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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020
(STATEWIDE SESSION)

Wednesday, January 22, 2020
(Statewide Session)

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Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 2:00 p.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Isaiah 1:19: “If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land.”

Let us pray. Good and gracious Lord, You have provided such good things to us, as well as feed us with fruits of the spirit. Guide each of these Representatives and staff by teaching them to use Your spiritual food as they labor to better the lives of the people of this great state. Bless our defenders of freedom and first responders as they protect us. Bless our Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, staff, and all who contribute to this cause. Heal the wounds, those seen and those hidden, of our brave warriors who suffer and sacrifice for our freedom. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. GILLIARD moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Dorothy Pringle Mack, mother of Representative Mack, which was agreed to.

STATEMENT BY REP. GILLIARD

In loving memory of our dear colleague Representative David Mack’s mother, Mrs. Dorothy Pringle Mack, Representative Gilliard read the following statement written by Representative Mack’s wife, Mrs. Sheryl Mack.

Yesterday, God dispatched his angels to accompany one of his most precious creations to her heavenly home. She was my mother-in-love, Mrs. Dorothy Pringle Mack. She was granted 90 years upon this earth and was a faithful and committed servant to our Lord and Savior. Ask

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anyone who attended Bonds Wilson High School, Old Bethel United Methodist Church, a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority or part of the Charleston County School District who knew her. Her smile told you everything. I would tell her "I love you" every time I saw or spoke to her by phone and she would reply "I love you too, more than you know". Momma, I miss you and thank God for every remembrance of you. You are forever loved.

Your daughter-in-love,
Sheryl

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Representative Mack, his family, and friends, in the loss of his mother, Dorothy Pringle Mack.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to H. 3174:

H. 3174 -- Reps. Elliott, Tallon, G. R. Smith, Taylor, Cogswell, Dillard, Norrell, Felder, Daning and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CERTAIN TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR THE TERMS "ELECTRIC-ASSIST BICYCLES" AND "BICYCLES WITH HELPER MOTORS"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-3520 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BICYCLISTS OPERATING ELECTRIC-ASSIST BICYCLES SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ALL STATUTORY PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO BICYCLISTS.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,

President

Received as information.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

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Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to H. 4244:

H. 4244 -- Rep. Sandifer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38-78-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO SERVICE CONTRACTS, SO AS TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF "SERVICE CONTRACT" AND "WARRANTY" AND TO DEFINE THE TERMS "ROAD HAZARD", "THEFT PROTECTION PROGRAM", AND "THEFT PROTECTION PROGRAM WARRANTY"; TO AMEND SECTION 38-78-30, RELATING TO SERVICE CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO EXCLUDE A SERVICE CONTRACT PROVIDER THAT INSURES THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER A REIMBURSEMENT INSURANCE POLICY FROM THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUIREMENT FOR REGISTRATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38-78-50, RELATING TO REQUIRED PROVISIONS IN SERVICE CONTRACTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE A CERTAIN DISCLOSURE.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,

President

Received as information.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4997 -- Reprs. Finlay, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bennett, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brawley, Brown, Bryant, Burns, Calhoon, Caskey, Chellis, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cogswell, Collins, B. Cox, W. Cox, Crawford, Daning, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Forrester, Fry, Funderburk, Gagnon, Garvin, Gilliam, Gilliard, Govan, Haddon, Hardee, Hart, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey,

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Howard, Huggins, Hyde, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kimmons, King, Kirby, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mace, Mack, Magnuson, Martin, Matthews, McCoy, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, McKnight, Moore, Morgan, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, B. Newton, W. Newton, Norrell, Oremus, Ott, Parks, Pendarvis, Pope, Ridgeway, Rivers, Robinson, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Toole, Trantham, Weeks, West, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, R. Williams, S. Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JAMES MARION MCCABE, SR., OF COLUMBIA AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1001 -- Senator Peeler: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO WELCOME THE NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, JAMES W. OXFORD, TO SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO INVITE HIM TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION IN THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT 12:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020.

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

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Allison	Anderson
Atkinson	Bailey	Bales
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bennett	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brawley	Brown
Bryant	Burns	Calhoon
Caskey	Chellis	Chumley

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Clary	Clemmons	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Cogswell	Collins
B. Cox	W. Cox	Crawford
Daning	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Finlay	Forrest	Forrester
Fry	Funderburk	Gagnon
Garvin	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Haddon	Hardee
Hart	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hill	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Huggins
Hyde	Jefferson	Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kimmons
King	Kirby	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Lucas
Mace	Magnuson	Martin
Matthews	McCoy	McCray
McDaniel	McGinnis	McKnight
Moore	Morgan	D. C. Moss
V. S. Moss	Murphy	B. Newton
W. Newton	Norrell	Oremus
Ott	Parks	Pope
Ridgeway	Rivers	Robinson
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Simrill	G. M. Smith	G. R. Smith
Sottile	Spires	Stavrinakis
Stringer	Tallon	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Toole
Trantham	Weeks	West
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
R. Williams	S. Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total Present--122

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. MACK a leave of absence for the day due to a death in the family.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. John Ropp of Hartsville was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

“5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee.”

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3017
Date: ADD:
01/22/20 HADDON

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3087
Date: ADD:
01/22/20 GOVAN

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3125
Date: ADD:
01/22/20 GILLIAM, WEST and MCGINNIS

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CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3319
Date: ADD:
01/22/20 GOVAN

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3332
Date: ADD:
01/22/20 ROSE

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4336
Date: ADD:
01/22/20 FORREST, CLEMMONS, WOOTEN, HUGGINS
and ATKINSON

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4431
Date: ADD:
01/22/20 BLACKWELL

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4676
Date: ADD:
01/22/20 HAYES

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4704
Date: ADD:
01/22/20 FRY, CRAWFORD, MACE, DAVIS and BAILEY

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4716
Date: ADD:
01/22/20 KIMMONS and DAVIS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4718
Date: ADD:
01/22/20 HAYES

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CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4760
Date: ADD:
01/22/20 CALHOON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4765
Date: ADD:
01/22/20 BROWN and ALEXANDER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4788
Date: ADD:
01/22/20 W. COX

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4831
Date: ADD:
01/22/20 FORREST and B. NEWTON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4936
Date: ADD:
01/22/20 FORREST and HIXON

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4937
Date: ADD:
01/22/20 W. NEWTON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4990
Date: ADD:
01/22/20 ATKINSON and DANING

***SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR**

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SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 4819 -- Reps. Gilliam and Clyburn: A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT FOR THE ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS BY THE UNION COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

H. 3244 -- Reps. Brown, Mack, Pendarvis and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 340 OF 1967, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE GOVERNANCE OF THE CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THOSE PROCEDURES WHICH THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST FOLLOW TO CLOSE A RURAL SCHOOL, TO DEFINE "RURAL SCHOOL", TO REQUIRE THE BOARD TO DOCUMENT THAT ANY SUCH CLOSING MUST RESULT IN A REDUCTION IN THE OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE DISTRICT TRANSLATED INTO AN ESTIMATED PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE REDUCTION THAT MUST BE REFLECTED BEGINNING FOR THE FIRST PROPERTY TAX YEAR AFTER THE CLOSING DATE, TO REQUIRE THE BOARD TO CONDUCT THREE PUBLIC HEARINGS IN THE AFFECTED COMMUNITY TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS, TO SPECIFY OTHER CONSIDERATIONS RELATING TO TRAVEL TIME AND ADDITIONAL TRAVEL EXPENSES AND THE OVERALL BENEFIT TO STUDENTS AND THE DISTRICT FROM CLOSING THE SCHOOL, TO REQUIRE THE BOARD TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON THESE ISSUES BEFORE MAKING A DECISION ON THE CLOSING AND REQUIRE THIS REPORT, UPON COMPLETION, TO BE FORWARDED TO EACH MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS TO THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS.

