, and 40-38-250

SUBJECT: Examinations; Apprenticeship; and Continuing Education Requirements

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs

Document No. 4724

Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Real Estate Commission

Chapter: 105

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70 and 40-57-60

SUBJECT: Amend Regulations 105-2 through 105-13 to Comport with 2016 Act 170

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

Document No. 4731

Agency: Department of Revenue

Chapter: 117

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 12-4-320

SUBJECT: Exemption Meals Sold to School Children

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Finance

Document No. 4734

Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Board of Pharmacy

Chapter: 99

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70 and 40-43-60(D)(5)

SUBJECT: Minimum Specifications and Practice Standards Governing Pharmacies and Pharmacists Engaged in Nonsterile and Sterile Compounding

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs

Document No. 4735

Agency: Workers' Compensation Commission

Chapter: 67

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 42-3-30

SUBJECT: Chapter Revisions

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Document No. 4736

Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control

Chapter: 61

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 44-1-140

SUBJECT: Shellfish

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs

**REGULATIONS WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED**

The following were received:

Document No. 4624

Agency: Department of Consumer Affairs

Chapter: 28

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 40-68-20

SUBJECT: Professional Employer Organizations

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

Legislative Review Expiration May 10, 2017

Withdrawn and Resubmitted January 10, 2017

Document No. 4625

Agency: Department of Consumer Affairs

Chapter: 28

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 37-11-80

SUBJECT: Licensing Standards for Continuing Care Retirement Communities

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 10, 2017

Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs

Legislative Review Expiration May 10, 2017

Withdrawn and Resubmitted January 10, 2017

**Doctor of the Day**

Senator KIMPSON introduced Dr. Alexander W. Ramsey of Charleston, S.C., Doctor of the Day.

**Expression of Personal Interest**

Senator ALEXANDER rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**Leave of Absence**

On motion of Senator YOUNG, at 12:15 P.M., Senator TURNER was granted a leave of absence for the balance of the day.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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

S. 3 Sen. Hembree

S. 6 Sen. Hembree

S. 7 Sens. Johnson, Malloy, Setzler, Courson, Sheheen,

McElveen, Talley

S. 8 Sen. Hembree

S. 10 Sen. Johnson

S. 16 Sen. Malloy

S. 17 Sen. Hembree

S. 18 Sen. Hembree

S. 20 Sen. Hembree

S. 27 Sens. Young, Hembree

S. 30 Sen. Malloy

S. 38 Sen. Sheheen

S. 41 Sen. McLeod

S. 42 Sens. Gambrell, Hembree

S. 58 Sens. Johnson, M.B. Matthews, Malloy

S. 72 Sen. Hembree

S. 78 Sen. Williams

S. 85 Sen. Gambrell

S. 86 Sen. Verdin

S. 87 Sen. Hembree

S. 90 Sens. Johnson, Hembree

S. 91 Sen. Bennett

S. 92 Sen. Bennett

S. 93 Sen. Bennett

S. 94 Sen. Bennett

S. 96 Sen. Hembree

S. 97 Sen. Hembree

S. 100 Sen. Johnson

S. 101 Sen. Johnson

S. 107 Sen. Hembree

S. 116 Sen. Malloy

S. 118 Sens. Malloy, Hembree

S. 119 Sen. Hembree

S. 121 Sen. Hembree

S. 128 Sen. Bennett

S. 129 Sen. Hembree

S. 133 Sen. Malloy

S. 134 Sen. Johnson

S. 135 Sen. Johnson

S. 137 Sen. Hembree

S. 139 Sen. Hembree

S. 140 Sen. Hembree

S. 148 Sen. Johnson

S. 169 Sen. McLeod

S. 172 Sen. Verdin

S. 178 Sen. Malloy

S. 179 Sen. Hembree

S. 194 Sen. Malloy

S. 199 Sen. Alexander

S. 200 Sens. Bryant, Campbell

S. 201 Sen. Campbell

S. 212 Sen. Jackson

S. 217 Sen. Rice

S. 219 Sen. Alexander

**RECALLED**

S. 42 -- Senators Bryant and Gambrell: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL DAYS MISSED BY STUDENTS ATTENDING TOWNVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4, FOLLOWING THE TRAGIC EVENTS THAT OCCURRED ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2016, ARE EXEMPT FROM THE MAKE-UP REQUIREMENT THAT FULL SCHOOL DAYS MISSED DUE TO DISRUPTIONS BE MADE UP.

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

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

**S. 42--Ordered to a Second and Third Reading**

On motion of Senator BRYANT, with unanimous consent, S. 42 was ordered to receive a second and third reading on the next two consecutive legislative days.

**RECALLED AND ADOPTED**

S. 108 -- Senators Campsen, Malloy and Hembree: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX NOON ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017, AS THE TIME TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, SEAT 5, UPON HIS SWEARING IN AS CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE JULY 31, 2020; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2017; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2017; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 9, UPON HIS ELECTION TO THE COURT OF APPEALS, CHIEF JUDGE, SEAT 5, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2022; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 10, 2017, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2018; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 1, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2016, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2021; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2016, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2022; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT ON THE FAMILY COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 7, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2017, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2023; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT ON THE FAMILY COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 8, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2017, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2023; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SEAT 2, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2017, THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL A NEW TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2022.

Senator RANKIN asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Resolution from the Committee on Judiciary.

The Resolution was recalled from the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator RANKIN asked unanimous consent to make a motion to take the Resolution up for immediate consideration.

There was no objection.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Resolution. The question then was the adoption of the Resolution.

The Resolution was adopted and sent to the House of Representatives.

**Motion Adopted**

Senator LEATHERMAN asked unanimous consent to make a motion that the list of prefiled Bills, a copy of which has been made available to each member, be introduced and entered in the Journal *en banc* as having been read and referred, as noted, unless any member shall make a motion to refer a Bill to a different committee.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

The following were introduced:

S. 3 -- Senators Rankin and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 47-1-145, TO ENACT THE "PROVISIONS FOR COST OF ANIMAL CARE ACT OF 2017", TO PROVIDE THAT THE CUSTODIAN OF AN ANIMAL TAKEN INTO CUSTODY DUE TO CIVIL OR CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS BY ITS OWNER MAY PETITION THE COURT FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO PROVIDING CARE TO THE ANIMAL, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR HEARING SUCH PETITIONS AND FOR THE COLLECTION AND USE OF FUNDS ORDERED TO BE PAID, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO FAILS TO PAY SUCH FUNDS FORFEITS RIGHTS OF OWNERSHIP TO THE ANIMAL, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSITION OF SUCH AN ANIMAL, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE RETURN OF FUNDS WHEN A PERSON IS NOT FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

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

S. 4 -- Senator Scott: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND TO OPERATE A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO DAM OWNERS TO CONDUCT ENGINEERING AND SAFETY STUDIES ON THE DAMS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

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

S. 5 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 49-11-240 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE INSPECTION OF DAMS, TO REQUIRE THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO INSPECT ALL DAMS ON WHICH A STATE HIGHWAY TRAVERSES EVEN IF THE DAM DOES NOT MEET THE DEFINITION CONTAINED IN SECTION 49-11-120(4).

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

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

S. 6 -- Senators Bryant and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 47-3-630 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR TEASING, MALTREATING, AND INJURING POLICE DOGS AND HORSES, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO TORTURES, MUTILATES, INJURES, DISABLES, POISONS, OR KILLS A POLICE DOG OR HORSE MAY BE FINED UP TO TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, MAY BE IMPRISONED FOR UP TO TEN YEARS, MUST PAY RESTITUTION TO COVER THE COST OF RESTORING OR REPLACING THE DOG OR HORSE INJURED OR KILLED, AND MAY BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE UP TO FIVE HUNDRED HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR AN ANIMAL-RELATED ORGANIZATION OR FOUNDATION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

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

S. 7 -- Senators Campsen, Malloy, Johnson, Talley, McElveen, Sheheen, Setzler and Courson: A BILL TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK REAUTHORIZATION ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 48-59-75 OF THE 1976 CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR A PROPORTIONAL REDUCTION IN THE TRANSFER OF RECORDING FEES IN THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND TO AMEND ACT 200 OF 2002, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNDING SOURCES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK, TO EXTEND FOR TEN YEARS, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028, THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 59, TITLE 48, THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK ACT, OTHERWISE SCHEDULED FOR REPEAL EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

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

S. 8 -- Senators Campsen and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 38-5-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A HEALTH CARE SHARING MINISTRY IS NOT ENGAGING IN THE BUSINESS OF INSURANCE AND NOT SUBJECT TO REGULATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "HEALTH CARE SHARING MINISTRY".

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

S. 9 -- Senator Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-380 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE OPTIONAL INTOXICANTS AND NARCOTICS EXCLUSION PROVISION CONTAINED IN CERTAIN INSURANCE POLICIES THAT REQUIRE THE REPLICATION OF EXACT LANGUAGE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 38-71-370 DOES NOT APPLY TO A MEDICAL EXPENSE POLICY, AND TO DEFINE MEDICAL EXPENSE POLICY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

S. 10 -- Senators Reese and Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-295 SO AS TO REQUIRE HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF INFERTILITY, WITH EXCEPTIONS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

S. 11 -- Senator Davis: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38-75-485, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA HURRICANE DAMAGE MITIGATION PROGRAM, SO AS TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE FLOOD DAMAGE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

S. 12 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 34-39-180(E) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR DEFERRED PRESENTMENT OR DEPOSIT OF CHECKS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE EFFECTIVE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE CHARGED ON A DEFERRED PRESENTMENT TRANSACTION CANNOT EXCEED THIRTY-SIX PERCENT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

S. 13 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 37-3-501 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SUPERVISED LOANS, BY ADDING SECTION 37-3-501(1)(c), TO PROVIDE THAT SHORT-TERM VEHICLE SECURED LOANS ARE NOT SUPERVISED LOANS; TO AMEND CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES ACT, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS AN UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICE FOR SUPERVISED LENDERS TO PROVIDE SHORT-TERM VEHICLE SECURED LOANS; TO AMEND SECOND 37-3-413, RELATING TO SHORT-TERM VEHICLE LOANS, BY ELIMINATING THE REPAYMENT TERM FROM THE DEFINITION, BY CAPPING THE LOAN INTEREST RATE FOR SPECIFIC LOAN AMOUNTS; TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 37 OF THE 1976 CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR A DATABASE TO PREVENT A PERSON FROM HAVING A SHORT-TERM VEHICLE SECURED LOAN THAT EXCEEDS A CERTAIN LIMIT AND TO TRACK LOAN TRANSACTIONS IN GENERAL, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ALL SHORT-TERM VEHICLE SECURED LOANS MAY ONLY BE MADE BY A LICENSEE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

S. 14 -- Senator Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38-71-147 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PHARMACISTS PARTICIPATING IN HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS, TO EXPAND THE TYPES OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS ABLE TO PARTICIPATE WILLINGLY IN HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

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S. 15 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 63, TITLE 38 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO LIFE INSURANCE, TO PROVIDE THAT NO LIFE INSURER MAY TERMINATE, FINE, OR OTHERWISE PENALIZE AN AGENT FOR PRESENTING AN INSURED WITH OPTIONS UNDER HIS POLICY OR FOR ASSISTING A POLICYHOLDER WITH SECURING BENEFITS UNDER HIS POLICY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

S. 16 -- Senators Rankin and Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE, SO AS TO AMEND SECTION 38-77-30(1) TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE TO INCLUDE UNDERINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE; TO AMEND SECTION 38-77-150 TO REQUIRE UNDERINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE ON ALL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICIES; TO AMEND SECTION 38-77-160 TO SPECIFY UNDERINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE IS AVAILABLE ABOVE THE MANDATORY MINIMUM LIMITS AND TO REMOVE PROVISIONS ALLOWING AN INSURED THE OPTION TO PURCHASE UNDERINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE; TO AMEND SECTION 38-77-200 TO INCLUDE UNDERINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE IN THE PROVISION PREVENTING INSURERS FROM REQUIRING ARBITRATION OF CLAIMS; TO AMEND SECTION 38-77-210 TO PROVIDE PROPERTY COVERAGE IS NOT REQUIRED IN UNDERINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38-77-260 SO AS TO DELETE REFERENCES TO NON-EXISTENT CODE SECTIONS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

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S. 17 -- Senators Bennett and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 48-39-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO COASTAL TIDELANDS AND WETLANDS, TO REMOVE A PORTION OF DORCHESTER COUNTY FROM THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "COASTAL ZONE".

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

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

S. 18 -- Senators Campsen and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 24-21-705 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT, UPON RECEIPT OF THE NOTICE OF A PAROLE HEARING, THE VICTIM AND MEMBERS OF THE VICTIM'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN STATEMENTS TO THE BOARD OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATEMENTS MUST BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD IN MAKING ITS DETERMINATION OF PAROLE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATEMENTS MUST BE RETAINED BY THE BOARD AND MUST BE SUBMITTED AT SUBSEQUENT PAROLE HEARINGS IF THE SUBMITTING PERSON DECLARES THAT THE STATEMENT STILL REPRESENTS THE PERSON'S PRESENT POSITION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Corrections and Penology.

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S. 19 -- Senator Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 24-1-300 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SHALL ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS WHICH CAN RESULT IN FISCAL SAVINGS AND A REDUCTION IN RECIDIVISM, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS SHALL BE COMPOSED OF THE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND SERVICES OF ALL INSTITUTIONS AND FACILITIES HOUSING INMATES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND SHALL BE SUPERVISED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Corrections and Penology.

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S. 20 -- Senators Campsen and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 24-21-410, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PLACEMENT OF A DEFENDANT ON PROBATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE DEFENDANT IS CONVICTED OF OR PLEADS GUILTY TO AN OFFENSE INVOLVING A VIOLENT ACT AGAINST A PERSON OR THE TAKING OF PROPERTY FROM A PERSON AND THE DEFENDANT IS PLACED ON PROBATION, THE DEFENDANT MAY NOT BE PLACED ON PROBATION FOR A SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Corrections and Penology.

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S. 21 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-108 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON MAY USE A FIREARM TO KILL OR ATTEMPT TO KILL ANY ANIMAL DURING ANY SEASON IN SELF-DEFENSE, DEFENSE OF ANOTHER, OR DEFENSE OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO USES DEADLY FORCE AGAINST A BIG GAME ANIMAL OR ALLIGATOR MUST REPORT THE INCIDENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN ANIMAL CARCASSES TAKEN PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE RETAINED, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REPORT THE INCIDENT OR SURRENDER THE CARCASS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

S. 22 -- Senator Campsen: 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.

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S. 23 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 49 SO AS TO ENACT THE "WETLANDS RESTORATION ACT" WHICH PROVIDES THAT CERTAIN IMPOUNDMENTS THAT ORIGINALLY IMPOUNDED A PARCEL OF TIDELAND OR MARSHLAND BUT NO LONGER COMPLETELY IMPOUNDS THAT PARCEL MAY BE REPAIRED OR RESTORED.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

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S. 24 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "SURFACE WATER STEWARDSHIP ACT"; TO AMEND SECTION 49-4-35, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF SURFACE WATER USE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT REGISTERED SURFACE WATER WITHDRAWERS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS MUST OBTAIN A SURFACE WATER WITHDRAWAL PERMIT RATHER THAN REGISTERING WITHDRAWALS, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN REGISTERED SURFACE WATER WITHDRAWERS ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PERMITTING REQUIREMENT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT INCREASES IN SURFACE WATER WITHDRAWALS BY REGISTERED SURFACE WATER WITHDRAWERS ARE  
  
  
  
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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

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

S. 25 -- Senator Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 21, TITLE 50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION OF WATERCRAFT, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON OPERATING A WATER DEVICE THAT COLLIDES WITH ANOTHER WATER DEVICE RESULTING IN DEATH OR GREAT BODILY INJURY MUST SUBMIT TO DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTS MUST BE ADMINISTERED IF A PASSENGER IN EITHER WATER DEVICE IS UNABLE TO BE LOCATED AFTER THE COLLISION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

S. 26 -- Senator McElveen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-9-20(A)(5) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CATAWBA HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES, TO BROADEN THE SCOPE OF THE LICENSING TO ALLOW ALL NATIVE AMERICAN INDIANS THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE FREE LICENSES; TO AMEND SECTION 50-9-570(B), RELATING TO MIGRATORY BIRD PERMITS, TO PROVIDE THAT ALL MEMBERS OF RECOGNIZED NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES IN SOUTH CAROLINA ARE NOT REQUIRED TO CARRY MIGRATORY BIRD PERMITS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50-11-515, RELATING TO AMERICAN INDIAN ARTISTS, TO ALLOW AMERICAN INDIAN ARTISTS FROM RECOGNIZED TRIBES TO SELL ART WITH WASTE PARTS FROM LEGALLY TAKEN GAME ANIMALS AND TO REQUIRE THE AMERICAN INDIAN  
  
ARTIST TO SUBMIT AN AFFIDAVIT SIGNED BY THE CHIEF OF HIS TRIBE CERTIFYING THE ARTIST'S TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

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S. 27 -- Senators Campsen, Young and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-3-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT BY THE GOVERNOR, BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE TERM, QUALIFICATIONS, AND FILLING OF A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 59-3-20 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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S. 28 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-39-112, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ELECTIVE CREDIT FOR RELEASED TIME CLASSES IN RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY, AS A MEANS TO ENSURE EVALUATION OF INSTRUCTION ON THE BASIS OF PURELY SECULAR CRITERIA, ACCEPT RELEASED TIME CREDITS AS TRANSFER CREDITS FROM AN ACCREDITED PRIVATE SCHOOL THAT HAS AWARDED PRIVATE SCHOOL CREDITS FOR A RELEASED TIME PROGRAM OPERATED BY AN UNACCREDITED ENTITY; AND TO MAKE THESE PROVISIONS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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S. 29 -- Senator Goldfinch: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 102, TITLE 59, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ATHLETE AGENTS AND STUDENT ATHLETES, SO AS TO ENACT THE "UNIFORM ATHLETE AGENTS ACT OF 2017", TO ADOPT THE INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR REGISTRATION OF STUDENT ATHLETE AGENTS AND MAKE NECESSARY CONFORMING CHANGES, TO REVISE VARIOUS PROVISIONS IN CONSIDERATION OF THE EXPANDED IMPACT OF SOCIAL MEDIA ON THE SOLICITATION AND RECRUITMENT OF STUDENT ATHLETES BY ATHLETE AGENTS, TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN STUDENT ATHLETES AND ATHLETE AGENTS, AND TO REVISE VARIOUS AVAILABLE REMEDIES, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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S. 30 -- Senators Rankin and Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-17 SO AS TO REQUIRE A ONE-HALF CREDIT COURSE OF STUDY IN PERSONAL FINANCE WITH AN END-OF-YEAR TEST AS A REQUIREMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION BEGINNING WITH THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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S. 31 -- Senator Scott: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-39-105 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL AWARD A SPECIAL EDUCATION DIPLOMA INSTEAD OF A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE OR OTHER CERTIFICATE TO A HANDICAPPED HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LAWFULLY ASSIGNED TO A SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AND WHO COMPLETES AN INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLAN IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES BEGINNING WITH THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP AND TO ADOPT RELATED ALTERNATE ASSESSMENTS TO EXISTING STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS, TO PROVIDE THESE ALTERNATE ASSESSMENTS MUST BE ADMINISTERED TO SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE A SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT'S INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM MUST SERVE AS AN ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT FOR THE STUDENT, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION DIPLOMAS AND THE STATUS OF RECIPIENTS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION DIPLOMAS AS BEING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES; TO AMEND SECTION 59-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING SPECIAL EDUCATION FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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S. 32 -- Senator McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-67-75 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEFORE AUGUST 1, 2019, ALL SCHOOL BUSES MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH LAP-SHOULDER SEAT BELTS FOR ALL PERMANENT SEATING ACCOMMODATIONS, TO PROVIDE THIS REQUIREMENT IS IN ADDITION TO EXISTING SCHOOL BUS SAFETY REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE THESE SEAT BELTS MUST BE PROPERLY FASTENED ABOUT PASSENGERS DURING VEHICLE OPERATION, TO PROVIDE SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS SHALL ENSURE THAT THESE SEAT BELTS ARE FASTENED ABOUT EACH PASSENGER, AND TO PROVIDE NO CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES MAY ARISE FROM THE FAILURE OF SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS TO ENSURE PASSENGERS WEAR THESE SEAT BELTS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS AND SCHOOL BUSES, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "LAP-SHOULDER SEAT BELT"; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-40, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL BUSES TO PRIVATE SCHOOL BUSES, SO AS INCLUDE LAP-SHOULDER SEAT BELT REQUIREMENTS.

