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**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020**

**Tuesday, January 21, 2020**

**(Statewide Session)**

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Indicates New Matter

 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:

Jeremiah 9:23-24

 “Thus says the Lord: ‘Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord.’ ”

 Let us pray. Almighty God, You are the Lord of history, who calls ordinary people and anoints them with charisma and spiritual power to lead us through times of peril and social change. Yesterday we celebrated the birthday of just such a man, Dr. Martin Luther King. We praise You, O God, for his life and inspired leadership in the cause of racial justice and equality for all people. As we honor his memory, we ask You to cleanse any prejudice from our hearts and empower these Senators to respond to Dr. King’s clarion call to assure equality for all God’s children. May his dream resonate not only in this Chamber but deep in our hearts! Through the power of Your Holy Spirit we pray, Amen.

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

**Point of Quorum**

 At 2:03 P.M., Senator SCOTT made the point that a quorum was not present. It was ascertained that a quorum was not present.

**Call of the Senate**

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

Alexander Allen Bennett

Campbell Campsen Cash

Climer Cromer Fanning

Gregory Grooms Hembree

Martin Massey Peeler

Rice Scott Senn

Setzler Shealy Talley

Turner Williams Young

 A quorum being present, the Senate resumed.

**Recorded Presence**

 Senators GOLDFINCH and SHEHEEN recorded their presence subsequent to the Call of the Senate.

**Leave of Absence**

 At 2:07 P.M., Senator CAMPBELL requested a leave of absence for Senator VERDIN for the day.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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

S. 660 Sen. Davis

S. 870 Sen. Williams

S. 976 Sen. Corbin

S. 998 Sen. Campbell

S. 1006 Sen. Climer

**RECALLED**

 S. 832 -- Senator J. Matthews: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 178 IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH GORDON DRIVE TO THE BOWMAN TOWN LIMIT “COUNCILMAN NATHANIEL ‘NAY’ GAINES MEMORIAL HIGHWAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

 Senator GROOMS asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Concurrent Resolution from the Committee on Transportation.

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

**RECALLED**

 S. 1000 -- Senator Hembree: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 701 NORTH FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LORIS TO A POINT ONE MILE NORTH OF THIS INTERSECTION, AND THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 701 SOUTH FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LORIS TO A POINT ONE MILE SOUTH OF THIS INTERSECTION “HENRY L. NICHOLS HIGHWAY”, AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS ALONG BOTH PORTIONS OF HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THESE WORDS.

 Senator GROOMS asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Concurrent Resolution from the Committee on Transportation.

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

**RECALLED**

 H. 3563 -- Reps. Murphy, Bennett, Chellis, Jefferson, Kimmons, Mack and Pendarvis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF ORANGEBURG ROAD (S‑18‑22) AND DORCHESTER ROAD (SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 642) IN DORCHESTER COUNTY “BENJAMIN JAMES SINGLETON, SR. MEMORIAL INTERSECTION” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS INTERSECTION CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

 Senator GROOMS asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Concurrent Resolution from the Committee on Transportation.

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

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

 The following were introduced:

 S. 1019 -- Senator McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-26-85, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO AN INCREASE IN PAY FOR TEACHERS CERTIFIED BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A TEACHER WITH AN ACTIVE TEACHING CERTIFICATE WHO MEETS CERTAIN NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS SHALL RECEIVE AN ANNUAL INCREASE IN PAY.

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

 S. 1020 -- Senator Climer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-7-530, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN YORK COUNTY, SO AS TO ADD THE CRESCENT AND HANDS MILL VOTING PRECINCTS, AND TO UPDATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THE NAMES OF THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND AND MAINTAINED BY THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

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

 S. 1021 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-1-90 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO HUNTING, FISHING, OR TRAPPING WITHOUT CONSENT ON THE LANDS OF OTHERS AND RELATED PENALTIES, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR ILLEGALLY DUMPING LITTER OR SOLID WASTE IN EXCESS OF FIFTEEN POUNDS ON ANOTHER PERSON'S PRIVATE PROPERTY.

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

 S. 1022 -- Senator Sheheen: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO DEVELOP A FIVE-YEAR PLAN TO REDUCE THE STATE'S PRODUCTION OF ORGANIC WASTE.

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

 S. 1023 -- Senator Sheheen: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO CONDUCT RESEARCH INTO MICROPLASTIC CONTAMINATION.

