**Tuesday, February 27, 2018**

**(Statewide Session)**

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The Senate assembled at 2:00 P.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:

Joshua 1:6a

“The Lord called out to Joshua, urging him to: ‘Be strong and courageous…’ ”

Let us pray. Gracious God, Your servant Joshua was called upon to take on a seemingly impossible task in a land that was totally unfamiliar to him. Likewise, the challenges before our Senators this year will take them into unfamiliar legislative territory.

There are no simple solutions. However, these are the times when we must pause and remember that we are not alone. You, O God, are with us and You will hear our petitions and direct our paths.

Grant to our Senate President and every Senator and each staff member the courage and the strength that You afforded Joshua. Bless these servants of our beloved State with clear and enlightened discernment.

But most of all, enable the Senators and staff to put their faith in You, O God, as the author of all legislation that bears fruit. In Your holy name we pray, Amen.

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

**Call of the Senate**

Senator LEATHERMAN moved that a Call of the Senate be made. The following Senators answered the Call:

Alexander Bennett Campbell

Climer Corbin Cromer

Davis Gambrell Goldfinch

Gregory Hembree Kimpson

Leatherman Malloy Martin

Massey Peeler Rice

Scott Senn Shealy

Sheheen Talley Timmons

Turner Williams Young

A quorum being present, the Senate resumed.

**Recorded Presence**

Senator GROOMS recorded his presence subsequent to the Call of the Senate.

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT *Pro Tempore***

The following appointment was transmitted by the PRESIDENT *Pro Tempore*:

**Statewide Appointment**

Initial Appointment, South Carolina State Ethics Commission, with the term to commence April 1, 2017, and to expire April 1, 2020

Senate - Majority:

Samuel L. Erwin, 6 Hollow Hill, Greenville, SC 29607 *VICE* Rick Reames (resigned)

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Leave of Absence**

At 4:02 P.M., Senator CORBIN requested a leave of absence for Senator GAMBRELL for the day.

**Leave of Absence**

On motion of Senator CROMER, at 4:12 P.M., Senator CAMPSEN was granted a leave of absence for Tuesday, February 27, 2018, through Thursday, March 1, 2018.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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

S. 431 Sen. Campsen

S. 519 Sen. McLeod

S. 815 Sens. Senn and McLeod

S. 1038 Sen. J. Matthews

**CO-SPONSOR REMOVED**

The following co-sponsor was removed from the respective Bill:

S. 217 Sen. Davis

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

The following were introduced:

S. 1049 -- Senator Shealy: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE JAMES BUTLER BONHAM AND WILLIAM BARRET TRAVIS UPON THE OCCASION OF THE THREE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ALAMO.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1050 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 41-1-25(B) AND (C) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, TO PROVIDE THAT A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY NOT REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO PAY EMPLOYEES ADDITIONAL WAGES OR PAY BASED ON ANY ALTERATION OR ADJUSTMENT OF EMPLOYEE SCHEDULING NOR MAY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FINE OR OTHERWISE PENALIZE EMPLOYERS WHO DO NOT PAY EMPLOYEES ADDITIONAL WAGES BASED ON ANY ALTERATION OR ADJUSTMENT OF EMPLOYEE SCHEDULING.

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

S. 1051 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-23-11 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO WATERCRAFT DEALER DEMONSTRATION NUMBERS, TO PROVIDE FOR A THIRTY-DOLLAR APPLICATION FEE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPIRATION OF DEMONSTRATION NUMBERS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF FEE REVENUE; TO AMEND SECTION 50-23-70, RELATING TO MOTORCRAFT CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FEES AND CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER DUPLICATES, TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FROM ISSUING DUPLICATE DECALS WHEN AD VALOREM TAXES ARE OUTSTANDING; TO AMEND SECTION 50-23-340, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR A WATERCRAFT CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER, TO REDUCE THE FEE TO TEN DOLLARS; TO AMEND SECTION 50-23-345(A), RELATING TO TEMPORARY WATERCRAFT CERTIFICATES OF NUMBER, TO PROVIDE THAT A CERTIFICATE OF NUMBER MAY NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL AD VALOREM TAXES ARE PAID FOR THE YEAR IN WHICH THE CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED; TO AMEND SECTION 50-23-370, RELATING TO THE EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL OF WATERCRAFT CERTIFICATES OF NUMBER, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF RENEWAL NOTICES AND PROCESSING OF RENEWALS BY COUNTY AUDITORS, TO MAKE RENEWALS REQUIRED ANNUALLY INSTEAD OF EVERY THREE YEARS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE PROVISIONS OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD; TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO TITLING OF WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTORS, BY ADDING SECTION 50-23-12, TO REQUIRE THE COMPLETION OF CERTAIN CHANGE-IN-STATUS FORMS FOR WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTOR TRADE-INS; TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO TITLING OF WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTORS, BY ADDING SECTION 50-23-35, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF WATERCRAFT TITLES UPON PROVIDING EVIDENCE OF AD VALOREM TAX PAYMENT, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 37, TITLE 12, RELATING TO ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 26, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES CONCERNING ASSESSMENTS AND PAYMENTS FOR PROPERTY TAXATION OF BOATS AND WATERCRAFT AND THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF NUMBER FOR BOATS AND WATERCRAFT.