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S. 33 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO EDUCATIONAL PROVISIONS, BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-500, TO REQUIRE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO INSTALL, MAINTAIN, AND PROVIDE WIRELESS LOCAL AREA NETWORKS IN EVERY K-12 SCHOOL IN THIS STATE AND THEREAFTER TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO INSTALL, MAINTAIN, AND PROVIDE WIRELESS LOCAL AREA NETWORKS IN EVERY SCHOOL BUS IN THIS STATE; TO REQUIRE EACH DISTRICT TO ADOPT A PLAN TO MAKE THE SCHOOL BUSES AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS ON NON-SCHOOL DAYS; AND TO REQUIRE EACH DISTRICT TO ISSUE A REPORT DETAILING THE USE OF THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED.

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

S. 34 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-156-120 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE AVAILABILITY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILD EARLY READING DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION PROGRAM, TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM IN THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR TO QUALIFIED CHILDREN RESIDING IN OTHER DISTRICTS BASED UPON THE DISTRICT'S POVERTY INDEX, TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM IN THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR TO ALL QUALIFIED CHILDREN IN ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE ALL CHILDREN WITHIN FIVE YEARS OF THE PROGRAM'S EXPANSION FOR ALL DISTRICTS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-156-140 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PROVIDER APPLICATIONS, TO MAKE A CONFORMING AMENDMENT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-156-220 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FUNDING OF THE PROGRAM, TO REQUIRE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO FUND THE PROGRAM IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, AND TO SET THE RATE FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR.

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S. 35 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-156-120 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE AVAILABILITY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILD EARLY READING DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION PROGRAM, TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM IN THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR TO QUALIFIED CHILDREN RESIDING IN OTHER DISTRICTS BASED UPON THE DISTRICT'S POVERTY INDEX, TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM IN THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR TO ALL QUALIFIED CHILDREN IN ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE ALL CHILDREN WITHIN FIVE YEARS OF THE PROGRAM'S EXPANSION FOR ALL DISTRICTS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-156-140 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PROVIDER APPLICATIONS, TO MAKE A CONFORMING AMENDMENT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-156-220 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FUNDING OF THE PROGRAM, TO REQUIRE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO FUND THE PROGRAM IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, AND TO SET THE RATE FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR.

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S. 36 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 17, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS, BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-45, TO PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THIS STATE MUST BE COMPRISED OF AT LEAST TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOLS OF THE DISTRICT IN ORDER TO RECEIVE  
  
  
  
STATE APPROPRIATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXCEPTION.

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S. 37 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 25, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING TEACHERS, BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-35, TO PROVIDE THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY PAY LUMP-SUM BONUSES TO AID IN RETAINING TEACHERS WHO EXCEL IN PROVIDING QUALITY INSTRUCTION, LEADERSHIP, OR BOTH; TO REQUIRE THAT BONUSES MUST BE APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD; TO CAP BONUSES AT NOT MORE THAN TWENTY PERCENT OF THE TEACHER'S BASE SALARY; AND TO PROVIDE THAT PAYMENT OF THESE BONUSES IS NOT A PART OF THE EMPLOYEE'S BASE SALARY AND IS NOT EARNABLE COMPENSATION FOR PURPOSES OF EMPLOYEE AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO RESPECTIVE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

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S. 38 -- Senators Malloy and Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-1-425 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE STATUTORY SCHOOL YEAR, TO REMOVE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE SPECIFIC NUMBER OF DAYS THAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN A SCHOOL YEAR; TO PROVIDE THAT A DISTRICT SHALL REPORT THE SCHOOL CALENDAR THAT IT SELECTS TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, ALONG WITH A RATIONALE BEHIND THE STRUCTURE OF THE CALENDAR; AND TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN DEVELOPING A CALENDAR, THE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD SHALL FOCUS ON STRUCTURING THE CALENDAR TO MAXIMIZE THE EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT IN THE UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES  
  
OF EACH SCHOOL BECAUSE CIRCUMSTANCES VARY AMONG DISTRICTS AND SCHOOLS WITHIN DISTRICTS.

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S. 39 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-1-425 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE STATUTORY SCHOOL TERM, TO PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL SEEKING A WAIVER FROM THE STATUTORY SCHOOL TERM TO OPERATE ON A YEAR-ROUND MODIFIED SCHOOL CALENDAR SHALL SUBMIT TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION A PLAN DETAILING THE GOALS THAT SCHOOLS SEEK CONSEQUENTLY TO ACHIEVE, TO REQUIRE APPROVAL OF THE PLAN BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION BEFORE A WAIVER MAY BE GRANTED, TO REQUIRE THAT THE SCHOOL ANNUALLY REPORT ITS PROGRESS TOWARD MEETING THESE GOALS TO THE STATE BOARD, TO REQUIRE THAT THE STATE BOARD REVIEW THE REPORT AND MAKE A DETERMINATION ON WHETHER THIS PROGRESS IS SATISFACTORY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE BOARD INITIALLY MAY NOT REVOKE A WAIVER OF A SCHOOL FOR UNSATISFACTORY PROGRESS, TO PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD TO HAVE MADE UNSATISFACTORY PROGRESS MUST BE PLACED ON PROBATION FOR ONE YEAR DURING WHICH TIME IT MUST DEVELOP WITH THE STATE BOARD A PROBATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN, TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD SHALL REVOKE THE WAIVER OF A SCHOOL THAT FAILS TO MAKE SATISFACTORY PROGRESS ON A PROBATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND DIRECT THE TRANSITION OF THE SCHOOL BACK TO THE STATUTORY SCHOOL TERM, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL WHOSE WAIVER IS REVOKED SUBSEQUENTLY MAY APPLY FOR A WAIVER.

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S. 40 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO EDUCATION, BY ADDING CHAPTER 138, TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS AND PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP, POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES; TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SERVICE OF TRUSTEES OR MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT, ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT, THE POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION, NOT INCONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER 138, TITLE 59, ARE DEVOLVED UPON THE SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 59-53-10, RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION, AND SECTION 59-103-10, RELATING TO THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

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S. 41 -- Senators Shealy and McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-63-790 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS, TO PROVIDE THAT BY SCHOOL YEAR 2018-2019, EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL IMPLEMENT IN EACH SCHOOL A NUTRITIONAL, WELL-BALANCED SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM AT NO COST TO THE STUDENT; TO AMEND SECTION 59-63-800 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO WAIVER OF SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS, TO DELETE THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY GRANT A WAIVER AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE SHALL BEAR THE COSTS OF FACILITIES IF A SCHOOL LACKS THE EQUIPMENT OR FACILITIES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE  
  
  
SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 59-63-765 AND 59-63-780 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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S. 42 -- Senators Bryant, Gambrell and Hembree: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL DAYS MISSED BY STUDENTS ATTENDING TOWNVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4, FOLLOWING THE TRAGIC EVENTS THAT OCCURRED ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2016, ARE EXEMPT FROM THE MAKE-UP REQUIREMENT THAT FULL SCHOOL DAYS MISSED DUE TO DISRUPTIONS BE MADE UP.

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S. 43 -- Senator Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-29-120(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE STUDY OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, TO PROVIDE THAT EACH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL MUST PROVIDE INSTRUCTION CONCERNING THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, THE FEDERALIST PAPERS, AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE TO EACH STUDENT FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR; TO AMEND SECTION 59-29-130, TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF OUR NATION'S FOUNDATIONAL DOCUMENTS IN HIGH SCHOOL; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 59-29-140.

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S. 44 -- Senator Gregory: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-220, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT EIGHTY PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF CERTAIN DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES AND TO EXEMPT THE VALUE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE PROPERTY FOR RESIDENTIAL USE.

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S. 45 -- Senator McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 8-11-970 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A COORDINATED STATEWIDE INITIATIVE TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE STATE WORKFORCE AND TO DEFINE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF STATE AGENCIES UNDER THIS INITIATIVE.

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S. 46 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-520, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO INFLATION ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX BRACKETS, SO AS TO ENACT THE "TAXPAYER INFLATION PROTECTION ACT", TO DELETE THE PROVISION LIMITING THE INFLATION ADJUSTMENT TO ONE-HALF OF THE ACTUAL INFLATION RATE AND THE OVERALL FOUR PERCENT LIMIT ON THE TOTAL INFLATION ADJUSTMENT, AND TO DELETE REDUNDANT LANGUAGE.

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S. 47 -- Senator Campsen: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CAPITAL INCENTIVES ACT" BY TEMPORARILY PROVIDING "BONUS" STATE INCOME TAX EXPENSING DEDUCTIONS FOR NEW DEPRECIABLE BUSINESS PROPERTY, BY EXCLUDING FROM SOUTH CAROLINA TAXABLE INCOME NET CAPITAL GAINS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE SALE OR EXCHANGE OF DEPRECIABLE BUSINESS PROPERTY RECEIVING THAT "BONUS" DEDUCTION, AND TO DEFINE TERMS BY APPROPRIATE REFERENCES TO PROVISIONS IN CHAPTER 6, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE, THE SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX ACT.

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S. 48 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-1150, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CAPITAL GAINS TAX, SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CAPITAL GAINS TAX ELIMINATION ACT", TO INCREASE THE DEDUCTION ALLOWED FROM FORTY-FOUR PERCENT TO ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE NET CAPITAL GAIN, AND TO PHASE IN THIS INCREASE OVER TEN YEARS.

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S. 49 -- Senator Scott: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE STATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO COMMISSION A PORTRAIT OF THE LATE ELIZABETH EVELYN WRIGHT MENAFEE, A NOTED HUMANITARIAN, EDUCATOR, AND FOUNDER OF VOORHEES COLLEGE TO BE PLACED IN AN APPROPRIATE PLACE IN THE STATE HOUSE.

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S. 50 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-224, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR BOATS AND WATERCRAFT WITH CERTAIN FEATURES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON MAY CLAIM A QUALIFYING BOAT OR WATERCRAFT AS HIS PRIMARY RESIDENCE FOR PURPOSES OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXATION, TO PROVIDE FOR APPLICATION FILING REQUIREMENTS IF THERE IS A CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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S. 51 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "LONG-TERM CARE TAX CREDIT ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3395 TO ALLOW A STATE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CREDIT OF FIFTEEN PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF PREMIUMS PAID BY A TAXPAYER PURSUANT TO A LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE CONTRACT, NOT TO EXCEED THREE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS IN A TAXABLE YEAR FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL, AND TO PROHIBIT A DOUBLE BENEFIT.

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S. 52 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-3515, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE STATE INCOME TAX CREDIT ALLOWED FOR DONATIONS OF A GIFT OF LAND FOR CONSERVATION OR A QUALIFIED CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CREDIT EQUALS TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE GIFT RATHER THAN TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE CHARITABLE DEDUCTION FOR THE GIFT ALLOWED ON THE TAXPAYER'S FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN, TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM ANNUAL CREDIT ALLOWED A TAXPAYER FROM FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, TO ADJUST THE MAXIMUM ANNUAL CREDIT FOR INCREASES IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, AND TO DELETE OBSOLETE PROVISIONS.

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S. 53 -- Senator Campsen: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT, BY ADDING SECTION 38 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL DESIGNATE, AS IT DETERMINES, FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY AS TRUST FUNDS, TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES APPLIED TO A TRUST FUND MAY BE APPROPRIATED ONLY FOR THE DESIGNATED PURPOSE EXCEPT UPON THE ADOPTION OF A SEPARATE PIECE OF LEGISLATION ADOPTED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE IN EACH HOUSE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PROVISION DESIGNATING A FUND AS A TRUST FUND MAY BE AMENDED ONLY BY A SEPARATE PIECE OF LEGISLATION ADOPTED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE IN EACH HOUSE.

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S. 54 -- Senators Bennett, Campbell, Turner and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REFORM ACT"; TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-310, RELATING TO THE MOTOR FUEL USER FEE, SO AS TO PHASE IN AN INCREASE OF TWELVE CENTS ON THE FEE, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADJUST THE FEE FOR INFLATION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN ECONOMIC CONDITIONS BE MET TO PHASE IN THE FEE INCREASE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 56-11-410 AND 56-11-450, BOTH RELATING TO THE ROAD TAX, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ROAD TAX IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE MOTOR FUEL USER FEE; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-140, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DRIVER’S LICENSES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE FEE TO OBTAIN A DRIVER'S LICENSE; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-620, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE BIENNIAL REGISTRATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE FEE FOR THE REGISTRATION; BY ADDING SECTION 56-3-645 SO AS TO IMPOSE A ROAD USE FEE ON CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES THAT OPERATE ON FUEL THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE MOTOR FUEL USER FEE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-2110, RELATING TO THE MAXIMUM SALES TAX, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM TAX ON CERTAIN ITEMS; TO AMEND ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 37, TITLE 12, RELATING TO MOTOR CARRIERS, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ARTICLE DOES NOT APPLY TO A SMALL COMMERCIAL VEHICLE, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN VEHICLES ARE ASSESSED AND APPORTIONED BASED ON A ROAD USE FEE INSTEAD OF PROPERTY TAXES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ROAD USE FEE IS DUE AT THE SAME TIME AS REGISTRATION FEES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ROAD USE FEE, AND TO EXEMPT CERTAIN SEMITRAILERS, TRAILERS, LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES, AND BUSES FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION; TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-510, RELATING TO THE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX, SO AS TO DECREASE TWO INCOME TAX RATES AND TO PHASE IN AN INCREASE IN THE SIZE OF EACH INCOME TAX BRACKET, AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN ECONOMIC CONDITIONS BE MET TO PHASE IN INCOME TAX BRACKETS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-520, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT TO THE INCOME TAX BRACKETS, SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION THAT LIMITS THE INFLATION ADJUSTMENT TO ONE-HALF OF THE ACTUAL INFLATION RATE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-1140, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE SUBSISTENCE DEDUCTION FOR CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS BY A DOLLAR A DAY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-3330, RELATING TO THE TWO-WAGE EARNER CREDIT, SO AS TO INCREASE A MULTIPLIER THAT DETERMINES THE MAXIMUM CREDIT AMOUNT; TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-3385, RELATING TO THE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR TUITION, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT FOR BOTH FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS AND TWO-YEAR INSTITUTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3632 SO AS TO ALLOW A CREDIT EQUAL TO THREE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF ANY EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ALLOWED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM PROPERTY TAX, SO AS TO PHASE IN AN EXEMPTION OF A PERCENTAGE OF MANUFACTURING PROPERTY AND BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY.

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S. 55 -- Senator Scott: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 8-11-625 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT STATE EMPLOYEES EARNING ANNUAL LEAVE AT THE RATE OF THIRTY DAYS A YEAR MUST RECEIVE A LUMP-SUM PAYMENT FOR DAYS OF ANNUAL LEAVE FEWER THAN THIRTY DAYS OR DONATED BY THE EMPLOYEE IN A CALENDAR YEAR, TO PROVIDE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH PAYMENTS ARE NOT CONSIDERED EARNABLE COMPENSATION IN THE CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS.

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S. 56 -- Senator Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-60-2950 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF A PROPERTY TAXPAYER OBJECTS TO A MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ASSESSMENT, AND THE TAXPAYER PRODUCES A BILL OF SALE THAT REFLECTS A SALES PRICE LOWER THAN THE ASSESSMENT, THEN THE AUDITOR MUST REDUCE THE ASSESSMENT TO THE SALES PRICE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY REBATE OR OTHER SALES INCENTIVE MUST BE SUBTRACTED FROM THE ASSESSMENT.

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S. 57 -- Senator Allen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-51-130, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO OVERAGES FROM A TAX SALE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ONLY THE OWNER OF AN OVERAGE MAY CLAIM THE OVERAGE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION THAT IDENTIFIES THE OWNER IS EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 30-4-40,  
  
  
RELATING TO MATTERS EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE.

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S. 58 -- Senators J. Matthews, Hutto, Johnson, Malloy and M. B. Matthews: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "PORT ENHANCEMENT ZONE ACT"; TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-3360, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE JOB TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PORT ENHANCEMENT ZONE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-3367, RELATING TO THE MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN TAXES FOR CERTAIN TAXPAYERS, SO AS TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM TO TAXPAYERS CREATING AT LEAST FIFTY NEW FULL-TIME JOBS IN A PORT ENHANCEMENT ZONE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-3375, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE TAX CREDIT FOR PORT CARGO VOLUME INCREASE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM ANNUAL CREDIT AMOUNT FROM EIGHT MILLION TO NINE MILLION DOLLARS AND TO PROVIDE THAT ONE MILLION DOLLARS MAY BE AWARDED TO A NEW WAREHOUSE OR DISTRIBUTION FACILITY THAT MEETS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS AND EMPLOYS AT LEAST FIFTY NEW FULL-TIME JOBS IN A PORT ENHANCEMENT ZONE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-10-80, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO JOB DEVELOPMENT CREDITS, SO AS TO ALLOW EIGHTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE MAXIMUM CREDIT TO BE CLAIMED BY BUSINESSES LOCATED IN A PORT ENHANCEMENT ZONE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-14-60, RELATING TO THE INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO DOUBLE THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT FOR ANY QUALIFIED MANUFACTURING AND PRODUCTIVE EQUIPMENT PROPERTY LOCATED IN A PORT ENHANCEMENT ZONE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-2120, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE STATE SALES TAX, SO AS TO EXTEND THE EXEMPTION FOR MATERIALS HANDLING TO A TAXPAYER THAT INVESTS AT LEAST TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS IN A PORT ENHANCEMENT ZONE, AND TO EXTEND THE EXEMPTION FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TO A TAXPAYER THAT INVESTS AT LEAST FORTY MILLION DOLLARS, IN REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY, IN A PORT ENHANCEMENT ZONE.