S. 975--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 975 -- Senator Johnson: A BILL TO CONSOLIDATE CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 AND EAST CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3) INTO ONE SCHOOL

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DISTRICT TO BE KNOWN AS CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4; TO ABOLISH CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 AND CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 ON JULY 1, 2021; TO PROVIDE THAT CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 MUST BE GOVERNED BY A BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONSISTING OF SEVEN MEMBERS, WHICH INITIALLY MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE CLARENDON COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, AND BEGINNING IN 2022, SIX MEMBERS MUST BE ELECTED FROM A DEFINED SINGLE-MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICT AND ONE MEMBER MUST BE ELECTED FROM THE COMBINED GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF THE FORMER CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 AND CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3; TO PROVIDE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED IN NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS CONDUCTED AT THE SAME TIME AS THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION AND EVERY FOUR YEARS THEREAFTER, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THIS ACT TO STAGGER THE MEMBERS' TERMS; TO ESTABLISH THE BOARD'S POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT IS THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF THE DISTRICT AND IS RESPONSIBLE TO THE BOARD FOR THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF ALL AFFAIRS OF THE DISTRICT AND SUBJECT TO ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW RELATING TO HIS DUTIES; TO INCLUDE INTERIM MILLAGE PROVISIONS FOR YEARS 2021 AND 2022, AND TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING IN 2023, CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 SHALL HAVE TOTAL FISCAL AUTONOMY.

Rep. RIDGEWAY moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 3257 -- Reps. Moore, S. Williams, Clyburn, McDaniel, Matthews, Pendarvis, Henderson-Myers, Govan, King, Ridgeway, Hosey, Wheeler, Wooten, Clary, Elliott and W. Cox: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-32-20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO INSTRUCTIONAL UNITS

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REQUIRED UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION ACT, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP CERTAIN UNITS CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-32-30, RELATING TO COURSEWORK REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION ACT, SO AS TO REQUIRE MIDDLE SCHOOLS OFFER ONE ELECTIVE UNIT OF STUDY IN MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS TO SEVENTH GRADE STUDENTS AND TO PROVIDE NINTH GRADE STUDENTS SHALL SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE ONE UNIT OF STUDY IN MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS.

H. 3199 -- Reps. Govan, Clyburn, Gilliard and Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-29-410, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO INSTRUCTIONAL TOPICS REQUIRED IN HIGH SCHOOL FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO ALSO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION ON THE TOPICS OF COLLEGE AND EDUCATION LOANS, KEY LOAN TERMS, MONTHLY PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS, REPAYMENT OPTIONS, CREDIT, AND EDUCATION LOAN DEBT.

H. 4076 -- Reps. Tallon, Hixon, Johnson, W. Newton and R. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 1-30-135 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTALITY IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT OR A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING WITH A GOVERNING BOARD OR COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE INCUMBENT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WITH A WRITTEN DOCUMENT OUTLINING THE AGENCY'S, INSTRUMENTALITY'S, OR INSTITUTION'S STATUTORY DUTIES AND POWERS, WHICH INCUMBENT BOARD MEMBERS MUST SIGN WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION AND WHICH NEW BOARD MEMBERS MUST SIGN WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER TAKING OFFICE.

H. 3695 -- Reps. Calhoon, Huggins, Taylor, Allison, Ballentine, Forrest, Matthews, Spires, Toole, Wooten, Hill and Jones: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-630, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976. RELATING TO VEHICLES CLASSIFIED AS

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PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING HIGH MILEAGE TAX DEDUCTIONS, MOTORCYCLES AND MOTORCYCLE THREE-WHEEL VEHICLES SHALL BE CLASSIFIED AS PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES.

H. 4403 -- Reprs. Bennett and Brown: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-63-120, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO BULLYING PROHIBITION POLICIES ADOPTED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR RESPONDING TO AND REMEDIATING ALLEGATIONS OF BULLYING, TO REQUIRE AN APPEALS PROCEDURE, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.

H. 4202 -- Reprs. Pope, Felder, Ligon, Stavrinakis, Simrill, Bryant, Finlay, Hixon and D. C. Moss: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44-63-145 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO ISSUE UPON RECEIPT OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTATION A CERTIFICATE OF FOREIGN BIRTH FOR A CHILD WITH UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP WHO IS BORN IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY TO A PARENT WHO IS A RESIDENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44-63-140, RELATING TO SUPPLEMENTARY OR AMENDED BIRTH CERTIFICATES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION.

H. 4811 -- Reprs. Bailey, Hewitt, Hardee, Clemmons, Forrest, Hixon and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 48-39-290, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION ON EROSION CONTROL STRUCTURES OR DEVICES SEAWARD OF THE SETBACK LINE, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE PLACEMENT OF SHORELINE PERPENDICULAR WINGWALLS THAT EXTEND LANDWARD FROM THE ENDS OF EXISTING EROSION CONTROL STRUCTURES OR DEVICES.

H. 4504 -- Reprs. Davis, Daning, Moore, Matthews, Hiott, Forrest, Hixon and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-96-100, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING IN PART TO

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PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING WASTE TIRE REGULATIONS, SO AS TO CHANGE CERTAIN PENALTY REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 44-96-170, RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF WASTE TIRES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS AND MAKE CERTAIN PERMITTING DECISIONS CONCERNING WASTE TIRE MANAGEMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 44-96-450, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF CERTAIN STATE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LAWS, SO AS TO CHANGE CERTAIN PENALTY REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

H. 4404--SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4404 -- Reps. Stringer, Herbkersman, W. Newton, Yow, Huggins, Ballentine, Erickson, B. Cox, Elliott, Allison, Forrest, G. M. Smith and Haddon: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "VETERANS NURSING DEGREE OPPORTUNITY ACT"; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 40 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF VETERAN ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE PROGRAMS AND VETERAN BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE PROGRAMS TO ENABLE MILITARY VETERANS WITH RELEVANT MILITARY TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE TO EXPEDITE THE TRANSITION FROM MILITARY LIFE TO A PROFESSIONAL CAREER IN NURSING, TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, TO REQUIRE A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT BY THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, STATE BOARD OF NURSING, BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION, AND DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS TO IDENTIFY GAPS BETWEEN RELEVANT MILITARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR UNDERGRADUATE NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND DEGREES APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING AND LICENSURE BY THE BOARD, AND TO APPROVE CURRICULUM TO ENABLE MILITARY VETERANS TO APPLY SUCH EDUCATION AND TRAINING TOWARD REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE IN NURSING OR A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN NURSING AND

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LICENSURE AS A LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE OR REGISTERED NURSE, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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

Yeas 115; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Allison	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bales	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bennett
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brawley	Brown	Bryant
Burns	Calhoon	Caskey
Chellis	Chumley	Clary
Clemmons	Cobb-Hunter	Cogswell
Collins	B. Cox	W. Cox
Crawford	Daning	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Forrester
Fry	Funderburk	Gagnon
Garvin	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Haddon	Hardee
Hart	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hill	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Huggins	Hyde
Jefferson	Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kimmons	King
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Lucas	Mace	Magnuson
Martin	Matthews	McCoy
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
McKnight	Moore	Morgan
D. C. Moss	V. S. Moss	Murphy
B. Newton	W. Newton	Norrell
Oremus	Ott	Parks
Pope	Ridgeway	Rivers
Robinson	Rose	Sandifer
Simrill	G. M. Smith	G. R. Smith
Sottile	Spires	Stavrinakis

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Stringer	Tallon	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Toole
Trantham	Weeks	West
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
R. Williams	S. Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--115

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Bill was read the third time and ordered sent to the Senate.

