**Thursday, February 8, 2018**

**(Statewide Session)**

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 The Senate assembled at 11:00 A.M., 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 the Chaplain as follows:

Genesis 22:2

 “Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about.”

 Let us pray. Almighty God, we remember the Biblical story about how You tested Abraham. Certainly each Senator has felt that his or her faith and resolve has been tested in this Chamber. It is apparent that many forces are at work to influence these Senators as they seek to serve the people of our State.

 We pray, O God, that the strongest force in any and all decisions they make will ultimately be the leading of Your Spirit. May our Senators always seek Your guiding hand as the plumb line for their work each day. We offer this prayer in Your holy name, Amen.

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

**Point of Quorum**

 At 11:03 A.M., Senator LEATHERMAN made the point that a quorum was not present. It was ascertained that a quorum was present.

**REGULATION RECEIVED**

 The following was received and referred to the appropriate committee for consideration:

Document No. 4807

Agency: Clemson University - State Crop Pest Commission

Chapter: 27

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 46-9-40 and 46-9-50

SUBJECT: Benghal Dayflower Quarantine; and Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine

Received by Lieutenant Governor February 8, 2018

Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

**Doctor of the Day**

 Senators TURNER and GOLDFINCH introduced Dr. Gerald E. Harmon of Georgetown, S.C., Doctor of the Day.

**Leave of Absence**

 At 1:16 P.M., Senator MASSEY requested a leave of absence for Senator CAMPBELL for the balance of the day.

**Expression of Personal Interest**

 Senator DAVIS rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**Expression of Personal Interest**

 Senator FANNING rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**Remarks by Senator FANNING**

 The billion dollar figure mentioned was only for specific parts he's mentioned. There's far more value than just a billion. We obviously need this to determine how much it is worth.

 $9.4 billion has been invested in this site in reactors that are more complete than not complete. You have heard figures from 40% to 70% complete. It was built in modules. Some are on the outside, making that figure lower. The point is S. 909 makes no decision about what we do with these reactors. S. 909 does nothing to determine what we do about the SCANA deal or Dominion deal ‑- does not make a determination about how we spend more or less money. All this does is allow us to hit pause and gives us a year and a half. Senator GOLDFINCH, you were asking about liability. You were asking if it should go to Santee Cooper or somewhere else. This gives us a year and a half to figure out where it should go. If we do not pass S. 909, we will not have time to determine or by the time we make the determination, it might not be there anymore. We have done a great job. I appreciate the leadership of Senators MASSEY and SETZLER focusing on rate payers, focusing on the biggest fiasco in the state’s history and focusing on the rights to get money back to those rate payers. That has been wonderful. The question should be where did the money go? It went to two $9.5 billion silos that have been halfway constructed toward completion. The Bill does nothing about determining it but does say should we not preserve those in current space to allow us to one day be able to get those assets returned to rate payers. As you can imagine I don't have a desire to sell off the parts to return to rate payers because they are sitting in my county. To Senator DAVIS’S point, if that is determined to be the wisest investment‑-is preserve those so we can sell them, so we can return to the rate payers, I'm open to that. We won't have that option if this doesn't pass.

 Senator DAVIS: Senator, were you aware there are 18 miles of lay-down lines where thousands of pieces of equipment sit outdoors exposed to weather. Were you aware of that?

 Senator FANNING: Yes, absolutely.

 Senator DAVIS: Did you know you have three on-site warehouses, 80,000 square feet each, jammed with items and equipment?

 Senator FANNING: Absolutely, yes.

 Senator DAVIS: Okay. I would encourage anybody who hasn't had a chance to go out to the site and tour that site and see what we are talking about. That more compellingly makes the case for moving forward on S. 909, taking stock, protecting and preserving what is there -- maintaining the value and then asserting a claim to what is out there for the people of South Carolina because we are talking about ways to get money back to rate payers. We can preserve an asset that may have value in the future, on the one hand. On the other hand, we can sell or realize profits or proceeds that can be used the make repairs less burdened. So I would just, again, implore there be a hearing on S. 909 to start to explore how do we secure these assets, how do we preserve these assets and how can we dispose of those assets when appropriate for the benefit of the people in South Carolina.

 Senator FANNING: Thank you, Senator DAVIS. We heard in testimony, Senator MASSEY, correct me if I'm wrong, but 97% of all the parts needed to complete the reactors are already purchased and already on site. That was the lay-down yards he was speaking of. Now I’m not misleading you in saying they are in the reactors yet but we had purchased 97% of all the parts needed to finish the reactors. They are sitting out there. Many of you don't have a truck as old as mine. Many of you laugh at a truck as old as mine. If we go a month without cranking our truck, what happens to our truck? If we go a month without cranking our tractor, what happens to our tractor? We have bought 97% of the parts for these two nuclear reactors and they are sitting in lay-down yards. We are not maintaining them. I don't mean putting a tarp on them. I mean the maintenance that allows them to ensure the value of that part when we purchased it is the same value we have today.

 On motion of Senator TALLEY, with unanimous consent, the remarks of Senator FANNING, were ordered printed in the Journal.