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S. 59 -- Senator Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3785 SO AS TO ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER TO CLAIM AN INCOME TAX CREDIT IF THE INDIVIDUAL SERVES AS A CAREGIVER FOR A PERSON WHO IS AT LEAST SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE, AND TO SET THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT.

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S. 60 -- Senator Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-220, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO ALLOW AN EXEMPTION FROM ALL PROPERTY TAX EQUAL TO ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE VALUE SUBJECT TO TAX OF AN OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENCE IF THE OWNER HAS ATTAINED THE AGE OF SEVENTY YEARS AND HAS MADE THE PROPERTY HIS RESIDENCE FOR THIRTY YEARS.

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S. 61 -- Senator Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1-11-720, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE HEALTH PLAN, SO AS TO ALLOW EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES, AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, OF ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE HEALTH PLAN.

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S. 62 -- Senator McElveen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA GIVING BACK TO OUR VETERANS ACT"; TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-1140, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FROM SOUTH CAROLINA TAXABLE INCOME OF INDIVIDUALS, SO AS TO ALLOW THE DEDUCTION OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SERVICE ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-1170, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE RETIREMENT INCOME DEDUCTION, SO AS TO CONFORM THIS DEDUCTION TO THE MILITARY RETIREMENT DEDUCTION ALLOWED BY THIS ACT; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 12-6-1171 RELATING TO THE DEDUCTION OF MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA TAXABLE INCOME OF INDIVIDUALS.

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S. 63 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-27-30, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT NOT LESS THAN FOUR AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES MUST BE APPROPRIATED, AND TO PROVIDE THAT APPROPRIATIONS MUST BE NO LESS THAN THE GREATER OF THE ALLOCATION RATIO OF THE LATEST FISCAL YEAR OR THE AVERAGE OF THE ALLOCATION RATIO OF THE LAST FIVE FISCAL YEARS.

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S. 64 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 11-11-410, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE LIMIT ON STATE SPENDING IMPOSED PURSUANT TO SECTION 7(C), ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, SO AS TO IMPOSE AN ANNUAL LIMIT ON THE STATE GENERAL FUND REVENUES AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION BY RESTRICTING ANY INCREASE TO A PERCENTAGE THAT IS EQUAL TO THE AVERAGE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM THE PREVIOUS TEN COMPLETED STATE FISCAL YEARS, TO CREATE A SEPARATE BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO WHICH MUST BE CREDITED ALL GENERAL FUND REVENUES IN EXCESS OF THE ANNUAL LIMIT, TO PROVIDE FOR DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND, TO DEFINE EMERGENCIES AND TO PROVIDE FOR SUSPENSION OF THIS APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT IN EMERGENCIES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR DISBURSEMENTS OF SURPLUS FUNDS.

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S. 65 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 11-9-25 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A STATE OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE FROM AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE OR OBLIGATION OR INVOLVE THE STATE IN A CONTRACT OR OBLIGATION WITHOUT APPROPRIATED FUNDS TO PAY THE EXPENDITURE OR OBLIGATION, TO PROHIBIT A STATE OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE FROM MAKING OR AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE OR OBLIGATION EXCEEDING FUNDS AVAILABLE IN A QUARTERLY ALLOCATION PROGRAM, TO PROHIBIT A STATE OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE FROM EMPLOYING PERSONAL SERVICES EXCEEDING THOSE AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT-RELATED PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THESE PENALTIES ARE IN ADDITION TO AND NOT IN LIEU OF ANY OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE OR CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING OTHER SIMILAR PROVISIONS OF LAW.

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S. 66 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 2-7-61 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL NOT INCREASE OR IMPLEMENT A FINE OR PENALTY IN THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL AND MUST ONLY DO SO BY SEPARATE ACT, TO PROVIDE THAT A STATE AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, OR ENTITY MUST NOT INCREASE OR IMPLEMENT A FINE OR FEE BY REGULATION OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

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S. 67 -- Senator Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-10-88, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO REDEVELOPMENT FEES, SO AS TO SPECIFY TO WHOM REDEVELOPMENT FEES MAY BE REMITTED; TO AMEND SECTION 31-12-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN FEDERAL INSTALLATIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE "REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 31-12-70 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO USE REDEVELOPMENT FEES ON CERTAIN OPERATING COSTS.

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S. 68 -- Senator Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 10-1-165, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ALTERATION, RELOCATION, OR REMOVAL OF CERTAIN MONUMENTS OR MEMORIALS ERECTED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, OR THE RENAMING OR REDEDICATION OF STRUCTURES, STREETS, PARKS, OR OTHER PUBLIC AREAS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THESE PROVISIONS ONLY SHALL APPLY TO PROPERTY UNDER STATE GOVERNMENTAL JURISDICTION AND CONTROL AND DO NOT APPLY TO SUCH PROPERTY UNDER THE JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING OR UNDER THE JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THIS STATE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 69 -- Senator Malloy: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, BY ADDING SECTION 28, TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, SHALL APPROPRIATE, OUT OF THE ESTIMATED REVENUE OF THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR FOR WHICH THE APPROPRIATIONS ARE MADE, TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ONE PERCENT OF THE GENERAL FUND REVENUE OF THE LATEST COMPLETED FISCAL YEAR, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED PROCEDURAL PROVISIONS IN REGARD TO THIS REQUIREMENT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 70 -- Senators Senn, Grooms and Campbell: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE 1976 CODE, BY ADDING CHAPTER 14, TO ENACT THE "LOCAL OPTION MOTOR FUEL USER FEE ACT", TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY MAY IMPOSE BY ORDINANCE, APPROVED BY REFERENDUM, A USER FEE ON RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR FUEL FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND ROAD MAINTENANCE WITHIN THE COUNTY, TO PROVIDE THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE USER FEE MAY BE IMPOSED, AND TO PROVIDE THE MANNER IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SHALL COLLECT AND DISTRIBUTE THE USER FEE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 71 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 11-35-1524 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO RESIDENT VENDOR PREFERENCE, TO PROVIDE THAT, PRIOR TO MAKING A FINAL AWARD DETERMINATION, THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER SHALL PROVIDE RESIDENT BIDDERS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO MATCH THE LOWEST NONRESIDENT BID AND GIVE PREFERENCE TO A RESIDENT BIDDER WHO MATCHES THE LOWEST NONRESIDENT BID PRICE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 72 -- Senators Bennett and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-220 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, TO EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAX FORTY-TWO AND SEVENTY-FIVE ONE-HUNDREDTHS PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF MANUFACTURING PROPERTY, AND TO PHASE IN THE EXEMPTION OVER FIVE YEARS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 73 -- Senator Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-2120 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SECOND AMENDMENT WEEKEND TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN FIREARMS, TO INCLUDE AN EXEMPTION FOR RESIDENTIAL HOME PROTECTION PRODUCTS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 74 -- Senator Campbell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-62-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA MOTION PICTURE INCENTIVE ACT, TO PROVIDE THAT COMMITTED AND UNCOMMITTED FUNDS FROM THE PRIOR YEAR SHALL BE CARRIED OVER FOR THE SAME PURPOSE,  
  
AND TO REMOVE THE DISTINCTION OF REBATES SHOULD ONE FUND BE DEPLETED IN ANY FISCAL YEAR.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 75 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-43-220(c)(2) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PROGRAMS AND UNIFORM ASSESSMENT RATIOS FOR COUNTY EQUALIZATION AND REASSESSMENT, TO PROVIDE THAT AN OWNER ELIGIBLE FOR AND RECEIVING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-43-220(c) WHO IS RESIDING AT A NURSING HOME RETAINS THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RATIO OF FOUR PERCENT FOR AS LONG AS THE OWNER REMAINS IN THE NURSING HOME.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 76 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 11, TITLE 11 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET SYSTEM, BY ADDING SECTION 11-11-135, TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET OFFICE MUST COMPILE INFORMATION FROM EACH STATE AGENCY AND INSTITUTION DETAILING THE CATEGORIES AND AMOUNTS OF "OTHER FUNDS" BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD FROM THE MOST RECENTLY COMPLETED FISCAL YEAR INTO THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR AND THOSE USES TO WHICH THESE BALANCES WILL BE APPLIED; TO REQUIRE THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET OFFICE TO REPORT ITS COMPILATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER FIRST OF EACH YEAR; AND TO DEFINE "OTHER FUNDS".

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 77 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 19-1-180(G) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ADMISSIBILITY OF OUT-OF-COURT STATEMENTS MADE BY CHILDREN, TO ADD AN EXCEPTION FOR STATEMENTS MADE TO EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 78 -- Senators Alexander, Goldfinch and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 25-3-220 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OR DEPARTMENTS OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, WHO ARE COMMISSIONED OR ENLISTED FOR SERVICE IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE GUARD MUST BE ENTITLED TO MILITARY LEAVE WITHOUT LOSS OF PAY, SENIORITY, OR EFFICIENCY RATING, WHEN ATTENDING STATE GUARD ENCAMPMENT OR SCHOOLS FOR TRAINING, UNDER PROPER AUTHORITY, AND ON ALL OTHER OCCASIONS WHEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA; TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-1140, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL TAXABLE INCOME, SO AS TO REQUIRE A MEMBER OF THE STATE GUARD TO COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF ONE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO HOURS OF TRAINING OR DRILL EACH YEAR IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE DEDUCTION; TO AMEND SECTION 25-1-635, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO LEGAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES FOR GUARD MEMBERS AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE GUARD JUDGE ADVOCATES TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES AND TO INCLUDE THEM WITHIN THE PERSONAL LIABILITY EXEMPTION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 25-3-20 AND 25-3-130, BOTH RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY TO CALL THE STATE GUARD INTO DUTY, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE CIRCUMSTANCES AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR TO CALL THE STATE GUARD INTO DUTY AND TO PROVIDE THAT CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVING A NATURAL OR MANMADE DISASTER, EMERGENCY, OR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MAY WARRANT CALLING THE STATE GUARD INTO SERVICE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 25-3-140, RELATING TO PAY OF STATE GUARD MEMBERS ON ACTIVE DUTY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT STATE GUARD MEMBERS MAY RECEIVE A DAILY STIPEND OR PER DIEM PAY FOR REASONABLE EXPENSES, OR BOTH, IF APPROVED BY THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

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Prefiled and referred to the General Committee.

Read the first time and referred to the General Committee.

S. 79 -- Senator Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-220 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF JULY OF EACH YEAR AS "FIBROID TUMOR AWARENESS MONTH" AND RAISE AWARENESS OF THE IMPACT UTERINE FIBROID TUMORS HAVE ON WOMEN'S HEALTH.

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Prefiled and referred to the General Committee.

Read the first time and referred to the General Committee.

S. 80 -- Senator Campbell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-11-310(B)(3) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS, TO PROVIDE THAT RECORDS RELEASED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE PURPOSES OF INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF ALLEGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ORDER OF PROTECTION ISSUED BY A MAGISTRATE OR FAMILY COURT JUDGE TO ENSURE THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF SUCH RECORDS, AND TO PROVIDE WHAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN SUCH AN ORDER OF PROTECTION.

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Prefiled and referred to the General Committee.

Read the first time and referred to the General Committee.

S. 81 -- Senator Malloy: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE "STUDY COMMITTEE ON RACIAL PROFILING" TO REVIEW STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICIES, PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES REGARDING RACIAL PROFILING, AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONCERNING PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE LAWS RELATING TO SUCH POLICIES, PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 82 -- Senator Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 30 TO TITLE 27, SO AS TO ENACT THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ACT OF 2017.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 83 -- Senator Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-60 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER, TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER THE SALE OR DELIVERY OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, THEIR ANALOGUES, OR OTHER UNLAWFUL SUBSTANCES THAT CAUSE THE DEATH OF THE USER WHEN INGESTED, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON CONVICTED OF INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER MUST BE IMPRISONED NOT MORE THAN FIFTEEN YEARS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 84 -- Senator Davis: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 61-4-1760 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO OFF-PREMISES SALES OR SHIPMENTS BY BREWPUBS, TO PROVIDE THAT BREWPUBS MAY SELL BEER AT CERTAIN SPECIAL EVENTS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 85 -- Senators Bryant and Gambrell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-23-430(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CARRYING WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, TO ENACT JACOB HALL'S LAW TO CLARIFY THAT SCHOOL PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED BY SCHOOL OFFICIALS MAY CARRY A WEAPON ON SCHOOL PROPERTY IN ADDITION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL AND TO ALLOW THE SCHOOL OFFICIALS TO REQUIRE WEAPONS TRAINING BEFORE AUTHORIZING SCHOOL PERSONNEL TO CARRY WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 86 -- Senators Grooms and Verdin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPLICATION BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES, TO BE CALLED BY CONGRESS, RESTRICTED TO PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION IN ORDER TO IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, TO LIMIT THE POWER AND JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND TO LIMIT THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR ITS OFFICIALS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 87 -- Senators Verdin and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO OFFENSES AGAINST THE PERSON, BY ADDING ARTICLE 20, TO PROVIDE FOR ENHANCED PENALTIES IF AN OFFENSE IS COMMITTED AGAINST A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 88 -- Senator Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 23-31-220 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE EMPLOYER'S POSTING OF A SIGN PROHIBITING THE CARRYING OF A CONCEALED WEAPON ON THE EMPLOYERS' PREMISES, TO CREATE A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR A CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT HOLDER WHO IS INJURED WHILE ON THE PREMISES OF AN EMPLOYER WHO HAS PROHIBITED THE CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT HOLDER FROM CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON; TO AMEND SECTION 16-23-20 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF HANDGUNS AND EXCEPTIONS, TO CREATE AN EXCEPTION TO ALLOW ANYONE TO CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON DURING A MANDATORY EVACUATION ORDER DECLARED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO PLACE CERTAIN TIME PERIODS ON THIS EXCEPTION; TO AMEND ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMITS, BY ADDING SECTION 23-31-218, TO CREATE AN INSTITUTIONAL CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT, TO REQUIRE THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS RELATING THE CURRICULUM AND TRAINING REQUIRED TO OBTAIN AN INSTITUTIONAL CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT, AND TO ALLOW INSTITUTIONAL CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT HOLDERS TO CARRY A CONCEALABLE WEAPON IN SCHOOLS, DAYCARES, CHURCHES, AND HOSPITALS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-1230 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO LICENSE PLATE SPECIFICATIONS, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A STICKER TO EACH CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT HOLDER WHO IS A VEHICLE OWNER THAT MUST BE AFFIXED TO THE VEHICLE OWNER'S LICENSE PLATE TO INDICATE THE VEHICLE OWNER IS A CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT HOLDER.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 89 -- Senator Campbell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-5-70(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL CONDUCT TOWARD A CHILD, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON WHO HAS CHARGE OR CUSTODY OF A CHILD TO PLACE THE CHILD UNDER THE CARE OR SUPERVISION OF A PERSON WHO HAS A SUBSTANTIATED HISTORY OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT OR HAS PLED GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE OR HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF AN OFFENSE AGAINST THE PERSON AS PROVIDED FOR IN CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16; AN OFFENSE AGAINST MORALITY OR DECENCY AS PROVIDED FOR IN CHAPTER 15, TITLE 16; THE OFFENSE OF CONTRIBUTING TO DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 16-17-490; THE COMMON LAW OFFENSE OF ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE WHEN THE VICTIM WAS A PERSON SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER; CRIMINAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 16-25-20; CRIMINAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 16-25-65; A FELONY DRUG-RELATED OFFENSE UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE; UNLAWFUL CONDUCT TOWARD A CHILD AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 63-5-70; CRUELTY TO CHILDREN AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 63-5-80; CHILD ENDANGERMENT AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 56-5-2947; OR CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A MINOR IN THE FIRST DEGREE AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 16-3-655(A).