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

 S. 1024 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 48 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION, BY ADDING CHAPTER 61, TO ESTABLISH THE GOAL OF PROTECTING THIRTY PERCENT OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA BY NOT LATER THAN 2030, TO ESTABLISH THE THIRTY-BY-THIRTY INTERAGENCY TASKFORCE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANS BY STATE AGENCIES TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL, AND TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

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

 S. 1025 -- Senator Sheheen: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE STATE ENERGY OFFICE TO DEVELOP AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO MAKE ALL STATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS CARBON FREE BY 2050.

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

 S. 1026 -- Senator Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-190 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION AND LICENSURE OF VEHICLES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE THAT IF A COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE IS REGISTERED THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION PLAN AND IS OPERATED UNDER A UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT) NUMBER ASSIGNED TO A PERSON OTHER THAN THE VEHICLE'S OWNER, THEN THE PERSON TO WHOM THE USDOT NUMBER IS ASSIGNED MAY REGISTER THE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE BY SUBMITTING THE APPROPRIATE APPLICATION AND FEES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

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

 S. 1027 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 43-25-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND, TO PROVIDE THAT MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD AT LEAST ONCE A QUARTER.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Family and Veterans' Services.

 S. 1028 -- Senator Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 50, TITLE 27 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY CONDITION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS, TO REQUIRE WATER QUALITY TESTS FOR WELLS AS A CONDITION OF CLOSING A REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION.

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

 S. 1029 -- Senator Setzler: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 13-17-40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA RESEARCH AUTHORITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD CONSISTS OF CERTAIN UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS OR THEIR DESIGNEES, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR DESIGNEES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL ELECT TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE TRUSTEES AT THE TIME OF THEIR ELECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 13-17-70, RELATING TO THE POWERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD MAY INVEST IN CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS OF PRIVATE ENTITIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 13-17-87, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RESEARCH INNOVATION CENTERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA RESEARCH AUTHORITY MAY ALLOW A COMPANY TO REMAIN IN AN INNOVATION CENTER FOR UP TO FIVE YEARS OR UNTIL EXCEEDING FIVE MILLION DOLLARS BUT DOES NOT APPLY WITH RESPECT TO THIRTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE SQUARE FEET IN AN INNOVATION CENTER.

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

 S. 1030 -- Senator Hembree: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE WEEK OF JANUARY 26 THROUGH FEBRUARY 1, 2020 AS "NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO CONGRATULATE STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND SCHOOL LEADERS FROM K-12 EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENTS OF ALL VARIETIES FOR THEIR PERSISTENCE, ACHIEVEMENTS, DEDICATION, AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THEIR COMMUNITIES IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

 S. 1031 -- Senator Alexander: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE FEBRUARY 2020 AS "LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CENTENNIAL MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO CONGRATULATE THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA ON THE LEAGUE'S ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 1032 -- Senator Davis: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 30, TITLE 27 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ACT, BY ADDING SECTION 27-30-135, TO RENDER A DEED RESTRICTION, COVENANT, OR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION DOCUMENT INTENDED TO PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION OF A SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM VOID AND UNENFORCEABLE.

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

 H. 4533 -- Reps. Govan, Bannister, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Brawley, Brown, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, King, Mack, McDaniel, McKnight, Moore, Parks, Pendarvis, Rivers, Robinson, Rutherford, Matthews, Thigpen, Weeks, R. Williams and S. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1-31-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS, SO AS TO RENAME THE COMMISSION THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS.

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

 H. 4562 -- Rep. Cobb-Hunter: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 178 IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY FROM MILEPOST 39.229 AT THE NORTHERN BOWMAN TOWN LIMIT TO MILEPOST 40.603 "ARTHUR J. GLOVER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

 H. 4944 -- Reps. Tallon, Allison, Chumley, Forrester, Henderson-Myers, Hyde, Long and Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-7-490, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY, SO AS TO ADD THE BROOME HIGH SCHOOL PRECINCT, TO ELIMINATE THE CLIFDALE ELEMENTARY PRECINCT, AND TO UPDATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THE NAMES OF THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND AND MAINTAINED BY THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

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

 H. 4951 -- Reps. Clemmons, Rutherford, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bennett, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brawley, Brown, Bryant, Burns, Calhoon, 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.

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

 H. 4972 -- Reps. Gagnon, White, 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, 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.