**Expression of Personal Interest**

 Senator NICHOLSON rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**Remarks by Senator NICHOLSON**

 Thank you, Mr. PRESIDENT. May I have your attention please? You know we all have certain dates and events that are very special in our lives. It might be the birth of a child, or the date you got married. I woke up early and remembered that February 8 is a date that is very special in my life. I think 25 years is silver and 50 is golden. It is golden but not an anniversary. I remembered what happened 50 years ago on February 8, 1968, in Orangeburg, South Carolina -- the Orangeburg Massacre. You read about certain things and have certain experiences, but it is different when you are there living it.

 I was a freshman at South Carolina State University when those three students were killed that night. They are conducting a service in Orangeburg now to commemorate this tragedy, with Bakari Sellers as the speaker. From that event, an individual was indicted for inciting a riot. I don't see how a fire and yelling at cars equals a riot. We were being filmed and not allowed to go off camera. Highway patrol arrived and started shooting. You know, it was like being in a war. But in that war, only one side had guns. They said they heard gunfire. You know there was no gunfire -- just open season. Three students were killed. South Carolina State’s gym -- The Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center -- was named in honor of the innocent lives that were lost. One killed was a high school student from Orangeburg, whose mother worked at the university. Instead of going home, or being in the streets, he would go to the university to wait for her until she got off work. His mother thought he was safe there.

 This had a drastic affect upon my life. I still remember running and falling on the ground. Nicholson could have been one of the names on that gym. Bullets don't have names on them. There was a crowd of about 200 students out there. This impacted me greatly. I will never forget that incident. When I think about it, I think about how critical the year 1968 was. On February 8, I borrowed money to go home, where I stayed for two weeks until I went back to school. Senator FANNING’s birthday is April 4. The year was 1967. He was one year old when Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee. For those of you that don't know, Dr. King’s mentor was Benjamin Mayes. He is from Greenwood, South Carolina. If you come up, I will show his birthplace and statue we have erected in his memory. He had a heavy influence on Dr. King. Then in Los Angeles, California, Robert Kennedy was assassinated. Tensions were high that year. Then, in August in Greenwood, three friends of mine knew integration was on the horizon. My friends volunteered to play football for Greenwood High. And guess what? They started as tenth graders and received scholarships when they graduated. They paved the way for countless others. Gamecock fans -- Gerald Witt got a scholarship to the University of South Carolina and was a star athlete. David Hackett went to Western Carolina. Clyde Jones decided on South Carolina State. Just think, despite tensions being so high, they volunteered to attend these universities. The winter Olympics start today. I heard that a lot of Dorman athletes were here, talking about track and field. The most exciting parts are the running events-- especially the sprints. A lot of you don't remember Tommie Smith or John Carlos but they both smoked the 200 meter race. They placed first and third. At the medal ceremony when the National Anthem was played, they each put a fist up. Black Power was a prominent topic during the 60s. Smith and Carlos said it was not in reference to black power, but in reference to human rights. Human rights for everyone. I never will forget that October and all those things that happened in 1968.

 This year we are celebrating the 50 year anniversary. Growing up in the 60s, I will never forget hearing one of my favorite Sam Cooke songs play. That song is called “A Change Is Gonna Come.” A change is going to come, but it has not arrived completely. There is talk about football players protesting by taking a knee. Many people say this is disrespectful to the military. No, it is not. It is the same reason that Smith and Carlos raised their right hands. It is for human rights. Human rights for everyone. I want to share this as we reminisce, as we reflect about how far we have come, and that we still have a long way to go. You know, I was talking with my wife the other night. I said, “Everyone talks about the National Anthem, but does anyone ever think about the pledge?” We say it every day here, “I pledge allegiance to the flag...” Do you ever think about the part where it says “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all?” -- for all. If it were there in our hearts, the world would be a better place. Thank you.

 On motion of Senators SETZLER, MASSEY and PEELER, with unanimous consent, the remarks of Senator NICHOLSON, were ordered printed in the Journal.

**RATIFICATION OF ACTS**

 Pursuant to an invitation the Honorable Speaker and House of Representatives appeared in the Senate Chamber on February 08, 2018, at 11:15 A.M. and the following Acts were ratified:

 (R135, S. 297) -- Senator Shealy: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 40‑18‑80, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO SECURITY OFFICER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES AND QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT, PENDING ISSUANCE OF A REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE, A SECURITY OFFICER MAY PERFORM THE DUTIES OF A SECURITY OFFICER FOR UP TO THIRTY DAYS AFTER RECEIPT BY SLED OF HIS APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION.

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 (R136, H. 3653) -- Reps. Forrester, Yow, Loftis, Henegan, Spires, Anderson, Burns, V.S. Moss, Crawford, Hamilton, Felder, Norman, Anthony, Chumley, Erickson, Gagnon, Hayes, Henderson, Hosey, Jefferson, S. Rivers, Ryhal, Sandifer, Thayer, Willis, Atkinson, Alexander, West, Hixon, Murphy, Arrington, Bennett and Crosby: AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 24 TO TITLE 31 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE OPERATIONS OR EXPANSIONS OF MANUFACTURING AND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED PUBLIC OR PRIVATE NUISANCES IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO PROVIDE THIS PROTECTED STATUS IS TRANSFERABLE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO PROVIDE THIS PROTECTED STATUS IS NOT waivABLE by temporarily ceasing operationS for a period not to exceed two years or by diminishing the size of operations; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO MODIFY OR AFFECT STATUTORY EMINENT DOMAIN LAWS, STATUTORY ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS, or common law claims of trespass and negligent operation; AND TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT DO NOT APPLY TO NUISANCE ACTIONS COMMENCED WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS CHAPTER.