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 90 -- Senators Campsen, Johnson and Hembree: 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.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 91 -- Senators Gregory and Bennett: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DIVORCE IN THIS STATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC POLICY OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA REGARDING THE AWARD OF ALIMONY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 92 -- Senators Gregory and Bennett: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 20-3-130(C), CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE AWARD OF ALIMONY AND OTHER ALLOWANCES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN EARNINGS OF A SUBSEQUENT SPOUSE ARE NOT TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE COURT WHEN MAKING, MODIFYING, OR TERMINATING THE AWARD OF ALIMONY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 93 -- Senators Gregory and Bennett: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 20-3-130(B), CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE AWARD OF ALIMONY AND OTHER ALLOWANCES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR TWO NEW FORMS OF ALIMONY AND TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF COHABITATION; TO AMEND SECTION 20-3-150, RELATING TO SEGREGATION OF ALLOWANCE BETWEEN SPOUSE AND CHILDREN AND THE EFFECT OF REMARRIAGE OF A SPOUSE, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF COHABITATION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 94 -- Senators Gregory and Bennett: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 20-3-170, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO MODIFICATION, CONFIRMATION, OR TERMINATION OF ALIMONY, SO AS TO PROVIDE FACTORS FOR THE COURT TO CONSIDER WHEN DETERMINING THE EXISTENCE OF CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES; TO PROVIDE THAT RETIREMENT BY THE SUPPORTING SPOUSE IS SUFFICIENT GROUNDS TO WARRANT A HEARING, IF SO MOVED BY A PARTY, TO EVALUATE WHETHER ALIMONY SHOULD BE MODIFIED OR TERMINATED IN AMOUNT OR TERM AND TO PROVIDE FACTORS FOR THE COURT TO CONSIDER; AND TO PROVIDE THAT PAYMENT OF ALIMONY FOR A PERIOD THAT EXCEEDS THE DURATION OF MARRIAGE CONSTITUTES SUFFICIENT GROUNDS FOR THE COURT TO MODIFY, TERMINATE, OR ESTABLISH A FIXED DURATION OF TIME FOR ANY FURTHER PAYMENT OBLIGATION, IF SUPPORTED BY THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 95 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 7, TITLE 30 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE RECORDATION ESSENTIAL FOR THE VALIDITY OF PUBLIC RECORDS, BY ADDING A SECTION TO PROHIBIT COMMERCIAL SOLICITATION OF A PERSON IF USING MORTGAGE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM ANY DOCUMENT RECORDED WITH THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OR CLERK OF COURT, AND TO IMPOSE PENALTIES FOR THAT COMMERCIAL SOLICITATION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 96 -- Senators Young and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-19-80(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF JUSTICES AND JUDGES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE NAMES OF EACH QUALIFIED CANDIDATE, RATHER THAN THE NAMES OF THE THREE CANDIDATES THE COMMISSION DEEMS BEST QUALIFIED, MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 97 -- Senators Young and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1308 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE FILING OF CAMPAIGN REPORTS BY CANDIDATES AND COMMITTEES, TO REQUIRE CANDIDATES AND COMMITTEES TO CONTEMPORANEOUSLY FILE CAMPAIGN BANK ACCOUNT STATEMENTS FOR THE PREVIOUS QUARTER'S CAMPAIGN REPORT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 98 -- Senator Courson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-360 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO A PLACE TO WRITE IN NAMES ON BALLOTS FOR GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS, TO PROVIDE THE BALLOTS SHALL ALSO CONTAIN A PLACE FOR VOTERS TO WRITE IN THE NAME OF ANY OTHER PERSON FOR WHOM THEY WISH TO VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 99 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 1-23-665 AND AMENDING SECTION 1-23-500 TO CREATE THE OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REVIEW WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, FUNCTIONS, AND RELATED PROCEDURES OF THE OFFICE, ITS HEARING OFFICERS, AND APPEALS FROM DECISIONS OF THE OFFICE; TO AMEND SECTION 30-4-30, RELATING TO THE RIGHT TO INSPECT OR COPY PUBLIC RECORDS, SO AS TO EXPAND THE RIGHT TO INCLUDE RECEIPT OF EXISTING ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSIONS OF PUBLIC RECORDS, TO REVISE THE MANNER IN WHICH RELATED FEES AND CHARGES MAY BE ESTABLISHED AND COLLECTED, TO REDUCE THE TIME IN WHICH A PUBLIC BODY MUST RESPOND WITH NOTICE OF ITS FINAL DETERMINATION CONCERNING A RECORDS REQUEST FROM FIFTEEN TO TEN DAYS, TO PROVIDE TWO SETS OF TIME LIMITS WITHIN WHICH RECORDS SUBSEQUENTLY MUST BE FURNISHED OR MADE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION OR COPYING BASED ON WHETHER THE DOCUMENTS ARE LESS OR MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD, TO INCLUDE AMONG THOSE RECORDS THAT MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR COPYING AND INSPECTION WITHOUT WRITTEN REQUEST DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS ALL DOCUMENTS PRODUCED BY THE PUBLIC BODY OR ITS AGENT THAT WERE DISTRIBUTED TO OR REVIEWED BY ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC BODY DURING A PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE PRECEDING SIX-MONTH PERIOD, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC BODY MAY COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR MAKING CERTAIN RECORDS AVAILABLE FOR COPYING AND INSPECTION WITHOUT WRITTEN REQUEST DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS BY MAKING THE RECORDS AVAILABLE ON A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE; TO AMEND SECTION 30-4-100, RELATING TO REMEDIES AVAILABLE FOR VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE HEARINGS BEFORE THE OFFICE OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REVIEW TO SEEK SPECIFIC ENFORCEMENT, TO CHALLENGE THE REASONABLENESS OF FEES, AND TO SEEK RELIEF FROM UNDULY BURDENSOME, OVERLY BROAD, AND OTHERWISE IMPROPER REQUESTS TO PUBLIC BODIES; TO AMEND SECTION 30-4-110, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE EXISTING CRIMINAL PENALTIES, TO PROVIDE A PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AWARD OF DAMAGES AND ATTORNEY’S FEES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 30-2-50 TO PROHIBIT THE OBTAINMENT OR USE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM A LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE FOR COMMERCIAL SOLICITATION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 100 -- Senators Scott and Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-25 SO AS TO ESTABLISH EARLY VOTING PROCEDURES; TO AMEND SECTION 7-3-20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO FURTHER DEFINE HIS DUTIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-320, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PERSONS QUALIFIED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO INCLUDE VOTING DURING THE EARLY VOTING PERIOD.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 101 -- Senators Scott and Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-420, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE RECEIPT, TABULATION, AND REPORTING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS, SO AS TO ALLOW THE TABULATION OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO BEGIN AT 9:00 A.M. ON THE CALENDAR DAY IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING ELECTION DAY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 102 -- Senator McLeod: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THOSE HOUSE MEMBERS ELECTED AT THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION OR WHO TAKE OFFICE AFTER THAT DATE, ONCE THESE PERSONS HAVE THEREAFTER SERVED SIX FULL TERMS OR TWELVE YEARS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WHETHER OR NOT ANY OF THIS SERVICE HAS BEEN CONSECUTIVE, THEY ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; AND TO PROVIDE BEGINNING WITH THOSE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE ELECTED AT THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION OR WHO TAKE OFFICE AFTER THAT DATE, ONCE THESE PERSONS HAVE THEREAFTER SERVED THREE FULL TERMS OR TWELVE YEARS IN THE SENATE, WHETHER OR NOT ANY OF THIS SERVICE HAS BEEN CONSECUTIVE, THEY ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE SENATE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 103 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-20-30, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S PROCESS OF SCREENING NONJUDICIAL CANDIDATES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE HEARING BE CONDUCTED NO LATER THAN TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE DATE SET FOR THE ELECTION, TO PROVIDE THAT CANDIDATES MAY NOT OBTAIN PLEDGES OR COMMITMENTS UNTIL THE TWELFTH DAY AFTER THE NAMES OF THE NOMINEES HAVE BEEN RELEASED, AND TO REQUIRE THAT A PERIOD OF TWENTY-TWO DAYS ELAPSE BETWEEN THE DATE THE REPORT OF NOMINATIONS IS RELEASED AND THE TIME SET FOR THE ELECTION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 104 -- Senator Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 22-3-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CIVIL JURISDICTION IN MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO ADD A SUBSECTION TO PROVIDE THAT MAGISTRATES COURT SHALL HAVE CIVIL JURISDICTION OVER ACTIONS BETWEEN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS AND OWNERS REGARDING SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE AND ACCESS TO THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE ASSOCIATION; TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 30 TO TITLE 27, SO AS TO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ACT"; TO AMEND SECTION 27-50-30, RELATING TO CERTAIN TRANSFERS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY CONDITION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT MUST BE PROVIDED TO ANY PURCHASER, INCLUDING THE FIRST SALE OF A DWELLING NEVER INHABITED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 33-31-171, RELATING TO AUTHORIZING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE THE ORGANIZATION, CONDUCT, AND MANAGEMENT OF A NONPROFIT CORPORATION, SO AS TO SPECIFY THAT AUTHORIZATION INCLUDES INVESTIGATION OF HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 105 -- Senator Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1-23-600 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO HEARINGS AND PROCEEDINGS IN CONTESTED CASES IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, TO PROVIDE THAT A STAY OF AN AGENCY ORDER REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR THIRTY DAYS, RATHER THAN FOR AN UNDETERMINED TERM, OR UNTIL AN ORDER HAS BEEN ISSUED REGARDING A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION; TO REVISE THE PROCEDURE FOR STAYS CONCERNING THE REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, OR RENEWAL OF A LICENSE AND PAYMENT OF FINES; TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT THE COURT SHALL LIFT THE STAY FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN OR IF NO IRREPARABLE HARM WILL OCCUR AND ALSO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A HEARING MUST BE HELD WITHIN THIRTY DAYS TO LIFT THE AUTOMATIC STAY OR FOR A DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICABILITY OF THE AUTOMATIC STAY; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION ORDERED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT MAY REQUIRE THE POSTING OF A BOND OR OTHER SUFFICIENT SECURITY; AND TO EXEMPT STATE AGENCIES FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO POST A BOND UNDER THIS SECTION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 106 -- Senator Gregory: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 27-1-80, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEVELOPER OF A COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITY TO TRANSFER CONTROL OF THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION BY PHASING UNIT OWNERS ONTO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE ASSOCIATION AFTER A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF THE UNITS ARE CONVEYED.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 107 -- Senators Campsen, Hutto, Massey and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 1-3-125, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE 2018 GENERAL ELECTION, IF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR RESIGNS OR IS REMOVED FROM OFFICE, THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, A SUCCESSOR FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM; BY ADDING SECTION 7-11-12, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE BY WHICH A PERSON NOMINATED AS GOVERNOR SELECTS A LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AS A JOINT TICKET RUNNING MATE; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-315, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION TO ENSURE THAT THE GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ARE ELECTED JOINTLY; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1301, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT JOINTLY ELECTED CANDIDATES MUST BE CONSIDERED A SINGLE CANDIDATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS AND ESTABLISHING A COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1314, RELATING TO CONTRIBUTION LIMITATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WITHIN AN ELECTION CYCLE, CONTRIBUTIONS FOR STATEWIDE CANDIDATES ARE INCREASED FROM THREE TO FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JOINTLY ELECTED CANDIDATES ARE FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR OTHER OFFICES ARE INCREASED FROM ONE TO TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS AND THAT FUTURE LIMITATIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS MUST BE INCREASED BY THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION DEPENDENT UPON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX; TO AMEND SECTION 7-11-15(A), RELATING TO FILING AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE IF MARCH 30, THE DEADLINE FOR FILING, IS ON A SATURDAY OR SUNDAY, THE TIME FOR FILING EXTENDS TO THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY THAT IS NOT A SATURDAY, SUNDAY, OR LEGAL HOLIDAY; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-45, RELATING TO ESTABLISHING HOURS FOR ACCEPTING CANDIDATE FILINGS, SO AS TO DELETE SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO THE NUMBER OF HOURS AND PROVIDE THAT FILINGS BE ACCEPTED DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS ON REGULAR BUSINESS DAYS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 1-3-120, 1-3-130, 1-6-30(9), 1-9-30, 1-11-10(D), 1-11-425, 1-18-70, 1-23-280(B) AND (E), 1-23-290(D), 2-1-230(C), 2-1-250(B), 2-2-30(B)(1), 2-2-40(B), 2-3-20, 2-3-75(B)(3), 2-3-105(A)(4), 2-15-60(b), 2-17-90(A)(1), 2-17-90(A)(6)(c), 2-17-100(3), 2-19-10(B)(2), 2-41-70, 2-67-20(E)(1)(a), 2-69-20, 2-69-40, 2-75-10, 3-11-400(C)(3)(b)(iii), 5-1-26(B)(4), 5-1-26(F), 6-4-35(A)(2), 6-29-1330(D)(3), 6-29-1330(G), 8-13-540(3)(d), 8-13-715, 8-13-1373, 9-4-10(B)(1)(b), 9-4-40, 9-16-90, 9-16-380, 10-1-168(I), 11-9-890B.(2), 11-11-350, 11-43-140, 11-45-40(B)(1), 11-50-50, 11-57-340, 12-3-10(A)(1), 13-1-25(B), 23-1-230(G), 24-22-150, 37-29-110, 38-3-110(5)(c), 38-75-490(D), 40-47-10(A)(4), 44-128-50(B)(2), 46-3-260(A), 48-52-440(D)(2), 48-59-40(A)(4), 51-13-720, 51-13-2120(3), 51-18-115, 54-6-10(B)(3), 59-6-10, 59-40-230(A), 59-46-40(A)(4), 59-150-40(A), 59-150-40(C), 59-150-40(D), 59-150-320, 59-150-325(A), 60-11-150(B), 60-17-10, 63-1-50(A), 63-1-50(B), 63-11-1720(B), 63-11-1720(C), 63-11-1930(A)(11), AND 63-11-2110(B)(4), RELATING TO THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE PRO TEMPORE, SO AS TO REVISE STATUTORY REFERENCES FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE PRO TEMPORE TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CLARIFYING CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 1-3-620, 1-11-720(A)(9), 1-23-125(B), 1-23-125(D), 2-3-30, 2-3-90, 7-11-30(A), 7-17-10, 9-1-10(11)(g), 9-1-10(14), 10-1-40, 14-27-20(10), 14-27-30, 14-27-40(2), 14-27-80, 43-21-20, 43-21-45, 43-21-60, 43-21-70, 43-21-100, 43-21-130(A)(1), 43-21-190(2), 44-36-310, 44-36-320(7), 44-36-330, 44-56-840(A), 54-7-100, 59-6-15(A)(3), RELATING TO THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, SO AS TO REVISE STATUTORY REFERENCES TO CONFORM TO CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY CHANGES CONCERNING SELECTION AS PART OF A JOINT TICKET AND TO MAKE THE GOVERNOR RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXISTING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SO THE GOVERNOR MAY DETERMINE HOW THOSE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED; AND TO REQUIRE, ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2019, THE CODE COMMISSIONER TO PREPARE AND DELIVER A REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES RECOMMENDING ANY ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATE AND CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE 1976 CODE OF LAWS REFLECTING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 108 -- Senators Campsen, Malloy and Hembree: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX NOON ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017, AS THE TIME TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, SEAT 5, UPON HIS SWEARING IN AS CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE JULY 31, 2020; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2017; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2017; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 9, UPON HIS ELECTION TO THE COURT OF APPEALS, CHIEF JUDGE, SEAT 5, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2022; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 10, 2017, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2018; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 1, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2016, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2021; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2016, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2022; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT ON THE FAMILY COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 7, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2017, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2023; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT ON THE FAMILY COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 8, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2017, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2023; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SEAT 2, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2017, THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL A NEW TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2022.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 109 -- Senator McElveen: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 11, TITLE 16 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO TRESPASSES AND THE UNLAWFUL USE OF THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS, BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-605, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO OPERATE AN UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE WITHIN A CERTAIN DISTANCE OF A STATE OR FEDERAL MILITARY INSTALLATION AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 110 -- Senator Courson: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 11, TITLE 6 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE SPECIAL PURPOSE OR PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICTS IN SOUTH CAROLINA, BY ADDING SECTION 6-11-102, TO ALLOW THE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION OF A COUNTY TO REMOVE THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY OVER THE RECREATION COMMISSION AND DEVOLVE THE POWER ON THE COUNTY'S GOVERNING BODY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 111 -- Senator Courson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-5-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS OF COUNTY BOARDS OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS, TO ALLOW THE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION OF A COUNTY TO REMOVE THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY OVER THE COUNTY BOARDS OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS AND DEVOLVE THE POWER ON THE COUNTY'S GOVERNING BODY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 112 -- Senator Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1-23-600(H) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO TIMELY REQUESTS FOR CONTESTED CASE HEARINGS, TO ESTABLISH AN AUTOMATIC STAY CONCERNING LICENSE ISSUANCES, RENEWALS AND THE LIKE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE AUTOMATIC STAY MAY BE LIFTED.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 113 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-11-15, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE FILING OF THE STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY AND PARTY PLEDGE, TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SIGNED COPIES THAT MUST BE FILED WITH THE ELECTION COMMISSION FROM THREE TO ONE, AND TO PERMIT A CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATE OR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO FILE THEIR STATEMENT OF INTENTION, PARTY PLEDGE, AND FILING FEE WITH THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION OR THE COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS IN THE COUNTY OF THEIR RESIDENCE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 114 -- Senator Bennett: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTERS 4 AND 6, TITLE 61, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 61-4-555 AND SECTION 61-6-2001, RELATING TO SPECIAL AND TEMPORARY PERMITS TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT CERTAIN EVENTS, SO AS TO ALLOW MANUFACTURERS OR PRODUCERS OF BEER, ALE, PORTER, WINE, OR ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS TO DONATE THEIR PRODUCTS AND FURNISH EQUIPMENT AND REPRESENTATIVES TO DISPENSE AND PROMOTE THEIR BEVERAGES TO QUALIFIED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT INTEND TO SELL THESE PRODUCTS AT PERMITTED EVENTS ORGANIZED TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION OR OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 115 -- Senator Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 61, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ALCOHOL AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, BY ADDING CHAPTER 3, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF A MANDATORY ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE SERVERS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION IN LICENSED OR PERMITTED BUSINESSES TO OBTAIN ALCOHOL SERVER CERTIFICATES; TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR THE CURRICULA OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROVAL OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALCOHOL SERVER CERTIFICATES; TO REQUIRE FEES FROM PROVIDERS OF TRAINING PROGRAMS AND FROM APPLICANTS FOR ALCOHOL SERVER CERTIFICATES TO COVER THE COSTS OF THE MANDATORY TRAINING AND ENFORCEMENT; TO REQUIRE COORDINATION AMONG THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, AND OTHER STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THESE PROVISIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR FINES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THESE PROVISIONS; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH, IMPLEMENT, AND ENFORCE THESE PROVISIONS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 116 -- Senators Rankin and Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 61-2-145, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT A PERSON PERMITTED OR LICENSED TO SELL BEER, WINE, OR ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION SHALL MAINTAIN LIABILITY INSURANCE WITH COVERAGE OF AT LEAST ONE MILLION DOLLARS DURING THE PERIOD OF THE PERMIT OR LICENSE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 117 -- Senator M. B. Matthews: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 23-23-60, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, SO AS TO INCLUDE AMONG THOSE REQUIREMENTS A PSYCHOLOGICAL TEST CERTIFYING THAT THE CANDIDATE FOR CERTIFICATION IS PSYCHOLOGICALLY SUITED TO PERFORM LAW ENFORCEMENT DUTIES, TO PROVIDE THAT IF A CERTIFICATE LAPSES, THE PSYCHOLOGICAL TEST MUST BE PERFORMED BEFORE BEING REINSTATED, AND TO PROVIDE THAT PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING IS REQUIRED FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 118 -- Senators Campsen, Malloy and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 22-3-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CIVIL JURISDICTION OF THE MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE CIVIL JURISDICTION FROM SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND TO REQUIRE THAT, EXCEPT FOR LANDLORD AND TENANT CASES, ANY CASE WITH AN AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY EQUALING OR EXCEEDING FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS MUST BE ORDERED FOR MANDATORY MEDIATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 119 -- Senators Campsen and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 17-25-326, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ALTERATION, MODIFICATION, OR RESCISSION OF A COURT ORDER, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COURT SHALL NOT ALTER, MODIFY, OR RESCIND A DEFENDANT'S CRIMINAL SENTENCE, UNLESS THE COURT HAS HELD A HEARING ALLOWING THE DEFENDANT, ATTORNEY GENERAL OR SOLICITOR, AND THE VICTIM TO TESTIFY REGARDING THE DECISION TO ALTER, MODIFY, OR RESCIND THE SENTENCE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 120 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-11-311, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO BURGLARY, HOUSEBREAKING, ROBBERY AND THE LIKE, SO AS TO ENACT THE "HOME INVASION PROTECTION ACT", TO PROVIDE THAT BURGLARY IN THE FIRST DEGREE MAY BE PUNISHABLE BY LIFE IMPRISONMENT IF THE BURGLARY INVOLVES CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF THIS SECTION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR SENTENCING OF A PERSON GUILTY OF BURGLARY IN THE FIRST DEGREE OF NOT LESS THAN TWENTY YEARS IF A PERSON WHO IS NOT A PARTICIPANT IN THE CRIME IS PRESENT IN THE DWELLING.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 121 -- Senators Campsen and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-19-70, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE TIME PERIOD FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES SEEKING PLEDGES AND GIVING A PLEDGE BY MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PLEDGES FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES MAY NOT BE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY SOUGHT OR GIVEN UNTIL TWELVE DAYS, RATHER THAN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS, AFTER THE INITIAL RELEASE OF THE REPORT CONCERNING NOMINEES TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND TO AMEND SECTION 2-19-80, RELATING TO THE TIME BETWEEN THE RELEASE OF THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION'S REPORT ON NOMINATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE ELECTION OF JUDGESHIPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THERE BE A PERIOD OF AT LEAST TWENTY-TWO DAYS, RATHER THAN TWO WEEKS, AFTER THE TIME THE REPORT IS PRINTED IN THE JOURNALS AND THE TIME OF THE ELECTION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 122 -- Senator Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 30 TO TITLE 27 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ACT", TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO INSTRUCT THE SOUTH CAROLINA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION TO OFFER AN ONLINE INSTRUCTION COURSE COVERING THE BASICS OF ASSOCIATION GOVERNANCE AND THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOMEOWNERS, TO ENUMERATE WHAT SUBJECTS MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE COURSE, TO REQUIRE A HOMEOWNER SUBJECT TO AN ASSOCIATION THAT IS SELLING HIS PROPERTY TO DISCLOSE THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS TO A PROSPECTIVE BUYER AND TO REQUIRE AN ASSOCIATION TO MAKE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE TO OWNERS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 22-3-10, RELATING TO A MAGISTRATES' CIVIL JURISDICTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A MAGISTRATE HAS JURISDICTION OVER ACTIONS BETWEEN A HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION AND A HOMEOWNER REGARDING SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE AND ACCESS TO THE ASSOCIATION'S RECORDS.