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

 H. 4989 -- Reps. Pendarvis, 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, 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 and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ROSA LEE DINGLE GREEN OF CHARLESTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDRED FIRST BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER CONTINUOUS AND JOYFUL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AND MANY YEARS OF LASTING HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

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

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

 Senator LEATHERMAN from the Committee on Finance submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

 S. 461 -- Senators Sheheen and Gambrell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12‑6‑1140, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FROM THE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX, SO AS TO INCREASE THE DEDUCTION FOR CERTAIN FIREFIGHTERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, AND MEMBERS OF THE STATE GUARD FROM THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator LEATHERMAN from the Committee on Finance submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

 H. 3998 -- Reps. Bannister, Bernstein, Crawford, Pendarvis, Garvin, Herbkersman, Hosey, Alexander, Bales, Stavrinakis, Cogswell, Whitmire, Norrell, Cobb‑Hunter, Dillard, Elliott, Moore, Mack, Rutherford, Govan, Bennett, Clemmons, Funderburk, Hayes, McDaniel, Ridgeway, G.M. Smith, G.R. Smith, Sottile, Weeks, Wheeler, S. Williams, Davis, Rivers, Brown, Jefferson, R. Williams, Henderson‑Myers, Simmons and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE “WORKFORCE AND SENIOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT” BY ADDING SECTION 12‑6‑3795 SO AS TO ALLOW A TAXPAYER ELIGIBLE FOR A FEDERAL LOW‑INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT TO CLAIM A LOW‑INCOME STATE TAX CREDIT.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator PEELER from the Committee on Operations and Management polled out H. 4924 favorable:

 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.

**Poll of the Committee on Operations and Management**

**Polled 9; Ayes 9; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Peeler Leatherman Setzler

Reese Rankin Malloy

Massey Shealy Turner

**Total--9**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

**Adopted**

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.

 The Resolution was adopted, ordered returned to the House.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

 Senator PEELER from the Committee on Operations and Management polled out H. 4931 favorable:

 H. 4931 -- Rep. G.R. Smith: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (SCISA) TO USE THE CHAMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE FOR ITS STUDENT GOVERNMENT FALL CONFERENCE AT A DATE AND TIME TO BE DETERMINED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE AND PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, AND THE RESPECTIVE CHAMBERS MAY NOT BE USED IF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS IN SESSION OR THE CHAMBERS ARE OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE.

**Poll of the Committee on Operations and Management**

**Polled 9; Ayes 9; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Peeler Leatherman Setzler

Reese Rankin Malloy

Massey Shealy Turner

**Total--9**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., January 21, 2020

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has returned the following Bill to the Senate with amendments:

 S. 194 -- Senators Shealy and Senn: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 16-15-90 AND 16-15-100, RELATING TO PROSTITUTION, TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR SOLICITATION OF PROSTITUTION, ESTABLISHING OR KEEPING A BROTHEL OR HOUSE OF PROSTITUTION, OR CAUSING OR INDUCING ANOTHER TO PARTICIPATE IN PROSTITUTION; TO ESTABLISH THE AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE OF BEING A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING; AND TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR SOLICITING, CAUSING, OR INDUCING ANOTHER FOR OR INTO PROSTITUTION WHEN THE PROSTITUTE HAS A MENTAL DISABILITY.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., January 21, 2020

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has returned the following Bill to the Senate with amendments:

 S. 580 -- Senator Gambrell: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 29, TITLE 38, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA LIFE AND ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE OF THE CHAPTER, TO ALTER THE APPLICATION OF THE CHAPTER, TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN POWERS AND DUTIES FOR THE ASSOCIATION IN RELATION TO IMPAIRED OR INSOLVENT MEMBER INSURERS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATION MAY CALL AN ASSESSMENT OF THE MEMBERS AND TO PROVIDE CLASSES FOR THE ASSESSMENTS, TO REQUIRE THE ASSOCIATION TO ESTABLISH A PLAN OF OPERATION AND REQUIRE THE PLAN TO CREATE PROCEDURES FOR REMOVING A MEMBER OF THE BOARD UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO ADDRESS CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, TO PROSCRIBE CERTAIN DUTIES FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE TO AID IN THE DETECTION AND PREVENTION OF INSURER IMPAIRMENTS AND INSOLVENCIES, TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON MAY USE THE EXISTENCE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA LIFE AND ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSURANCE SALES, AND TO REQUIRE THE ASSOCIATION TO PREPARE A DOCUMENT DESCRIBING THE GENERAL PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS OF THIS CHAPTER.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., January 21, 2020

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has returned the following Bill to the Senate with amendments:

 H. 4411 -- Reps. Clemmons, Anderson, Crawford, McGinnis, Hardee, Bailey and Fry: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7‑7‑320, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN HORRY COUNTY, SO AS TO DELETE FOUR PRECINCTS, TO ADD EIGHT PRECINCTS, AND TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THE NAMES OF THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND AND MAINTAINED BY THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., January 21, 2020

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has appointed Reps. Wooten, Long and Brawley to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House on:

 H. 3357 -- Reps. Wooten, Collins, Brawley, Huggins, Taylor, Hixon and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56‑3‑115 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ADD A NOTATION TO A PRIVATE PASSENGER‑CARRYING MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TO INDICATE THE VEHICLE OWNER MAY BE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

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

**OBJECTION**

H. 3307 -- Reps. Clemmons, Fry, Crawford, Allison, Yow, Daning, Elliott, Hewitt, G.R. Smith, Hixon, Taylor, Magnuson, Gagnon, Johnson, Clary, Pendarvis, McKnight, Rose, Cogswell, Cobb‑Hunter, B. Newton, Mace, Caskey, Moore, Gilliard, Blackwell, Govan and Henderson‑Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 17 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 23 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A CASE TRACKING SYSTEM AND SEARCHABLE WEBSITE THAT INCLUDES CERTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT PROPERTY SEIZED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND FORFEITED UNDER STATE LAW OR UNDER ANY AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

Senator HUTTO objected to the consideration of the Bill.

**ADOPTED**

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

The Resolution was adopted, ordered sent to the House.

**CARRIED OVER**

S. 999 -- Senators Rankin, Young and Sabb: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX NOON ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020, AS THE TIME TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, SEAT 5, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JULY 31, 2020; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 7, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2020; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT LARGE, SEAT 11, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2020; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT LARGE, SEAT 13, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2020, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL A NEW TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2026; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2020, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2020; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HER RETIREMENT ON NOVEMBER 30, 2018, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2022; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2020; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 5, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2020, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE NEW TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2026; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2019, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 5, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2020; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2019, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2022; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2020; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, AT LARGE, SEAT 1, TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, AT LARGE, SEAT 2, TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2020; AND TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SEAT 4, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2020.

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

**ADOPTED**

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 Resolution was adopted, ordered sent to the House.

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

**MOTION ADOPTED**

 At 2:19 P.M., on motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate agreed to dispense with the balance of the Motion Period.

**THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO A CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS RETURNED FROM THE HOUSE.**

**CARRIED OVER**

S. 76 -- Senators Cromer and Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 48‑52‑870, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ENERGY EFFICIENT MANUFACTURED HOMES INCENTIVE PROGRAM, SO AS TO EXTEND THE PROGRAM FIVE ADDITIONAL YEARS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12‑36‑2110, RELATING TO THE MAXIMUM SALES TAX, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE.

 The House returned the Bill with amendments, the question being concurrence in the House amendments.

 Senator CROMER explained the amendments.

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

**CONCURRENCE**

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.

 The House returned the Bill with amendments, the question being concurrence in the House amendments.

 Senator GROOMS explained the amendments.

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

**Ayes 42; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Campbell Cash Climer

Corbin Cromer Davis

Gambrell Goldfinch Gregory

Grooms Harpootlian Hembree

Hutto Jackson Johnson

Kimpson Leatherman Malloy

Martin Massey *Matthews, John*

*Matthews, Margie* McElveen McLeod

Nicholson Peeler Rankin

Reese Rice Sabb

Scott Senn Setzler

Shealy Sheheen Talley

Turner Williams Young

**Total--42**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

 On motion of Senator GROOMS, the Senate concurred in the House amendments and a message was sent to the House accordingly. Ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act and the Act enrolled for Ratification.

**CONCURRENCE**

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.

 The House returned the Bill with amendments, the question being concurrence in the House amendments.

 Senator CROMER explained the amendments.

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

**Ayes 42; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Campbell Cash Climer

Corbin Cromer Davis

Gambrell Goldfinch Gregory

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Nicholson Peeler Rankin

Reese Rice Sabb

Scott Senn Setzler

Shealy Sheheen Talley

Turner Williams Young

**Total--42**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

 On motion of Senator CROMER, the Senate concurred in the House amendments and a message was sent to the House accordingly. Ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act and the Act enrolled for Ratification.

**THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO THE SPECIAL ORDERS.**

**INTERRUPTED DEBATE**

 S. 419 -- Senators Hembree, Malloy, Turner, Setzler, Sheheen and Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO ASTO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA CAREER OPPORTUNITY AND ACCESS FOR ALL ACT”, TO PROVIDE FOR A STATEWIDE COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS GOAL, STUDENT EMPOWERMENT, THE CREATION OF THE ZERO TO TWENTY COMMITTEE, ENHANCEMENTS TO WORKFORCE PREPARATION, EDUCATOR DEVELOPMENT AND SATISFACTION, HELP FOR STUDENTS IN UNDERPERFORMING SCHOOLS, LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD ACCOUNTABILITY, AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS. (Abbr. Title)

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

 Senator HEMBREE explained the Bill.

**Amendment No. 2**

 Senator HARPOOTLIAN proposed the following amendment (WAB\419C234.SM.WAB20):

 Amend the bill, as and if amended, Section 59‑5‑10(B)(1), as contained in SECTION 2.A., by deleting the subsection and inserting:

 / (B)(1) In addition to the members of the board provided in subsection (A), the board shall include three voting members, one appointed by the Governor and two appointed by the South Carolina Education Association to consist of:

 (a) two public‑school teachers who shall serve a two‑year term to be chosen by the membership of the South Carolina Education Association, one of whom must work for a public school located in a Tier III or Tier IV county as designated in Section 12‑6‑3360, provided that:

 (i) a member may not serve if he discontinues working as a public‑school teacher in this state; and

 (ii) a vacancy must be filled for the remainder of the term by another public‑school teacher; and

 (b) one former State Teacher of the Year who shall serve a two‑year term appointed by the Governor, provided that a vacancy must be filled for the remainder of the term by another former State Teacher of the Year. /

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator HARPOOTLIAN explained the amendment.

 Senator FANNING spoke on the amendment.

**Motion Adopted**

 Senator HARPOOTLIAN asked unanimous consent, with Senator FANNING retaining the floor, to substitute Amendment No. 2 with Amendment No. 2A.

 There was no objection.

**Amendment No. 2A**

 Senator HARPOOTLIAN proposed the following amendment (419R019.KMM.RAH),which was carried over:

 Amend the bill, as and if amended, page 11, by striking lines 17-29 and inserting:

 / (B)(1) In addition to the members of the board provided in subsection (A), the board shall include three nonvoting advisory members to consist of:

 (a) two public school teachers appointed by the Governor, one of whom is upon the recommendation of the South Carolina Education Association and one of whom is upon the recommendation of the Palmetto State Teachers Association, who shall serve a two-year term, one of whom must work for a public school located in a Tier III or Tier IV county as designated in Section 12-6-3360, provided that:

 (i) a member may not serve if he discontinues working as a public school teacher in this State; and

 (ii) a vacancy must be filled for the remainder of the term by another public school teacher; and

 (b) one former State Teacher of the Year appointed by the Governor who shall serve a two-year term, provided that a vacancy must be filled for the remainder of the term by another former State Teacher of the Year. /

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator FANNING spoke on the amendment.

 Senator MASSEY spoke on the amendment.

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

**Amendment No. 3**

 Senator CROMER proposed the following amendment (419R012.SP.RWC),which was carried over:

 Amend the bill, as and if amended, page 64, by striking SECTION 46 in its entirety and inserting:

 /SECTION 46. Section 59-1-425(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

 “Section 59‑1‑425. (A) A local school district board of trustees of the State has the authority to establish an annual school calendar for teachers, staff, and students. The statutory school term is one hundred ninety days annually and must consist of a minimum of one hundred eighty days of instruction covering at least nine calendar months. However, ~~beginning with the 2007‑2008 school year,~~ the opening date for students must not be ~~before the third~~ before the second Monday in August, except for schools operating on a year‑round modified school calendar. Three days must be used for collegial professional development based upon the educational standards as required by Section 59‑18‑300. The professional development must address, at a minimum, academic achievement standards including strengthening teachers' knowledge in their content area, teaching techniques, and assessment. No more than two days may be used for preparation of opening of schools and the remaining five days may be used for teacher planning, academic plans, and parent conferences. The number of instructional hours in an instructional day may vary according to local board policy and does not have to be uniform among the schools in the district.” /

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator CROMER spoke on the amendment.

 Senator MASSEY spoke on the amendment.

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

 Debate was interrupted by adjournment.

**Motion Adopted**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

 At 5:51 P.M., on motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at 12:00 Noon.

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