S. 156--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 156 -- Senators Allen, Turner and Martin: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-975 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, IT IS UNLAWFUL TO POSSESS WITHIN OR INTRODUCE UPON THE GROUNDS OF A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY A TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE, TO DEFINE THE TERM "TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE", AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION.

Reps. HIOTT, MURPHY, FORREST, MCCOY, BAILEY, G. R. SMITH, TRANTHAM, MARTIN, MAGNUSON, BURNS, HADDON, STRINGER, V. S. MOSS, CHUMLEY, BAMBERG, CHELLIS, ROSE, JONES, GILLIAM, MCCRAVY, R. WILLIAMS, JEFFERSON, TOOLE, CASKEY and WOOTEN requested debate on the Bill.

H. 4336--COMMITTED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4336 -- Reps. Felder, Allison, Willis, Bennett, Whitmire, Govan, Kirby, Loftis, Cobb-Hunter, Jefferson, Ott, B. Newton, Trantham, Dillard, Gilliam, Hiott, Hixon, Sandifer, Simrill, White, Ligon, Atkinson, Huggins, Wooten, Clemmons and Forrest: A BILL TO

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AMEND SECTION 56-1-2150, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS A PERSON MUST POSSESS TO DRIVE A COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PERSON WHO HAS A COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE IS PRESUMED TO POSSESS THE QUALIFICATIONS TO DRIVE A COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE.

Rep. G. M. SMITH moved to commit the Bill to the Committee on Judiciary, which was agreed to.

H. 4286--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4286 -- Rep. D. C. Moss: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 39-23-50, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG LABELS, SO AS TO INCLUDE LOT NUMBERS.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4286 (COUNCIL\WAB\4286C001.AGM.WAB19), which was adopted:

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

/ SECTION 1. Section 39-23-50(b)(2) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(2) ~~Any~~ A drug dispensed by filling or refilling a written or oral prescription of a practitioner licensed by law to administer ~~such~~ the drug ~~shall~~ must be exempt from the requirements of Section 39-23-40, except paragraphs (a), (i)(2) and (3), (k), and the packaging requirements of paragraphs (g) and (h), if the drug bears a label containing the name and address of the dispenser, the serial number and date of the prescription or of its filling, the name of the prescriber, and if stated in the prescription the name of the patient, and the directions for use and cautionary statements, if any, contained in ~~such~~ the prescription and the lot number of the prescription must be indicated on the label, patient receipt, or bar code. This exemption shall not apply to ~~any~~ a drug dispensed in the course of the conduct of a business of dispensing drugs pursuant to diagnosis by mail, or to a drug dispensed in violation of paragraph (1) of this subsection.”

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SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor. /
Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. PARKS explained the amendment.
The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 106; Nays 3

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Allison	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bales	Ballentine
Bannister	Bennett	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brown
Bryant	Burns	Calhoon
Caskey	Chellis	Chumley
Clary	Cogswell	Collins
B. Cox	W. Cox	Crawford
Daning	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Forrester	Fry	Funderburk
Gagnon	Garvin	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Haddon
Hardee	Hart	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hewitt	Hill
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Huggins	Hyde
Jefferson	Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kimmons	King
Kirby	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Lucas	Mace
Magnuson	Martin	Matthews
McCoy	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	McKnight	Moore
Morgan	D. C. Moss	V. S. Moss
Murphy	W. Newton	Norrell
Oremus	Parks	Pope
Ridgeway	Rivers	Robinson

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Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Simrill	G. M. Smith	Sottile
Stavrinakis	Stringer	Tallon
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Weeks	West
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
R. Williams	S. Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

B. Newton	G. R. Smith	Toole
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Total--3

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 4827--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4827 -- Reps. Lucas, Sandifer, Forrester, Mack and Yow: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE SHALL EXTEND CANDIDATE SCREENING FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION SEATS 1, 3, 5, AND 7, TO PROVIDE THAT THESE POSITIONS MUST BE ADVERTISED FOR AN ADDITIONAL TIME PERIOD AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH CERTAIN OTHER SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMITTEE SHALL ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR A TIME PERIOD BEGINNING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020, THROUGH NOON ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020, TO PROVIDE WHO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE MAY CONSIDER, AND TO PROVIDE WHEN TRANSCRIPTS FROM THE PUBLIC HEARINGS MUST BE RELEASED.

Rep. SANDIFER moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

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**S. 996--POINT OF ORDER, RULE 5.10 WAIVED PURSUANT
TO RULE 5.15, INTERRUPTED DEBATE**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 996 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin and Hutto: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE SHALL EXTEND THE SCREENING FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SEATS 1, 3, 5, AND 7; TO PROVIDE FOR ADVERTISEMENT FOR THESE POSITIONS FOR AN ADDITIONAL TIME PERIOD AND FOR CERTAIN PROCESS REQUIREMENTS; TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FROM FEBRUARY 3, 2020, THROUGH NOON ON FEBRUARY 28, 2020; TO PROVIDE WHO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE MAY CONSIDER; AND TO PROVIDE WHEN TRANSCRIPTS FROM PUBLIC HEARINGS MAY BE RELEASED.

Rep. SANDIFER explained the Bill.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. SANDIFER moved to waive Rule 5.10, pursuant to Rule 5.15.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 76; Nays 31

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Allison	Bailey	Bales
Ballentine	Bannister	Blackwell
Bradley	Bryant	Burns
Calhoon	Caskey	Chellis
Chumley	Clary	Clemmons
Cogswell	Collins	B. Cox
W. Cox	Crawford	Daning
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest

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Forrester	Fry	Gagnon
Gilliam	Haddon	Hardee
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Huggins	Hyde	Jefferson
Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kimmons	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Lucas	Mace
Magnuson	Martin	McCoy
McCravy	McGinnis	Morgan
D. C. Moss	V. S. Moss	B. Newton
Oremus	Pope	Sandifer
Simrill	G. M. Smith	G. R. Smith
Sottile	Spires	Stavrinnakis
Stringer	Tallon	Taylor
Thayer	Toole	Trantham
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--76

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Bamberg	Bernstein
Brawley	Brown	Cobb-Hunter
Funderburk	Garvin	Gilliard
Govan	Hart	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Hosey	Howard
King	Matthews	McDaniel
McKnight	Norrell	Ott
Parks	Ridgeway	Rivers
Robinson	Rose	Thigpen
Weeks	Wheeler	R. Williams
S. Williams		

Total--31

So, Rule 5.10 was waived.

Further proceedings were interrupted by expiration of time on the uncontested Calendar.