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S. 123 -- Senator Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "HEALTHY RENTAL HOUSING ACT OF 2017" BY ADDING SECTION 27-40-635 SO AS TO PROVIDE REMEDIES FOR TENANTS OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES WITH MOLD THAT MATERIALLY AFFECTS THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE TENANT OR AUTHORIZED OCCUPANT OF THE RENTAL PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 27-40-210, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT, SO AS TO DEFINE ADDITIONAL NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY; TO AMEND SECTION 27-40-420, RELATING TO CERTAIN WRITTEN DISCLOSURES THAT LANDLORDS MUST MAKE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE WRITTEN DISCLOSURE OF VISIBLE EVIDENCE OF MOLD IN AREAS READILY ACCESSIBLE WITHIN THE INTERIOR OF THE DWELLING UNIT, AND TO PROVIDE OPTIONS FOR A TENANT TO WHOM THE LANDLORD DISCLOSES THE PRESENCE OF SUCH MOLD; TO AMEND SECTION 27-40-440, RELATING TO LANDLORD OBLIGATIONS TO MAINTAIN RENTAL UNITS AND PREMISES, SO AS TO PROVIDE LANDLORDS SHALL MAINTAIN THE RENTAL UNITS AND PREMISES IN A CONDITION APPROPRIATE TO PREVENT THE ACCUMULATION OF MOISTURE AND THE GROWTH OF MOLD, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN NOTICE REQUIREMENTS WHEN SUCH MOISTURE OR MOLD IS FOUND; AND TO AMEND SECTION 27-40-510, RELATING TO THE OBLIGATIONS OF TENANTS WITH RESPECT TO RENTAL UNITS AND PREMISES, SO AS TO PROVIDE TENANTS SHALL USE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN THE PREMISES IN A CONDITION APPROPRIATE TO PREVENT THE ACCUMULATION OF MOISTURE AND THE GROWTH OF MOLD, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN NOTICE REQUIREMENTS WHEN SUCH MOISTURE OR MOLD IS FOUND.

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S. 124 -- Senator Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "REVENGE PORN ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-260 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL DISSEMINATION OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIALS WITHOUT CONSENT OF THE PERSON DEPICTED, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY.

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S. 125 -- Senator Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 25, TITLE 16 ENTITLED "DATING VIOLENCE" SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DATING VIOLENCE, AND PROVIDE A PENALTY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 126 -- Senator Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 3 TO TITLE 61 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR MANDATORY RESPONSIBLE ALCOHOL SERVER EDUCATION FOR PERSONS EMPLOYED BY PERMITTEES AND LICENSEES WHO ARE AUTHORIZED TO SELL, SERVE, TRANSFER, OR DISPENSE BEER, WINE, OR ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS FOR CONSUMPTION ON-PREMISES AND OFF-PREMISES, TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO APPROVE ALCOHOL SERVER EDUCATION COURSES AND WHAT THE COURSE MUST INCLUDE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE PERMITTEE OR LICENSEE TO MAINTAIN COPIES OF EACH SERVER PERMIT AND TO MAKE THEM AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST, TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR TO ISSUE PERMITS TO APPLICANTS WHO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM AND ESTABLISH WHEN THE PERMIT EXPIRES, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR A LICENSE HOLDER WHO SELLS, SERVES, TRANSFERS, OR DISPENSES BEER, WINE, OR ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS TO A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE, TO REQUIRE A PERMITTEE OR LICENSEE TO SUBMIT PROOF THAT THEY AND EACH MANAGER AND SERVER HELD A VALID LICENSE DURING THE PRIOR PERMIT OR LICENSE PERIOD AND TO ESTABLISH THAT CONTESTED CASES MUST BE HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 61-2-60, RELATING TO THE PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF RESPONSIBLE ALCOHOL SERVER EDUCATION COURSES; TO AMEND SECTION 61-4-50, RELATING TO SALES OF BEER, ALE, PORTER, AND WINE TO UNDERAGE PERSONS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THAT A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION MUST COMPLETE TRAINING AND OBTAIN A NEW SERVER PERMIT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 61-6-4080, RELATING TO SALES OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS TO UNDERAGE PERSONS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THAT A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION MUST COMPLETE TRAINING AND OBTAIN A NEW SERVER PERMIT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 127 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-321 SO AS TO ALLOW AN ELECTOR TO HAVE CERTAIN PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION DECLARED CONFIDENTIAL; BY ADDING SECTION 7-17-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT POST-ELECTION AUDITS TO CORRECT OR VERIFY THE OUTCOME OF ALL ELECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE COUNTY BOARDS OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS PRIOR TO CERTIFICATION OF THE ELECTION PURSUANT TO REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION AND THAT THESE REGULATIONS SHALL INCLUDE A PROVISION THAT AUDIT DATA AND REPORTS MUST BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC; TO AMEND SECTION 5-15-100, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MANAGERS OF AN ELECTION SHALL CERTIFY THE RESULTS WITHIN TWO DAYS OF THE ELECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 7-3-20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL STATE ELECTION COMMISSION DIRECTIVES TO THE COUNTY BOARDS OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS MUST BE IN WRITING AND SENT TO BOTH THE DIRECTORS AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY BOARDS; TO AMEND SECTION 7-3-25, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO NONCOMPLIANT BOARDS OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS MAY APPEAL TO THE FULL STATE ELECTION COMMISSION BY A DIRECTIVE FROM THE STAFF OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION MADE TO THE COUNTY BOARD; TO AMEND SECTION 7-11-15, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE FILING OF THE STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY AND PARTY PLEDGE, SO AS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF SIGNED COPIES THAT MUST BE FILED WITH THE ELECTION COMMISSION FROM THREE TO ONE, AND TO MAKE CERTAIN CONFORMING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 7-11-80, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE FORM OF THE NOMINATING PETITION, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN ALTERNATE PAPER SIZE FOR NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR CANDIDACY OR POLITICAL PARTY CERTIFICATION; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-35, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO NOTICE OF GENERAL, MUNICIPAL, SPECIAL, AND PRIMARY ELECTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IN THE EVENT AN ELECTION IS POSTPONED, THE ELECTION MUST BE HELD ON THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED ELECTION DAY; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-190, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IN THE EVENT THE GOVERNOR DECLARES A STATE OF EMERGENCY COVERING AN ENTIRE JURISDICTION HOLDING AN ELECTION, THE ELECTION MUST BE POSTPONED AND HELD ON THE FOLLOWING TUESDAY AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR STATEWIDE PRIMARIES OR GENERAL ELECTIONS UNLESS THE DECLARATION COVERS THE ENTIRE STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-420, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE RECEIPT, TABULATION, AND REPORTING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ABSENTEE BALLOTS MAY NOT BE TABULATED UNTIL AFTER THE POLLS ARE CLOSED ON ELECTION DAY AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANYONE WHO PREMATURELY RELEASES INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE TABULATION OF BALLOTS IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, MUST BE FINED UP TO ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS OR IMPRISONED NOT MORE THAN NINETY DAYS; TO AMEND SECTION 7-17-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE MEETING AND ORGANIZATION OF COUNTY BOARDS OF CANVASSERS, SO AS TO CHANGE THE MEETING TIME FOR THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTION FROM THE FRIDAY NEXT FOLLOWING THE ELECTION TO THE MONDAY NEXT FOLLOWING THE ELECTION; AND TO AMEND SECTION 7-17-20, RELATING TO THE CANVASS OF VOTES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY BOARD OF CANVASSERS TO SUBMIT THEIR RESULTS TO THE STATE BOARD OF CANVASSERS BY NOON ON THE TUESDAY FOLLOWING THE ELECTION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 128 -- Senators Campsen and Bennett: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 8-14-20, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT PUBLIC EMPLOYERS VERIFY THE EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION OF ALL NEW EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A WORKER IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO OBTAIN A SOUTH CAROLINA DRIVER'S LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD IF THE WORKER'S ONLY PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION IS A MATRICULA CONSULAR CARD OR A SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR DOCUMENT ISSUED BY A CONSULATE OR EMBASSY OF ANOTHER COUNTRY; TO AMEND SECTION 8-29-10, RELATING TO THE VERIFICATION OF A PERSON'S LAWFUL PRESENCE IN THE UNITED STATES BY AN AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT ACCEPT A MATRICULA CONSULAR CARD OR A SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR DOCUMENT ISSUED BY A CONSULATE OR AN EMBASSY OF ANOTHER COUNTRY AS PROOF OF A PERSON'S LAWFUL PRESENCE IN THE UNITED STATES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-101-430, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF AN ALIEN UNLAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES FROM ATTENDING A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THIS STATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THIS STATE SHALL NOT ACCEPT A MATRICULA CONSULAR CARD OR A SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR DOCUMENT ISSUED BY A CONSULATE OR EMBASSY OF ANOTHER COUNTRY AS VERIFICATION OF A PERSON'S LAWFUL PRESENCE IN THE UNITED STATES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 129 -- Senators Campsen and Hembree: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, SO AS TO DELETE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FROM THE LIST OF STATE OFFICERS WHICH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES TO BE ELECTED AND PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE FOR A TERM COTERMINOUS WITH THE GOVERNOR UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE SECRETARY OF  
  
  
  
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S. 130 -- Senator Campsen: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AMEND SECTION 7-5-10, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO COUNTY BOARDS OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT THE CHAIRMAN BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE APPOINTED CHAIRMAN SHALL CONTINUE TO SERVE UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIED.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 131 -- Senators McLeod and Hutto: 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.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 132 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ELECTION REFORM ACT", BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-940 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEFINITION OF "CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION REPORT"; TO PROVIDE THAT CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MUST FILE A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION REPORT WITH THE HOUSE AND SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEE; TO PROVIDE THAT NO VOTE CAN BE TAKEN ON A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION UNTIL TEN DAYS AFTER THE REPORT IS FILED; TO PROVIDE THAT A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION REPORT MUST ACCOMPANY THE APPOINTMENT TRANSMISSION TO THE SENATE; TO PROVIDE THAT AN APPOINTEE MAY NOT BE CONFIRMED UNLESS THE REPORT ACCOMPANIES THE TRANSMISSION TO THE SENATE; AND TO PROHIBIT CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CANDIDATES AND APPOINTEES TO CANDIDATES FOR OR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 133 -- Senators Campsen and Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-530, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE FAMILY COURT, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE FAMILY COURT TO ESTABLISH A RECOVERY COURT PROGRAM IN EACH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-1690, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PLACEMENT PLANS IN CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT CASES IN WHICH SUBSTANCE ABUSE IS A BASIS FOR REMOVAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE FAMILY COURT IS ALLOWED TO PERMIT A PARENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A RECOVERY COURT PROGRAM OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

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S. 134 -- Senators Jackson and Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-5-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN OFFENDER SENTENCED TO NINETY OR FEWER DAYS IMPRISONMENT WHO IS EMPLOYED AT THE TIME OF SENTENCING AND IS ABLE TO MAINTAIN EMPLOYMENT MAY SERVE HIS SENTENCE AT A TIME WHEN HE IS NOT WORKING AND THE SENTENCE DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH HIS EMPLOYMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR WAGE GARNISHMENT TO SATISFY CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS.

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S. 135 -- Senators Jackson and Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-5-320, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENSE AND VOTER REGISTRATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EACH STATE IDENTIFICATION CARD APPLICATION OR MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICATION, INCLUDING RENEWAL APPLICATIONS, SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL SERVE AS AN APPLICATION FOR VOTER REGISTRATION, TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE APPLICANT SIGN A SEPARATE VOTER REGISTRATION PORTION OF THE APPLICATION IN ORDER TO REGISTER, TO PROVIDE THAT THE APPLICANT SHALL CONSENT TO THE USE OF HIS SIGNATURE FROM HIS STATE IDENTIFICATION CARD OR DRIVER'S LICENSE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR VOTER REGISTRATION PURPOSES, AND TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO DECLINE REGISTRATION.

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S. 136 -- Senator Goldfinch: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 24 TO TITLE 27 SO AS TO ENACT THE "UNIFORM VOIDABLE TRANSACTIONS ACT", TO STRENGTHEN CREDITOR PROTECTIONS BY PROVIDING REMEDIES FOR CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS BY A DEBTOR THAT ARE UNFAIR TO THE  
  
  
  
DEBTOR'S CREDITORS, TO PROVIDE CHOICE OF LAW RULES, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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S. 137 -- Senators Campsen and Hembree: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, SO AS TO DELETE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION FROM THE LIST OF STATE OFFICERS WHICH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES TO BE ELECTED AND PROVIDE THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE TO SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2023, OR UPON A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION AFTER THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS AMENDMENT, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PROVIDE BY LAW FOR THE DUTIES, COMPENSATION, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE OFFICE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 138 -- Senator Campsen: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-180 SO AS TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR CONTINUITY OF REPRESENTATION WHEN REAPPORTIONMENT LOCATES TWO OR MORE ELECTED MEMBERS IN THE SAME ELECTION DISTRICT.

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S. 139 -- Senators Campsen and Hembree: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, SO AS TO DELETE THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL FROM THE LIST OF STATE OFFICERS WHICH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES TO BE ELECTED AND PROVIDE THAT THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE FOR A TERM COTERMINOUS WITH THE GOVERNOR UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION.

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S. 140 -- Senators Campsen and Hembree: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, SO AS TO DELETE THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE FROM THE LIST OF STATE OFFICERS WHICH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES TO BE ELECTED AND PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, FOR A TERM COTERMINOUS WITH THE GOVERNOR UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION.

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S. 141 -- Senator Scott: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, BY ADDING SECTION 16 TO ARTICLE XVII RELATING TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS, SO AS TO IMPOSE A MANDATORY MINIMUM WAGE FOR PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN THE STATE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE MINIMUM WAGE PROVIDED BY FEDERAL LAW, IF ANY; TO PROVIDE A PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION FOR A VIOLATION; TO PROVIDE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY BRING A CIVIL ACTION; TO PROVIDE REMEDIES FOR CIVIL ACTIONS BROUGHT PRIVATELY AND BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; TO PROVIDE A CLASS ACTION MAY BE USED TO BRING AN ACTION UNDER THIS SECTION; TO REQUIRE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DESIGNATE A STATE OFFICE OR AGENCY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION IN A CERTAIN MANNER; AND TO LIMIT THE SCOPE OF AUTHORITY OF THIS STATE OFFICE OR AGENCY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 142 -- Senator Scott: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR A STATEWIDE ADVISORY REFERENDUM TO BE HELD AT THE SAME TIME AS THE 2018 GENERAL ELECTION TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THIS STATE FAVOR REQUIRING PAYMENT OF A MINIMUM HOURLY WAGE RATE OF ONE DOLLAR ABOVE THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE TO EMPLOYEES FOR ALL HOURS WORKED IN THIS STATE.

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S. 143 -- Senator McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 ENTITLED "FIREARMS CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS", SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT A NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK MUST BE COMPLETED AND DELIVERY OF A FIREARM TO A PURCHASER OR TRANSFEREE MAY NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL THE RESULTS OF ALL REQUIRED BACKGROUND CHECKS ARE KNOWN AND THE PURCHASER OR TRANSFEREE IS NOT PROHIBITED FROM DELIVERY OF THE FIREARM.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 144 -- Senator McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 25, TITLE 16 ENTITLED "DATING VIOLENCE" SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DATING VIOLENCE, AND PROVIDE A PENALTY.

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S. 145 -- Senator McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-1-180, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE MANDATORY SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT DATE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE AND ACCOUNT FOR A BIENNIAL STATE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 2-7-60, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH ITS 2019 SESSION FOR THE ENSUING TWO FISCAL YEARS, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL ENACT A BIENNIAL STATE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 146 -- Senator Scott: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1-11-710, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO INSURANCE POLICIES OFFERED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY,  
  
  
SO AS TO REQUIRE ITS BOARD TO OFFER BOTH WHOLE AND TERM LIFE INSURANCE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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S. 147 -- Senator Allen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, SO AS TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF A CRIME CONTAINED IN THIS CHAPTER WITH THE INTENT TO ASSAULT, INTIMIDATE, OR THREATEN A PERSON BECAUSE OF HIS RACE, RELIGION, COLOR, SEX, AGE, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION; AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 16-11-510 AND 16-11-520, RELATING TO MALICIOUS INJURY TO PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR MALICIOUS INJURY TO REAL PROPERTY OFFENSES AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR PERSONS WHO MALICIOUSLY INJURE PERSONAL OR REAL PROPERTY OF ANOTHER PERSON WITH THE INTENT TO ASSAULT, INTIMIDATE, OR THREATEN THAT PERSON.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 148 -- Senators Hutto and Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 22-8-40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME MAGISTRATES AND THEIR SALARIES, SO AS TO REVISE THE METHOD OF SETTING A BASE SALARY FOR MAGISTRATES AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS TO FULL-TIME CHIEF AND ASSISTANT CHIEF MAGISTRATES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 22-3-315 SO AS TO ADD AN ASSESSMENT OF FIFTEEN DOLLARS TO ALL CIVIL FILINGS IN MAGISTRATES COURT AND PROVIDE FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THE PROCEEDS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 149 -- Senator Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 17-22-935 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN NONVIOLENT OFFENSES MAY BE EXPUNGED AND TO ESTABLISH THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE EXPUNGEMENT MAY OCCUR.

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S. 150 -- Senator Jackson: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 24, ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, PROSECUTORS, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS, AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SO AS TO CHANGE THE WORD "SOLICITOR" TO "DISTRICT ATTORNEY".