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 (R137, H. 4268) -- Rep. Crawford: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 7‑7‑320, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN HORRY COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE VARIOUS PRECINCTS AND REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THE NAMES OF THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND AND MAINTAINED BY THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

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**Expression of Personal Interest**

 Senator PEELER rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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

S. 909 Sens. Massey, Goldfinch, Campbell and Climer

S. 980 Sen. Rice

**RECALLED AND ADOPTED**

H. 4436 -- Reps. Davis, Jefferson, Elliott, Cogswell, Henderson‑Myers and Govan: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) EDUCATION ON THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO DECLARE MARCH 7, 2018, AS “STEM EDUCATION DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

 Senator HEMBREE 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 ordered sent to the House.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

 The following were introduced:

 S. 981 -- Senator Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 8, TITLE 27 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT ACT, BY ADDING SECTION 27-8-85, TO ALLOW FOR THE HOLDER OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT TO CONTEST AN ACTION TO CONDEMN PROPERTY ENCUMBERED BY A CONSERVATION EASEMENT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURE FOR A CONTESTED ACTION, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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

 S. 982 -- Senator Hutto: A BILL AMEND SECTION 56-1-286, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF A LICENSE OR PERMIT OR DENIAL OF ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE OR PERMIT TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE WHO DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLES AND HAVE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION, SO AS TO ALLOW A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE WHO IS SERVING A SUSPENSION OR DENIAL OF A LICENSE OR PERMIT TO ENROLL IN THE IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-385, RELATING TO THE REINSTATEMENT OF PERMANENTLY REVOKED DRIVER'S LICENSES, SO AS TO LIMIT APPLICATION TO OFFENSES OCCURRING PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 2014; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-400, RELATING TO SURRENDER OF A LICENSE AND ENDORSING SUSPENSION AND IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE ON A LICENSE, SO AS TO REORGANIZE FOR CLARITY, REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A PERSON SEEKING TO HAVE A LICENSE ISSUED MUST FIRST PROVIDE PROOF THAT ANY FINE OWED HAS BEEN PAID, AND INCLUDE REFERENCE TO THE HABITUAL OFFENDER STATUTE; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-1090, RELATING TO REQUESTS FOR RESTORATION OF THE PRIVILEGE TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE, SO AS TO ALLOW A PERSON CLASSIFIED AS AN HABITUAL OFFENDER TO OBTAIN A DRIVER'S LICENSE WITH AN INTERLOCK RESTRICTION IF HE PARTICIPATES IN THE INTERLOCK IGNITION PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-1320, RELATING TO PROVISIONAL DRIVER’S LICENSES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE PROVISIONAL LICENSES FOR FIRST OFFENSE DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE UNLESS THE OFFENSE WAS CREATED PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-1340, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCES OF LICENSES AND CONVICTIONS TO BE RECORDED, SO AS TO CONFORM INTERNAL STATUTORY REFERENCES; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-2491, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCE TO THE HABITUAL OFFENDER STATUTE, REMOVE EXCEPTIONS TO IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES FOR OFFENDERS WHO ARE NONRESIDENTS AND FIRST TIME OFFENDERS OF DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE WHO DID NOT REFUSE TO SUBMIT TO CHEMICAL TESTS AND HAD AN ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION OF LESS THAN FIFTEEN ONE- HUNDREDTHS OF ONE PERCENT OR MORE, REQUIRE DEVICE MANUFACTURERS PAY CERTIFICATION FEES ASSOCIATED WITH IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES, PERMIT THOSE DRIVERS WITH PERMANENTLY REVOKED LICENSES AFTER OCTOBER 2014 TO SEEK RELIEF AFTER FIVE YEARS, AND MAKE THE RECORDS OF THE IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES THE RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PARDON AND PAROLE; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-2951, RELATING TO TEMPORARY ALCOHOL LICENSES, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE RESTRICTION ON A TEMPORARY ALCOHOL LICENSE AND TO DELETE PROVISIONS RELATING TO ROUTE-RESTRICTED LICENSES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-2990, RELATING TO SUSPENSION OF A CONVICTED PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE AND THE PERIOD OF SUSPENSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE IF A FIRST TIME OFFENDER OF DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SEEKS TO END A SUSPENSION.