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RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

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

H. 4760 -- Reps. Lucas, Allison, Clyburn, Trantham, Felder, Yow and Calhoun: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-18-310, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM TO PROMOTE STUDENT LEARNING AND STUDENT PERFORMANCE, SO AS TO REMOVE SOCIAL STUDIES FROM AMONG THE SUBJECTS ASSESSED IN THIRD GRADE THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE, TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC DIAGNOSTIC INFORMATION THAT THE ASSESSMENTS MUST INCLUDE, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN RELATED INFORMATION THAT DISTRICTS AND SCHOOLS SHALL PROVIDE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS BEING ASSESSED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-18-325, RELATING TO THE PROCUREMENT OF STANDARDS-BASED ASSESSMENTS BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR THE DEPARTMENT MUST EMBED ITEMS TO ADDRESS CERTAIN SOCIAL STUDIES STANDARDS ON THE SC READY READING AND WRITING ASSESSMENTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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The following was introduced:

H. 4999 -- Rep. Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE 8U CHESTERFIELD SOCCER YOUTH PROGRAM AND COACHES, AT A DATE AND TIME TO BE DETERMINED BY THE SPEAKER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEING RECOGNIZED AND COMMENDED FOR CAPTURING THE 2019 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5000 -- Reps. Morgan, Elliott and B. Cox: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE EASTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS, AT A DATE AND TIME TO BE DETERMINED BY THE SPEAKER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEING RECOGNIZED AND COMMENDED ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE SEASON AND FOR CAPTURING THE 2019 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5001 -- Reps. Morgan, Elliott and B. Cox: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE EASTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM OF GREENVILLE COUNTY FOR AN IMPRESSIVE SEASON AND CELEBRATE THE EAGLES' CAPTURE OF THE 2019 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5002 -- Reps. Rutherford, Rose, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bennett, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brawley, Brown, Bryant, Burns, Calhoon, Caskey, Chellis, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cogswell, Collins, B. Cox, W. Cox, Crawford, Daning, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrest, Forrester, Fry, Funderburk, Gagnon, Garvin, Gilliam, Gilliard, Govan, Haddon, Hardee, Hart, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Hyde, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kimmons, King, Kirby, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mace, Mack, Magnuson, Martin, Matthews, McCoy, McCravy,

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McDaniel, McGinnis, McKnight, Moore, Morgan, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, B. Newton, W. Newton, Norrell, Oremus, Ott, Parks, Pendarvis, Pope, Ridgeway, Rivers, Robinson, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Toole, Trantham, Weeks, West, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, R. Williams, S. Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SYSTEM FOR ITS MANY AND SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EDUCATION AND CULTURE OF OUR CITIZENS AND TO DECLARE JANUARY 29, 2020, AS "CAROLINA DAY" AT THE STATE HOUSE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5003 -- Reps. Jones, Gilliam, Willis, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bennett, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brawley, Brown, Bryant, Burns, Calhoun, Caskey, Chellis, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cogswell, Collins, B. Cox, W. Cox, Crawford, Daning, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrest, Forrester, Fry, Funderburk, Gagnon, Garvin, Gilliard, Govan, Haddon, Hardee, Hart, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Hyde, Jefferson, Johnson, Jordan, Kimmons, King, Kirby, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mace, Mack, Magnuson, Martin, Matthews, McCoy, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, McKnight, Moore, Morgan, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, B. Newton, W. Newton, Norrell, Oremus, Ott, Parks, Pendarvis, Pope, Ridgeway, Rivers, Robinson, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Toole, Trantham, Weeks, West, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, R. Williams, S. Williams, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LAURENS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2019 REGION 1 CLASS AAAAA

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CHAMPIONSHIP AND TO SALUTE THE PLAYERS ON AN UNFORGETTABLE SEASON.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5004 -- Reps. Govan, Cobb-Hunter, Hosey and Ott: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF ROGER CLECKLEY OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5005 -- Rep. Bannister: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE J. L. MANN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SWIM TEAM OF GREENVILLE COUNTY WITH THE TEAM COACHES AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS, AT A DATE AND TIME TO BE DETERMINED BY THE SPEAKER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEING RECOGNIZED AND COMMENDED FOR CAPTURING THE 2019 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5006 -- Reps. Bannister, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bennett, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brawley, Brown, Bryant, Burns, Calhoon, Caskey, Chellis, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cogswell, Collins, B. Cox, W. Cox, Crawford, Daning, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrest, Forrester, Fry, Funderburk, Gagnon, Garvin,

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Gilliam, Gilliard, Govan, Haddon, Hardee, Hart, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Hyde, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kimmons, King, Kirby, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mace, Mack, Magnuson, Martin, Matthews, McCoy, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, McKnight, Moore, Morgan, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, B. Newton, W. Newton, Norrell, Oremus, Ott, Parks, Pendarvis, Pope, Ridgeway, Rivers, Robinson, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Toole, Trantham, Weeks, West, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, R. Williams, S. Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE J. L. MANN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SWIM TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2019 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5007 -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE STAFF SERVING THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS NOT REQUIRED TO WORK ON GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2020.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5008 -- Rep. Oremus: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF BELVEDERE CLEARWATER ROAD (SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 126) IN AIKEN COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 25 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH AUGUSTA ROAD (SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 421) THE "HONORABLE RONALD 'RONNIE' YOUNG MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR

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MARKERS ALONG THIS HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5009 -- Reps. Hill and Jones: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERCHANGE LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 85 AND INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 385 IN GREENVILLE COUNTY "PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP INTERCHANGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 864 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander, Scott and Verdin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020, AT NOON AS THE DATE AND TIME FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE TO MEET IN JOINT SESSION IN THE HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ELECT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY, AT LARGE, SEAT 8, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2021; TO ELECT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL, AT LARGE, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2021; TO ELECT TWO MEMBERS TO THE COMMISSION OF THE OLD EXCHANGE BUILDING, AT LARGE, WHOSE TERMS WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; AND TO ELECT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-15-10, FROM AMONG THE CANDIDATES NOMINATED BY THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL NOMINATING COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-15-20, ONE MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL, AT LARGE, ONE MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL, ATTORNEY SEAT, AND ONE MEMBER OF THE

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LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL, ACCOUNTANT SEAT, ALL OF WHOSE TERMS WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4998 -- Rep. White: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ABOLISH THE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION ON JULY 1, 2020, AND DEVOLVE THEIR DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND FUNCTIONS UPON THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION FOR COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION HEREAFTER CREATED; BY ADDING CHAPTER 75 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION FOR COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION AND PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP, ORGANIZATION, AND FUNCTIONS INCLUDING BEING THE LEAD AGENCY TO COORDINATE AND IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 76, TITLE 59 RELATING TO THE INITIATIVES FOR LIFELONG LEARNING; AND BY ADDING CHAPTER 76 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A SEAMLESS SYSTEM OF EDUCATION INITIATIVES DESIGNED TO INCLUDE EVERY LEVEL OF EDUCATION FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION THROUGH GRADUATE STUDIES KNOWN AS THE "P-20 EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM FOR PRESCHOOL THROUGH AGE 20".

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5010 -- Rep. Brown: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 15-35-810, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO JUDGMENT LIENS ON REAL ESTATE EXPIRING TEN YEARS AFTER ENTRY OF THE JUDGMENT AND TO AMEND SECTION 15-39-20, RELATING TO JUDGMENT LIENS BEING ENFORCEABLE FOR TEN YEARS AFTER THE ENTRY OF THE JUDGMENT, BOTH SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A LIEN MAY BE RENEWED OR REVIVED FOR TEN ADDITIONAL YEARS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 15-39-30, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF EXECUTIONS UPON FINAL JUDGMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE

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THAT FINAL JUDGMENTS OR DECREES MAY BE RENEWED OR REVIVED, TO REQUIRE A DORMANT JUDGMENT TO BE RENEWED OR REVIVED WITHIN ONE YEAR OF DORMANCY, AND TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR RENEWING OR REVIVING SUCH JUDGMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

S. 975--POINT OF ORDER, RULE 5.10 WAIVED PURSUANT TO RULE 5.15, ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 975 -- Senator Johnson: A BILL TO CONSOLIDATE CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 AND EAST CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3) INTO ONE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO BE KNOWN AS CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4; TO ABOLISH CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 AND CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 ON JULY 1, 2021; TO PROVIDE THAT CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 MUST BE GOVERNED BY A BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONSISTING OF SEVEN MEMBERS, WHICH INITIALLY MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE CLARENDON COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, AND BEGINNING IN 2022, SIX MEMBERS MUST BE ELECTED FROM A DEFINED SINGLE-MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICT AND ONE MEMBER MUST BE ELECTED FROM THE COMBINED GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF THE FORMER CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 AND CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3; TO PROVIDE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED IN NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS CONDUCTED AT THE SAME TIME AS THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION AND EVERY FOUR YEARS THEREAFTER, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THIS ACT TO STAGGER THE MEMBERS' TERMS; TO ESTABLISH THE BOARD'S POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT IS THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF THE DISTRICT AND IS RESPONSIBLE TO THE BOARD FOR THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF ALL AFFAIRS OF THE