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

S. 1052 -- 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 SECTION 17-5-615, TO PROVIDE THAT UPON THE DEATH OF A PERSON IN HIS HOME, OWNERSHIP OF UNUSED SCHEDULE II, III, IV, OR V CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES PRESCRIBED TO THE DECEDENT SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE CORONER'S OFFICE FOR INVESTIGATION OF THE CAUSE OF DEATH, TO PROVIDE THAT EACH CORONER'S OFFICE SHALL ESTABLISH A WRITTEN POLICY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE CORONER'S OFFICE IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

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

S. 1053 -- Senator Shealy: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PALMETTO GIRLS STATE TO USE THE CHAMBERS OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2018.

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

S. 1054 -- Senators Young, Alexander, Allen, Bennett, Campbell, Campsen, Cash, Climer, Corbin, Cromer, Davis, Fanning, Gambrell, Goldfinch, Gregory, Grooms, Hembree, Hutto, Jackson, Johnson, Kimpson, Leatherman, Malloy, Martin, Massey, J. Matthews, M. B. Matthews, McElveen, McLeod, Nicholson, Peeler, Rankin, Reese, Rice, Sabb, Scott, Senn, Setzler, Shealy, Sheheen, Talley, Timmons, Turner, Verdin and Williams: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MAY 2018 AS "BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO BECOME INFORMED ABOUT THIS CRITICAL HEALTH ISSUE.

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

S. 1055 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander, Scott and Verdin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX NOON ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018, AS THE TIME TO ELECT AN AT-LARGE MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2021, AND TWO AT-LARGE MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2022; FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING TWO AT-LARGE MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF VISITORS FOR THE CITADEL FOR TERMS TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY FROM THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, SEAT 1, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2022, A MEMBER FROM THE FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, SEAT 5, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2022, A MEMBER FROM THE SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, SEAT 6, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2022, AND AT-LARGE MEMBERS TO SEATS 8, 10, 12, 13, AND 14, RESPECTIVELY, ALL FOR TERMS TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2022; FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR WINTHROP UNIVERSITY FROM THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, SEAT 1, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024, A MEMBER FROM THE FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, SEAT 5, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024, AND A MEMBER FROM THE SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, SEAT 7, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2022; AND TO ELECT THREE MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR CLEMSON UNIVERSITY, AT LARGE, FOR TERMS TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2022.

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

S. 1056 -- Senator Bennett: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-63-910, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO MANDATORY MONTHLY FIRE DRILLS IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SO AS TO INSTEAD REQUIRE MONTHLY SAFETY AND SECURITY DRILLS, OF WHICH AT LEAST SIX MUST BE FIRE DRILLS; AND TO REDESIGNATE ARTICLE 9, CHAPTER 63, TITLE 59 AS "SAFETY AND SECURITY DRILLS".

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

H. 3139 -- Reps. Stavrinakis and McCoy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 61-4-515 AND 61-6-2016, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PERMITS TO PURCHASE AND SELL BEER AND WINE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION AND A BIENNIAL LICENSE TO PURCHASE ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS BY THE DRINK AT A MOTORSPORTS ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX OR TENNIS SPECIFIC COMPLEX, SO AS TO INCLUDE BASEBALL COMPLEX, AND TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR "BASEBALL COMPLEX".

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

H. 3329 -- Reps. Fry, Clemmons, Crawford, Duckworth, Atwater, Cobb-Hunter, Elliott, B. Newton, Daning, Henegan, Toole, King and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-2010, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE ARTICLE ON TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE DEFINITION OF "TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS"; AND TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-2020, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, PENALTIES, AND DEFENSES, SO AS TO RESTRUCTURE THE OFFENSE AND PROVIDE A PENALTY WHEN THE VICTIM IS A MINOR UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN AND TO FURTHER ENSURE THE PROTECTION OF MINOR VICTIMS.

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

H. 3337 -- Reps. Ballentine, Funderburk, Bernstein and J. E. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 8-21-310, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO A SCHEDULE OF CERTAIN FILING AND RECORDING FEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE FILING AND RECORDING FEES WHICH MAY BE CHARGED, INCLUDING A FLAT FEE OF THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR CERTAIN DOCUMENTS FILED OR RECORDED WITH THE OFFICES OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OR CLERK OF COURT, AND A FLAT FEE OF TEN DOLLARS FOR CERTAIN OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED OR RECORDED WITH THESE OFFICES, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

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

H. 3819 -- Reps. Bedingfield, Fry, Henderson, Huggins, Johnson, Hewitt, Crawford, Duckworth, King, Knight, Arrington, Forrester, Allison, Tallon, Hamilton, Felder, Elliott, Jordan, B. Newton, Martin, McCravy, Wheeler, Erickson, West, Lowe, Ryhal, Atwater, Willis, Jefferson, W. Newton, Thigpen, Bennett, Crosby, Long, Putnam, Cogswell and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-363 SO AS TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO PRESCRIBING OPIOID ANALGESICS TO MINORS.

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

H. 3820 -- Reps. Fry, Bedingfield, Henderson, Huggins, Johnson, Hewitt, Crawford, Duckworth, Arrington, Allison, Tallon, Hamilton, Elliott, Jordan, B. Newton, Martin, Erickson, Lowe, Atwater, Willis, Jefferson, W. Newton, Thigpen, Bennett, Crosby, Long, Putnam, Cogswell, Henderson-Myers and Govan: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-32-30, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INSTRUCTION IN PRESCRIPTION OPIOID ABUSE PREVENTION IN GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE BEGINNING WITH THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR.