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

 S. 983 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 11, TITLE 49 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DAMS AND RESERVOIRS SAFETY ACT, BY ADDING SECTION 49-11-125, TO PROVIDE THAT AN OWNER OF A DAM MAY SUBMIT SPECIFICATIONS OF A DAM TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR A DETERMINATION THAT THE DAM IS EXCLUDED UNDER THIS ARTICLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 49-11-120(4), AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PROPERTY OWNER INTENDING TO CONSTRUCT A DAM ON HIS PROPERTY MAY SUBMIT SPECIFICATIONS OF THE PROPOSED DAM TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR A DETERMINATION THAT THE DAM WILL BE EXCLUDED UNDER THIS ARTICLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 49-11-120(4); TO AMEND SECTION 49-11-160 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ORDERS TO MAINTAIN, ALTER, REPAIR, OR REMOVE A DAM OR RESERVOIR, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE AN ORDER DIRECTING THE OWNER OF A DAM OR RESERVOIR TO MAKE AT HIS EXPENSE THE NECESSARY MAINTENANCE, ALTERATION, REPAIR, OR REMOVAL UPON A FINDING THAT THE DAM OR RESERVOIR IS OR HAS BECOME UNSAFE AND IS DANGEROUS TO HUMAN LIFE OR THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS; TO AMEND SECTION 49-11-200 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION OR ALTERATION OF A DAM OR RESERVOIR, TO PROVIDE THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (A), SECTION 49-11-210, AND SECTION 49-11-220 DO NOT APPLY IF THE LOCATION AND SIZE OF A PROPOSED DAM OR RESERVOIR WILL POSE NO SIGNIFICANT DANGER TO HUMAN LIFE OR THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, OR IF THE ENLARGEMENT, REMOVAL, OR REPAIR OF AN EXISTING DAM OR RESERVOIR WILL NOT CAUSE THE DAM TO POSE A SIGNIFICANT DANGER TO HUMAN LIFE OR THE PROPERTY OF OTHERS; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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

 S. 984 -- Senator Hutto: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ALLOW A COUNTY WHERE ITS ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS WILL EXPIRE UNLESS APPROVED IN A 2019 REFERENDUM TO HOLD A REFERENDUM TO REIMPOSE THE TAX IN 2018.

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

 S. 985 -- Senators Peeler, Grooms, Hembree, Massey, Turner, Cromer and Bennett: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF LAW RELATED TO THE FILING DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES IN THE 2018 ELECTION, TO SUSPEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF LAW RELATED TO THE DATE UPON WHICH PRIMARY ELECTIONS DURING THE 2018 ELECTION CYCLE SHALL BE HELD, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD AND NEW PRIMARY AND RUNOFF DATES.

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

 S. 986 -- Senator Fanning: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LEWISVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR CAPTURING THE 2017 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 987 -- Senator Gregory: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 58 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES, SERVICES, AND CARRIERS, BY ADDING CHAPTER 41, TO PROVIDE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM ACCESS TO CONSUMERS; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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

 S. 988 -- Senator Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1345 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A PERSON WHO HAS MADE A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION TO A POPULARLY ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIAL WITHIN THE PREVIOUS FOUR YEARS FROM BEING APPOINTED TO A PUBLIC OFFICE BY THAT PUBLIC OFFICIAL WHO IS THE APPOINTING OR SELECTING AUTHORITY FOR THE POSITION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED APPLICATIONS OF THE SECTION AND FOR EXCEPTIONS.

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

 S. 989 -- Senator Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 80 TO TITLE 2 SO AS TO ENTITLE THE CHAPTER "SOUTH CAROLINA REDISTRICTING COMMISSION", TO CREATE AN INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION WILL BE APPOINTED EVERY TEN YEARS AFTER THE FOLLOWING YEAR OF THE DECENNIAL UNITED STATES CENSUS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP AND PROCEDURES FOR THE COMMISSION TO FOLLOW IN REAPPORTIONING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE, AND THE STATE'S CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS.

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

 S. 990 -- Senator Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-100, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CANDIDATE" FOR PURPOSES OF THE ETHICS, GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, AND CAMPAIGN REFORM ACT, SO AS TO SPECIFY THAT A "CANDIDATE" IS ALSO A PERSON THAT MAINTAINS AN OPEN BANK ACCOUNT CONTAINING CONTRIBUTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1120, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE DISCLOSURE OF THE SOURCE, TYPE, AND AMOUNT OF ANY INCOME RECEIVED IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR BY THE FILER OR A MEMBER OF HIS IMMEDIATE FAMILY FROM A DIRECT CONTRACTUAL OR EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP TO INCLUDE CONSULTING, ACTING AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR, SALARY, OR ANY OTHER ARRANGEMENT FROM WHICH PAYMENT IN RETURN FOR SERVICES OR GOODS IS MADE BY A LOBBYIST PRINCIPAL TO THE FILER OR A MEMBER OF HIS IMMEDIATE FAMILY; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1300, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CANDIDATE" FOR PURPOSES OF THE ETHICS, GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, AND CAMPAIGN REFORM ACT, SO AS TO SPECIFY THAT A "CANDIDATE" IS ALSO A PERSON THAT MAINTAINS AN OPEN BANK ACCOUNT CONTAINING CONTRIBUTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1302, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS OF CONTRIBUTIONS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY OFFICE TO REQUEST IN WRITING THE DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN MANDATORY RECORDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF VERIFYING CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE FORMS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1308, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CONTENTS OF CERTIFIED CAMPAIGN REPORTS OF CANDIDATES AND COMMITTEES, SO AS TO REQUIRE A CAMPAIGN REPORT TO BE FILED SEVENTY-TWO HOURS BEFORE AN ELECTION SHOWING CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND EXPENDITURES TO OR BY THE CANDIDATE OR COMMITTEE FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING AT LEAST TWENTY DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION AND ENDING SEVENTY-TWO HOURS BEFORE THE ELECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1314, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS AND RESTRICTIONS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CERTAIN NONCANDIDATE COMMITTEES; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1340, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS BY ONE CANDIDATE TO ANOTHER AND COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED, FINANCED, MAINTAINED, OR CONTROLLED BY A CANDIDATE, SO AS TO DELETE THE CONTRIBUTION RESTRICTION EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF COMMITTEES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1348, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL EXPENSES, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE TYPE OF PROHIBITED EXPENSES.