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DISTRICT AND SUBJECT TO ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW RELATING TO HIS DUTIES; TO INCLUDE INTERIM MILLAGE PROVISIONS FOR YEARS 2021 AND 2022, AND TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING IN 2023, CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 SHALL HAVE TOTAL FISCAL AUTONOMY.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

REP. RIDGEWAY MOVED TO WAIVE RULE 5.10, PURSUANT TO RULE 5.15.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 102; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Allison	Atkinson
Bailey	Bales	Ballentine
Bannister	Bennett	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brawley	Brown
Bryant	Burns	Calhoon
Caskey	Chellis	Chumley
Clary	Clemmons	Cobb-Hunter
Cogswell	Collins	B. Cox
W. Cox	Crawford	Daning
Davis	Elliott	Felder
Forrester	Fry	Funderburk
Gagnon	Garvin	Gilliam
Govan	Haddon	Hardee
Hart	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Huggins	Hyde	Jefferson
Johnson	Jordan	Kimmons
King	Kirby	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Mace
Martin	Matthews	McCoy

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McDaniel	McGinnis	McKnight
Morgan	D. C. Moss	V. S. Moss
Murphy	B. Newton	Norrell
Oremus	Ott	Parks
Pope	Ridgeway	Rivers
Robinson	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Simrill	G. M. Smith
G. R. Smith	Sottile	Spires
Stavrinakis	Stringer	Tallon
Taylor	Toole	Trantham
Weeks	West	White
Whitmire	R. Williams	S. Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--102

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, Rule 5.10 was waived, pursuant to Rule 5.15.

Rep. RIDGEWAY explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 3

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Allison	Anderson
Atkinson	Bailey	Bales
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bennett	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brawley	Brown
Bryant	Burns	Calhoon
Caskey	Chumley	Clary
Clemmons	Cobb-Hunter	Cogswell
Collins	B. Cox	W. Cox
Daning	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Forrest
Forrester	Fry	Funderburk
Gagnon	Garvin	Gilliam

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Gilliard	Govan	Haddon
Hardee	Hart	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hixon	Hosey
Huggins	Hyde	Jefferson
Johnson	Jordan	Kimmons
King	Kirby	Ligon
Lowe	Mace	Martin
Matthews	McCoy	McCrary
McGinnis	McKnight	Moore
Morgan	D. C. Moss	V. S. Moss
Murphy	B. Newton	W. Newton
Norrell	Oremus	Ott
Parks	Pope	Ridgeway
Rivers	Robinson	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Simrill
G. M. Smith	Sottile	Spires
Stavrinakis	Stringer	Tallon
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Toole	Trantham	Weeks
West	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	R. Williams	S. Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Hill	Jones	Magnuson
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Total--3

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 975. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Annie McDaniel

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H. 4827--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4827 -- Reps. Lucas, Sandifer, Forrester, Mack and Yow: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE SHALL EXTEND CANDIDATE SCREENING FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION SEATS 1, 3, 5, AND 7, TO PROVIDE THAT THESE POSITIONS MUST BE ADVERTISED FOR AN ADDITIONAL TIME PERIOD AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH CERTAIN OTHER SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMITTEE SHALL ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR A TIME PERIOD BEGINNING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020, THROUGH NOON ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020, TO PROVIDE WHO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE MAY CONSIDER, AND TO PROVIDE WHEN TRANSCRIPTS FROM THE PUBLIC HEARINGS MUST BE RELEASED.

Rep. SANDIFER moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, January 23, which was agreed to.

S. 996--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 996 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin and Hutto: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE SHALL EXTEND THE SCREENING FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SEATS 1, 3, 5, AND 7; TO PROVIDE FOR ADVERTISEMENT FOR THESE POSITIONS FOR AN ADDITIONAL TIME PERIOD AND FOR CERTAIN PROCESS REQUIREMENTS; TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FROM FEBRUARY 3, 2020, THROUGH NOON ON FEBRUARY 28, 2020; TO PROVIDE WHO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE MAY CONSIDER; AND TO PROVIDE WHEN TRANSCRIPTS FROM PUBLIC HEARINGS MAY BE RELEASED.

Reps. KING, RUTHERFORD, COBB-HUNTER, OTT, BRAWLEY, GOVAN, GARVIN, MATTHEWS, BAMBERG, S. WILLIAMS,

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GILLIARD, FRY, CRAWFORD, CLEMMONS and MOORE requested debate on the Bill.

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4924 -- Rep. Lucas: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION INVITING HIS EXCELLENCY, HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020, IN THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

H. 4951 -- Reps. Clemmons, Rutherford, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bennett, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brawley, Brown, Bryant, Burns, Calhoun, Caskey, Chellis, Chumley, Clary, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cogswell, Collins, B. Cox, W. Cox, Crawford, Daning, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrest, Forrester, Fry, Funderburk, Gagnon, Garvin, Gilliam, Gilliard, Govan, Haddon, Hardee, Hart, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Hyde, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kimmons, King, Kirby, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mace, Mack, Magnuson, Martin, Matthews, McCoy, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, McKnight, Moore, Morgan, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, B. Newton, W. Newton, Norrell, Oremus, Ott, Parks, Pendarvis, Pope, Ridgeway, Rivers, Robinson, Rose, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Toole, Trantham, Weeks, West, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, R. Williams, S. Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HIS EXCELLENCY SHINZO ABE, PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN, TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON BECOMING THE LONGEST-SERVING PRIME MINISTER IN JAPANESE HISTORY, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

H. 4972 -- Reps. Gagnon, White, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bennett, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brawley, Brown, Bryant, Burns,

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Calhoon, Caskey, Chellis, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cogswell, Collins, B. Cox, W. Cox, Crawford, Daning, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrest, Forrester, Fry, Funderburk, Garvin, Gilliam, Gilliard, Govan, Haddon, Hardee, Hart, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Hyde, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kimmons, King, Kirby, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mace, Mack, Magnuson, Martin, Matthews, McCoy, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, McKnight, Moore, Morgan, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, B. Newton, W. Newton, Norrell, Oremus, Ott, Parks, Pendarvis, Pope, Ridgeway, Rivers, Robinson, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Toole, Trantham, Weeks, West, Wheeler, Whitmire, R. Williams, S. Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE DIXIE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2019 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Rep. WEST moved that the House recede until 6:30 p.m., which was agreed to.

JOINT ASSEMBLY

At 7:00 p.m. the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House. The President of the Senate called the Joint Assembly to order and announced that it had convened under the terms of a Concurrent Resolution adopted by both Houses.

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Governor Henry McMaster and distinguished party were escorted to the rostrum by Senators Leatherman, Nicholson, McElveen, Senn, Cash and REPRESENTATIVES CLARY, ALEXANDER, HOWARD, FELDER,

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CALHOON and COLLINS. The President of the Senate introduced Governor McMaster, who then addressed the Joint Assembly as follows:

2020 State of the State Address
Governor Henry McMaster
Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Mr. Speaker, Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen of the General Assembly, constitutional officers, my fellow South Carolinians:

I begin tonight by recognizing those South Carolinians in uniform no longer with us – who gave their lives in the line of duty, and in service to us all.