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

H. 4052 -- Rep. Mitchell: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR WANDA LOGAN UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF SPARTANBURG AFTER THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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

H. 4116 -- Reps. Ridgeway, Douglas, Spires, G. M. Smith, Clemmons, Tallon and Cole: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 40-47-38 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO PROVISION OF THE MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT MAY BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE A PHYSICIAN TO SECURE A MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION AS A CONDITION OF LICENSURE, REIMBURSEMENT, EMPLOYMENT, OR ADMITTING PRIVILEGES AT A HOSPITAL IN THIS STATE; AND TO DEFINE A NECESSARY TERM.

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

H. 4492 -- Reps. Spires and Jefferson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-53-360, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PRESCRIPTIONS, SO AS TO CHANGE DOSAGE LIMITATIONS FOR CERTAIN PRESCRIBED CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

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

H. 4529 -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-33-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE NURSE PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN BOARD OF NURSING LICENSEES MAY PERFORM DELEGATED MEDICAL ACTS BY MEANS OF TELEMEDICINE AND TO DEFINE "TELEMEDICINE"; TO AMEND SECTION 40-33-34, RELATING TO THE PERFORMANCE OF DELEGATED MEDICAL ACTS BY CERTAIN BOARD OF NURSING LICENSEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF TELEMEDICINE BY ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES; TO AMEND SECTION 40-47-20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE PRACTICE ACT FOR PHYSICIANS AND CERTAIN OTHER MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DELEGATED MEDICAL ACTS MAY BE PERFORMED BY MEANS OF TELEMEDICINE; TO AMEND SECTION 40-47-935, RELATING TO ACTS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS MAY PERFORM, SO AS TO INCLUDE TELEMEDICINE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-47-955, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE TELEMEDICINE.

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

H. 4704 -- Reps. Loftis, Burns, Erickson, Chumley, Yow, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, McCravy and Pitts: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 48-39-130, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PERMITS TO UTILIZE CRITICAL AREAS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO ISSUE GENERAL PERMITS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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

H. 4977 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Simrill and Rutherford: 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 FOR THE OFFICE OF 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 JOINTLY ELECTED STATEWIDE CANDIDATES ARE THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS; TO AMEND SECTION 7-11-15, RELATING TO FILING AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, IF MARCH THIRTIETH, THE DEADLINE FOR FILING IS ON A SATURDAY, SUNDAY, OR LEGAL HOLIDAY, THE TIME FOR FILING EXTENDS TO THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY; AND TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-45, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 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.

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

**RECALLED AND ADOPTED**

H. 4943 -- Rep. Howard: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE MARCH 2018 AS BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO INCREASE RECOGNITION OF THE ILLNESS.

Senator SCOTT asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Resolution from the Committee on Medical Affairs.

The Resolution was recalled from the Committee on Medical Affairs.

Senator SCOTT 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.

On motion of Senator SCOTT, the Resolution was adopted and ordered sent to the House.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

Senator GROOMS from the Committee on Transportation submitted a favorable report on:

S. 951 -- Senator Grooms: A SENATE RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO AUTHORIZE A PILOT PROGRAM BETWEEN THE STATES OF GEORGIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND NORTH CAROLINA GRANTING COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSE HOLDERS BETWEEN THE AGES OF EIGHTEEN AND TWENTY‑ONE THE RIGHT TO OPERATE IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE AND TO HAUL INTERSTATE COMMODITIES WITHIN AND BETWEEN THESE STATES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

**HOUSE CONCURRENCES**

S. 992 -- Senator Grooms: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE SOUTH CAROLINA PORTS AUTHORITY’S PORT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM AND TO HONOR THE 2017-2018 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS.

Returned with concurrence.

Received as information.

S. 1035 -- Senator Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF COLONEL NORMAN P. HUGGINS AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Returned with concurrence.

Received as information.

S. 1036 -- Senators Verdin and Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAM ON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

Returned with concurrence.

Received as information.

**THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO THE INTERRUPTED DEBATE.**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED**

**AMENDED, READ THE SECOND TIME**

H. 3929 -- Reps. Hiott, Pitts, Kirby, Forrest, Yow, Sandifer, Atkinson, Hayes, Hixon, V.S. Moss, S. Rivers, Magnuson, Long, Chumley, Burns, Loftis and Gagnon: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44‑1‑65 SO AS TO ESTABLISH SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REVIEW AND APPEAL OF DECISIONS BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL (DHEC) REGARDING THE PERMITTING OF CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL ANIMAL FACILITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 44‑1‑60, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO APPEALS FROM DHEC DECISIONS GIVING RISE TO CONTESTED CASES, SO AS TO REVISE AND CLARIFY PROCEDURES FOR REVIEWING PERMITS FOR CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL ANIMAL FACILITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 46‑45‑60, RELATING TO APPLICABILITY OR LOCAL ORDINANCES TO AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS, SO AS TO CHANGE CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 46‑45‑80, RELATING TO SETBACK DISTANCES FOR CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL ANIMAL FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROHIBIT DHEC FROM REQUIRING ADDITIONAL SETBACK DISTANCES IF ESTABLISHED DISTANCES ARE ACHIEVED, TO PROHIBIT THE WAIVER OR REDUCTION OF SETBACK DISTANCES IF THEY ARE ACHIEVED, WITH EXCEPTIONS, WITHOUT WRITTEN CONSENT OF ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS, AND TO ALLOW DHEC TO REQUIRE CERTAIN BUFFERS.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill, the question being the second reading of the Bill.

The Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources proposed the following amendment (3929R001.SP.DVB), which was adopted:

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

/SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 44 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 44‑1‑65. (A) In making a staff decision on a permit, license, certification, or other approval of a poultry facility or another animal facility, except a swine facility, pursuant to Section 44‑1‑60(D), or if the department conducts a final review conference related to a decision on a permit, license, certification, or other approval of a poultry facility or another animal facility, except a swine facility, pursuant to Section 44‑1‑60(F), the department shall base its decision solely on whether the permit complies with the applicable department regulations governing the permitting of poultry and other animal facilities, other than swine facilities.

(B) For purposes of permitting, licensing, certification, or other approval of a poultry facility or another animal facility, other than a swine facility:

(1) only an applicant, permittee, licensee, or affected person may request a final review conference pursuant to Section 44‑1‑60(F);

(2) only an affected person may request a contested case hearing pursuant to Section 44‑1‑60(G);

(3) only an applicant, permittee, licensee, or affected person may become a party to a final review conference;

(4) only an affected person may become a party to a contested case hearing; and

(5) only an applicant, permittee, licensee, or affected person is entitled as of right to be admitted as a party pursuant to Section 1‑23‑310(5) of the Administrative Procedures Act.

(C)(1) In determining whether to issue a permit, license, certification, or other approval of a poultry facility or another animal facility, except a swine facility, the department only may take into consideration the existing development on and use of property owned or occupied by an affected person on the date the department receives the applicant’s complete application package as prescribed by regulation. The department must not take into consideration any changes to the development or use of property after receipt of the application, including, but not limited to, the construction of a residence.

(2) If a property owner signs a setback waiver of the right to contest the issuance of a permit, license, certification, or other approval of a poultry facility or another animal facility, except a swine facility, including waiver of the right to notice and a public hearing on a permit, license, certification, or other approval and to file a contested case or other action, then the affected person may not withdraw or rescind the waiver.

(D) An applicant, permittee, licensee, or affected person who has exhausted all administrative remedies within the department relating to a decision to issue or deny a permit, license, certification, or other approval of a poultry facility or another animal facility, except a swine facility, and who is aggrieved by a final decision may request a contested case hearing before the Administrative Law Court, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act.

(E) For purposes of this section, ‘affected person’ means a property owner within a one‑mile radius of the proposed building footprint or permitted poultry facility or other animal facility, except a swine facility, who is challenging on his own behalf the permit, license, certificate, or other approval for the failure to comply with the specific grounds set forth in the applicable department regulations governing the permitting of poultry facilities and other animal facilities, other than swine facilities.”

SECTION 2. Section 44‑1‑60(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(A) All department decisions involving the issuance, denial, renewal, suspension, or revocation of permits, licenses, or other actions of the department which may give rise to a contested case ~~shall~~ must be made using the procedures set forth in this section. A department decision referenced in this subsection relating to a poultry facility or another animal facility, except a swine facility, also must comply with the provisions of Section 44‑1‑65.”

SECTION 3. Section 46‑45‑80 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 46‑45‑80. Any setback distances given in R. 61‑43, Standards for Permitting of Agricultural Animal Facilities, are minimum siting requirements as established by the Department of Health and Environmental Control. As long as the established setbacks are achieved, the department may not require additional setback distances ~~on a case‑by‑ case basis considering the factors set forth in the regulation~~. Such distances from property lines or residences may be waived or reduced by written consent of the adjoining property owners~~, or otherwise without consent of the adjoining property owners, when there are innovative and alternative technologies approved by the department pursuant to the Innovative and Alternative Technologies Section of R. 61‑43~~. All ~~agricultural~~ animal facilities affected by these setback provisions must have ~~a vegetative~~ an evergreen buffer between the facility and the affected ~~residence~~ person as established by DHEC unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the adjoining landowners.”

SECTION 4. Nothing in this act shall be construed as affecting or applying to confined swine feeding operations.

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

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator KIMPSON spoke on the amendment.

**RECESS**

At 3:20 P.M., on motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, with unanimous consent, and Senator KIMPSON retaining the floor, the Senate receded from business.

At 3:54 P.M., the Senate resumed.

The question then was the adoption of the committee amendment.

The committee amendment was adopted.

Senator HUTTO asked unanimous consent to proceed to Amendment 6A.

**Amendment No. 6A**

Senators HUTTO, VERDIN, CAMPSEN, WILLIAMS, SETZLER, MALLOY and DAVIS proposed the following amendment (3929R016.SP.CBH), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 44-1-65(D) and inserting:

/ (D)(1) An applicant, permittee, licensee, or affected person who has exhausted all administrative remedies within the department relating to a decision to issue or deny a permit, license, certification, or other approval of a poultry facility or another animal facility, except a swine facility, and who is aggrieved by a final decision may request a contested case hearing before the Administrative Law Court, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a final decision to issue a permit, license, certification, or other approval of a poultry facility or another animal facility, except a swine facility, may not be contested if the proposed building footprint is located eight hundred feet or more from the facility owner’s property line or located one thousand feet or more from an adjacent property owner’s residence. /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 44‑1‑65(C)(2) and inserting:

/ (2) If a property owner signs a setback waiver of the right to contest the issuance of a permit, license, certification, or other approval of a poultry facility or another animal facility, except a swine facility, including waiver of the right to notice and a public hearing on a permit, license, certification, or other approval and to file a contested case or other action, then the affected person has seventy-two hours to provide in writing a withdrawal or rescission of the waiver. /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 44-1-65(E) and inserting:

/ (E) For purposes of this section, ‘affected person’ means a property owner with standing within a one‑mile radius of the proposed building footprint or permitted poultry facility or other animal facility, except a swine facility, who is challenging on his own behalf the permit, license, certificate, or other approval for the failure to comply with the specific grounds set forth in the applicable department regulations governing the permitting of poultry facilities and other animal facilities, other than swine facilities.” /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 3 and inserting:

/ SECTION 3. Section 46‑45‑80 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 46‑45‑80. Any setback distances given in R. 61‑43, Standards for Permitting of Agricultural Animal Facilities, are minimum siting requirements as established by the Department of Health and Environmental Control. As long as the established setbacks are achieved, the department may not require additional setback distances ~~on a case‑by‑ case basis considering the factors set forth in the regulation~~. Such distances from property lines or residences may be waived or reduced by written consent of the adjoining property owners~~, or otherwise without consent of the adjoining property owners, when there are innovative and alternative technologies approved by the department pursuant to the Innovative and Alternative Technologies Section of R. 61‑43~~. All ~~agricultural~~ animal facilities affected by these setback provisions must have ~~a vegetative~~ an evergreen buffer between the facility and the affected residence as established by DHEC unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the adjoining landowners.” /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator HUTTO spoke on the amendment.

Senator KIMPSON spoke on the amendment.

Senator MALLOY spoke on the amendment.

The question then was the adoption of the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

The question then was second reading of the Bill.

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

**Ayes 41; Nays 1**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Campbell Cash Climer

Corbin Cromer Davis

Fanning Goldfinch Gregory

Grooms Hembree Hutto

Jackson Johnson Leatherman

Malloy Martin Massey

*Matthews, John Matthews, Margie* McElveen

McLeod Peeler Rankin

Reese Rice Sabb

Scott Senn Setzler

Shealy Sheheen Talley

Timmons Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--41**

**NAYS**

Kimpson

**Total--1**

There being no further amendments, the Bill was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

**Statement by Senators MARTIN and DAVIS**

We initially had concerns with H. 3929, believing it went too far in favoring the development rights of large poultry-grower operations over those of individual land owners in the vicinity of those operations.  Over the past several days, however, we have worked with proponents of the Bill on an amendment that gives the poultry companies the assurances they say are needed to justify their large capital investments, but does so in a way that preserves the rights of the nearby individual land owners. That amendment, we think, strikes the right balance between the competing interests; among other things, that amendment: 1) gives individual land owners a 72-hour right of rescission in regard to any written consents they have given to poultry companies; 2) restores the evergreen-buffer requirement to more effectively insulate individual land owners from the odors arising from poultry operations; and 3) increases poultry-operation setback requirements to provide additional protections to individual land owners, thus allowing them to avoid having to hire an attorney and incur legal expenses just to obtain a reasonable setback.  As a result of the amendment, the Bill became one we could support.

**Motion Adopted**

On motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, with unanimous consent, the Senate agreed that, when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned to meet at 11:45 A.M. tomorrow for the purpose of attending the Joint Assembly.

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

**READ THE THIRD TIME**

**SENT TO THE HOUSE**

The following Bills were read the third time and ordered sent to the House of Representatives:

S. 888 -- Senators Hembree, Gregory, Bennett, Grooms, Climer, Shealy, Peeler, Goldfinch, Massey, Talley, Verdin, Turner, Timmons, Alexander, Cash, Gambrell, Campbell, Senn, Young, Cromer, Davis, Rice, Martin, Corbin and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑25‑47 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL FACULTY MEMBERS ANNUALLY MAY RECEIVE PAYMENTS FOR UNUSED ANNUAL LEAVE AND SICK LEAVE IN EXCESS OF NINETY DAYS AT AN ESTABLISHED RATE OF SUBSTITUTE PAY FOR THEIR JOB CLASSIFICATION, TO PROVIDE THESE PAYMENTS ARE AVAILABLE TO TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS, AND TO PROVIDE THESE PROVISIONS DO NOT AMEND OR REPEAL EXISTING PROGRAMS THAT MAKE SIMILAR PAYMENTS BUT AT LOWER RATES, OR RELATED RIGHTS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR LEGISLATIVE DELEGATIONS.

S. 911 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12‑39‑360 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO A COUNTY’S AUTHORITY TO EXTEND THE PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR SERVICE MEMBERS IN OR NEAR A HAZARD DUTY ZONE, TO REQUIRE EACH COUNTY TO ALLOW FOR A DEFERMENT, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEFERMENT BEGINS ON THE TAX DUE DATE AND ENDS NINETY DAYS AFTER THE LAST DATE OF DEPLOYMENT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO INTEREST MAY BE CHARGED DURING THE DEPLOYMENT UNLESS THE TAX IS NOT PAID WITHIN THE NINETY‑DAY GRACE PERIOD.

S. 917 -- Senators Kimpson, Scott and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 6‑1‑530, 6‑1‑730, AND 6‑4‑10, ALL AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, ALL RELATING TO THE EXPENDITURE OF THE STATE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, LOCAL HOSPITALITY TAX, AND LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO ALLOW THE REVENUE TO BE EXPENDED FOR THE CONTROL AND REPAIR OF FLOODING AND DRAINAGE AT TOURISM‑RELATED LANDS OR AREAS.

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.

S. 937 -- Senators Hutto and M.B. Matthews: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-53-600(A) AND (B) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE TEMPORARY DEVOLUTION OF POWERS, DUTIES, AND OBLIGATIONS VESTED IN THE DENMARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION TO THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION, TO EXTEND THE DEVOLUTION TO JANUARY 1, 2019, FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2018, AND TO PROVIDE THAT SECTION 59-53-600 IS REPEALED ON JANUARY 1, 2019.

**REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR**

S. 785 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 37‑6‑502, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE COMMISSION ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, SO AS TO REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION.

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

S. 815 -- Senators Gambrell, Shealy, Senn and McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 38‑71‑2150 SO AS TO ESTABLISH PROHIBITED ACTS FOR PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38‑71‑2130, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF A PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER, SO AS TO REQUIRE A PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER TO REIMBURSE A PROVIDER WITHIN SEVEN BUSINESS DAYS OF PAYMENT BY A PAYOR.

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

H. 4655 -- Reps. Sandifer and Spires: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA INSURANCE DATA SECURITY ACT” BY ADDING CHAPTER 99 TO TITLE 38 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; TO REQUIRE A LICENSEE TO DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT, AND MAINTAIN A COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION SECURITY PROGRAM BASED ON THE LICENSEE’S RISK ASSESSMENT AND TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SECURITY PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR A LICENSEE’S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, IF APPLICABLE, TO REQUIRE A LICENSEE TO MONITOR THE SECURITY PROGRAM AND MAKE ADJUSTMENTS IF NECESSARY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE LICENSEE MUST ESTABLISH AN INCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN, TO REQUIRE A LICENSEE TO SUBMIT A STATEMENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE ANNUALLY; TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR A LICENSEE IN THE EVENT OF A CYBERSECURITY EVENT; TO REQUIRE A LICENSEE TO NOTIFY THE DIRECTOR OF CERTAIN INFORMATION IN THE EVENT OF A CYBERSECURITY EVENT; TO GRANT THE DIRECTOR THE POWER AND AUTHORITY TO EXAMINE AND INVESTIGATE A LICENSEE; TO PROVIDE THAT DOCUMENTS, MATERIALS, OR OTHER INFORMATION IN THE CONTROL OR POSSESSION OF THE DEPARTMENT MUST BE TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR TO SHARE OR RECEIVE CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS.

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

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.

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

H. 3865 -- Reps. Bernstein, Delleney, Ridgeway, King, Whipper, J.E. Smith and Knight: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA PREGNANCY ACCOMMODATIONS ACT”; TO AMEND SECTION 1‑13‑30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA HUMAN AFFAIRS LAWS, SO AS TO REVISE THE TERMS “BECAUSE OF SEX” OR “ON THE BASIS OF SEX” USED IN THE CONTEXT OF EQUAL TREATMENT FOR WOMEN AFFECTED BY PREGNANCY, CHILDBIRTH, OR RELATED MEDICAL CONDITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 1‑13‑80, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES OF AN EMPLOYER, SO AS TO ADD CERTAIN OTHER UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES IN REGARD TO FAILURE TO PROVIDE REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR AN APPLICANT FOR EMPLOYMENT OR EMPLOYEE WITH LIMITATIONS BECAUSE OF PREGNANCY, CHILDBIRTH, OR RELATED MEDICAL CONDITIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR NOTICE AND APPLICABILITY TO EMPLOYEES TO WHOM THE ABOVE PROVISIONS APPLY; AND TO PROVIDE NO LATER THAN TWO YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT, THE SOUTH CAROLINA HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS, WHICH SHALL IDENTIFY SOME REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS ADDRESSING KNOWN LIMITATIONS RELATED TO PREGNANCY, CHILDBIRTH, OR RELATED MEDICAL CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE PROVIDED TO A JOB APPLICANT OR EMPLOYEE, UNLESS THE EMPLOYER CAN DEMONSTRATE THAT DOING SO WOULD IMPOSE AN UNDUE HARDSHIP.

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

**AMENDED, READ THE SECOND TIME**

S. 812 -- Senator Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 33‑57‑120, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO RAFFLES CONDUCTED BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE VALUE OF NONCASH PRIZES ALLOWED FOR THESE RAFFLES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 33‑57‑140, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR THESE RAFFLES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ALLOWANCE FOR THE PRICE OF A RAFFLE TICKET PRODUCED BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

Senator GROOMS proposed the following amendment (812R001.DR.LKG), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered new SECTION to read:

SECTION \_\_. Article 24, Chapter 21, Title 12 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 12-21-3925. A volunteer who assists a house in operating bingo games is not an agent, promoter, or representative of the house and may participate in a bingo game at the house in which he volunteers except on days he has volunteered.” /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator GROOMS explained the amendment.

The question then was second reading of the Bill.

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

**Ayes 40; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Campbell Cash Climer

Corbin Cromer Davis

Fanning Goldfinch Gregory

Grooms Hembree Hutto

Johnson Kimpson Leatherman

Malloy Martin Massey

*Matthews, John Matthews, Margie* McElveen

McLeod Peeler Reese

Rice Sabb Scott

Senn Setzler Shealy

Sheheen Talley Timmons

Turner Verdin Williams

Young

**Total--40**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

There being no further amendments, the Bill was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

**AMENDED, READ THE SECOND TIME**

S. 1002 -- Senators Cromer, Scott, Climer, Goldfinch, Bennett, Timmons and Allen: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FLAG STUDY COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH PROPOSING AN OFFICIAL, UNIFORM DESIGN FOR THE STATE FLAG.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Resolution.

Senator HUTTO proposed the following amendment (1002R001..CBH), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, page 1, by striking lines 32 through 36 and inserting:

/ (B) The study committee shall provide a report including a proposed design to the General Assembly by February 1, 2019, at which time the study committee shall dissolve. Members of the study committee shall receive mileage, per diem, and subsistence as provided by law. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator HUTTO explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

The question being the second reading of the Resolution.