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

 H. 3529 -- Reps. Bedingfield, Sandifer, Hamilton, Forrester, Atwater, Yow, Clemmons, Crawford, Fry, Hill, Lowe, Pitts, Putnam, Anderson, Martin, G. R. Smith, Williams, Hixon, Henegan and Henderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 77 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY REGULATION REGARDING THE USE, DISPOSITION, SALE, OR ANY IMPOSITION OF ANY PROHIBITION, RESTRICTION, FEE IMPOSITION, OR TAXATION OF AUXILIARY CONTAINERS MUST BE DONE ONLY BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO DEFINE AUXILIARY CONTAINER, TO PROVIDE FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR EXCEPTIONS.

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

 H. 4436 -- Reps. Davis, Jefferson, Elliott, Cogswell, Henderson-Myers and Govan: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) EDUCATION ON THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO DECLARE MARCH 7, 2018, AS "STEM EDUCATION DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

 H. 4468 -- Rep. Jefferson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF CAINHOY ROAD IN BERKELEY COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 41 TO CAINHOY MIDDLE SCHOOL "SERGEANT EARL SINGLETON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

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

 H. 4656 -- Reps. Sandifer and Spires: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38-9-200, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO REINSURANCE CREDITS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE TO ADOPT ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR REINSURANCE CREDITS, TO REQUIRE A REINSURER TO DEMONSTRATE IT HAS ADEQUATE FINANCIAL CAPACITY TO MEET ITS REINSURANCE OBLIGATIONS TO QUALIFY FOR A CREDIT, TO ALLOW FOR THE REDUCTION OF A TRUSTEED SURPLUS FOR AN ASSUMING INSURER WHO HAS PERMANENTLY DISCONTINUED UNDERWRITING NEW BUSINESS, TO ALLOW FOR CREDIT WHEN REINSURANCE IS CEDED AND ENUMERATE CERTAIN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, TO ALLOW FOR AN ASSUMING INSURER WHO IS NOT LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OR ACCREDITED IN THIS STATE TO BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR A CREDIT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO ALLOW THE DIRECTOR TO SUSPEND OR REVOKE THE ACCREDITATION OR CERTIFICATION, TO REQUIRE AN INSURER TO MANAGE ITS REINSURANCE RECOVERABLES PROPORTIONATE TO ITS BOOK OF BUSINESS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38-9-210, RELATING TO LIABILITY REDUCTIONS FOR REINSURANCE, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR TO ADOPT ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ASSET OR REDUCTION FROM LIABILITY FOR REINSURANCE CEDED BY A DOMESTIC INSURER AND TO EXPAND THE ACCEPTABLE FORM OF SECURITY FOR A LIABILITY REDUCTION.

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

 H. 4687 -- Reps. Yow, Henegan and Lucas: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES TEALS MILL POND AND BEAR CREEK ALONG TEALS MILL ROAD IN CHESTERFIELD COUNTY "TEALS MILL MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

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

 H. 4797 -- Rep. Hosey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-7-100, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN BARNWELL COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THE NAMES OF THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND AND MAINTAINED BY THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE, AND TO UPDATE POLLING LOCATIONS.

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

 H. 4817 -- Reps. Johnson, Hardee, Hewitt, McGinnis, Duckworth, Clemmons, Crawford, Fry and Atkinson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 129 IN HORRY COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 501 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH GOLDEN LEAF ROAD "JAMES BENNY ANDREW HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

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

 H. 4824 -- Rep. Clemmons: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GUATEMALA ON ITS DECISION TO MOVE ITS EMBASSY IN ISRAEL TO JERUSALEM AND TO RECOGNIZE THE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT JIMMY MORALES.

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

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

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

 S. 758 -- Senator Reese: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50‑25‑1330, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO WATERCRAFT RESTRICTIONS ALONG LAKE H. TAYLOR BLALOCK, SO AS TO EXTEND THE PERIOD FOR THE HUNTING OF WATERFOWL ON THE LAKE TO DECEMBER 31, 2023.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

**HOUSE CONCURRENCES**

 S. 873 -- Senator Shealy: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 19, 2018, AS “WOMEN IN PUBLIC OFFICE DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

 Returned with concurrence.

 Received as information.

 S. 940 -- Senator Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF MAY 2018 AS “MENTAL HEALTH MONTH” IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO RAISE AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND THE NEED FOR APPROPRIATE AND ACCESSIBLE SERVICES FOR ALL PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS.

 Returned with concurrence.

 Received as information.