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 151 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 22-3-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CIVIL JURISDICTION OF THE MAGISTRATES COURT, TO INCREASE THE CIVIL JURISDICTION FROM SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

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S. 152 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 47, TITLE 40 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PHYSICIANS AND MISCELLANEOUS HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS, BY ADDING SECTION 40-47-38, TO PROVIDE THAT A PHYSICIAN MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH  
  
  
  
CAROLINA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THIS STATE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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S. 153 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-20(C)(a) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO STATUTORY AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES APPLICABLE TO THE PUNISHMENT FOR MURDER, TO ADD AS A STATUTORY AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCE CASES IN WHICH THE MURDER WAS COMMITTED AGAINST A PERSON BECAUSE OF THE PERSON'S ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, OR DISABILITY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 154 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 23 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT, TO PROVIDE THAT EACH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL HAVE A WRITTEN POLICY REGARDING THE INVESTIGATION OF OFFICER-INVOLVED DEATHS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTENTS OF THE POLICY; TO PROVIDE FOR INVESTIGATIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR REPORTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RELEASE OF A REPORT IF PROSECUTION IS NOT PURSUED; TO PROVIDE FOR NOTICES OF VICTIM'S RIGHTS; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 155 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-5-50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO HINDERING A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO HINDERS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR, AND TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH AN OFFENSE DOES NOT APPLY TO A PERSON WHO PHOTOGRAPHS OR RECORDS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER PERFORMING THE OFFICER'S OFFICIAL DUTIES WHILE THE OFFICER IS IN A PUBLIC PLACE OR THE PERSON IS IN A PLACE THE PERSON HAS THE RIGHT TO OCCUPY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 156 -- Senator Malloy: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3, ARTICLE XII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROVIDE FOR THE SEPARATE CONFINEMENT OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS FROM OLDER CONFINED PERSONS, TO CHANGE THE AGE FOR WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE SEPARATE CONFINEMENT OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS FROM "UNDER THE AGE OF SEVENTEEN" TO "UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN".

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 157 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 25, TITLE 17 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO JUDGMENT AND EXECUTION, TO PROVIDE THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A PERSON MUST NOT BE SENTENCED TO DEATH OR A TERM OF IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE IF THAT PERSON WAS LESS THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME THE OFFENSE WAS COMMITTED.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 158 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 23, TITLE 16 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO OFFENSES INVOLVING WEAPONS, BY ADDING ARTICLE 9, TO REQUIRE THAT NO GUN TRANSFER PRECEDED BY A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK MAY PROCEED, UNLESS THE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE SALE MAY PROCEED, UNTIL AT LEAST TWENTY-EIGHT DAYS HAVE PASSED FROM THE INITIATION OF THE BACKGROUND CHECK, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 159 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FIREARMS, BY ADDING ARTICLE 11, TO REQUIRE THAT NO GUN TRANSFER PRECEDED BY A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK MAY PROCEED, UNLESS THE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE SALE MAY PROCEED, UNTIL AT LEAST TWENTY-EIGHT DAYS HAVE PASSED FROM THE INITIATION OF THE BACKGROUND CHECK, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 160 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CORRECTIONS, JAILS, PROBATIONS, PAROLES, AND PARDONS, TO REESTABLISH THE SENTENCING REFORM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP, POWERS, DUTIES, AND AUTHORITY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 161 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 22-5-920(B) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE EXPUNGEMENT OF YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS' RECORDS, TO PROVIDE THAT EXPUNGEMENT DOES NOT APPLY TO OFFENSES IN WHICH REGISTRATION ON THE SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRY IS REQUIRED, EXCEPT IN CASES IN WHICH A DETERMINATION IS MADE BY THE SENTENCING COURT THAT THE SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A VICTIM OF AT LEAST FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE WAS CONSENSUAL.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 162 -- Senator Malloy: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1, ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS, TO EXEMPT MEMBERS OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES FROM THE REQUIREMENT THAT THEY POSSESS THE QUALIFICATIONS OF AN ELECTOR, AND TO REMOVE ARCHAIC REFERENCES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 163 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 22, TITLE 17 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CRIMINAL INTERVENTION PROGRAMS, BY ADDING ARTICLE 13, TO ENACT THE "DRUG COURT PROGRAM ACT"; TO DIRECT EACH CIRCUIT SOLICITOR TO ESTABLISH A DRUG COURT PROGRAM FOR ADULTS AND JUVENILES; TO PROVIDE CRITERIA FOR THE ELIGIBILITY OF PERSONS CHARGED WITH NONVIOLENT OFFENSES; TO ALLOW EACH CIRCUIT SOLICITOR TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICE OF DRUG COURT PROGRAM COORDINATOR; TO DIRECT THE COMMISSION ON PROSECUTION COORDINATION TO ESTABLISH A STATE OFFICE OF DRUG COURT COORDINATION; TO PROVIDE FOR FEES FOR PARTICIPATION IN A DRUG COURT PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS DETAILING THE ACTIVITIES OF DRUG COURT PROGRAMS TO THE COMMISSION ON PROSECUTION COORDINATION, WITH A COPY PROVIDED TO THE SENTENCING REFORM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF DRUG COURT JUDGES AND THEIR COMPENSATION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 164 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 42-1-160 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS OF "INJURY" AND "PERSONAL INJURY" IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION, TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR "FIRST RESPONDER" AND TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUCH AN EMPLOYEE SEEKING WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOR PERSONAL INJURY CAUSED BY POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER ARISING FROM THE FIRST RESPONDER'S DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN A SIGNIFICANT TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 165 -- Senator Malloy: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE "STUDY COMMITTEE ON RACIAL PROFILING" TO REVIEW LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICIES, PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES REGARDING RACIAL PROFILING AND MAKE A REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE LAWS REGARDING SUCH POLICIES, PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 166 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 23 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY, BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-250, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN STATEMENTS MADE DURING QUESTIONING OR INTERROGATION MUST BE AUDIO OR VIDEO RECORDED, TO PROVIDE THAT A COURT MUST INSTRUCT A JURY THAT IT MAY DRAW AN ADVERSE INFERENCE FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO FAILS TO RECORD A STATEMENT AS REQUIRED, TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A PERSON'S STATEMENT MAY BE USED FOR IMPEACHMENT PURPOSES, TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A STATEMENT OBTAINED IN ANOTHER STATE OR BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS ADMISSIBLE IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE THAT AN INAUDIBLE PORTION OF A RECORDING DOES NOT RENDER IT INADMISSIBLE, AND TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 167 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-710 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO A PRESENTATION OF IDENTIFICATION WHEN AN ELECTOR PRESENTS HIMSELF TO VOTE, TO PROVIDE THAT ELECTORS WHO FAIL TO PRODUCE A VALID AND CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH IDENTIFICATION MAY COMPLETE A WRITTEN STATEMENT AT THE POLLING PLACE AND AFFIRM THAT THE ELECTOR MEETS CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT, UPON COMPLETION OF THE WRITTEN STATEMENT, THE STATEMENT AND THE ELECTOR'S PROVISIONAL BALLOT MUST BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT, IF THE COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS DETERMINES THE VOTER WAS CHALLENGED ONLY FOR THE INABILITY TO PROVIDE PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION AND THE REQUIRED STATEMENT IS SUBMITTED, THE COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS SHALL FIND THAT THE PROVISIONAL BALLOT IS VALID UNLESS THE BOARD HAS GROUNDS TO BELIEVE THE STATEMENT IS FALSE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 168 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 16-15-90 AND 16-15-100 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PROSTITUTION, TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR SOLICITATION OF PROSTITUTION, ESTABLISHING OR KEEPING A BROTHEL OR HOUSE OF PROSTITUTION, OR CAUSING OR INDUCING ANOTHER TO PARTICIPATE IN PROSTITUTION; TO ESTABLISH THE AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE OF BEING A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING; AND TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR SOLICITING, CAUSING, OR INDUCING ANOTHER FOR OR INTO PROSTITUTION WHEN THE PROSTITUTE HAS A MENTAL DISABILITY.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 169 -- Senators Shealy and McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 25, TITLE 16 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, BY ADDING ARTICLE 8, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF TEEN DATING VIOLENCE, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY, TO ALLOW VICTIMS TO SEEK ORDERS OF PROTECTION OR RESTRAINING ORDERS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROHIBIT A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARTICLE FROM PARTICIPATING IN A PRETRIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAM, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-755 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SEXUAL BATTERY WITH A STUDENT, TO REVISE THE STRUCTURE OF THE OFFENSE TO PROVIDE THE SAME PENALTY FOR PERSONS WHO COMMIT THE OFFENSE WHEN THE VICTIM IS SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND TO PROVIDE A MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCE OF ONE YEAR FOR A CONVICTION, NO PART OF WHICH MAY BE SUSPENDED NOR PROBATION GRANTED.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 170 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 17, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DUTIES OF CORONERS AND MEDICAL EXAMINERS, BY ADDING SECTIONS 17-5-541 AND 17-5-542, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CORONER OF EACH COUNTY SHALL SCHEDULE A LOCAL CHILD FATALITY REVIEW TEAM TO PERFORM A REVIEW OF A CASE WHERE A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN DIES IN THE COUNTY HE SERVES AND TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE OF THE REVIEW TEAM; TO AMEND ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 17, RELATING TO CORONERS, BY ADDING SECTION 17-5-140, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT FUNDS MUST BE DISBURSED TO THE COUNTIES EQUALLY TO PAY THE DULY ELECTED FULL-TIME CORONER OR OTHER RELATED PERSONNEL OR EQUIPMENT AND TO PROVIDE THAT EXCESS FUNDS MUST BE USED BY THE CORONERS TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 17-5-130, RELATING TO THE CORONERS TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DUTIES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 171 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 17 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DUTIES OF CORONERS AND MEDICAL EXAMINERS, BY ADDING SECTIONS 17-5-541 AND 17-5-542, TO PROVIDE THAT THE CORONER OF EACH COUNTY SHALL SCHEDULE A LOCAL CHILD FATALITY REVIEW TEAM TO PERFORM A REVIEW OF A CASE IN WHICH A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN DIES IN THE COUNTY HE SERVES AND TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE OF THE REVIEW TEAM; TO AMEND ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 17, RELATING TO CORONERS, BY ADDING SECTION 17-5-140, TO PROVIDE THAT FUNDS MUST BE DISBURSED TO THE COUNTIES EQUALLY TO PAY THE DULY ELECTED FULL-TIME CORONER OR OTHER RELATED PERSONNEL OR EQUIPMENT AND TO PROVIDE THAT EXCESS FUNDS MUST BE USED BY THE CORONERS TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 17-5-130(G), RELATING TO THE CORONERS TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DUTIES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 172 -- Senators Shealy and Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 11, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES AGAINST THE PERSON, TO PROVIDE THAT STRANGULATION IS THE RESTRICTING OF AIR FLOW OR BLOOD CIRCULATION OF A PERSON BY EXTERNAL PRESSURE TO THE THROAT OR NECK, OR THE BLOCKING OF THE NOSE OR MOUTH OF ANOTHER PERSON; TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF STRANGULATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND, UPON CONVICTION, MUST BE IMPRISONED FOR NOT MORE THAN FIVE YEARS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE IF AN ACT CONSTITUTING STRANGULATION WAS THE RESULT OF A LEGITIMATE MEDICAL PROCEDURE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 173 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 23-23-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY, TO PROVIDE NEW DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND CHAPTER 23, TITLE 23 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY, BY ADDING SECTION 23-23-55 TO PROVIDE THAT A CLASS 1-LE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MUST COMPLETE CONTINUING LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION CREDITS IN MENTAL HEALTH OR ADDICTIVE DISORDERS; TO AMEND SECTION 23-23-80 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL IS AUTHORIZED TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING CENTER AND TO GOVERN AND SUPERVISE CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM TRAINING; TO AMEND TITLE 23 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY, BY ADDING CHAPTER 52 TO CREATE A CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING COUNCIL, TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNCIL'S DUTIES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT EVERY COUNTY SHALL ESTABLISH AT LEAST ONE CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 174 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 42-1-160 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS OF "INJURY" AND "PERSONAL INJURY" IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION, TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR "FIRST RESPONDER" AND TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUCH AN EMPLOYEE SEEKING WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOR PERSONAL INJURY CAUSED BY POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER ARISING FROM THE FIRST RESPONDER'S DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN A SIGNIFICANT TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 175 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 15-78-110 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA TORT CLAIMS ACT'S STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 15-3-40 AND 15-3-555, ANY ACTION BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER IS FOREVER BARRED UNLESS AN ACTION IS COMMENCED WITHIN TWO YEARS AFTER THE DATE THE LOSS WAS OR SHOULD HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED; PROVIDED, THAT IF THE CLAIMANT FIRST FILED A CLAIM PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER THEN THE ACTION FOR DAMAGES BASED UPON THE SAME OCCURRENCE IS FOREVER BARRED UNLESS THE  
  
  
ACTION IS COMMENCED WITHIN THREE YEARS OF THE DATE THE LOSS WAS OR SHOULD HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

S. 176 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 24 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, BY ADDING SECTION 24-1-300, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO OPERATE AN UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE WITHIN A CERTAIN DISTANCE OF A DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FACILITY WITHOUT WRITTEN CONSENT, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Corrections and Penology.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Corrections and Penology.

S. 177 -- Senator Gambrell: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 61, TITLE 44 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, BY ADDING SECTION 44-61-170, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE SYSTEM BILLING AND INSURANCE COVERAGE PRACTICES APPLICABLE TO NON-NETWORK EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44-61-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS USED IN THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ACT, TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR "INSURER".

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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

S. 178 -- Senators M. B. Matthews and Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44-66-90 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS WHO MAY MAKE HEALTH CARE DECISIONS FOR A PATIENT WHO IS UNABLE TO CONSENT ARE PROHIBITED FROM EXECUTING

ARBITRATION AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF A PATIENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A NOTICE OF WAIVER OF LEGAL RIGHTS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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

S. 179 -- Senators Hutto and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 19 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE LIMITED IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION FOR CERTAIN DRUG AND ALCOHOL-RELATED OFFENSES COMMITTED BY A PERSON WHO SEEKS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR ANOTHER PERSON WHO IS EXPERIENCING A DRUG OR ALCOHOL-RELATED OVERDOSE OR BY A PERSON WHO IS EXPERIENCING A DRUG OR ALCOHOL-RELATED OVERDOSE AND SEEKS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, TO ALLOW THE COURT TO CONSIDER AS A MITIGATING FACTOR IN PROCEEDINGS RELATED TO OTHER CRIMINAL OFFENSES WHETHER THE PERSON SOUGHT MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR A PERSON EXPERIENCING AN OVERDOSE, TO LIMIT THE IMMUNITY TO ALLOW PROSECUTION OF A PERSON FOR OTHER CRIMES ARISING OUT OF THE DRUG OR ALCOHOL-RELATED OVERDOSE, TO ALLOW FOR ADMISSIBILITY OF CERTAIN EVIDENCE, TO PROVIDE CIVIL AND CRIMINAL IMMUNITY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS RELATING TO THE ARREST OF A PERSON LATER DETERMINED TO QUALIFY FOR LIMITED IMMUNITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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

S. 180 -- Senator Scott: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 1-30-35, 44-20-30, 44-20-210, 44-20-220, 44-20-240, 44-20-320, 44-20-350, 44-20-360, 44-20-430, 44-20-1120, 44-20-1130, 44-20-1140, 44-20-1150, 44-20-1160, AND 44-20-1170, ALL AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, ALL RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS HEADED AND GOVERNED BY A DIRECTOR APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE AND THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS SERVES AS AN ADVISORY BOARD TO THE DIRECTOR; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 44-20-230 RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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

S. 181 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-56-200(B) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT, TO PROVIDE THAT, FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CHAPTER, "RESPONSIBLE PARTY" DOES NOT INCLUDE A PERSON WHO IS EXCLUDED FROM LIABILITY UNDER THE SUPERFUND RECYCLING EQUITY ACT, 42 U.S.C. SECTION 9627.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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

S. 182 -- Senator Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 47, TITLE 40 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PHYSICIANS AND MISCELLANEOUS HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, TO ENACT THE "ELECTROLOGY PRACTICE ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 11; TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN CONDUCT CONCERNING THE PRACTICE AND TEACHING OF ELECTROLOGY WITHOUT LICENSURE, TO CREATE THE ELECTROLOGY LICENSURE COMMITTEE AS AN ADVISORY BOARD TO THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE, TO PROVIDE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AS AN ELECTROLOGIST AND REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AS AN ELECTROLOGY INSTRUCTOR, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONDUCT OF LICENSEES, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF A LICENSE AND SUBSEQUENT REINSTATEMENT, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES FOR  
  
VIOLATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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

S. 183 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-5-20 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SUPREME COURT'S AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF LAW AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SUPREME COURT MAY PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS DEFINING AND REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF LAW SUBJECT TO STATUTORY LAW AND DETERMINING THE QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW AND THE LICENSURE OF ATTORNEYS IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PROVISION OF LAW OR RULE THAT REQUIRES AN ATTORNEY TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR IS SUPERSEDED AND OF NO FORCE AND EFFECT, AND TO DELETE INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE BAR; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-5-310, RELATING TO PRACTICING LAW OR SOLICITING THE LEGAL CAUSE OF ANOTHER WITHOUT BEING ENROLLED AS A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR, TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON MAY PRACTICE LAW UNLESS HE IS LICENSED BY THE SUPREME COURT, AND TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A PERSON BE A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

S. 184 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES ACT, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO ACCEPTS A CHECK FOR A DEFERRED PRESENTMENT TRANSACTION VIOLATES THE SOUTH CAROLINA UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES ACT, AND TO REPEAL CHAPTER 39, TITLE 34, RELATING TO DEFERRED PRESENTMENT SERVICES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

S. 185 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-19-20(1) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "ADVERTISEMENT" AS USED IN REGARD TO EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS, BY ADDING THE TERM "INTERNET" TO THE DEFINITION OF ADVERTISEMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 40-19-20 OF THE 1976 CODE BY ADDING A DEFINITION FOR THE TERM "THIRD PARTY FUNERAL SERVICE PROVIDER"; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 19, TITLE 40 OF THE 1976 CODE, BY ADDING SECTION 40-19-40, TO PROVIDE THAT THIRD PARTY FUNERAL SERVICE PROVIDERS MUST BE LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE, TO PROVIDE NOTICE AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR THIRD PARTY FUNERAL SERVICE PROVIDER ADVERTISEMENTS, TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSE REVOCATION FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE SHALL PRESCRIBE THE FORMAT OF ADVERTISEMENT DISCLOSURE BY REGULATION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIRD PARTY FUNERAL SERVICE PROVIDERS MUST DISCLOSE TO CUSTOMERS THE NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF THE FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT THAT WILL BE IN CHARGE OF HANDLING ALL FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

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S. 186 -- Senator Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 39 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO TRADE AND COMMERCE, BY ADDING CHAPTER 12 TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA INCANDESCENT LIGHT BULB FREEDOM ACT", TO PROVIDE THAT INCANDESCENT LIGHT BULBS MANUFACTURED IN THIS STATE, WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT PARTS IMPORTED FROM ANOTHER STATE, AND OFFERED FOR SALE AND SOLD FOR USE ONLY IN THIS STATE ARE DEEMED ONLY TO BE IN THE STREAM OF INTRASTATE COMMERCE AND THEREFORE NOT SUBJECT TO FEDERAL REGULATION UNDER THE COMMERCE CLAUSE OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

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S. 187 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 41-35-120 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DISQUALIFICATIONS FROM UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, TO REVISE THE METHOD OF DETERMINING THE BENEFITS OF A PERSON DISCHARGED FROM EMPLOYMENT FOR ILLEGAL DRUG USE, GROSS MISCONDUCT, AND FAILURE TO ACCEPT WORK; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS; TO SPECIFY CRITERIA FOR A LABORATORY QUALIFIED TO PERFORM A TEST FOR ILLEGAL DRUG USE BY A PERSON SEEKING OR RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS; TO LIMIT THE LIABILITY OF AN EMPLOYER FOR ACTS OR OMISSIONS IN THE DISCLOSURE OF A DRUG TEST PERFORMED UNDER THIS SECTION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISUSE OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL OBTAINED IN THE COURSE OF DRUG TESTING CONSTITUTES A MISDEMEANOR SUBJECT TO CERTAIN MONETARY PENALTIES.