Deputy Michael S. Latu of the Marion County Sheriff's Office;

Fire Engineer Paul Quattlebaum of the Lexington County Fire Service;

And Officer Jackson R. Winkeler of the Florence Regional Airport Department of Public Safety.

To the families and loved ones of these three men, on behalf of all South Carolinians, we share your sadness, honor their service and wish you strength.

I am delighted to have with us once again tonight our First Lady, my bride Peggy, who is working to bring attention and energy to the areas of human trafficking, domestic violence, veterans health and animal care and adoption. Thank you, Peggy. Please stand and be recognized.

I would also like to thank our Cabinet members for their innovative, dedicated and sustained efforts to improve the lives and futures of our people. We are winning because they are succeeding and there is much more to come. Will our Cabinet members please stand and be recognized? Thank you.

Our lieutenant governor, Pamela Evette, is meeting with businesses across the State to identify workforce and regulatory relief. She has focused on transportation, early childhood education and preparation for the upcoming census and has encouraged us all to “Grab a Bag” and eliminate litter.

Thank you, Lieutenant Governor. Please stand and be recognized.

I would also like to welcome the former governor of Wisconsin, who joins us tonight. Governor Scott Walker, please stand and be recognized.

Tonight, I'm proud to tell you that the State of the State is strong. South Carolina is winning.

Since I last spoke to you in this forum, things have changed. Our State has gotten stronger, but so have others. We are today in the fiercest

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economic competition we have ever seen. It is with the other southeastern states, which are experiencing the greatest growth in the nation. But we have all we need to win. And we shall.

The nation's economy is booming and so is ours. We are roaring into the twenties with a vibrant economy and a growing population. In the last three years alone, we have announced nearly \$10 billion in new capital investment and almost 35,000 jobs.

More people are working in South Carolina than ever before, unemployment is at a record low, and personal income growth is the highest ever. We are consistently rated as one of the best places in the country to live, work and raise a family.

Business growth in South Carolina is the business of South Carolina, and I'd like to recognize some of our companies here tonight:

Representing Adornus Cabinetry, Mr. George Mejias, CEO, and his wife, Mrs. Maria Mejias;

Representing GE Appliances, a Haier Company, Mr. Frank Scheffel and Mr. Bill Good;

Representing Spartan Motors, their counsel, Ms. Stephanie Few;

Representing McCall Farms, Mr. Marion Swink and his wife, Mrs. Frances Swink;

And, representing Lockheed Martin, Mr. Ben Peat and Mr. Nick Mesenberg.

Ladies and gentlemen, please stand and be recognized.

Among the General Assembly's steps forward last year were a record number of my recommendations to you, which you accepted. After careful consideration, I offer these to you tonight.

Last year our budget from state funds totaled \$9.33 billion. This year, we are expecting to exceed those revenues by a whopping \$1.8 billion. As with the growth in the nation's economy, most economists were surprised.

Last year, we returned \$67 million to the taxpayers in a one-time rebate check. It was well-received. This year, I propose that we return twenty-five cents of every surplus dollar to the taxpayers through rebates and tax cuts. It's their money.

Many people don't believe it but reducing taxes in fact results in tax receipts increasing, not decreasing. It happened when President Kennedy did it, again when President Reagan did it, and it is happening now, under President Trump. North Carolina and Georgia, two of our strongest competitors, have just done it, bringing their income taxes down lower than ours.

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There's a misconception that our "effective rate" after deductions is lower than those of our neighbors. This misconception was explained in the 2018 study by the Tax Foundation for the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce and found to be just that: a misconception.

A direct comparison of effective rates and actual taxes in North Carolina and Georgia shows that our taxes are lower only for low-income filers – many of whom are on Medicaid or are Medicaid-eligible.

South Carolina has the highest personal income tax rate in the southeast and the twelfth highest in the nation. Seven states have no income taxes at all. Taxes of all kinds at all levels add up quickly – little by little – to smother growth. Money spent by the people who worked to earn it goes farther, more efficiently and produces more dividends for them and us than the same dollars spent by the government.

Therefore, I ask that we cut our state's personal income taxes by \$160 million this first year, for a total of \$2.6 billion over five years. This means a 15% across-the-board tax reduction for all personal income brackets, keeping us competitive with our neighboring states.

This year, with a \$1.8 billion surplus, if we don't cut taxes and send money back to the people, shame on us.

I ask that we send \$250 million from the surplus back to South Carolina taxpayers in the form of a rebate check – an average of \$200 per taxpayer.

And for the third year in a row, I ask that we honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women who served in uniform – veterans, first responders, law enforcement officers, firefighters and peace officers – by no longer taxing their retirement pay.

This commitment to our veterans will help us in protecting and expanding missions at our state's military bases. As for law enforcement, firefighters and first responders, it will help keep them on the job, aid recruitment and show our appreciation for their service.

Joining us tonight are men and women from the South Carolina National Guard and from our state law enforcement agencies who walk the thin blue line every day. We cannot prosper without them. Please stand and be recognized.

The path to prosperity goes straight through the classroom.

Last year we took bold steps in education reform to empower the next generation's workforce. We invested in our classroom teachers, in rural schools, in keeping our children safe and secure.

This year our continued investment must be the most significant ever.

Teachers are leaving the classroom, most before their fifth year.

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Last year, we raised the salaries of all South Carolina teachers. This year, I ask you to give each teacher an additional \$3,000 dollar raise – which equates to an average 7% raise per teacher.

The impact of this investment will be dramatic and immediate. South Carolina will vault into the “top 25” national ranking for average teacher pay. We now rank 41st. We will surpass the southeastern average for the first time in many of our lives. And the minimum starting salary for new teachers will have jumped 26% in the last three years, to \$38,000.

These are critical investments. They will help attract the best and the brightest young people into the profession and keep our highly successful and experienced teachers where they are needed the most: in the classroom.

Tonight, we are joined by several of our most successful and experienced teachers. As I say your name, please stand and be recognized.

Ms. Ali Hendrick from Dutch Fork High School is a social studies teacher and former Lexington/Richland School District 5 Teacher of the Year;

Ms. Tiffany Hobart is the current Teacher of the Year for Pickens Elementary in Pickens, South Carolina, where she teaches 4K;

Ms. Chanda Jefferson is the South Carolina Teacher of the Year for 2020. She teaches biology and science at Fairfield Central High School;

Mr. Jeff Maxey is a special education teacher in Anderson School District 3 and former state Teacher of the Year for 2019;

And, Ms. Laura Privette is a school counselor at North Hartsville Elementary, and former Darlington School District Teacher of the Year.

Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for your service to our State.

By the age of four, the average lower-income child in America has heard about 40 million words in his or her lifetime; the average upper-income child – 70 million.

This “30-million-word gap” dramatically affects a child’s ability to learn.

Our lower-income, five-year-old children are increasingly entering kindergarten unprepared and lacking the necessary literacy and language skills.

They are unlikely to ever catch up. By the third grade, they are “at risk,” and less likely to graduate or obtain the skills necessary to enter the workforce and contribute to our economy and their own success.

The facts are clear: to change the path of a child’s future, to enhance the prosperity of our economy, to maximize the success of our State, we

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have to make sure that every student is ready to learn when he or she enters the classroom.

In 2006, the General Assembly funded full-day, four-year-old kindergarten programs for Medicaid-eligible children in public schools and private child care centers. Currently, 62 school districts are eligible to participate; 17 districts are not.

This leaves 13,000 lower-income, “at risk” children in 17 urban and suburban school districts without the option to attend full-day, four-year-old kindergarten.