**Expression of Personal Interest**

 Senator DAVIS rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

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

**REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

 S. 872 -- Senators Timmons and Martin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 24-3-530 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DEATH BY ELECTROCUTION OR LETHAL INJECTION, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON CONVICTED OF A CAPITAL CRIME AND HAVING IMPOSED UPON HIM THE SENTENCE OF DEATH SHALL SUFFER THE PENALTY BY ELECTROCUTION OR, AT THE ELECTION OF THE PERSON, LETHAL INJECTION, IF IT IS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF ELECTION, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE PENALTY MUST BE ADMINISTERED BY ELECTROCUTION FOR A PERSON WHO WAIVES THE RIGHT OF ELECTION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF EXECUTION BY LETHAL INJECTION UNDER THIS SECTION IS UNAVAILABLE OR IS HELD TO BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL BY AN APPELLATE COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, THEN THE MANNER OF INFLICTING A DEATH SENTENCE MUST BE ELECTROCUTION REGARDLESS OF THE METHOD ELECTED BY THE PERSON.

 On motion of Senator MALLOY, the Bill was moved to the Statewide Second Reading Calendar.

**AMENDMENT PROPOSED, CARRIED OVER**

S. 954 -- Senators Leatherman, Setzler, Massey and Fanning: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROHIBIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FROM ISSUING AN ORDER FOR REQUESTS MADE PURSUANT TO THE BASE LOAD REVIEW ACT UNTIL NINETY DAYS AFTER THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADJOURNS SINE DIE FOR THE 2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION, BUT TO PERMIT AN EXPERIMENTAL RATE ORDER TO REVISE ELECTRIC RATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 34, TITLE 58.

 The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Resolution.

 Senator MASSEY proposed the following amendment (JUD0954.003):

 Amend the joint resolution, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 1, lines 23‑29 on page 1 and inserting:

 / SECTION 1. The Public Service Commission shall not issue a final order for a docket in which requests were made pursuant to the Base Load Review Act until ninety days after the South Carolina General Assembly adjourns Sine Die for the 2018 legislative session. No final determination of these requests, whether by a final order issued by the Public Service Commission or by operation of law, shall occur during this time period. The Public Service Commission’s failure to issue a final order as required by this Joint Resolution shall not constitute approval by the Public Service Commission and a utility must not put into effect the change in rates it requested in its schedule./

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator GROOMS explained the amendment.

On motion of Senator GROOMS, the Resolution was carried over.

**CARRIED OVER**

S. 955 -- Senators Alexander, Hutto, Setzler, Rankin, Massey and Leatherman: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE TO RESUME SCREENING CANDIDATES FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SEATS 2, 4, AND 6, AND TO ADVERTISE FOR THESE POSITIONS FOR AN ADDITIONAL TIME PERIOD BEGINNING NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 16, 2018, THROUGH MARCH 2, 2018, AND TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FROM FEBRUARY 22, 2018, THROUGH NOON ON MARCH 5, 2018.

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

 S. 759 -- Senator Rankin: 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 FOR THE DWELLING HOUSE AND ONE ACRE OF LAND FOR A PERSON WITH A BRAIN OR SPINAL CORD INJURY.

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

**ADOPTED**

S. 973 -- Senator Young: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE THIRD FULL WEEK OF APRIL 2018 AS “SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME AWARENESS WEEK,” TO RAISE AWARENESS REGARDING SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME, AND TO COMMEND THE HOSPITALS, CHILD CARE COUNCILS, SCHOOLS, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT EDUCATE PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS ON HOW TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM ABUSE.

The Resolution was adopted, ordered sent to the House.

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

**MADE SPECIAL ORDER**

S. 954 -- Senators Leatherman, Setzler, Massey and Fanning: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROHIBIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FROM ISSUING AN ORDER FOR REQUESTS MADE PURSUANT TO THE BASE LOAD REVIEW ACT UNTIL NINETY DAYS AFTER THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADJOURNS SINE DIE FOR THE 2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION, BUT TO PERMIT AN EXPERIMENTAL RATE ORDER TO REVISE ELECTRIC RATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 34, TITLE 58.

 Senator MASSEY moved that the Bill be made a Special Order.

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

 **Ayes 38; Nays 3; Abstain 1**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Campsen Cash Climer

Corbin Cromer Davis

Fanning Gambrell Goldfinch

Gregory Grooms Hembree

Johnson Leatherman Massey

*Matthews, John Matthews, Margie* McElveen

McLeod Nicholson Peeler

Rankin Reese Rice

Sabb Scott Senn

Setzler Shealy Talley

Timmons Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--38**

**NAYS**

Hutto Malloy Martin

**Total--3**

**ABSTAIN**

Kimpson

**Total--1**

 The Bill was made a Special Order.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

 At 1:17 P.M., on motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, the Senate agreed to dispense with the balance of the Motion Period.

**STATEWIDE APPOINTMENTS**

**Confirmations**

Having received a favorable report from the Education Committee, the following appointment was taken up for immediate consideration:

Reappointment, South Carolina Commission on Archives and History, with term coterminous with Governor

At-Large:

William L. Kinney, Jr., Post Office Box 656, Bennettsville, SC 29512

On motion of Senator PEELER, the question was confirmation of William L. Kinney, Jr.