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S. 188 -- Senator Scott: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA MINIMUM WAGE ACT"; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 10, TITLE 41 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CITATION AND THE PURPOSE OF THE ACT, TO PROVIDE EMPLOYERS SHALL PAY EMPLOYEES A CERTAIN MINIMUM WAGE, TO PROVIDE A MECHANISM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE TO ADJUST THIS MINIMUM WAGE BY THE RATE OF INFLATION ANNUALLY, TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR AN EMPLOYER TO RETALIATE AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE WHO EXERCISES HIS RIGHTS WITH RESPECT TO THIS MINIMUM WAGE, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN REMEDIES TO THE EMPLOYEE AND STATE, TO PROVIDE A STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT AN ACTION BROUGHT UNDER THE ACT MAY BE BROUGHT AS A CLASS ACTION, AND TO LIMIT AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT WITH RESPECT TO IMPLEMENTING THE ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 6-1-130, RELATING TO THE SCOPE OF AUTHORITY OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE TO SET A MINIMUM WAGE RATE, TO AMEND SECTION 44-22-160, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS FOR THERAPEUTIC EMPLOYMENT, TO AMEND SECTION 53-1-100, RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR SUNDAY WORK BY MACHINE SHOP EMPLOYEES, AND TO AMEND SECTION 53-1-110, RELATING TO COMPENSATION FOR SUNDAY WORK BY A PERSON EMPLOYED IN THE MANUFACTURE OR FINISHING OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 10, TITLE 41 AS ARTICLE 1 ENTITLED "PAYMENT OF WAGES GENERALLY".

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S. 189 -- Senator Goldfinch: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 43 TO TITLE 33 SO AS TO ENACT THE "UNIFORM LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT OF 2017", TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN AND REQUIREMENTS UNDER WHICH LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES ARE ORGANIZED, OPERATED, REGULATED, DISSOLVED, TRANSFERRED, AND CONVERTED; AND TO REPEAL CHAPTER 44, TITLE 33 RELATING TO THE "UNIFORM LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT OF 1996".

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S. 190 -- Senator Goldfinch: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 33 TO TITLE 33 SO AS TO ENACT THE "REVISED UNIFORM UNINCORPORATED NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION ACT", TO AMONG OTHER THINGS, DEFINE TERMS, SPECIFY APPLICABILITY, SET FORTH POWERS OF UNINCORPORATED NONPROFIT ASSOCIATIONS, TO SPECIFY LIABILITY, AND TO SET FORTH THE PROCESS BY WHICH A LEGAL ACTION AGAINST AN ASSOCIATION IS ADJUDICATED.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

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S. 191 -- Senator M. B. Matthews: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN EMPLOYER MAY NOT INQUIRE, CONSIDER, OR REQUIRE DISCLOSURE OF THE CRIMINAL RECORD OR CRIMINAL HISTORY OF AN APPLICANT FOR EMPLOYMENT UNTIL THE APPLICANT IS SELECTED FOR AN INTERVIEW BY THE EMPLOYER OR BEFORE A CONDITIONAL OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT IS MADE TO THE APPLICANT, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED DEFINITIONS AND PROCEDURES, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, TITLE 12 TO PROVIDE FOR A TAX CREDIT TO EMPLOYERS WHO HIRE A QUALIFIED EX-FELON; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

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S. 192 -- Senator Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITY ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE MAY NOT INQUIRE, CONSIDER, OR REQUIRE DISCLOSURE OF THE CRIMINAL RECORD OR CRIMINAL HISTORY OF AN APPLICANT FOR EMPLOYMENT UNTIL THE APPLICANT IS SELECTED FOR AN INTERVIEW BY THE EMPLOYER OR BEFORE A CONDITIONAL OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT IS MADE TO THE APPLICANT, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED DEFINITIONS AND PROCEDURES, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

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S. 193 -- Senator Goldfinch: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 33-42-90 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 43, TITLE 33 AS ADDED BELOW SHALL APPLY TO LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS, EXCEPT INSOFAR AS THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 42, TITLE 33 PERTAINING TO LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 43, TITLE 33; BY ADDING CHAPTER 43 TO TITLE 33 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA UNIFORM PARTNERSHIP ACT OF 2017", TO PROVIDE FOR THE FORMATION OF PARTNERSHIPS, THE NATURE OF PARTNERSHIPS, THE RELATION OF PARTNERS TO EACH OTHER AND THE PARTNERSHIP, AND TO PERSONS DEALING WITH THE PARTNERSHIP, THE TRANSFER OF INTEREST AND RIGHTS, DISSOCIATIONS, DISSOLUTIONS, LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIPS, FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIPS, MERGER, INTEREST EXCHANGE, CONVERSION AND DOMESTICATION, AND TRANSITION PROVISIONS; AND TO REPEAL CHAPTER 41, TITLE 33 RELATING TO THE FORMER UNIFORM PARTNERSHIP ACT.

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S. 194 -- Senators M. B. Matthews and Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO REPEAL SECTION 56-1-171, RELATING TO DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSION FOR FAILURE TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT; AND TO REPEAL ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 17, TITLE 63, RELATING TO CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT THROUGH LICENSE REVOCATION.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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S. 195 -- Senator Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 140 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ISSUE "HEARING IMPAIRED" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES TO PERSONS WHO ARE HEARING IMPAIRED.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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S. 196 -- Senator Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING, BY ADDING ARTICLE 140, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ISSUE LEGION OF MERIT SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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S. 197 -- Senator Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF DRIVER'S LICENSES, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF CERTAIN TERMS AND TO ADD THE TERMS "MOPED", "DAYLIGHT HOURS", AND "VEHICLE" AND THEIR DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-30, RELATING TO PERSONS EXEMPT FROM OBTAINING A DRIVER'S LICENSE, TO DELETE THE TERM "ARTICLE" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "CHAPTER"; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-50, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF A BEGINNER'S PERMIT, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT RELATES TO THE OPERATION OF MOTOR SCOOTERS, LIGHT MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES, AND MOPEDS, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERMITTEE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A MOTORCYCLE-LICENSED DRIVER WHEN DRIVING A MOTORCYCLE DURING CERTAIN HOURS, TO PROVIDE THE LOCATION THAT AN ACCOMPANYING DRIVER MUST BE POSITIONED, AND TO DELETE AN OBSOLETE PROVISION; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-175, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF A CONDITIONAL DRIVER'S LICENSE, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT ALLOWS A LICENSEE TO OPERATE A MOTOR SCOOTER OR LIGHT MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLE AND THE PROVISION THAT DEFINES THE TERM "DAYLIGHT HOURS"; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-180, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIAL RESTRICTED DRIVER'S LICENSE, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS WHERE A LICENSEE MAY OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE, TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT ALLOWS A LICENSEE TO OPERATE A MOTOR SCOOTER OR LIGHT MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLE, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT DEFINES THE TERM "DAYLIGHT HOURS"; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-185, RELATING TO THE REMOVAL OF THE RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON A CONDITIONAL OR SPECIAL RESTRICTED DRIVER'S LICENSE, TO PROVIDE THAT A BEGINNER'S PERMIT, CONDITIONAL LICENSE, OR SPECIAL RESTRICTED LICENSE MAY NOT BE ISSUED TO A PERSON CONVICTED OF CERTAIN VIOLATIONS OF OPERATING A MOPED WHILE UNDERAGE OR WITHOUT A LICENSE FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME; TO REPEAL SECTION 56-1-1710, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "MOPED"; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-1720, RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF A MOPED, TO REVISE THE FORM OF LICENSURE A PERSON MUST POSSESS TO OPERATE A MOPED, TO REVISE THE AGE OF A PERSON WHO MAY OBTAIN A MOPED OPERATOR'S LICENSE, TO REVISE THE TIME PERIOD WHEN CERTAIN PERSONS MAY OPERATE A MOPED, TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT PROHIBITS THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FROM ISSUING A BEGINNER'S PERMIT OR A SPECIAL RESTRICTED LICENSE TO CERTAIN PERSONS CONVICTED OF A MOPED VIOLATION FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-1730, RELATING TO THE ELIGIBILITY TO OBTAIN, SUSPENSION OF, AND REVOCATION OF A MOPED OPERATOR'S LICENSE, TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTION 56-2-2740, RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND PROPERTY TAXES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF MOPED VALIDATION DECALS, TO PROVIDE THE COST OF THE DECALS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE FEES COLLECTED FOR THE DECALS MUST BE USED TO DEFRAY THE COSTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES; TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, TITLE 56, RELATING TO SPECIALIZED VEHICLES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 3, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION, TITLING, AND LICENSING OF MOPEDS, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE, TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF A MOPED, AND TO REGULATE THE SALE OF A MOPED; TO AMEND ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 2, TITLE 56, RELATING TO SPECIALIZED VEHICLES, BY ADDING SECTION 56-2-4000, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-20, RELATING TO CERTAIN TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS REGARDING THE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF MOTOR VEHICLES, TO DELETE CERTAIN TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-200, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF A VEHICLE, TO PROVIDE THAT A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE IS NOT REQUIRED TO REGISTER A MOPED; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-250, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF A MOTOR VEHICLE ONCE ALL LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES ARE PAID, TO PROVIDE THAT THIS PROVISION DOES NOT APPLY TO A MOPED, AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 56-3-630 AND 56-3-760, RELATING TO VEHICLES CLASSIFIED AS PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES AND THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR CERTAIN VEHICLES, TO DELETE THE TERM "MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLE" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "MOPED", AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 56-5-120, 56-5-130, 56-5-140, 56-5-150, 56-5-155, 56-5-165, 56-5-410, AND 56-5-1550, RELATING TO CERTAIN TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-361, RELATING TO THE TERM "PASSENGER CAR" AND ITS DEFINITION, TO DELETE THE TERM "MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES" AND ADD THE TERM "MOPEDS"; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-1555, RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF A MOPED, TO RAISE THE MAXIMUM SPEED AT WHICH A MOPED MAY BE OPERATED; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-4450, RELATING TO A DISPLAY OF LIGHTS BY A VEHICLE DURING CERTAIN TIMES OF DAY, TO DELETE AN OBSOLETE PROVISION AND MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTION 56-9-20, RELATING TO CERTAIN TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS CONTAINED IN THE MOTOR VEHICLE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT, TO DELETE AND REVISE CERTAIN TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS; TO REPEAL SECTION 56-9-110, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT TO CERTAIN ACCIDENTS OR JUDGMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 56-10-520, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF OPERATING AN UNINSURED MOTOR VEHICLE, TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS SECTION APPLIES TO THE OPERATOR OF AN UNINSURED MOPED WHO IS NOT THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE MOPED, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 56-10-535, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES REQUIRING A PERSON TO PROVIDE PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AFTER A CONVICTION OF CERTAIN TRAFFIC OFFENSES, TO PROVIDE THAT THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A REGISTERED OWNER OF A MOPED; TO AMEND SECTION 56-15-10, RELATING TO CERTAIN TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS REGARDING THE REGULATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND DEALERS, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "MOTOR VEHICLE"; TO AMEND SECTION 56-16-10, RELATING TO TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS REGARDING THE REGULATION OF MOTORCYCLE MANUFACTURES, DISTRIBUTORS, DEALERS, AND WHOLESALERS, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "MOTORCYCLE" AND REVISE THE TYPE OF VEHICLES REGULATED BY THIS CHAPTER; TO AMEND SECTION 56-19-10, RELATING TO TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF TITLES TO AND INTERESTS IN MOTOR VEHICLES, TO DELETE CERTAIN TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 56-19-220, RELATING TO VEHICLES THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE, TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE AND TO ADD MOPEDS TO THE LIST OF EXEMPTED VEHICLES; TO AMEND SECTION 38-77-30, RELATING TO TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS REGARDING AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE, TO DELETE THE TERMS "MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES", "MOTOR SCOOTERS", AND "MOPEDS"; TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO SELLS, SOLICITS, OR ADVERTISES TO SELL CERTAIN MOPEDS PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2018, MUST LABEL THE MOPEDS WITH THEIR SPECIFICATIONS AND PROVIDE A METAL PLATE THAT IDENTIFIES THE VEHICLE, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS PROVISION, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO OPERATE CERTAIN MOPEDS WITHOUT A METAL IDENTIFICATION PLATE, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS PROVISION; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-2941, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES REQUIRING A PERSON WHO VIOLATES CERTAIN PROVISIONS TO HAVE INSTALLED ON CERTAIN VEHICLES AN IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE, TO PROVIDE THAT THIS PROVISION DOES NOT REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION OF AN IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE ON A MOPED; AND TO REPEAL ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 56, RELATING TO MOPED REGULATIONS.

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Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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S. 198 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-100 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DRIVER'S LICENSES, TO PROVIDE THAT A MINOR MAY APPLY FOR A BEGINNER'S PERMIT, INSTRUCTION PERMIT, OR DRIVER'S LICENSE UNDER THE AUTHORIZATION OF A RESPONSIBLE ADULT WILLING TO ASSUME THE OBLIGATION IMPOSED.

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S. 199 -- Senators Bryant and Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 21, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 56 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO REQUIRED STOPS FOR VEHICLES, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION, TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO OBTAIN A CIVIL PENALTY CITATION AGAINST THE REGISTERED OWNER OF A VEHICLE VIOLATING SECTION 56-5-2770 AND TO PROVIDE A METHOD TO APPEAL THE CITATION.

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S. 200 -- Senators Grooms, Bryant and Campbell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 57-25-150(G) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PERMITS FOR THE ERECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF  
  
  
  
  
SIGNS, TO PROVIDE THAT PERMITS FOR A NONCONFORMING SIGN THAT IS REMOVED OR DISMANTLED ARE VOID.

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S. 201 -- Senators McElveen and Campbell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-140(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DRIVER'S LICENSES, TO CHANGE THE VALIDITY OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE FROM TEN YEARS TO EIGHT YEARS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL REAL ID ACT OF 2005; TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 56, RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR DRIVER'S LICENSES, BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-86 TO DIRECT THE GOVERNOR TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL REAL ID ACT OF 2005; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 56-1-85, RELATING TO THE FEDERAL REAL ID ACT OF 2005.

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S. 202 -- Senator Setzler: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF BERNARD EDWARD "PETER" ROBINSON, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 203 -- Senator Scott: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF RUTH CORLEY SIMONS, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 204 -- Senators Bryant and Gambrell: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE UNTIMELY PASSING OF JACOB HALL, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 205 -- Senator Sheheen: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND MCLEOD FARMS FOR PROVIDING FRESH PRODUCE AND FARM TO TABLE PRODUCTS TO SOUTH CAROLINIANS FOR ONE HUNDRED YEARS AND TO CONGRATULATE THE MCLEOD FAMILY AND STAFF ON THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 206 -- Senator Allen: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO HONOR PASTOR ANNIE BROUGHTON OF JUST CALL ME SARAH MINISTRY (JCMS) IN THE GREENVILLE AREA ON THE OCCASION OF HER SECOND YEAR OF CHRISTIAN TELEVISION BROADCASTING AND TO WISH HER GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS SHE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 207 -- Senator Allen: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO HONOR PASTOR JAMES W. JOHNSON OF FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH IN GREENVILLE FOR HIS THIRTY-FOUR YEARS OF GOSPEL MINISTRY AT FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HIM GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 208 -- Senator J. Matthews: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE WILLIE MAE OWENS-ROSS OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 209 -- Senator J. Matthews: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL (AME) CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE ON THE OCCASION OF ITS HISTORIC ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR A CENTURY AND A HALF OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 210 -- Senators Johnson and Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 57-3-619 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO IMPOSE A TOLL ALONG INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 95 WHERE IT CROSSES LAKE MARION IN EITHER ORANGEBURG COUNTY OR CLARENDON COUNTY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF TOLL REVENUE.

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

S. 211 -- Senator Talley: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE "SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILY COURT STUDY COMMITTEE" TO REVIEW STATE FAMILY COURT POLICIES, PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES REGARDING TEMPORARY HEARINGS, THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM, MEDIATION REQUIREMENTS, CHILD SUPPORT, ALIMONY, AND OTHER ISSUES RELATING TO THE FAMILY COURT SYSTEM, AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONCERNING PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE LAWS RELATING TO SUCH POLICIES, PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES.

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

S. 212 -- Senators Davis, Hutto, Campbell, Kimpson, Jackson and McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS BY CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WITH CERTAIN DISEASES AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS; TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS TO ACT AS DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS IN ORDER TO ASSIST QUALIFYING PATIENTS WITH THE MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS; TO AUTHORIZE PHYSICIANS TO RECOMMEND THE MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; TO CREATE A CONFIDENTIAL REGISTRY OF APPLICANTS AND HOLDERS OF REGISTRY CARDS; TO REQUIRE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A VERIFICATION SYSTEM FOR USE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DEFENSES AND OTHER PROTECTIONS TO, AMONG OTHERS, QUALIFYING PATIENTS, DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS, PHYSICIANS, AND LICENSED MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT PRINCIPALS AND AGENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION AND REGULATION OF MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS, INCLUDING CULTIVATION FACILITIES, DISPENSARIES, INDEPENDENT TESTING LABORATORIES, AND PROCESSING FACILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SEED-TO-SALE ELECTRONIC MONITORING SYSTEM TO TRACK CANNABIS COMPONENTS FROM CULTIVATION TO POINT OF SALE; TO ESTABLISH FEES AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS; TO CREATE A MEDICAL CANNABIS PROGRAM FUND; AND TO ESTABLISH A MEDICAL CANNABIS ADVISORY BOARD AND TO PROVIDE FOR MEMBERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-2120, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT THE SALE OF CANNABIS BY DISPENSARIES FROM STATE SALES TAX; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

S. 213 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander and Scott: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 20, TITLE 2, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO NONJUDICIAL SCREENING AND ELECTION, SO AS TO CREATE THE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY TRUSTEE SCREENING COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR TRUSTEES TO STATE-SUPPORTED COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE INVESTIGATIVE, NOMINATION, AND ELECTION PROCESSES.

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

S. 214 -- Senator Kimpson: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 36, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SALES AND USE TAX ACT, BY ADDING SECTION 12-36-71, TO PROVIDE THAT A RETAILER IS PRESUMED TO BE LIABLE FOR THE SALES TAX OR RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING AND REMITTING THE USE TAX IF THE RETAILER ENTERS INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE UNDER WHICH THE RESIDENT, FOR A COMMISSION OR CONSIDERATION, REFERS POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS, WHETHER BY AN INTERNET LINK OR OTHERWISE, TO REQUIRE SUCH RETAILERS TO OBTAIN A RETAIL LICENSE AND REMIT SALES AND USE TAX ON ALL TAXABLE RETAIL SALES, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

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

S. 215 -- Senator Kimpson: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE SEPTEMBER 26, ANNUALLY, MESOTHELIOMA AWARENESS DAY.