I ask that you join me in providing every lower-income, four-year-old child in South Carolina the opportunity to attend full-day kindergarten at the public, private, parochial or religious institution of their parents’ choosing. That’s right – the parents can choose.

We will unleash the free market into early childhood education through parental choice.

We will eliminate red tape and regulations while increasing the reimbursement rate – that is, the money that already follows each child – to the school of the parents’ choice.

The time is now to act, to take dramatic and decisive action – to secure our prosperity for generations to come, and to assure all of South Carolina’s parents that their children will not be left behind.

Last year, Speaker Lucas, President Peeler and I called on the state Revenue and Fiscal Affairs office to review South Carolina’s outdated education funding formula.

In October, they told us what we already knew: the way we fund education is confusing, not working and no longer sustainable.

Although there is no easy solution, we know that education reform means accountability, efficiency and transparency for local school boards and administrators. It also means removing outdated, inefficient and confusing testing and paperwork. And it means the consolidation of districts to reduce overhead, create efficiencies and put more dollars into classrooms.

We must have a new path forward. The House has passed a comprehensive education reform bill, and the Senate is currently debating their version. I ask that these two versions be reconciled and sent to my desk as soon as possible – so I can sign it into law, and we can get to work.

We must also continue efforts to make our public universities and colleges – technical and comprehensive – more accessible and affordable for all South Carolinians.

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Last year we took a dramatic step by freezing college tuition for in-state students. I urge you to do it again this year by providing a 5% funding increase for each institution that does not raise tuition.

With this surplus, we can also make a historic, one-time investment toward repairing our aging campus buildings and infrastructure. We should pay down the state's deferred maintenance costs while we can – now – rather than borrowing more money in the future to do it.

Many of our young people cannot afford college without scholarships, grants and financial assistance. I ask you to provide an additional \$164 million for need-based scholarships and grants to open the door of opportunity for those students.

I also ask that the state pay 100% of college tuition for active duty members of the South Carolina Army or Air National Guard.

With us tonight are several college presidents: Dr. Roslyn Clark Artis of Benedict College, Dr. Jim Clements of Clemson University and Dr. David Cole of the Medical University of South Carolina. Please stand and be recognized.

Recently, I had the honor of welcoming the new president of the University of South Carolina to our State.

President Bob Caslen, a three-star general, retired in 2018 after serving 43 years in uniform, leading more than 200,000 soldiers under nine commanders-in-chief and deploying six times. He served for years as the superintendent of West Point, establishing records and success across the board.

I'd like to tell you a quick story about Bob Caslen that he won't tell.

On 9/11, General Caslen was working at the Pentagon. After Flight 77 hit the building, everyone was evacuated. You may remember the scene.

Ignoring warnings, he ran back into the burning building to search for wounded and re-establish communications with the White House.

President Caslen and Mrs. Shelly Caslen, please stand and be recognized.

President Caslen gave me an idea. He suggested that we allow our colleges and universities to spend more of their privately-raised dollars for need-based scholarships. It's a great idea and I ask that the General Assembly embrace it.

According to *U.S. News and World Report*, South Carolina is ranked in the top 5% nationally for high potential job growth – especially in the manufacturing, technology, health care and engineering fields.

However, competition for workers is fierce because there are not enough of them. Some businesses are struggling – not for a lack of customers – but because they cannot find enough staff.

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Right now – in South Carolina – we have around 70,000 jobs looking for people.

The demand for workers in the skilled trades – plumbing, masonry, carpentry, and others – high paying jobs – is so great that our businesses have to go out of state to recruit them.

We know that economic prosperity does not require a four-year degree. It can be achieved through two-year associate degrees and a multitude of certificates from our state's technical colleges.

Recently, Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman and I visited a very special place called The Continuum. Located in Lake City, The Continuum is a regional center for workforce education and training for high school students and adults. It was created through collaboration between The Darla Moore Foundation, Florence-Darlington Technical College, Francis Marion University and local businesses.

This state-of-the-art career center provides students with training, certifications, dual credit courses, along with business incubator space.

Superintendent Spearman proposed that we replicate this model in rural school districts – by providing a state match for collaborations between technical colleges, school districts and businesses. I ask you to approve my budget request of \$50 million for this effort.

In this economy, when we have jobs looking for people, there is no reason for anyone who *can* work not to be working, including able-bodied people on public assistance. We must leave no stone unturned to help our state's businesses fill those jobs with skilled, educated and trained workers.

Last year, I issued an executive order requiring able-bodied Medicaid recipients to pursue 80 hours a month of community engagement, education, job training or employment.

In December, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved these requirements.

“Welfare-to-Work” is one of the great successes in American public policy over the last 25 years. There is no reason “Medicaid-to-Work” cannot be just as effective. In South Carolina, it will be.

By directing more resources toward enhancing workforce training, development and education than ever before, all the assets and opportunities are in place to help South Carolinians achieve and sustain financial independence and prosperity, now and in the future.

We must also continue to invest in our infrastructure. Our ports, roads and rail remain the central drivers of our economic prosperity.

The South Carolina Ports Authority is a powerful economic engine. Its container volumes have doubled over the past decade, making it the

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nation's ninth busiest container port. And it is growing. We are now deepening the harbor. Once this is completed, Charleston will have the deepest harbor on the eastern seaboard, allowing the huge post-Panamax ships to move even more cargo and containers into and out of our State. The economic growth accompanying this will set even more records.

Through the two Inland Ports in Greer and Dillon, 25% of the Port's total volume now moves by rail to and from the marine terminals, doubling intermodal volume since 2012. Completing the Leatherman Terminal in North Charleston will take more traffic off Lowcountry bridges and highways and onto barges and trains.

I want to thank everyone at the Ports Authority for their hard work. In particular, I'd like to recognize Chairman Bill Stern, CEO Jim Newsome and COO Barbara Melvin. Please stand and be recognized.

South Carolina's bright economic future requires an abundant supply of clean, affordable energy. Without it, we are at a competitive disadvantage.

I believe that every member is aware of the situation facing the solvency and future of Santee Cooper. In the coming days, the General Assembly will receive proposals and will decide Santee Cooper's fate. The ratepayers of South Carolina deserve that we do so thoughtfully, but without delay.

I would like to thank and recognize Ms. Marcia Adams, director of the Department of Administration, and her entire team for their herculean efforts and their dogged persistence in keeping this process on track. Ms. Adams, please stand and be recognized.

One of the main responsibilities of government is to provide for the safety of the people.

We are all aware of the struggles facing the men and women working at our Department of Corrections: contraband, violence, gangs, staffing shortages, health care deficiencies. This must change. I ask that we invest at least \$100 million dollars toward making our prisons safer and more secure, both inside and outside the fence, by replacing and repairing existing infrastructure, facilities and control systems.

We are losing valuable and experienced personnel because our agencies are unable to remain competitive with pay and benefits. Our highways are dangerous without troopers on patrol. Every school must have a resource officer on duty all day. Fires must be battled and contained. Justice requires investigations to be properly conducted. Correctional facilities need guards. And our waterways and lakes must remain safe and navigable.

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I ask that we dedicate at least \$60 million in new dollars to law enforcement, public safety and first response agencies for recruitment and retention. This includes pay raises for troopers, SLED agents, wildlife officers, probation officers, firefighters, corrections officers, forestry and emergency services personnel. This will also compete the placement of a school resource officer in every school in the state.

It is often said that the men and women of the Highway Patrol are the face of law enforcement in South Carolina. I ask that we direct \$5 million for the sole purpose of hiring 100 new troopers by the end of the year – and paying them more than local law enforcement agencies can match.

Recently, I appointed North Charleston Police Chief Reggie Burgess to serve as the next director of the Department of Public Safety.