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

**Ayes 43; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Campbell Cash Climer

Corbin Cromer Davis

Fanning Gambrell Goldfinch

Gregory Grooms Hembree

Hutto Jackson Johnson

Kimpson Leatherman Malloy

Martin Massey *Matthews, John*

*Matthews, Margie* McElveen McLeod

Nicholson Peeler Rankin

Reese Rice Sabb

Senn Setzler Shealy

Sheheen Talley Timmons

Turner Verdin Williams

Young

**Total--43**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of William L. Kinney, Jr. was confirmed.

Having received a favorable report from the Medical Affairs Committee, the following appointments were taken up for immediate consideration:

Reappointment, South Carolina Board of Long Term Health Care Administrators, with the term to commence June 9, 2017, and to expire June 9, 2020

Residential Care Administrator:

Timothy H. Slice, 171 Elm Creek Drive, Chapin, SC 29036

On motion of Senator PEELER, the question was confirmation of Timothy H. Slice.

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

**Ayes 43; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Campbell Cash Climer

Corbin Cromer Davis

Fanning Gambrell Goldfinch

Gregory Grooms Hembree

Hutto Jackson Johnson

Kimpson Leatherman Malloy

Martin Massey *Matthews, John*

*Matthews, Margie* McElveen McLeod

Nicholson Peeler Rankin

Reese Rice Sabb

Senn Setzler Shealy

Sheheen Talley Timmons

Turner Verdin Williams

Young

**Total--43**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of Timothy H. Slice was confirmed.

Initial Appointment, South Carolina Board of Long Term Health Care Administrators, with the term to commence June 9, 2016, and to expire June 9, 2019

Nursing Home Administrator (Qualified Hospital Administrator):

Elizabeth A. Schaper, 580 Bethesda Road, Spartanburg, SC 29302 *VICE* Melvin K. Hiatt

On motion of Senator PEELER, the question was confirmation of Elizabeth A. Schaper.

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

**Ayes 43; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Campbell Cash Climer

Corbin Cromer Davis

Fanning Gambrell Goldfinch

Gregory Grooms Hembree

Hutto Jackson Johnson

Kimpson Leatherman Malloy

Martin Massey *Matthews, John*

*Matthews, Margie* McElveen McLeod

Nicholson Peeler Rankin

Reese Rice Sabb

Senn Setzler Shealy

Sheheen Talley Timmons

Turner Verdin Williams

Young

**Total--43**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of Elizabeth A. Schaper was confirmed.

Reappointment, South Carolina Board of Long Term Health Care Administrators, with the term to commence June 9, 2017, and to expire June 9, 2020

Nonproprietary Nursing Home Administrator:

William H. Birmingham, Jr., 119 Parkside Dr., Anderson, SC 29615 *VICE* David B. Buckshorn

On motion of Senator PEELER, the question was confirmation of William H. Birmingham, Jr.

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

**Ayes 43; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Campbell Cash Climer

Corbin Cromer Davis

Fanning Gambrell Goldfinch

Gregory Grooms Hembree

Hutto Jackson Johnson

Kimpson Leatherman Malloy

Martin Massey *Matthews, John*

*Matthews, Margie* McElveen McLeod

Nicholson Peeler Rankin

Reese Rice Sabb

Senn Setzler Shealy

Sheheen Talley Timmons

Turner Verdin Williams

Young

**Total--43**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of William H. Birmingham, Jr. was confirmed.

Reappointment, South Carolina Board of Long Term Health Care Administrators, with the term to commence June 9, 2018, and to expire June 9, 2021

Proprietary Nursing Home Administrator:

Julius B. Kinney, Jr., 201 Middle Brooke Dr., Anderson, SC 29621

On motion of Senator PEELER, the question was confirmation of Julius B. Kinney, Jr.

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

**Ayes 43; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Campbell Cash Climer

Corbin Cromer Davis

Fanning Gambrell Goldfinch

Gregory Grooms Hembree

Hutto Jackson Johnson

Kimpson Leatherman Malloy

Martin Massey *Matthews, John*

*Matthews, Margie* McElveen McLeod

Nicholson Peeler Rankin

Reese Rice Sabb

Senn Setzler Shealy

Sheheen Talley Timmons

Turner Verdin Williams

Young

**Total--43**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of Julius B. Kinney, Jr. was confirmed.

Reappointment, Medical Disciplinary Commission of the State Board of Medical Examiners, with the term to commence July 1, 2017, and to expire July 1, 2020

1st Congressional District:

Wade C. Arnette, 731 Royle Rd., Ladson, SC 29456

On motion of Senator PEELER, the question was confirmation of Wade C. Arnette.

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

**Ayes 43; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Campbell Cash Climer

Corbin Cromer Davis

Fanning Gambrell Goldfinch

Gregory Grooms Hembree

Hutto Jackson Johnson

Kimpson Leatherman Malloy

Martin Massey *Matthews, John*

*Matthews, Margie* McElveen McLeod

Nicholson Peeler Rankin

Reese Rice Sabb

Senn Setzler Shealy

Sheheen Talley Timmons

Turner Verdin Williams

Young

**Total--43**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of Wade C. Arnette was confirmed.

Initial Appointment, Director of Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, with term coterminous with Governor

Sara A. Goldsby, 2311 Park Street, Columbia, SC 29201

On motion of Senator PEELER, the question was confirmation of Sara A. Goldsby.