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

S. 216 -- Senator Kimpson: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 27, TITLE 58 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR ELECTRIC UTILITIES AND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES, TO PROVIDE THAT NOTICE MUST BE GIVEN TO RESIDENTS IN IDENTIFIABLE COMMUNITIES OR NEIGHBORHOODS PRIOR TO A UTILITY COMPANY UNDERTAKING, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTENTS OF THE NOTICE, TO PROVIDE FOR A PUBLIC MEETING RELATED TO THE MAINTENANCE PLAN, TO PROVIDE THAT UTILITY COMPANIES CONSIDER COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS WHEN FINALIZING THESE MAINTENANCE PLANS, TO PROVIDE THAT UTILITY COMPANIES MUST USE BEST EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT MAINTENANCE PLANS DO NOT DEGRADE THE CHARACTER AND VALUE OF THE AFFECTED AREAS, TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXEMPTION IN THE CASE OF A NATURAL DISASTER OR OTHER EMERGENCY, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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

S. 217 -- Senators Bryant and Rice: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT GENERALLY, BY ADDING ARTICLE 5, TO ENACT THE PERSONHOOD ACT OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO ESTABLISH THAT THE RIGHT TO LIFE FOR EACH BORN AND PREBORN HUMAN BEING VESTS AT FERTILIZATION AND THAT THE RIGHTS OF DUE PROCESS AND EQUAL PROTECTION, GUARANTEED BY ARTICLE I, SECTION 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE, VEST AT FERTILIZATION FOR EACH BORN AND PREBORN HUMAN BEING.

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

S. 218 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 41 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT GENERALLY, BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-25, TO PROVIDE THAT A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE MAY NOT ESTABLISH, MANDATE, OR OTHERWISE REQUIRE AN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

S. 219 -- Senators Campsen, Malloy, Johnson, Talley, McElveen, Sheheen, Setzler, Courson and Alexander: A BILL TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK REAUTHORIZATION ACT", BY AMENDING CHAPTER 24, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DEED RECORDING FEES, BY ADDING SECTION 12-24-98, TO PROVIDE FOR A PROPORTIONAL REDUCTION IN THE TRANSFER OF RECORDING FEES IN THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND ACT 200 OF 2002, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNDING SOURCES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK, TO EXTEND FOR TEN YEARS, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028, THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 59, TITLE 48, THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK ACT, OTHERWISE SCHEDULED FOR REPEAL EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 48-59-75.

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

S. 220 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-920(C) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED DURING AN INVESTIGATION OF CHILD ABUSE ALLEGATIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN SHALL BE INTERVIEWED USING A SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER NOT RELATED TO THE CHILD, TO ALLOW FOR REMOTE VIDEO INTERPRETATION, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO MAINTAIN A DATABASE OF QUALIFIED INTERPRETERS; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 25, TITLE 16, RELATING TO CRIMINAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TO PROVIDE THAT INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED DURING AN INVESTIGATION OF CRIMINAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN WHICH A HEARING IMPAIRED CHILD MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED OR WITNESSED THE ACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MUST BE CONDUCTED WITH THE USE OF A SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER NOT RELATED TO THE CHILD.

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

S. 221 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FREEDOM OF RELIGION FOR STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS, BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-436, TO PROVIDE THAT NO PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING SHALL TAKE ANY ACTION OR ENFORCE ANY POLICY THAT DENIES A RELIGIOUS STUDENT ASSOCIATION ANY BENEFIT AVAILABLE TO ANY OTHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION BASED ON THE RELIGIOUS STUDENT ASSOCIATION'S REQUIREMENT THAT ITS LEADERS OR MEMBERS ADHERE TO ITS SINCERELY HELD RELIGIOUS BELIEFS OR STANDARDS OF CONDUCT; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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

S. 222 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 25, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO TEACHERS, TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA TEACHER PROTECTION ACT OF 2017", BY ADDING ARTICLE 9, TO PROVIDE THAT A TEACHER MAY BRING A CIVIL ACTION AGAINST A STUDENT WHO COMMITS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE AGAINST THE TEACHER IF THE OFFENSE OCCURS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS OR AT A SCHOOL-RELATED EVENT OR IF THE OFFENSE IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE TEACHER'S PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES; AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO TEACHER HAS CIVIL LIABILITY TO A STUDENT OR TO A PARTY ACTING IN THE INTEREST OF THE STUDENT FOR AN ACT OR OMISSION BY THE TEACHER THAT OCCURS WHILE THE TEACHER IS ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL.

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

S. 223 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-29-120(B) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO TOPICS OF STUDY ON VETERANS DAY AND ATTENDANCE AT VETERANS DAY ACTIVITIES, TO PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THIS STATE REQUIRE AT LEAST ONE HOUR OF INSTRUCTION ON NOVEMBER ELEVENTH ON THE HISTORY AND MEANING OF VETERANS DAY.

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

S. 224 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-420 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE EXTENT OF SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED, TO REVISE THE TRANSPORTATION OBLIGATION THAT THE STATE ASSUMES FROM ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES TO ONE-HALF MILE.

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

S. 225 -- Senator Kimpson: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE NEED TO HEAL THE DEEP DIVIDES IN THE NATION'S COMMUNITIES IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A MORE EQUITABLE AND JUST SOCIETY, AND TO RECOGNIZE JANUARY 17, 2017, AS A NATIONAL DAY OF HEALING, SPONSORED BY W.K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION.

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The Senate Resolution was introduced and referred to the General Committee.

S. 226 -- Senator Campsen: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE F-35 AIRCRAFT TO THE UNITED STATES AND SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO  
  
  
  
ENCOURAGE CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR FULL FUNDING OF THE F-35 LIGHTNING II JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER PROGRAM.

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The Senate Resolution was introduced and referred to the General Committee.

S. 227 -- Senator Jackson: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE REVEREND DR. JAMES W. ABRAMS, JR., PASTOR OF ST. JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH IN HOPKINS, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF GOSPEL MINISTRY AT ST. JAMES AND TO WISH HIM GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 228 -- Senator Nicholson: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR FAITH HOME ON THE OCCASION OF ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AND TO WISH THIS FINE INSTITUTION GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS IT CONTINUES TO SERVE.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 229 -- Senator Nicholson: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE SOUTH GREENWOOD PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH OF GREENWOOD ON ITS ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR A CENTURY OF SERVICE TO GOD.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 230 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 15-39-410 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PROPERTY THAT MAY BE ORDERED TO BE APPLIED TOWARD THE SATISFACTION OF A JUDGMENT, TO PROVIDE, INSTEAD OF A COMPLETE EXEMPTION OF THE EARNINGS OF A JUDGMENT DEBTOR FOR HIS PERSONAL SERVICES, THAT ONLY SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE EARNINGS OF THE DEBTOR FOR HIS PERSONAL SERVICES CANNOT BE APPLIED, AND THAT THE EARNINGS OF THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR FOR HIS PERSONAL SERVICES TO BE WITHHELD MAY NOT EXCEED THE LIMITS SET FORTH BY THE FEDERAL CONSUMER CREDIT PROTECTION ACT.

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

S. 231 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 56 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DRIVER'S LICENSES, BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-45, TO PROVIDE THAT, IN ADDITION TO OTHER REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN FULL LICENSURE, A PERSON AT LEAST FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE WHO HAS NEVER HELD A FORM OF LICENSE EVIDENCING PREVIOUS DRIVING EXPERIENCE MUST ENROLL IN AND SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE A DRIVER TRAINING COURSE CONDUCTED BY A DRIVER TRAINING SCHOOL LICENSED UNDER CHAPTER 23 OF THIS TITLE OR, IF REGULARLY ENROLLED IN A HIGH SCHOOL OF THIS STATE THAT CONDUCTS A DRIVER'S TRAINING COURSE, A COURSE TAUGHT BY A QUALIFIED INSTRUCTOR; AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WHO HAS NEVER HELD A FORM OF LICENSE EVIDENCING PREVIOUS DRIVING EXPERIENCE MUST ENROLL IN AND SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE AN EIGHT-HOUR DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE.

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

S. 232 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-2910 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO RECKLESS VEHICULAR HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF, PLEADS GUILTY TO, OR PLEADS NOLO CONTENDERE TO RECKLESS VEHICULAR HOMICIDE IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND MUST BE FINED NOT LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS NOR MORE THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, OR IMPRISONED NOT MORE THAN FIFTEEN YEARS, OR BOTH, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON MAY PETITION THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE COUNTY OF THE PERSON'S CONVICTION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF THE PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE AFTER ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF REVOCATION OF THE PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE; AND TO AMEND ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 56, RELATING TO RECKLESS HOMICIDE, RECKLESS DRIVING, AND DRIVING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR, DRUGS, OR NARCOTICS, BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-2925, TO DEFINE "GREAT BODILY INJURY" AS BODILY INJURY THAT CREATES A SUBSTANTIAL RISK OF DEATH OR THAT CAUSES SERIOUS, PERMANENT DISFIGUREMENT OR PROTRACTED LOSS OR IMPAIRMENT OF THE FUNCTION OF ANY BODILY MEMBER OR ORGAN, TO PROVIDE FOR THE OFFENSE OF FELONY RECKLESS DRIVING, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTIES OF FELONY RECKLESS DRIVING, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCEDURE FOR REINSTATEMENT OF THE DRIVER'S LICENSE OF A PERSON CONVICTED OF FELONY RECKLESS DRIVING, AND TO PROVIDE THAT, IF THE PERSON'S PRIVILEGE TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE IS REINSTATED, A SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS FOR ANY MOVING VIOLATION REQUIRES THE AUTOMATIC CANCELLATION OF THE PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE AND IMPOSITION OF THE FULL PERIOD OF REVOCATION FOR THE FELONY RECKLESS DRIVING VIOLATION.

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

S. 233 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-10-85(B) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND GRANTS, TO PROVIDE THAT GRANTS MAY ALSO BE AWARDED TO COUNTIES WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN FORTY THOUSAND RESIDENTS AND MUNICIPALITIES LOCATED IN COUNTIES WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN FORTY THOUSAND RESIDENTS.

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

S. 234 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-61-160(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE DATA COLLECTED OR PREPARED BY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE IDENTITIES OF PATIENTS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS MENTIONED, REFERENCED, OR OTHERWISE APPEARING IN INFORMATION AND DATA COLLECTED OR PREPARED BY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ARE SUBJECT TO SUBPOENA IN ANY ADMINISTRATIVE, CIVIL, OR CRIMINAL PROCEEDING.

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

S. 235 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 57, TITLE 38 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO INSURANCE TRADE PRACTICES, BY ADDING SECTION 38-57-190, TO PROVIDE THAT TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF HEALTH CARE CONTRACTS ISSUED BY HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUERS THAT PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE IN THE INDIVIDUAL, SMALL GROUP, OR LARGE GROUP MARKET DO NOT DISCRIMINATE UNREASONABLY AGAINST OR AMONG HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WILLING AND QUALIFIED TO MEET THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION ESTABLISHED BY A HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUER AND DO NOT OTHERWISE PROHIBIT OR LIMIT PARTICIPATION BY A PROVIDER WHO IS WILLING TO ACCEPT AN ISSUER'S TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN PROVIDING HEALTH CARE SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-450, TO PROVIDE THAT INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR CERTIFICATES OF COVERAGE MAY PROVIDE FOR WELLNESS CREDITS OR DISCOUNTS AND TO DEFINE WELLNESS CREDITS OR DISCOUNTS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-815, TO PROVIDE THAT GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR CERTIFICATES OF COVERAGE MAY PROVIDE FOR WELLNESS CREDITS OR DISCOUNTS AND TO DEFINE WELLNESS CREDITS OR DISCOUNTS.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

S. 236 -- Senator Rankin: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MOZELLE BARNETTE OF YORK COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 237 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-1150 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FREE VEHICULAR REGISTRATION FOR FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECTION APPLIES TO ALL FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-220(B)(29), RELATING TO GENERAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VEHICLES THAT IS AFFORDED TO FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR APPLIES TO ALL FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR.

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

S. 238 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38-75-750 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RENEWAL OF POLICIES OF INSURANCE, TO PROVIDE THAT AN INSURED MUST HAVE NOTICE OF AND GIVE WRITTEN CONSENT TO ANY INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF A DEDUCTIBLE PRIOR TO RENEWAL.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

S. 239 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-6540 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ADMISSIBILITY AS EVIDENCE OF NEGLIGENCE IN A CIVIL ACTION REGARDING THE USE OF SAFETY BELTS, TO REMOVE THE PROVISION THAT A VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE IS NOT NEGLIGENCE PER SE OR CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE, AND TO REMOVE  
  
THE PROVISION THAT A VIOLATION IS NOT ADMISSIBLE AS EVIDENCE IN A CIVIL ACTION.

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

S. 240 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38-77-122 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COVERAGE AND THE AMOUNT OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PREMIUMS, TO PROVIDE THAT INSURERS MAY NOT USE A NUMERICAL, CREDIT-BASED INSURANCE SCORE OR OTHER CREDIT RATING AS A BASIS FOR DETERMINING COVERAGE OR THE AMOUNT OF A PREMIUM; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38-77-123, RELATING TO RENEWALS OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICIES, TO PROVIDE THAT INSURERS MAY NOT USE A NUMERICAL, CREDIT-BASED INSURANCE SCORE OR OTHER CREDIT RATING AS A BASIS FOR DETERMINING RENEWAL OF A POLICY FOR AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

S. 241 -- Senator Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1145 TO AUTHORIZE A DEDUCTION FROM STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA TAXABLE INCOME UP TO SPECIFIED AMOUNTS FOR TUITION PAID BY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN FOR THEIR CHILD OR WARD TO ATTEND AN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL OR A PUBLIC SCHOOL OUTSIDE THE CHILD'S OR WARD'S SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE, AND TO ALSO AUTHORIZE A SIMILAR INCOME TAX DEDUCTION UP TO A SPECIFIED AMOUNT TO A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN FOR HOME SCHOOL EXPENDITURES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1146 TO AUTHORIZE A CREDIT AGAINST A TAXPAYER'S SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX LIABILITY OR CERTAIN OTHER TAX LIABILITY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO NONPROFIT SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE GRANTS FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FEDERAL FREE OR REDUCED SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM, WHO ARE "EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS" CHILDREN, OR WHOSE FAMILIES MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL MEDICAID BENEFITS TO ATTEND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS OF THEIR CHOICE, AND TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURES FOR, AND CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF, THESE TAX CREDITS.

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

S. 242 -- Senator Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-89-30 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE LICENSING OF BIRTHING CENTERS, TO CHANGE DEFINITIONAL TERMS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44-89-60, RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF BIRTH CENTERS, TO REQUIRE BIRTH CENTERS TO BE ACCREDITED AND COMPLY WITH STATE STATUTES AND REGULATIONS, TO REQUIRE BIRTHS PLANNED TO OCCUR AT BIRTH CENTERS TO BE EVALUATED BY PROFESSIONAL STAFF TO ASSESS FOR RISK STATUS AND TO DOCUMENT EVALUATIONS IN CLIENT FILES, TO ADDRESS PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR STAFF MEMBERS WHO PROVIDE PATIENT CARE, TO REQUIRE THE DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES ADDRESSING, AMONG OTHER PRACTICES, THE TRANSFER OF CLIENTS TO HOSPITALS, TO REQUIRE BIRTH CENTERS TO COLLECT AND REPORT DATA, AND TO ESTABLISH A DEADLINE FOR BIRTH CENTERS IN OPERATION TO BECOME ACCREDITED.

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

S. 243 -- Senator Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-43-86(P), CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO EMERGENCY REFILLS OF PRESCRIPTIONS BY PHARMACISTS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF A PRESCRIPTION THAT MAY BE REFILLED WHEN AUTHORIZATION FROM THE PRESCRIBER IS NOT OBTAINABLE FROM A SEVENTY-TWO HOUR SUPPLY TO A  
  
  
THIRTY DAY SUPPLY, PROVIDED CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET.

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

S. 244 -- Senator Jackson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE JULY 2017 AS "FIBROID AWARENESS MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS OF THE PALMETTO STATE TO BECOME INFORMED ABOUT THIS PERVASIVE WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUE.

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

S. 245 -- Senator Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-53-370, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DRUG OFFENSES, SO AS TO CONFORM THE LANGUAGE OF TRAFFICKING IN ILLEGAL DRUGS PROVISIONS, INCLUDING OPIATES AND HEROIN, TO THE LANGUAGE OF THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING POSSESSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN ILLEGAL DRUGS WHICH WOULD INCLUDE SYNTHETIC OPIATES, AMONG OTHER DRUGS.

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

S. 246 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 42-1-560(b) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE RIGHT TO COMPENSATION NOT AFFECTED BY LIABILITY OF THIRD PARTIES, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS AND TO PROVIDE THAT ATTORNEY’S FEES SHALL BE PAID FROM THE FUNDS RECOVERED FOR THE CARRIER FROM THE LIABLE THIRD PARTY.

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

S. 247 -- Senator Massey: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 10 OF THE RULES OF THE SENATE BY ADDING A PARAGRAPH AT THE END OF THE RULE TO REQUIRE COMMITTEES TO REPORT TO THE FULL SENATE ON ALL PROPOSED REGULATIONS WITHIN SIXTY DAYS OF REFERRAL, AND TO PROVIDE THAT, IN THE EVENT A REPORT IS NOT MADE, A JOINT RESOLUTION DISAPPROVING THE RESOLUTION IN THE NAME OF THE COMMITTEE MUST BE INTRODUCED AND REFERRED.

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The Senate Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Rules.

H. 3361 -- Rep. Lucas: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION INVITING HER EXCELLENCY, NIKKI HALEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2017, IN THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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

**Motion Adopted**

On motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, the Senate agreed that when the Senate stands adjourned on Wednesday, January 11, that it will adjourn to meet Thursday, January 12, subject to the times and limitations set forth in Rule 1B, and Friday, January 13 under the provisions of Rule 1 for the purpose of taking up local matters and uncontested matters which have previously received unanimous consent to be taken up and further, the Senate would stand adjourned on Tuesday, January 17, Wednesday, January 18, and Thursday, January 19, subject to the times and limitations set forth under the provisions of Rule 1B and to meet Friday, January 20 under the provisions of Rule 1 for the purpose of taking up local matters and uncontested matters which have previously received unanimous consent to be taken up.

The Senate would meet again in regular statewide session Tuesday, January 24, at 2:00 P.M.

**Motion Adopted**

On motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, the Senate agreed to meet tomorrow, Wednesday, January 11, 2017, at 6:40 P.M.

**Motion Adopted**

On motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, the Senate agreed to stand adjourned.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

On motion of Senator SETZLER, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Ms. Emily White of West Columbia, S.C. Ms. White was a longtime administrative assistant to the athletic directors at the University of South Carolina since 1967. She was considered the matriarch and “First Lady” of Carolina Athletics. Ms. White was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008. She was recognized as the Lexington County Fan of the Year in 2010-2011 by the Lexington County Gamecock Club and upon her retirement in 2012, she received a Resolution from the South Carolina Senate. Ms. White was a member of Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church. Ms. White was a wonderful woman who will be dearly missed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:48 P.M., on motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, the Senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at 6:40 P.M.

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