Chief Burgess is one of the finest leaders our State has ever produced. His career achievements are remarkable. I am confident that he will do an excellent job recruiting and retaining additional highly qualified troopers, addressing challenges and taking morale and public confidence to new heights.

Chief Burgess is here tonight with his wife Tracy and their children, Reggie and Kristen. Please join me in welcoming them.

South Carolina is proudly a military state.

During times of national or state emergency, we call on the South Carolina National Guard to do many things. They deploy and defend this nation. They evacuate and secure our coast. These brave men and women are known around the world for their service and sacrifice.

However, the conditions of many of their armories are unsafe, unusable or inadequate for training and drill. I have proposed a significant reinvestment to improve the condition of National Guard armories in our State. I ask that you join me in this commitment.

Today, we have more than 50,000 active duty and reserve military personnel. We have eight major military installations. And we have more than 400,000 veterans.

We must ensure that our veterans – and their dependents – receive the benefits and services that they have earned over a lifetime of protecting our country and that they have the opportunity to utilize their talents in the civilian workforce.

I was proud to work with the General Assembly to support legislation creating the South Carolina Department of Veterans' Affairs to be led by a secretary to act as their advocate on the state and federal level.

That man is here tonight: a top graduate of The Citadel with four combat tours in Iraq and service in the South Carolina House of Representatives.

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Lt. Col. Bobby Cox is joined by his wife Joscelyn and their children Reagan and Seth. Please stand and be recognized.

Today is the anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's decision in *Roe v. Wade*.

Ladies and gentlemen, the right to life is the most precious of rights – and the most fragile. We must never let it be taken for granted.

For the third year in a row, my budget includes a proviso preventing the funneling of taxpayer dollars to abortion providers like Planned Parenthood.

And you are now considering two important pieces of legislation. Both will protect the sanctity of life – through heartbeat or personhood. It's time to take a vote. Send them to me and I will immediately sign them into law.

Ladies and gentlemen, we face recruitment and retention challenges not only with teachers, troopers, soldiers and guards – but also with valuable talent at our state agencies.

Our booming economy and record-low unemployment sometimes put agencies at a disadvantage against the private sector.

Government should take some lessons from successful businesses.

I am convinced that across-the-board pay raises for state employees are less effective than those based on performance, merit, success or longevity.

I ask that you provide \$33 million – almost the equivalent of a 2% across-the-board pay raise – and direct that those funds go to agency directors to be used for merit-based raises.

Excessive government regulation is “the number one cause of death” for businesses both large and small, and also the bane of investment.

Two years ago, I issued an executive order instructing state agencies to evaluate – before issuing regulations – any unintended consequences or undue burdens they may place on South Carolina's businesses.

This year, Senator Tom Davis has agreed to sponsor legislation that would require the Governor's Office to submit to the General Assembly on an annual basis, recommendations for the elimination, withdrawal or modernization of any statutes, regulations, policies, protocols, boards, commissions, offices, positions or practices.

I have asked Lt. Governor Evette to implement this law upon enactment – and to seek input and suggestions from businesses on what to eliminate, change or modify.

I ask you to work with us – to unleash innovation, investment and emerging technologies by passing this bill promptly.

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That brings us to our state pension system. We have all been hearing the alarm bell for years.

We must maintain our commitment to the 11.5% of South Carolinians who rely on the state retirement systems and we must also protect the taxpayers from bearing any additional financial burden caused by inaction or indecision or anything else.

The best answer is a date-certain transition away from “defined benefit” pension plans to “defined contribution” plans for new state employees.

I am asking that we – at the end of this year – close enrollment in the current “defined-benefit” plan. Putting money into an open system is like trying to fill a bathtub with the drain open. We must close enrollment first.

As you are aware, last year – as in years past – I vetoed over \$20 million in “pass-throughs” inserted into the state budget under vague, broad descriptions like “Parks Revitalization” and “Sports Marketing.” It has become a bad habit – a routine exercise of votes and vetoes between the governors and the General Assembly.

Clearly, these appropriations should be publicly disclosed, debated and allowed to stand on their own merits, like all other measures. Failing that, I offer a “Plan B.”

“Plan B” suggests that equivalent funds be provided to the same agencies as last year – but with the requirement that they be awarded through a public, competitive grants process, with full reporting of all actions.

Under this plan, funds would be made available to applicants with demonstrated community support and with missions that advance the agencies’ objectives. All applications and awards will be placed on agency web sites within fifteen days, allowing for public scrutiny and total transparency.

Maintaining the public’s trust in government, at all levels, requires transparency and accountability on how and why every single taxpayer dollar is spent.

That also means stronger and expanded authority for the State Ethics Commission.

We must change the law to require anyone who is paid to influence decisions made by county, municipal, or school board officials to publicly register with the Ethics Commission as a lobbyist.

And public officials in all branches of government – at all levels – must be subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

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Good government means protecting the health and well-being of our people. That includes our young people and vulnerable adults.

In March, I nominated Mr. Michael Leach to serve as director of the South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS).

Mr. Leach is a trained mental health clinician. And, in less than one year, he has brought transformative leadership to DSS – reigniting the passions of his employees and reforming those processes which required re-evaluation.

Director Michael Leach, please stand and be recognized.

This year, we escaped the wrath of a major hurricane. But we've had four major flooding disasters between 2015 and 2018 and we will have more.

These events caused 37 deaths and harm to nearly 150,000 homes.

Damages exceeded \$800 million, with an estimated total loss of \$320 million in tourism dollars.

In the one year since the creation of the South Carolina Floodwater Commission, we have seen multi-faceted communication, collaboration and cooperation among its members – across all levels of government, academia, the military, the private sector and non-governmental organizations. Their goal: to protect and enhance our prosperity and happiness by finding ways and means to make these waters our friend.

Thousands of volunteer hours have gone into producing the Commission's historic, unique report, which addresses our challenges with unprecedented scope and thoroughness. It is time now to act.

We must take action to address our state's drainage systems.

We must protect, replenish and expand our marshes.

We must develop centralized, streamlined resiliency and response plans.

We must ensure that local governments have the means to access much-needed recovery funds.

We must plant more native vegetation – to deter erosion and aid in groundwater infiltration.

And we must collaborate with and support innovative efforts like those envisioned in Charleston through the Dutch Dialogues.

Our Commission will continue its vigorous discussions regarding the flood-related challenges that we all face. I am confident that we can be a model for other states.

Ladies and gentlemen, South Carolina is winning. We are in the midst of a stunning economic resurgence – with the opportunity to seize prosperity for generations to come.

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We recognize our tremendous assets. We acknowledge our challenges.

We believe in faith. We believe in family. We believe in the flag and we believe in free markets.

We believe in liberty – in that shining city on the hill of which President Reagan spoke.

And we know that liberty is worth fighting for.

I'm here to tell you that our resolve will not wane and will not falter. As your governor, my determination is stronger than ever – to fight for you, to fight for the ideals we all share, to fight for South Carolina. There is no place I would rather be, and there is nothing I would rather do.

This year, let us roar into the twenties with renewed purpose. Let us be bold. Let us act on behalf of the sons and daughters of South Carolina, so that they may receive a state as bright with promise as that which we were blessed to inherit.

And remember, always teach the children to be proud of South Carolina!

May God bless you. May God bless South Carolina.

JOINT ASSEMBLY RECEDES

The purposes of the Joint Assembly having been accomplished, the PRESIDENT announced that under the terms of the Concurrent Resolution the Joint Assembly would recede from business.

The Senate accordingly retired to its Chamber.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 7:49 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER in the Chair.

Rep. Brawley moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:50 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. GILLIARD, adjourned in memory of Dorothy Pringle Mack, mother of Representative Mack, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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