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

**Ayes 31; Nays 8**

**AYES**

Allen Bennett Campbell

Cash Climer Corbin

Cromer Fanning Goldfinch

Gregory Grooms Hembree

Johnson Leatherman Martin

Massey *Matthews, John* McElveen

McLeod Peeler Reese

Sabb Scott Setzler

Shealy Talley Timmons

Turner Verdin Williams

Young

**Total--31**

**NAYS**

Davis Hutto Kimpson

Malloy *Matthews, Margie* Rice

Senn Sheheen

**Total--8**

There being no further amendments, the Resolution was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

**AMENDED, READ THE SECOND TIME**

H. 4612 -- Reps. Sandifer and Toole: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 40‑11‑262 SO AS TO PROVIDE APPLICANTS FOR GENERAL AND MECHANICAL LICENSURE SUBJECT TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUIREMENTS MAY INSTEAD PROVIDE CERTAIN SURETY BONDS, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE SURETY BONDS.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

Senator SCOTT proposed the following amendment (4612R001.DR.JS), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, page 1, by striking line 30 and inserting:

/State in an amount of five times the required net worth for the /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator SCOTT explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

The question then was second reading of the Bill.

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

**Ayes 38; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Campbell Cash Climer

Corbin Cromer Davis

Fanning Goldfinch Gregory

Grooms Hembree Hutto

Johnson Kimpson Leatherman

Malloy Martin Massey

*Matthews, John* McElveen McLeod

Peeler Reese Rice

Sabb Scott Senn

Setzler Shealy Talley

Timmons Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--38**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

There being no further amendments, the Bill was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

**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 MALLOY, the Bill was carried over.

S. 866 -- Senators Cromer, Scott, Reese, Verdin, J. Matthews and Nicholson: A BILL TO PROVIDE THAT TAX CREDITS FOR THE PURCHASE OF GEOTHERMAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT SHALL BE REPEALED ON JANUARY 1, 2029.

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

S. 997 -- Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION - REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS BOARD, RELATING TO REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS BOARD, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4766, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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

S. 998 -- Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION, RELATING TO REAL ESTATE COMMISSION, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4776, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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

S. 999 -- Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION-MANUFACTURED HOUSING BOARD, RELATING TO LICENSE RENEWAL, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4798, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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

S. 1000 -- Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION, RELATING TO BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4761, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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

S. 1001 -- Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION - OFFICE OF ELEVATORS AND AMUSEMENT RIDES, RELATING TO FEE SCHEDULES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4793, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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

H. 3427 -- Reps. Lucas, Loftis, Allison, Stringer, Erickson, Simrill, G.R. Smith, McKnight, Robinson‑Simpson, Martin, West, Long, Burns, Atwater, McCoy, Hardee, Hewitt, Fry, Jordan, Murphy, Spires, G.M. Smith, McCravy, Clemmons, McEachern, Taylor, Arrington, Johnson, Huggins, Hamilton, Elliott, Funderburk, Bales, Bannister, Blackwell, Bradley, Chumley, Clary, Clyburn, Cobb‑Hunter, Cole, Crawford, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Forrest, Forrester, Hayes, Henderson, Herbkersman, Hiott, Lowe, D.C. Moss, B. Newton, W. Newton, Pope, Quinn, S. Rivers, Ryhal, Sandifer, Tallon, Thayer, Whitmire, Anderson, Anthony, Gagnon, Parks, Pitts, Ott, King, Henegan, Willis, Yow, Williams, Jefferson, Duckworth, White, Finlay, Bernstein, J.E. Smith, Bedingfield, Felder, Bennett, Davis, Mitchell, Rutherford, Neal, Stavrinakis, Govan, Putnam, Collins, Brown, Weeks, Hosey, Bowers, V.S. Moss, Howard, Kirby, Sottile, Whipper, Norrell, Ballentine, Toole, Thigpen, Cogswell, Daning, Crosby, Knight, Wheeler and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION INITIATIVE” BY ADDING SECTION 59‑29‑250 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE OF THE SECTION, TO PROVIDE THAT, BEGINNING WITH THE 2018‑2019 SCHOOL YEAR, PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC CHARTER HIGH SCHOOLS SHALL OFFER CERTAIN COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSEWORK, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT AND ENSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF GRADE‑APPROPRIATE STANDARDS FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE AND COMPUTATIONAL THINKING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR TO ESTABLISH CRITERIA AND PROCESSES FOR DESIGNATING SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH COMMUNITIES AND REGIONS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF SUCH COMMUNITIES AND REGIONS.

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

H. 4654 -- Reps. Sandifer and Spires: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38‑43‑100, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL AND AGENCY INSURANCE PRODUCERS, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN APPLICANT TO PROVIDE A COMPLETE SET OF FINGERPRINTS WITH THE APPLICATION, TO PROVIDE THAT FAILURE TO PROVIDE A COMPLETE SET OF FINGERPRINTS CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OF AN APPLICATION, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO THE FINGERPRINTING REQUIREMENT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED**

**AMENDED, CARRIED OVER**

S. 889 -- Senator Campbell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 4-10-330(A)(1) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CONTENTS OF BALLOT QUESTIONS UNDER THE CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX ACT, TO PROVIDE THAT AN ORDINANCE MUST SPECIFY WHETHER THE PURPOSE OF THE TAX PROCEEDS WOULD INCLUDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, INFRASTRUCTURE, LAND PURCHASES, AND SITE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

The Committee on Finance proposed the following amendment (DG\889C003.BBM.DG18), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 1 and inserting:

/ SECTION 1. Section 4-10-330(A)(1)(d) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(d) water, sewer, or water and sewer public works projects, as well as infrastructure, as defined in Section 11-41-30(3)(a) and (b), for economic development projects;” /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator HUTTO explained the committee amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

Senator HUTTO proposed the following amendment (DG\  
889C007.BBM.DG18), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

/ SECTION \_\_. Article 3, Chapter 10, Title 4 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 4‑10‑390. For any county which began the reimposition of a tax authorized by this article on April 1, 2013, and reimposed the tax at the 2016 General Election:

(1) the reimposed tax that commenced on April 1, 2013, is extended until April 30, 2020; and

(2) the commencement of the tax that was reimposed at the 2016 General Election is delayed until May 1, 2020, and expires on April 30, 2027.” /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator HUTTO explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

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

**OBJECTION**

S. 805 -- Senators Shealy, Sheheen, Young, McLeod, McElveen and Climer: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 11, TITLE 63 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CHILDREN’S SERVICES AGENCIES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 22, TO CREATE THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE HEADED BY THE STATE CHILD ADVOCATE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE COMPRISED OF DEPUTY CHILD ADVOCATES, INVESTIGATORS, AND OTHER STAFF TO BE EMPLOYED AS NECESSARY BY THE STATE CHILD ADVOCATE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE CHILD ADVOCATE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT CHILDREN RECEIVE ADEQUATE PROTECTION AND CARE FROM SERVICES OR PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, THE JOHN DE LA HOWE SCHOOL, THE WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL, AND THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND, TO PROVIDE THAT RECORDS ACQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT ARE CONFIDENTIAL, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE CHILD ADVOCATE MAY PERFORM AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OF A CRITICAL INCIDENT OR REVIEW A COMPLETED CRITICAL INCIDENT INVESTIGATION PERFORMED BY A STATE AGENCY, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PARAMETERS OF AN INVESTIGATION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY SHALL ESTABLISH A SINGLE, STATEWIDE, TOLL-FREE CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE TO RECEIVE ALL REPORTS OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR FURTHER PURPOSES AND PUBLICATION OF THE HOTLINE; TO AMEND SECTION 1-3-240(C)(1) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, TO ADD THE STATE CHILD ADVOCATE AS A PERSON APPOINTED THAT MAY BE REMOVED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR MALFEASANCE, MISFEASANCE, INCOMPETENCY, ABSENTEEISM, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, MISCONDUCT, PERSISTENT NEGLECT OF DUTY IN OFFICE, OR INCAPACITY; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-360 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO MANDATORY REPORTING TO THE CORONER, TO PROVIDE THAT THE MEDICAL EXAMINER OR CORONER SHALL ACCEPT REPORTS FROM PERSONS REQUIRED TO REPORT SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT AND REPORT HIS FINDINGS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY; TO AMEND SECTION 63‑7‑370 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORTING, TO PROVIDE THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER UPON RECEIPT OF A REPORT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHALL REPORT THE INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY’S SINGLE, STATEWIDE, TOLL-FREE CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE IF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE REPORTED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WELFARE OF A CHILD; TO AMEND SECTION 63-11-500(A) AND SECTION 63-11-540 OF THE 1976 CODE, BOTH RELATING TO THE CASS ELIAS MCCARTER GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROGRAM MUST BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY; TO AMEND SECTION 63-11-700(A) AND SECTION 63-11-730(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, BOTH RELATING TO THE DIVISION FOR REVIEW OF THE FOSTER CARE OF CHILDREN, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIVISION FOR REVIEW IS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY OF THE FOSTER CARE OF CHILDREN; TO AMEND SECTIONS 63-11-1310, 63-11-1340, 63-11-1360, AND 63-11-1510 OF THE 1976 CODE, ALL RELATING TO THE CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED CHILDREN, TO PROVIDE THAT THE CONTINUUM OF CARE IS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY; TO AMEND SECTION 63-11-1930(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE STATE CHILD FATALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TO ADD THE STATE CHILD ADVOCATE AS A COMMITTEE MEMBER; TO AMEND SECTION 59-36-20 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND SERVICES, TO DELETE ANY REFERENCE TO THE CHILDREN’S CASE RESOLUTION SYSTEM; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 11, CHAPTER 11, TITLE 63 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CHILDREN’S CASE RESOLUTION SYSTEM; TO DELETE SECTION 1-11-10(A)(8) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CHILDREN’S CASE RESOLUTION SYSTEM; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

Senator MALLOY objected to consideration of the Bill.

S. 857 -- Senator Setzler: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59‑51‑30, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD BY ELIMINATING TWO EX OFFICIO SEATS.

Senator MALLOY objected to consideration of the Bill.

**ADOPTED**

S. 974 -- Senators J. Matthews and Hutto: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE IN THE CITY OF ORANGEBURG THAT CROSSES CHESTNUT STREET THE “DR. EMILY ENGLAND CLYBURN PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

The Resolution was adopted, ordered sent to the House.

H. 4928 -- Rep. Delleney: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PALMETTO BOYS STATE TO USE THE CHAMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE FOR ITS ANNUAL STATE HOUSE MEETING ON FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2018, HOWEVER, THE CHAMBERS MAY NOT BE USED IF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS IN SESSION OR THE CHAMBERS ARE OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE.

The Resolution was adopted, ordered returned to the House.

**Motion Adopted**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:45 P.M., on motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, the Senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at 11:45 A.M.

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