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

**Ayes 43; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Campbell Cash Climer

Corbin Cromer Davis

Fanning Gambrell Goldfinch

Gregory Grooms Hembree

Hutto Jackson Johnson

Kimpson Leatherman Malloy

Martin Massey *Matthews, John*

*Matthews, Margie* McElveen McLeod

Nicholson Peeler Rankin

Reese Rice Sabb

Senn Setzler Shealy

Sheheen Talley Timmons

Turner Verdin Williams

Young

**Total--43**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of Sara A. Goldsby was confirmed.

Initial Appointment, South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs, with the term to commence June 30, 2017, and to expire June 30, 2021

4th Congressional District:

Christopher G. Neeley, 1132 Rutherford Rd., Greenville, SC 29609-3927 *VICE* Catherine O. Fayssoux

On motion of Senator PEELER, the question was confirmation of Christopher G. Neeley.

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

**Ayes 43; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Campbell Cash Climer

Corbin Cromer Davis

Fanning Gambrell Goldfinch

Gregory Grooms Hembree

Hutto Jackson Johnson

Kimpson Leatherman Malloy

Martin Massey *Matthews, John*

*Matthews, Margie* McElveen McLeod

Nicholson Peeler Rankin

Reese Rice Sabb

Senn Setzler Shealy

Sheheen Talley Timmons

Turner Verdin Williams

Young

**Total--43**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of Christopher G. Neeley was confirmed.

Initial Appointment, Director of Department of Health and Human Services, with term coterminous with Governor

Director:

Joshua Baker, 141 Montrose Drive, Lexington, SC 29072-6908 *VICE* Deirdra Singleton

On motion of Senator PEELER, the question was confirmation of Joshua Baker.

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

**Ayes 42; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Campbell Cash Climer

Corbin Cromer Davis

Fanning Gambrell Goldfinch

Gregory Grooms Hembree

Hutto Jackson Johnson

Kimpson Leatherman Martin

Massey *Matthews, John Matthews, Margie*

McElveen McLeod Nicholson

Peeler Rankin Reese

Rice Sabb Senn

Setzler Shealy Sheheen

Talley Timmons Turner

Verdin Williams Young

**Total--42**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of Joshua Baker was confirmed.

Initial Appointment, South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs, with the term to commence June 30, 2016, and to expire June 30, 2020

2nd Congressional District:

Lorri Shealy Unumb, 125 Ashworth Drive, Lexington, SC 29072 *VICE* William O. Danielson

On motion of Senator PEELER, the question was confirmation of Lorri Shealy Unumb.

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

**Ayes 43; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Campbell Cash Climer

Corbin Cromer Davis

Fanning Gambrell Goldfinch

Gregory Grooms Hembree

Hutto Jackson Johnson

Kimpson Leatherman Malloy

Martin Massey *Matthews, John*

*Matthews, Margie* McElveen McLeod

Nicholson Peeler Rankin

Reese Rice Sabb

Senn Setzler Shealy

Sheheen Talley Timmons

Turner Verdin Williams

Young

**Total--43**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of Lorri Shealy Unumb was confirmed.

**Motion Adopted**

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

**MOTION ADOPTED**

 On motion of Senators GROOMS, ALEXANDER, ALLEN, BENNETT, CAMPBELL, CAMPSEN, CASH, CLIMER, CORBIN, CROMER, DAVIS, FANNING, GAMBRELL, GOLDFINCH, GREGORY, HEMBREE, HUTTO, JACKSON, JOHNSON, KIMPSON, LEATHERMAN, MALLOY, MARTIN, MASSEY, JOHN MATTHEWS, MARGIE BRIGHT MATTHEWS, McELVEEN, McLEOD, NICHOLSON, PEELER, RANKIN, REESE, RICE, SABB, SCOTT, SENN, SETZLER, SHEALY, SHEHEEN, TALLEY, TIMMONS, TURNER, VERDIN, WILLIAMS and YOUNG, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. Arnold L. “Arnie” Smith of St. Louis, MO. Arnie was the step father of our beloved David Owens. Arnie was a longtime member of First Presbyterian Church in Orangeburg, S.C. where he was a deacon and was active in missions work. Prior to his retirement, he was an engineer with AYP. Arnie was a skilled golfer, avid reader and enjoyed traveling and listening to classical music. Arnie was a loving father and devoted grandfather who will be dearly missed.

and

**MOTION ADOPTED**

 On motion of Senators MASSEY, ALEXANDER, ALLEN, BENNETT, CAMPBELL, CAMPSEN, CASH, CLIMER, CORBIN, CROMER, DAVIS, FANNING, GAMBRELL, GOLDFINCH, GREGORY, GROOMS, HEMBREE, HUTTO, JACKSON, JOHNSON, KIMPSON, LEATHERMAN, MALLOY, MARTIN, JOHN MATTHEWS, MARGIE BRIGHT MATTHEWS, McELVEEN, McLEOD, NICHOLSON, PEELER, RANKIN, REESE, RICE, SABB, SCOTT, SENN, SETZLER, SHEALY, SHEHEEN, TALLEY, TIMMONS, TURNER, VERDIN, WILLIAMS and YOUNG, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of the late Samuel Hammonds, Delano Middleton and Henry Smith of Orangeburg, S.C. in reflecting on the Orangeburg Massacre that took place 50 years ago today. Samuel, Delano and Henry were tragically killed and twenty-seven others were wounded on the campus of South Carolina State University. These men and February 8, 1968, will forever be remembered.

**ADJOURNMENT**

 At 1:18 P.M., on motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, the Senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at 11:00 A.M. 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.

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